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MCONNELL NAMED VICE PRESIDENT FOR CLINICAL PROGRAMS

DALLAS – November 1, 1999 - Dr. John D. McConnell, chairman of urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas since 1994 and a renowned prostate disease specialist, has been named vice president for clinical programs at the medical center.

McConnell will retain his duties as chairman of urology. Working directly with Dr. Willis Maddrey, executive vice president for clinical affairs, McConnell will have a major role in overseeing outpatient operations, including the James W. Aston Ambulatory Care Center and planned expansion of clinical services on the medical center's North Campus. He also will serve as one of UT Southwestern's main administrative links to Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

"We're pleased to have a physician of Dr. McConnell's stature become further involved in outpatient services for the medical center," Maddrey said. "As we continue to grow and expand, Dr. McConnell's role will be an increasingly important one."

UT Southwestern faculty oversee more than 1.4 million outpatient visits a year. As new clinics open each year, the number of outpatient visits likewise increases.

"The challenge is to continue to provide a high level of patient and customer service during this growth phase," McConnell said. "Clinical medicine has grown tremendously at UT Southwestern, and the goal is to evolve into a world-class facility across all areas."

McConnell said he sees his role as one of directing a variety of systems to work seamlessly together.

"We want to strive toward a multispecialty clinical approach," McConnell said.

A graduate of the University of Kansas and the Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, McConnell completed his urology residency and postgraduate research training at UT Southwestern.

In 1991 the American Urological Association gave him the Gold Cystoscope Award for the most outstanding contribution to the field within 10 years of completing residency. He is a director of the American Urological Association, a member of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council and director of one of the five National Institutes of Health-designated George M. O'Brien Urologic Research Centers in the United States.

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