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INVITATION TO PRESS MEMBERS: *There will be a brief period of availability for members of the press to speak with Breast Cancer Forum panel members before the forum begins. Join us in the UTHSCD Faculty Club on the fourth floor of the Florence Bioinformation Center (E Building) at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 2.*

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DALLAS--BREAST CANCER, a controversial medical topic with tremendous emotional overtones, will be the focus of a Public Forum on March 2 at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas. The special event will take place at 8 p.m. in Gooch Auditorium on the UTHSCD campus, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd.

Three medical experts--a surgeon, an oncologist and a radiologist-- will provide a state-of-the-art briefing on the subject of breast cancer. Following the medical overview will be a time for individuals to inquire about puzzling aspects of the disease, its detection and treatment. Every effort will be made to explain this complex subject in terms that can be easily understood.

The Breast Cancer Forum will be moderated by Dr. Al Roberts, a co-host on the Public Broadcast System's program "Here's To Your Health," and associate dean at UTHSCD. Members of the panel will include Dr. Ronald Jones, professor of Surgery, and Dr. Eugene Frenkel, oncologist and professor of Internal Medicine, both at the health science center; along with Dr. Jerry Lee Barker, a therapeutic radiologist who is on the staffs of St. Paul, Presbyterian and Methodist Hospitals in Dallas.

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All individuals and groups interested in the latest research and clinical practices associated with breast cancer are encouraged to attend.

There is no charge.

Some facts about the panel:

Dr. Ronald C. Jones, on the attending staffs at Parkland Memorial Hospital and Children's Medical Center, is expert in surgical oncology, surgical infections and trauma surgery. Receiving an M.D. from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine, Jones came to the health science center in 1965 and served as Acting Chairman of the medical school's Department of Surgery from 1974-76. Besides numerous other professional duties, Jones is on the executive committee of the Commission on Cancer, American College of Surgeons; is director of Parkland's Tumor Clinics and is a consultant to the health science center's Cancer Center and to the Baylor University Medical Center's Department of Oncology.

Dr. Eugene P. Frenkel, an M.D. from the University of Michigan, is professor in the Department of Radiology along with his Internal Medicine appointment. Director of the health science center's Cancer Center, Frenkel is on the Board of Governors of the American Board of Internal Medicine. He serves on the attending staff at Parkland Hospital and the Veteran's Administration Medical Center and is on the consulting staffs of a variety of other hospitals in the area. He currently serves as a member of the Research Study Section of the American Cancer Society at the national level.

Dr. Jerry Lee Barker, who holds an M.D. from U.T. Southwestern Medical School at the health science center, was an assistant professor of radiation therapy at M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute from 1976-78. Now in private practice, Barker holds the position of clinical instructor in radiation therapy at UTHSCD. He is medical director of the Radiation Oncology Department at Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas, and is on the board of directors of the American Cancer Society, Dallas Division.

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