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Dr. Malcolm O. Perry gives \$50,000 to establish surgical professorship at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – July 22, 2004 – In honor of his grandfather, a prominent Collin County physician, Dr. Malcolm O. Perry has given \$50,000 to establish a professorship in surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Dr. Perry, who was named for and raised by his grandfather, is professor emeritus of vascular surgery at UT Southwestern. His gift, which was made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, will establish the Malcolm O. Perry, M.D. Professorship in Surgery.

“My grandfather truly was an icon in the practice of medicine. He gave selflessly to his patients, never missing an opportunity – day or night – to help anyone in need,” said Dr. Perry. “I also have great affection for UT Southwestern, which is full of people whom I respect and admire. I simply wanted to contribute to the education of the students and residents at the medical school, while honoring my grandfather, who gave so much to everyone he knew.”

The elder Dr. Perry, a general practitioner in Allen, lived to see his grandson accepted to UT Southwestern Medical School. He died of a heart attack in 1951 at the age of 76 – just weeks after learning the younger Dr. Perry had received his medical school acceptance letter, and only hours after delivering a patient’s baby.

The younger Dr. Perry completed an internship at Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco, a surgical residency at Parkland Memorial Hospital, and a fellowship in vascular surgery at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine. He was a faculty member at UT Southwestern from 1962 to 1974, when he joined the faculty of the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle.

Dr. Perry went on to serve as professor and chief of vascular surgery on the faculties of the Cornell University Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College and Graduate School of Medical Sciences (1978-1988), Vanderbilt University Medical Center (1988-1992), and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (1992-1996). He returned to UT Southwestern in 1996 as professor of surgery.

He has served on several editorial boards, including the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* and *Cardiovascular Surgery* and is past president of the Society for Vascular Surgery (1992) and the

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International Society for Cardiovascular Surgery (2002).

“Dr. Perry is one of the most eminent physician-educators in the country, and one of UT Southwestern’s most distinguished alumni,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “This wonderful, heartfelt gift is a testament to his commitment to his profession and to the medical center, and we are so honored to have his name – and that of his grandfather – attached to such an important professorship.”

Dr. Perry lives in Jacksonville with his wife, Jeannine. The couple has two children: Jolene Yousha and Dr. Malcolm O. Perry III.

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