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## UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL STUDENTS SPONSOR CONFERENCE ADDRESSING HEALTH-CARE ISSUES AFFECTING HISPANICS

DALLAS--Medical students and health-care professionals from across the Southwest will meet in Dallas April 16 and 17 for the 11th Annual Conference of the Texas Association of Mexican American Medical Students. The Latin American Student Organization at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas is sponsor of the conference.

The conference entitled "Hispanics in Medicine: Past, Present and Future" will provide a forum for Hispanic medical students, medical professionals and premedical students to discuss health-care issues affecting Hispanics in the 1990s.

"We want to get an update on health-care programs and share information about setting up programs to involve Hispanics in the medical professions," said John Flores, president of the state association. Flores, a fourth-year medical student at UT Southwestern, is also president of LASO, a group of Hispanic medical students at UT Southwestern.

Among the issues to be discussed are the health status of Hispanics, access to health care, the relationship between cultural philosophies and treatment, and what role Hispanic physicians should play in developing health-care policies.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Mockingbird Hotel, 1893 Mockingbird Lane. For more information contact Flores at (214) 330-6825 or Joaquin Garcia at (512) 520-8020.

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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.