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*****Dallas health science center
strengthens ties with John Peter
Smith Hospital.

DALLAS--Over a number of years John Peter Smith Hospital and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas have maintained a relationship of cooperation and working toward common goals, says M.T. Philpot, administrator of the Fort Worth hospital.

Dr. Winfrey Goldman agrees. The physician, who has been involved for many years with both institutions, is chairman of the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine at UTHSCD.

Goldman left his duties as medical director of John Peter Smith in 1977 to return to the health science center faculty on a full-time basis. The physician had left the faculty there in 1961 when the hospital turned to the Dallas health science center, at that time known as Southwestern Medical School, for help in strengthening its program. Goldman pitched in, recruited volunteer physicians from the community, persuaded interns and residents to join the hospital staff for their graduate educational programs and worked many long hours in the emergency room, the clinics and on the floor himself.

Goldman also started the family practice residency program, associated with the health science center, at John Peter Smith, a hospital well-known since 1939 for the training of general physicians. The UT affiliated program began in 1978.

The recent appointment of Dr. Rex Hyer as head of Anesthesiology Services at John Peter Smith will add a new dimension to this cooperative relationship. The physician, who left the UTHSCD faculty only this summer, had previously headed Anesthesiology Services at the hospital. In heading up the expanded services, he will not only be working with general residents but will be responsible for the first-year training of oral surgery residents.

Dr. Adolph Giesecke, chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at the health science center, said that his department was sorry to lose Hyer as a full-time faculty member, but "with his strong academic record and his continuing ties with this department, we will be able to establish a cooperative climate for education in anesthesiology with the Fort Worth hospital." Hyer will retain the title clinical assistant professor at the health science center.

Dr. Robert V. Walker, chairman of UTHSCD's Division of Oral Surgery, says he is "pleased to have the first year in anesthesiology at John Peter Smith be a part of an oral surgery residency." Dr. Fred Stephens joined Hyer in August for the first year of his oral surgery residency. Next year Stephens will be at Parkland in Dallas.

Hyer, who will add an assistant director to his staff later this year, has places for two first-year interns in a general program. They will do three-month rotations in anesthesiology under his direction. Currently he is working with the training of nurse-anesthetists. He is also responsible for supervising 14 CRNAs (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.)

Hyer says that his aim at Peter Smith is maintaining the highest standards of quality control--whether it be for procedures, education or for consultation. The majority of his time will be spent with residency training and working with any surgical cases that require his attention.

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The physician says he sees his role as head of Anesthesiology Services as a valuable one in maintaining "quality services in a quality institution."

In addition, new residency programs have been established in urology and otolaryngology.

Dr. Gary Brown, chief resident in urology, is now completing the first four months of his fourth year in specialty training at the Tarrant County hospital. Two other urology residents will follow in sequence during the remainder of the year.

Dr. Don Shannon is the first otolaryngology resident to serve a fourth-year rotation at John Peter Smith. Shannon is also a senior resident. Two other residents will follow him on the otolaryngology rotation during the 1981-82 year.

Meanwhile the family practice residency program, under the direction of Dr. Bruce Jacobson since 1975, is stronger than ever. There are currently 60 residents at John Peter Smith, which has the largest on-site family practice program in the country. Thirty of these residents will finish their specialty training this year and enter practice.

The JPS program director sees a major advantage in having a family practice program in a hospital like Peter Smith. Because the hospital had a tradition of training general physicians before the family practice specialty was established, the family practice resident has excellent access to the patient.

A common question Jacobson hears is "How does family practice differ from the better known general medical practice of the past?"

He says that the family practitioner of today does what the general practitioner did in the past--but he's better trained for the task. Physicians serving a whole family meet needs that specialists and subspecialists cannot. In addition, they are there to provide an entry into a complex health care system. The relationship and training at JPS prepare family practice residents for both.

Family practice residents train at John Peter Smith for 36 months. In addition to their work in the hospital, they learn to work with whole families in a family health center, much like a private doctor's office.

"We give our residents a good background in all the major disciplines of medicine as well as surgery," Jacobson said. The emphasis is on the "real medical needs of people." Residents get heavy training not only in surgery but also in obstetrics/gynecology and pediatrics as well.

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