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Waco physician, wife establish award for clinical medicine at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – June 3, 2009 – UT Southwestern Medical Center alumnus Dr. William Watson and his wife, Patricia, have given \$75,000 to create an award for clinical medicine at the medical center.

The Patricia and William L. Watson Jr., M.D., Award for Excellence in Clinical Medicine will recognize a clinician whose work exemplifies a commitment to outstanding patient care and advancement of innovative medical therapy. Income from the endowment fund will be used by the winner to enhance clinical innovation.

“My husband has many wonderful memories of his time at UT Southwestern and is pleased to be able to give back to the medical school that sparked his career in medicine,” said Mrs. Watson. “We wanted to do something to award its best clinicians which, we hope, will in turn become a gift to its patients.”

The Watson Award will be announced each year in the fall. The recipient will be recognized in a ceremony to be held in conjunction with an annual invited lecture by an eminent medical leader that focuses on an important topic of clinical care delivery.

Dr. Watson, a native of Teague, earned his undergraduate degree in zoology, with honors, from UT Austin. After graduating from medical school in 1955, he completed his internship at Providence Hospital in Waco.

From 1956 to 1961 he served as an Air Force flight surgeon at the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, where he conducted indoctrination classes for incoming officers. After completing his residency in otolaryngology at the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dr. Watson opened a private practice in Waco, which he ran until his retirement in 1992.

Mrs. Watson, also a native of Teague, was valedictorian of her high school class and earned a degree in music from Southern Methodist University.

The Watsons have been married for 50 years and have two grown children.

“Bill Watson has the reputation of being a ‘physician’s physician,’ and we’re thrilled that he and Patricia have chosen to support our clinicians in such a meaningful way,” said Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky, president of UT Southwestern. “This wonderful gift will be an important means to underscore UT Southwestern’s commitment to advancing excellence in patient care by recognizing the important work of our best and brightest clinicians.”

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