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UT SOUTHWESTERN PROFESSOR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AWARD

DALLAS -- July 28, 1994 -- Dr. Barton Kamen's latest honor comes with an interesting stipulation, but it is one the professor of pediatrics and pharmacology is pleased to accept as the first faculty member from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center to receive an American Cancer Society Clinical Research Professorship.

A condition of the professorship, which is a lifetime award of approximately \$60,000 per year, is that Kamen not assume a departmental chairmanship or any comparable position that would limit his ability to treat patients and conduct research. "This award allows me to do what I want," Kamen said. "It is designed to keep me at the bedside and in the research lab and frees me from administrative responsibility." Kamen's research is geared toward developing new cancer-fighting drugs and finding ways to use the existing medicines more effectively.

"The Clinical Research Professorship is one of the American Cancer Society's highest honors," Dr. Kern Wilenthal, UT Southwestern president, said. "This is not only a great honor for Bart, but also brings tremendous recognition to our cancer and pediatrics programs. The entire campus will benefit from this award."

Dr. Charles M. Ginsburg, chairman of pediatrics at UT Southwestern, added, "Bart Kamen is the role model for physicians who bring the latest research to the bedside. It is gratifying to see someone who has given so unselfishly to this department receive international recognition for his

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scholarly accomplishments."

Kamen believes the award will help UT Southwestern recruit new students, fellows and junior faculty. "I think this tells people that if they want to do research in pediatrics and cancer, then this may be a place for them to come."

The award was established by the American Cancer Society in 1990 to provide support for clinician-scientists who are able to bridge the gap between basic science and clinical medicine. Kamen is one of only seven recipients nationwide and is the only pediatrician awarded the professorship. According to American Cancer Society guidelines for the professorship, no more than two awards may be granted in a year and no more than 10 people may hold the Clinical Research Professorship.

"Dr. Kamen has been a longtime recipient of American Cancer Society research funds and admirably serves the Texas Division and Greater Dallas Unit of the society," said Dr. John Laszlo, national vice president for research of the American Cancer Society. "These awards are given to outstanding scientists epitomized by Dr. Kamen. He truly deserves this honor."

Kamen holds the Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation Distinguished Chair in Pediatric Oncology Research at UT Southwestern. He is also an attending physician at Children's Medical Center of Dallas. Among his other honors are a Burroughs Wellcome Clinical Pharmacology Award and a Leukemia Society of America Scholar Award. He is a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and has served as chairman of the New Agents and Pharmacology Committee for the Pediatric Oncology Group, a research coalition of physicians from more than three dozen research centers across the country.

Kamen received his medical degree and Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and completed his residency and fellowship in pediatric oncology at Yale University School of Medicine.

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