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**Physicians donate \$100,000 to honor Dr. Rody P. Cox,  
establish professorship in internal medicine at UT Southwestern**

DALLAS – June 22, 2006 – Dr. Sue Ellen Cox and her husband, Dr. Charlie Finn, have given \$100,000 to establish a professorship at UT Southwestern Medical Center in honor of Dr. Cox’s father, a longtime faculty member.

The couple’s gift, which was given to Southwestern Medical Foundation, will establish the Rody P. Cox, M.D., Professorship in Internal Medicine. It pays tribute to the distinguished clinician and teacher and will support a variety of clinical and research programs at the medical center.

Drs. Cox and Finn, who both completed residencies and internships at UT Southwestern, share a plastic surgery practice in Chapel Hill, N.C.

“My father is the quintessential clinician and academician and is one of the greatest teachers I’ve ever known,” said Dr. Cox. “He eats, sleeps and breathes medicine, and I can think of no one more deserving of an honor. My husband and I are also very grateful for the wonderful education we received from UT Southwestern and for the great memories we have of our time there. We hope that by establishing this professorship, we can give back to both my dad and the institution.”

The elder Dr. Cox earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1952. Before joining the faculty of UT Southwestern in 1988, he served on the faculties of the University of Michigan, the University of Pennsylvania, New York University School of Medicine and Case Western Reserve University.

At UT Southwestern, he has served as dean of the medical school (1988-1989); as interim dean of the Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (1988-1989); and as professor of internal medicine, a position he has held since 1988.

Dr. Cox has received numerous teaching recognitions, including the Outstanding Teacher Award both in 1993 and 1997 for his Introduction to Clinical Medicine course. The graduates of the UT Southwestern Medical School selected him to be their graduation marshal nine years in a row. He received the Aesculapius Award for Teaching Excellence by house officers of internal medicine at UT Southwestern University Hospital – St. Paul in 2004 and 2005. Also in 2005 he was named laureate of the Texas Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

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An expert on metabolic biology, Dr. Cox has held positions at the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health and the National Research Council. He was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha in 1951.

“Rody’s influence on the lives of students, residents and patients will endure in perpetuity through this wonderful professorship,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “He is not only a highly distinguished physician, teacher, and researcher, but also a genuinely fine human being. We are very grateful to Sue Ellen Cox and Charlie Finn for this generous contribution, and we’re enormously proud to be able to honor Rody in this way.”

Dr. Sue Ellen Cox, a dermatologic surgeon and board-certified dermatologist, is the founding medical director of Aesthetic Solutions in Chapel Hill. Established in 1996 with her husband, Dr. J. Charles Finn, a double-board certified surgeon specializing in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, Aesthetic Solutions has evolved into a successful, multispecialty private practice.

The couple met while attending Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, from which they both graduated in 1989. They married that same year and moved to Dallas, where they completed internships and residencies at UT Southwestern.

“I’m extremely proud of my daughter and son-in-law, as physicians and as people,” said Dr. Rody Cox. “I was stunned and overwhelmed to learn they were establishing this professorship in my name, and it’s hard to find words to express my gratitude. I love what I do for a living – and they know that – so this is a really wonderful honor.”

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