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ROEHRBORN NAMED UT SOUTHWESTERN UROLOGY CHAIRMAN

DALLAS – Jan. 25, 2002 – Dr. Claus Roehrborn, the newly appointed chairman of urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, foresees enormous opportunities for the Department of Urology.

With ongoing population growth in North Texas and an aging populace, the need for urologic services will expand, and Roehrborn, whose appointment was effective Jan. 1, is busy preparing his department to respond to the challenge.

With already well-established and nationally recognized programs in female urology and incontinence, minimally invasive urology and laparoscopy, as well as male lower urinary tract dysfunction and BPH (benign prostatic hyperplasia), in the department, Roehrborn now hopes to expand its urologic oncology services.

Urologic cancers account for three of the top 10 cancers in men. Prostate cancer is the single most common cancer in men with 180,000 new cases diagnosed each year. In the United States, Texas ranks third among states in cases of kidney cancer; fourth in prostate cancer; and fifth in bladder cancer. And with a local population that grew 30 percent over the last decade, Roehrborn sees a rapidly increasing need for quality, caring urologic oncology services.

“We can and should be the medical center people think of for prostate, bladder, kidney and other urologic cancers,” Roehrborn said. “We need to offer more services as demand grows.”

To do that, he plans to recruit basic researchers as well as clinicians; conduct basic, translational and clinical research; and encourage coordination between basic scientists and physicians in his department.

Roehrborn succeeds Dr. John McConnell, who was named executive vice president for administration at UT Southwestern in 2001. Roehrborn will also hold the E.E. Fogelson and Greer Garson Fogelson Distinguished Chair in Urology.

The native of West Germany received his medical degree from Justus-Liebig-University Medical School in Giessen, Germany. After a urology residency and surgical internship at West

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German Army Hospital in Giessen, he came to the United States in 1984 and completed his urology residency at UT Southwestern, where he served as chief resident.

Roehrborn also serves as chief of urology at the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center. A well-known authority on BPH, he has served as chairman of three different World Health Organization committees on the disorder and has served as a visiting professor in the United States and at many institutions in Central America, Europe and Asia. He has published more than 130 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters – including the BPH chapter in the standard urology textbook *Campbell's Urology* – and is on the editorial board of several of the leading journals in his field.

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