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* * * * *Dallas researcher receives prestigious
award from Veterans Administration.

DALLAS--A noted medical scientist here, whose pioneering studies of a little-known hormone called glucagon have turned diabetes research in a promising new direction, has been named "Senior Medical Investigator" by the Veterans Administration.

Dr. Roger H. Unger, professor of internal medicine at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas, has been on the staff of the Dallas VA Hospital since 1955. He will receive the award--which is the most prestigious continuous award given by the VA's Medical Research Service--in ceremonies scheduled to take place March 2.

Only 11 researchers nationwide have been appointed to this position since the awards program began in 1959, including two recent Nobel prize winners, Drs. Rosalyn Yalow and Andrew Schally. The award is presented for distinguished service the investigators have given the Veterans Administration. The recipients are selected on the basis of superior research accomplishments and an expectation of continued productivity.

Dr. Unger has received numerous other honors, including: the Banting Medal and Memorial Lectureship, the highest scientific honor given by the American Diabetes Association; the David Rumbough Memorial Award for Scientific Achievement from the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation; and the Solomon A. Berson Memorial Award and Lectureship from the National Institutes of Health.

In 1969, Dr. Unger received another award from the Veterans Administration, the William S. Middleton Award for outstanding achievement in medical research.

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