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DALLAS--Six surgery professors from The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School at Dallas are among medical experts from around the world who are scheduled to gather in Washington, D.C., May 18-20 to exchange information about a major but often neglected cause of death--trauma.

Three of the faculty members were to be featured participants on the program of the international Trauma Symposium, to be held at the Shoreham Hotel.

Dr. G. Thomas Shires, professor and chairman of surgery at UTSMS, was to discuss the initial care of trauma patients, including resuscitation, assessment of injury and problems of multiple injury, during an afternoon conference May 18 on fundamental problems in the management of the injured. He also served on the symposium's program committee.

Dr. Charles R. Baxter, associate professor of surgery and director of the burns treatment center at Parkland Memorial Hospital, is co-chairman of a May 19 afternoon workshop on burns, and is chairman of a May 20 morning session on kidney response to trauma.

Dr. Robert N. McClelland, associate professor of surgery, was to report on gastro-intestinal response to trauma during a morning session on May 20.

Also scheduled to attend the symposium are Dr. Peter C. Canizaro, assistant professor of surgery; Dr. James Carrico, assistant professor of surgery; and Dr. Richard Baker, research assistant professor of surgery.

The international symposium is being sponsored by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences to gain more widespread knowledge of advances in treatment techniques and research on care of the injured.

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Doctors and scientists from London, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Moscow, Toronto and other cities will join others from major medical institutions in the United States at the symposium in seeking better ways to handle trauma, which has been called "the neglected disease of modern society."

Trauma exacts an awesome toll in contemporary society, killing an average of 115,000 Americans annually and permanently disabling another 400,000 at a cost of more than \$20 billion. Government sources report trauma is the leading cause of death for Americans aged 1 through 39.

With the help of federal funding, medical science has begun to correct the neglect of the past. A series of trauma research and treatment centers, including one at Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital, has been established in the past two years to study problems related to traumatic injury. The Parkland unit, staffed by surgeons and researchers from The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School, is one of the nation's largest.

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