

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Hurricane Harvey Relief

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

Since Friday evening when Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas Gulf Coast, the devastation from the storm and the associated torrential rainfall has been growing steadily, with still much more rain likely on the way.

I write to assure you that the UT Southwestern community has been in communication with authorities to be prepared to help, including coordination with other North Texas hospitals to care for patients if needed. As large numbers of displaced people begin seeking shelter in Dallas County and as hospitals are evacuated from coastal and inland cities, UT Southwestern Emergency Medicine faculty and residents, and EMS and Emergency and Disaster Global Health fellows are assisting in efforts to provide medical care to sheltered evacuees. In addition, we are reviewing clinical schedules and hospital capabilities to address the medical needs of any evacuees who may need to be transported to our care.

If you wish to support relief efforts in the region, there are several reputable organizations accepting contributions. These include:

- [American Red Cross](#)
- [United Way of Greater Houston](#)
- [The Dallas Foundation](#)
- [SPCA of Texas](#)

As the fallout from the storm continues this week, our thoughts are with the hundreds of thousands of our fellow Texans who have been directly impacted, as well as with those members of our faculty, staff, and students whose families live in the region.

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