

# News

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\*\*\*\*\*Dedication ceremonies for unique outpatient research facility to feature talk by Director of National Institutes of Health.

\*\*\*\*\*Press availability time with National Institutes of Health Director Dr. James Wyngaarden has been set for 10:30-11:15 a.m., Sept. 25 in Room E6.200 at the health science center.

Please contact Susan Rutherford, UTHSCD Office of Medical Information, if you wish to attend.

DALLAS--Dedication ceremonies for a unique research facility, the recently-opened General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) Outpatient Service and General Clinical Research Support program at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, will be held on Sept. 25 at UTHSCD.

Funding for the new GCRC Outpatient Service comes from the National Institutes of Health Division of Research Resources. The facility is housed in the Aston Ambulatory Care Center on the UTHSCD campus. Endowments for the research support, an innovative program designed to train young investigators in clinical research, come from generous private donors.

Highlighting the dedication ceremonies will be a talk given by NIH director Dr. James Wyngaarden at 1 p.m. in Room D1.600, UTHSCD. Wyngaarden's topic will be "New Challenges in Outpatient Research and Training." A reception for the health science center community will follow at 2 p.m. on the 5th floor of the Aston Center.

"We are fortunate in having several distinguished guests participate in the dedication," says GCRC director Dr. Charles Y. C. Pak. Among those participating in the program will be Dr. Wyngaarden; Dr. Betty Pickett, director of the NIH Division of Research Resources; Dr. Charles Mullins, vice chancellor for Health Affairs of the U.T. System; Dallas Mayor Starke Taylor, and Dr. Phillip Chen, associate director for Intramural Affairs of NIH.

Investigators affiliated with the GCRC outpatient facility will be available during the reception to discuss their research projects. The principle investigators involved in GCRC outpatient research include Drs. David Bilheimer, Craig Brater, Neil Breslau, Scott Grundy, Norman Kaplan, Guenter Krejs, Charles Pak, Glen Preminger, C.V.S. Ram, Philip Raskin, Gary Reed, Julio Rosenstock, John Rush, Khashayar Sakhaee, Richard Tindall and Kathleen Zeller.

During the reception, U.T. Southwestern Medical School dean Kern Wildenthal will dedicate the Donald W. Seldin Conference Room in which a portrait of Seldin, chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, will be unveiled. Seldin became Internal Medicine chief in 1952 and is given much of the credit for the rise of Southwestern Medicine School to preeminent national status.

The purpose of the outpatient GCRC is for investigation of disease processes and for testing innovative diagnostic and treatment techniques for controlling disease. Patients benefit by getting exceptional medical care, complete metabolic analyses and medications and treatments not yet available to the public.

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