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The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and Georgetown University School of Medicine will sponsor a two-day pilot education program on AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Oct. 21-22, 1983.

This disease, which suppresses the body's immune system, has been labeled the "number one health priority" by Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret M. Heckler.

The Oct. 21 session--"A Conference on AIDS: Facts-Perceptions-Myths"--will be held in Washington, D.C., at the Washington Hilton. It is designed for nurses, laboratory technicians, emergency medical personnel, correction officers and others who come into close contact with AIDS patients in the course of their occupations.

The symposium will feature a discussion of facts and fallacies concerning the transmission of AIDS as well as the current accepted guidelines for proper management of patients with the disease. Georgetown University's Office of Continuing Medical Education will award .4 continuing education units to program participants who complete evaluation forms.

The Oct. 22 session--"A State-of-the Art Symposium on AIDS"--will be held at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., in the Clinical Center's Masur Auditorium. Intended for primary care physicians, this course will include presentations by experts on the

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history and epidemiology of AIDS; modes of transmission; immunology of the disease and immunological approaches to its treatment, as well as the ethical and psychosocial issues surrounding this health problem. A panel discussion will follow. This session has been designated as meeting the criteria for 5.5 credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

Course directors for both sessions will be Dr. Kenneth W. Sell, scientific director of NIAID, and Dr. Joseph A. Bellanti, professor of pediatrics and microbiology and director of the International Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Immunologic Diseases at Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Although there will be no fee, pre-registration will be required both days. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with the meetings following at 9 a.m.

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