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DALLAS--A genetic counseling division is being organized at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

The new Division of Medical Genetics will be directed by Dr. Joseph L. Goldstein, assistant professor of Internal Medicine, and it will offer counseling to families of patients with inherited diseases. These include cystic fibrosis, Huntington's chorea, diabetes mellitus and others.

Birth defect counseling will encompass such things as cleft lip, anencephaly (absence of brain) and congenital dislocation of the hip while chromosomal disorders such as Down's syndrome (mongolism) will be included.

In collaboration with Southwestern's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a genetic counseling clinic will provide amniocentesis and prenatal diagnosis to certain high-risk pregnancies. Amniocentesis involves examination of the fluid which surrounds the fetus.

The clinic is held each Monday at Children's Medical Center. Mary Jo Harrod, Ph.D., is the family counselor for this clinic. Inquiries or referrals may be directed to Dr. Goldstein's office, Ext. 2141, at UTSWMS.

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