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*****Dallasite to take part in
White House conference on
diabetes.

DALLAS--A Dallas medical scientist is among experts invited to take leading roles in a White House conference next week on diabetes.

Dr. Roger H. Unger, professor of internal medicine at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas and member of the research staff at the Dallas Veterans Administration Hospital, will take part along with three other scientists in a panel discussion highlighting the day-long session Monday, May 24, in Washington.

An afternoon meeting with President Gerald Ford is scheduled by the assemblage, which will include some 80 physicians, researchers, laymen, health agency and pharmaceutical industry representatives.

Among those invited to attend are several show business personalities active in volunteer diabetes work, including Mary Tyler Moore, Dina Merrill, Jack Albertson and Dan Rowan.

Other panelists besides Dr. Unger will be Dr. Paul Lacy of Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis; Dr. George Cahill of Harvard School of Medicine, who is president of the American Diabetes Association, and Dr. Dan Porte of the University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle. The discussants will speak on various aspects of diabetes treatment and research.

A member of UT's Southwestern Medical School faculty since 1956, Dr. Unger has been widely recognized for his pioneering research on the hormone glucagon, now thought to play a role along with insulin in blood-sugar metabolism.

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