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****Nutrition and Diabetes in Adults
subject of Jan. 15 public lecture

DALLAS -- "Nutrition and Diabetes in Adults" is the subject of a Jan. 15, 1987, lecture by diabetes researcher Dr. Peter Bennett at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas. Health care professionals and interested laymen are invited to this free evening lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the continuing education classroom (E6.200).

Bennett, chief of the Phoenix (Ariz.) Epidemiology and Clinical Research Branch of the National Institute of Arthritis, Diabetes and Digestive, and Kidney Diseases, will discuss causes and complications of adult-onset diabetes from a nutritional point of view. His information is drawn from nearly 20 years of studying diabetes in the Pima Indians.

Many groups of American Indians have extremely high frequencies of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus. Because approximately 50 percent of the Pima Indians over 35 years old have diabetes, the group has offered a rich field for study, particularly of the factors that lead to diabetes and its complications in the vascular system. The information, gleaned from both from the Pima population as a whole and from more detailed clinical studies of individuals, seems to apply to non-insulin dependent diabetes in other parts of the world and in other ethnic groups.

The Center for Human Nutrition at UTHSCD is sponsoring the lecture as a community service. Bennett is the second of four distinguished lecturers on nutrition who will appear during the 1986-1987 school year. For more information, call Tommy Bosler at 214/688-3404.

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