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**Endocrinology Group and Texas Tech Physicians  
Continue Caring for the Community Through Partnership**

The endocrine specialists of Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso will join with Southwest Endocrine Consultants to bring almost 75 years of dedication to El Pasoans struggling with diabetes and other chronic endocrine disorders. Texas Tech Physicians will merge with Southwest Endocrine Consultants (SWEC)—a practice that has dedicated more than 35 years of caring for El Pasoans with metabolic problems, thyroid conditions, diabetes, growth concerns, hormone problems and more.

The merge is a perfect pairing according to Vice President for Health Affairs, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Founding Dean of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine Jose Manuel de la Rosa, M.D. Over thirty five years ago, Dr. Wilbur Strader, began a solo endocrine practice after leaving the military as chief of endocrine and nuclear medicine at William Beaumont Army Medical Center. Dwight Deter, a physician assistant (PA) joined the practice as one of the first certified PAs in 1976. Dr. Robert L. Young, who had just retired as chief of endocrinology at Wilford Hall Air Force Hospital in San Antonio joined the practice and Southwest Endocrine Consultants was formed.

“For almost 40 years, the physicians at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, now Texas Tech Physicians, have cared for El Pasoans, and remains committed to continuing that care now with Southwest Endocrine Consultants,” said Dr. de la Rosa.

Texas Tech University HSC has purchased the group practice and the physicians, physician assistants and staff of Southwest Endocrine Consultants, are set to join Texas Tech El Paso as employees June 1, 2012. The location will still be at 1201 Schuster, Building 7. The only difference patients will notice to the location is the addition of the Texas Tech Physicians sign. Patients seen by the endocrinology group have been mailed notices of the change as required by the Texas Medical Board.

“Patients will continue to be provided with the best possible care. Caring for our patients is our love and what has kept us going all of these years. We believe that this partnership with Texas Tech will continue to help our community become healthier,” said Dr. Strader.

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