

UT Southwestern Medical Center

New Agreement to Advance Pediatric Care

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To the UT Southwestern community:

I am pleased to write to inform you that the UT System Board of Regents, on behalf of UT Southwestern Medical Center, as well as the Board of Directors of the Children's Health System of Texas have approved a new master affiliation agreement. Through this agreement, we are forming a new nonprofit entity for the purpose of developing a joint pediatric enterprise that will expand the two organizations' collective commitment to advance the health of pediatric patients through the provision of cutting-edge clinical care, research, and training of the next generation of physicians and other caregivers.

As a new era in this long-standing relationship, our new master affiliation agreement, crafted over the past several months through extensive discussions, creates optimal alignment in both strategy and operation between our two organizations in our ongoing shared commitment to the children and their families in the North Texas region and beyond. We will work closely with our partner Children's Health over the next several months to fully develop the operational plans for this joint new entity, including the development of a shared strategic plan.

Together, we will:

- Serve as a catalyst for comprehensive, multidisciplinary, coordinated pediatric primary and specialty care for the children of North Texas
- Support the academic missions by providing students, residents, and other trainees with expanded opportunities, as well as by providing fresh avenues for promoting clinical trials and other forms of clinical research, and translational research initiatives

There remains much work ahead of us, and we will keep you informed as we progress. For now, I hope you share in my enthusiasm and excitement for the future of UT Southwestern's pediatric mission.

Sincerely,

Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.
President
UT Southwestern Medical Center