

A Message from President Podolsky

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am very pleased to announce that UT Southwestern University Hospitals have been granted Magnet® status by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Magnet designation, the "gold standard" for nursing excellence and high quality patient care in hospitals across the country, is awarded by the ANCC after the successful completion of a highly rigorous assessment, including an intensive four-day site visit. Only about 7 percent of U.S. hospitals have achieved Magnet designation.

Having Magnet status assures patients that they are choosing an institution that provides exceptional nursing care — and it conveys to the very best nurses that UT Southwestern shares their values and standards in regard to patient care.

Please join me in congratulating all of our nurse colleagues whose expertise and compassionate, patient-centered care led to this recognition. Special thanks are also due to Susan Hernandez, R.N., M.B.A., Health System Chief Nursing Executive, as well as to John Warner, M.D., CEO of University Hospitals, and Bruce Meyer, M.D., M.B.A., Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs, for their leadership in achieving the quality of care that has earned UT Southwestern this important distinction.

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