

May 8, 1993

## WEISSLER NEW PRESIDENT OF AFCR

DALLAS--Dr. Jonathan C. Weissler assumed the presidency of the American Federation for Clinical Research (AFCR) May 3 in Washington, D.C., at the society's annual Clinical Research Meeting, the largest multidisciplinary clinical research meeting in the United States. With a membership of more than 12,500, the AFCR is the nation's largest organization of physicians engaged in biomedical research.

Weissler, an associate professor of internal medicine at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, has been active with the AFCR at the national level for several years. He serves concurrently on the immunology faculty of the Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and holds the James M. Collins Distinguished Chair in Biomedical Research at UT Southwestern.

Weissler received his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine in 1979 and completed a residency in internal medicine at Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital and other UT Southwestern-affiliated hospitals. After completing a fellowship in pulmonary diseases at UT Southwestern, he received a full-time faculty appointment at the university in 1985.

Weissler's principal research interest has been the regulation of immune responses in the lung. Hailed by UT Southwestern's president, Dr. Kern Wildenthal, as "one of the nation's leading young pulmonary researchers," he heads a research team at the university in the area of pulmonary fibrosis.

###

NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School, affiliated teaching hospitals and outpatient clinics.