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NEURO-ONCOLOGIST NAMED CHAIRMAN OF UT SOUTHWESTERN NEUROLOGY DEPARTMENT

DALLAS --Dr. S. Clifford Schold Jr. has been named chairman of neurology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

A research neuro-oncologist, Schold comes to UT Southwestern from Duke University Medical Center's Comprehensive Cancer Center. As a professor of neurology, he also directed the neurology residency training program at Duke.

"This is known as one of the foremost biomedical research centers in the country," said Schold. "That and the potential for developing clinical programs are among the primary things that attracted me here."

Schold foresees UT Southwestern's becoming a major referral center for clinical and research neuro-oncology. In addition to neuro-oncology, his department will focus on stroke research, epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative disorders. He also plans to develop a neuromuscular program.

Schold hopes to nurture ties between UT Southwestern and physicians in private practice in the community. "A university medical center can provide enormous resources to private practice, and I want to build healthy working relationships to our mutual benefit," he said.

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Southwestern Medical School's dean, Dr. William Neaves, said, "Dr. Schold's leadership in clinical neuroscience will help move UT Southwestern toward the goal of becoming the best medical teaching, research and patient-care institution in the nation."

A graduate of the University of Arizona College of Medicine, Schold did his neurology residency at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and a fellowship in neuro-oncology at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He has won the C. and F. DeMuth Foundation International Award for Young Investigators in Neuroscience, the New Investigator Research Award from the National Institutes of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke, and the Jacob Javits Investigator Award in the Neurosciences.

Schold is a fellow of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) and won its Ann and Jason Farber Award for Brain Tumor Research this year. The award, which recognizes outstanding achievements of investigators from scientific disciplines that contribute to an understanding of the causes and management of brain tumors, was presented to Schold at the AAN annual meeting in May.

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School, affiliated teaching hospitals and outpatient clinics.