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TACHDJIAN'S Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children Hard at Work on Tachdjian's

Chicago orthopedic surgeon Mihran O. Tachdjian, M.D., authored one of the most comprehensive textbooks in the field.

Tachdjian's Pediatric Orthopedics has been used worldwide and is considered by many to be the encyclopedia of pediatric orthopedics.

In 1997, just six months after Tachdjian's death, the textbook's publisher, W.B. Saunders Company, approached TSRHC Chief of Staff Tony Herring, M.D., about revising the four-volume textbook.

After some discussion with his staff, Dr. Herring agreed to take on the project. "We knew we would be making a major contribution to pediatric orthopedics all over the world," Dr. Herring said. "It's a way for our staff to express our philosophies, as well as thoroughly review all areas dealing with pediatric orthopedics."

As editor, Dr. Herring reorganized the book into chapters, which were then assigned to different TSRHC physicians, based on their areas of expertise and experience. With the exception of one chapter, the book is being revised or rewritten entirely by TSRHC staff.

In addition to the orthopedic and hand surgeons, staff members from radiology and anesthesiology are contributing to the project as well.

Although the project originally began as an update, it has evolved into a complete rework of the 3,600-page book, according to Dr. Herring. The revised Tachdjian's Pediatric Orthopedics may be condensed into three volumes, depending on graphics and artwork, which are being provided in part by the TSRHC media department.

"The quality of the materials submitted so far is extraordinary," said W.B. Saunders Senior Medical

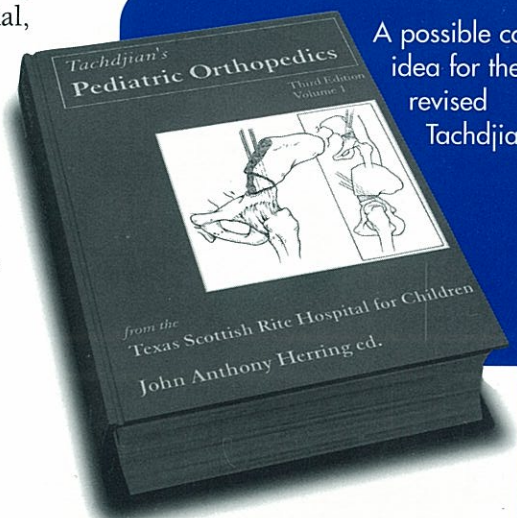
Editor Richard Lampert. "The writing is very clear and the illustrations are all valuable and beautiful to look at."

Lampert, who was initially responsible for contracting TSRHC for the project, said the hospital was a clear choice for several reasons. "After consulting with many organizations across the country, it became clear that Dr. Herring and his staff had a spectacular reputation," Lampert said. "They are known to be very scholarly, productive people, as well as extraordinarily passionate clinicians. The focus of this book has always been from a pediatric orthopedist who truly loved the kids he treated. TSRHC's work in the book reflects this same love of children."

According to Dr. Herring, being asked to revise the world's leading pediatric orthopedic textbook was an honor for the hospital. "It's a compliment to allow our staff this opportunity and it certainly recognizes the level of leadership and expertise within our hospital," Herring said.

"For our hospital, it's a strong stroke for the future."

Completion for the textbook is planned for the end of 1999. ♦



A possible cover idea for the revised Tachdjian's.