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ST. LOUIS: Richard D. Todd Child psychiatrist and professor at Washington U.

Sunday, Aug. 24 2008

Dr. Richard D. Todd, a noted child psychiatrist, died Friday (Aug. 22, 2008) at Barnes-Jewish Hospital from complications of lymphoma. He was 56 and a resident of St. Louis.

Dr. Todd was a professor of psychiatry and director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Washington University School of Medicine. For almost 25 years, he was involved with children and adolescents who were ill or at risk for psychiatric illnesses.

Dr. Todd's research focused on the genetic and environmental influences associated with childhood disorders such as attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, autism, depression and alcoholism. He and his colleagues published over 150 peer-reviewed papers.

His most recent studies involved twins with attention deficit disorder.

Dr. Todd was born in Oklahoma and did his undergraduate training at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. He earned a Ph.D. in biology at the University of Texas at Dallas, an M.D. at the University of Texas at San Antonio and completed his residency in psychiatry at Stanford University Medical School. He completed his child psychiatry fellowship at Washington University, Children's Hospital, in 1986. There, he also began his research, teaching and clinical practice.

Dr. Todd received many of his field's most important honors, including being listed in "America's Top Doctors" since 2001 and in "Best Doctors in America" since 2002.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis, 5007 Waterman Boulevard. Dr. Todd's body will be cremated.

Among the survivors are his wife of 28 years, Dr. Karen O'Malley; a son and

daughter, Lucas F. Todd and Anne M. O'Malley of St. Louis; his parents, Morris S. Todd and Martha A. "Molly" Todd of Dallas and Tincup, Colo.; a brother, Robert M. Todd of Dallas; and a sister, Ruth E. Todd of Bellevue, Wash.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Washington University School of Medicine, 660 South Euclid Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 63110; or the CHADS (Communities Healing Adolescent Depression & Suicide) Coalition, P.O. Box 510528, St. Louis, Mo. 63151.

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