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UT SOUTHWESTERN FACULTY RECEIVE HONORS

DALLAS – October 30, 2001 – Faculty members from UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas recently were recognized for outstanding achievement in their fields.

Dr. Michael Gale Jr., assistant professor of microbiology at UT Southwestern, recently was selected as an Ellison Medical Foundation New Scholar in Global Infectious Diseases. The Ellison Medical Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded and supported by Lawrence J. Ellison, chief executive officer of Oracle Corp.

Gale is the Nancy C. and Jeffrey A. Marcus Scholar in Medical Research, in Honor of Dr. Bill S. Vowell. He will use the award, which consists of \$50,000 a year over the next four years, to study the genetics of hepatitis C virus replication and resistance to interferon therapy.

Dr. David Margolis, an associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern, has received a grant from the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) for basic HIV research. The grant will fund Margolis' study of therapeutic modulation of HIV expression. The competitive award of \$72,000 was one of several grants totaling more than \$3 million awarded by amfAR to researchers across the country.

Dr. Michael Priebe, associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at UT Southwestern, was recently elected to the board of directors for the American Spinal Injury Association. Individuals who are elected to this position have demonstrated significant contribution to the association either by service on committees or the scientific program, or who have made significant contribution to the field of spinal cord injury.

Priebe is director of the Kimberly-Clark Center for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Research and spinal cord injury service at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care Systems of Dallas. He is also director of spinal cord injury research for the Mobility Foundation Center.

Dr. Grace M. Tannin, assistant professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern, recently was presented the annual Aesculapius Award, recognizing her for teaching excellence in and dedication to the St. Paul University Hospital family practice residency program for the July 2000-June 2001 period. Tannin, who joined the faculty in November 1997, also practices in the Children's Endocrinology Center, a joint clinical service of UT Southwestern and Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

She was cited for her teaching efforts and skills under a UT Southwestern and Children's arrangement providing St. Paul family-practice resident doctors with pediatric-training requirements.

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