

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## LEADING UT SOUTHWESTERN PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGIST NAMED TO STEINBERG CHAIR

DALLAS – June 29 – Dr. Deepak Srivastava, associate professor of pediatrics and molecular biology at UT Southwestern Medical Center, has been named the first holder of the Joel B. Steinberg, M.D., Chair in Pediatrics.

The Steinberg Chair was established recently by Larry Steinberg on the occasion of his brother Joel's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Dr. Steinberg, professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern, was a volunteer clinical faculty member for 22 years before joining the full-time faculty in 1986.

As UT Southwestern's leading clinician who treats birth defects as well as conducts cutting-edge basic research, Srivastava will be a senior co-director of the new North Texas March of Dimes Birth Defects Center at Southwestern Medical Center. The local chapter of the March of Dimes has committed to raising \$1 million, to be matched by anonymous donors to create the \$2 million center.

The March of Dimes' national organization and the March of Dimes – North Texas Chapter has provided support for Srivastava's work. His international eminence in birth-defects research and his leadership role in the new North Texas March of Dimes Birth Defects Center make him an especially worthy recipient of the Steinberg Chair. The new chair and center will allow Srivastava to expand his research on the specific genes responsible for birth defects in various regions of the heart.

Born in India, Srivastava was an infant when his parents moved to Los Angeles. He earned his medical degree from UT Medical Branch, completed a pediatric residency at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine and did a fellowship at Harvard Medical School. He joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 1996.

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