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In honor of his grandfather, a prominent Collin County physician, Dr. Malcolm O. Perry has provided funds to establish a professorship in surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. His gift, which was made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, will establish the Malcolm O. Perry, M.D. Professorship in Surgery. "I simply wanted to contribute to the education of the students and residents at the medical school while honoring my grandfather, who gave so much to everyone he knew," said Dr. Perry. This professorship will be used for the advancement of academic surgery.

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Endocrine Surgeons, Society of University Surgeons, Society of Black Academic Surgeons and the **Association for Academic Surgery, where he serves as the current president.** He has authored or coauthored >50 peer-reviewed journal articles and 15 book chapters. He also serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Surgical Research* and is an invited reviewer for surgical journals, including the *American Journal of Surgery*, *Surgery*, the *European Respiratory Journal*, *Journal of Clinical Oncology* and the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*.

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