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**UTHSCD hosts seminar on the elderly

DALLAS--"The Elderly Patient: Issues and Answers," a seminar for health professionals and others who work with older people, will be held Friday, Sept. 30 at The University of Texas Health Science Center from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in D1.600. Sponsoring groups are the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine, the Division of Geriatrics and the Southwest Long Term Care Gerontology Center Planning Projects.

The keynote address will be by Dr. Reubin Andres, clinical director, National Institute on Aging, Baltimore. Andres will speak on "Myths, Magic, and Folklore: Realities for the Elderly Patient."

Also on the morning's program will be Dr. J. Thomas Hutton, associate professor in the Department of Medical/Surgical Neurology at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, on "Dementia: Identification and Management." This talk will be the first in a series on management of common problems in the aged. Others will include Dr. M. Walter Kirkendall, director of the Hypertension Division, Department of Internal Medicine at the UT Health Science Center, Houston, on "Hypertension" and Dr. Seymour Eisenberg on "Cardiovascular Changes." Eisenberg is professor of medicine and chief of the Division of Geriatrics in the UTHSCD Department of Internal Medicine.

A panel, "Nursing Homes are Okay, But Not for Me or Mine: Issues and Answers in Long Term Care Placement," will open the afternoon session. Participants include Dr. Helen West, associate professor, Department of Health Care Sciences, School of Allied Health Sciences, UTHSCD; Nancy Wilson, M.A., A.C.S.W., director, Texas Project for Elders, Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences, Gerontology Center, Houston; Henry Adams, administrator/owner, Jarvis Heights Nursing Center, Fort Worth, and Barbara R. Landix, M.S.W., Community Council of Greater Dallas. Moderator will be Dr. Herb Shore, executive vice president, Golden Acres, Dallas.

Dr. Charles McConnell, associate professor of Health Care Sciences and Community Medicine, UTHSCD, will speak on "The Impact of Economics on Health Care Delivery to the Aged." Other sessions will include Dr. J. Donald Smiley on "Bone Aging and Joint Diseases" and Dr. Ron Anderson on "Drug Hazards and the Aging." Smiley is chief, Section of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology at Presbyterian Hospital and professor of Internal Medicine at UTHSCD. Anderson is chief executive officer at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas.

Continuing education accreditation will be given. Cost of the seminar is \$25. For further information about the program or student rates contact Gale Quilter at 214-688-2166.

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