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****Smith named chairman of pediatric surgery division

E. Ide Smith, M.D., became the new chairman of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas on Sept. 1.

"Dr. Ide Smith's distinguished career in pediatric surgery has earned him worldwide recognition," said William Neaves, Ph.D., dean of UT Southwestern Medical School. "He is a superb practicing surgeon, clinical researcher and author, whose many contributions have established him as an authority in the treatment of neuroblastoma [malignant tumor of the nervous system] and gastrointestinal disorders. Southwestern and the Dallas community will benefit from his leadership."

Smith had been professor of surgery and clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine.

"There are so many things that are outstanding and positive at UT Southwestern," he said. "The pediatric surgery that has been done here by Dr. Ted Votteler and his group is really excellent. I look forward to getting the chance to work with a superior group of people, particularly the residents and students who are here."

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After attending Harvard College and Georgetown University, Smith received his M.D. from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1948. Smith's first academic appointment was as an assistant of surgery at Vanderbilt University Hospital in 1953. He also served in the same capacity at Harvard. Appointments at the Kansas University School of Medicine and at the University of Missouri School of Medicine preceded Smith's move to the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in Oklahoma City as an associate professor of surgery in 1968.

Smith became chief of pediatric surgery service at Children's Hospital of Oklahoma in 1975. He held the post for 17 years until he resigned as chief of service in 1986.

A founding member of the American Pediatric Surgery Association, Smith also serves on the International Neuroblastoma Staging System Committee. He is a charter member of the American Burn Association, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma.

One of Smith's goals for UT Southwestern is the development of a pediatric surgical residency. "Pediatric surgery as a national specialty would be greatly benefited by a residency that is based on the academic strengths that exist here. We need academic-based pediatric surgeons."

Smith added that the association of Children's Medical Center and UT Southwestern could facilitate the expansion of the trauma program for children.

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Note: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.