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*****UTHSCD starts new residency in
primary care.

DALLAS -- A new residency program in primary care -- the General Internal Medicine Training Program -- is being developed at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas. Funding begins July 1 for curriculum development for the program.

Dr. Lynne Kirk, director, anticipates having four residency positions available July 1, 1985. "The training will be the same as that a lot of internal medicine residents do," says Kirk. "But in addition, the new residents will be involved in the primary care clinic at Parkland (Memorial Hospital). They will follow the same patients the whole time they are here as they would do in a primary care practice. They will learn to use physician extenders such as nurse practitioners."

Graduates of the residency program will practice as general internists in a clinical or academic setting. General internists differ from family practitioners in that they treat only adults with intensive training in internal medicine for outpatients. "They probably have to refer patients less often," says Kirk.

The new program is funded for three years by the Bureau of Health Professionals of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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