

Thank you for delivering excellence in patient care

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am delighted to share with you the very welcome news that thanks to your dedication and commitment to our patients, UT Southwestern today has been named a member of the *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Hospitals Honor Roll for 2023-24. This is the first time UT Southwestern has been included in the Honor Roll, which comprises the top 20 hospitals from among more than 4,500 hospitals nationally.

Additionally, this year UT Southwestern tied as the No. 1 ranked hospital in Texas and is once again No. 1 in the Dallas-Fort Worth region for the seventh consecutive year. Eleven specialties are nationally ranked, eight among the top 25 and three among the top 50:

- No. 15 Rehabilitation
- No. 16 Pulmonology & Lung Surgery
- No. 17 Diabetes & Endocrinology
- No. 18 Neurology & Neurosurgery
- No. 19 Cancer
- No. 20 Cardiology, Heart & Vascular Surgery
- No. 20 Geriatrics
- No. 25 Urology
- No. 26 Ear, Nose & Throat
- No. 35 Gastroenterology & GI Surgery
- No. 43 Obstetrics & Gynecology

UT Southwestern also earned "high performing" ratings for 19 out of 21 procedures and conditions: abdominal aortic aneurysm repair; aortic valve surgery; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; colon cancer surgery; diabetes; heart attack; heart bypass surgery; heart failure; hip fracture; hip replacement; kidney failure; leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma; lung cancer surgery; ovarian cancer surgery; pneumonia; prostate cancer surgery; stroke; transcatheter aortic valve replacement; and uterine cancer surgery.

In addition to UTSW results, the Southwestern Health Resources network, which blends the strengths of UT Southwestern with those of Texas Health Resources, includes four of the top-ranked hospitals in DFW. Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas tied for No. 6, Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital

Fort Worth ranked No. 8, and Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southwest Fort Worth was No. 9. And in June, Children's Medical Center Dallas, where the UT Southwestern Pediatric Group practices, was rated among the nation's best pediatric hospitals by U.S. News and was the only pediatric hospital in North Texas ranked in all 10 specialties.

From the outset of UT Southwestern's clinical transformation initiative begun almost 15 years ago, the strategy that has propelled us has focused on quality, service, and collaboration. While these rankings and other recognitions are gratifying and deserving of celebration, more importantly, I hope that they will serve as inspiration for continued improvement in all aspects of our institutional mission.

Whether in direct roles caring for patients or behind the scenes supporting our Health System and medical group practice, how we work collectively as a team enables the very best outcomes and is a distinctive aspect of the UT Southwestern patient experience.

Together with colleagues advancing care through discovery and the education and training of the next generation, we can take pride in the legions we have helped through dedication to our institutional mission.

On behalf of the patients and families we are privileged to serve, <u>thank you</u> to our physicians, nurses, advanced practice providers, and other vital staff across UT Southwestern for your commitment to excellence.

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