

UT Southwestern Medical Center

U.S. News & World Report Rankings

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am pleased to write to let you know that for the fourth year in a row, UT Southwestern William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital is the No. 1 Best Hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth and the No. 2 Best Hospital in Texas in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, which were released this evening. This year, 10 of our clinical programs were nationally ranked (within the top 50 in the country) – an increase from seven last year. This year's nationally ranked programs include:

- Cardiology & Heart Surgery (#13)
- Neurology & Neurosurgery (#17)
- Nephrology (#18)
- Diabetes & Endocrinology (#24)
- Geriatrics (#25)
- Urology (#25)
- Cancer (#32)
- Pulmonology & Lung Surgery (#34)
- Gastroenterology & GI Surgery (#37)
- Orthopedics (#45)

Additionally, UT Southwestern is rated as high-performing in seven specialty procedures – abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, aortic valve surgery, COPD, colon cancer surgery, heart bypass surgery, heart failure, and lung cancer surgery – bringing to 17 our number of nationally recognized specialties or procedures.

I hope that the entire UT Southwestern community takes well-deserved pride in the recognition we have received for our commitment to clinical excellence. While this is certainly due in large part to the faculty in our clinical departments, as well as our nurses and all those who work in our health system, I extend these accolades to the entire UTSW community. Each faculty and staff member, no matter their role, plays a part in our commitment to create a better future for our community. I am confident that no one in the UT Southwestern community comes to work motivated by the desire for rankings, but rather by the desire to provide the best care possible to our patients and their families; to carry out research that will lead to better disease treatment, cures, and prevention for people everywhere; and to train the next generation of outstanding physicians, scientists, and other health professionals.

However, especially as we navigate this time of crisis, these rankings are a special tribute to the outstanding dedication of UT Southwestern physicians, nurses, other clinicians, and the entire staff of

our University Hospital and Clinics to delivering high-quality care and creating an incomparable experience for our patients and their families. In addition to the clinical expertise of our faculty, the professionalism of our nurses, our improved quality metrics, and our high patient-satisfaction scores contributed significantly to these ranking results.

On behalf of the UT Southwestern community and all of our patients, I thank you for your dedication and contributions and hope you will join me in recognizing the providers and staff of our University Hospital and Clinics, along with all members of our extended teams, for their exceptional work in pursuit of our mission.

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