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PROMINENT UT SOUTHWESTERN PEDIATRICIAN TO HEAD SURGERY SECTION OF PEDIATRICS ACADEMY

DALLAS — February 10, 1997 — Dr. Edwin Ide Smith, professor emeritus of pediatric surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, has been elected chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Surgery.

As chairman, Smith heads a six-member governing panel that oversees the academic activities of the section's 576 members. The surgery section, founded in 1948, sponsors a scientific program that provides cutting-edge techniques and information for the use of pediatric surgeons and serves as a consulting body to the academy's board of directors. Smith's group makes recommendations for educational programs, policy statements and other actions on matters relating to the surgical care of infants, children, adolescents and young adults.

"I am particularly interested in trying to anticipate the future surgical needs of pediatric patients so that through education and research we can ensure appropriate preparation for present and future pediatric surgeons," said Smith, who holds the Edwin Ide Smith, M.D., Professorship in Pediatric Surgery, which was established in 1993 by his children and their spouses to honor his distinguished career.

"I deeply appreciate the honor and the opportunity which the surgery section has accorded me," Smith said. "It will be my goal to continue the efforts of the surgery section to improve and to extend surgical care of infants and children."

Smith came to UT Southwestern in 1989, when he was named chairman of the pediatric surgery division. He was instrumental in establishing a pediatric surgical residency through the medical school and Children's Medical Center of Dallas. He is a founding member of the American Pediatric Surgery Association and a charter member of the American Burn Association. Before coming to UT Southwestern, Smith served as chief of pediatric surgery service at Children's Hospital of Oklahoma for 17 years.

Smith has been a member of the 51,000-member American Academy of Pediatrics since 1960 and was on the academy's Hospital Care Committee from 1973 to 1979.

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