

# UT Southwestern Medical Center

## 2023 Leaders in Clinical Excellence Award Winners

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

In the spirit of our institutional commitment to the highest standards of patient care, we are delighted to announce the recipients of the 2023 UT Southwestern Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards.

Established in 2018, these awards recognize clinical faculty across our many sites of service for their exceptional contributions to the care of our patients, to the education and training of the next generation of health care professionals, and to the advancement of UT Southwestern overall. There are seven award categories, including the Patricia and William L. Watson Jr., M.D. Award for Excellence in Clinical Medicine, UT Southwestern's highest honor in clinical care. This year's award recipients once again serve as an inspiration to us all.

We invite you to read more about each winner identified below in an upcoming feature on *Center Times Plus*, as well as in a future print edition of *Center Times*. We also hope you will join us at the awards **ceremony on November 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium**. More details will be forthcoming.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to recognize these outstanding colleagues as well as the nearly 200 total nominees. A special thanks also goes to members of the Leaders in Clinical Excellence selection committee, led once again by Drs. John Mansour and Maeve Sheehan, for all their efforts in helping us celebrate clinical excellence at UT Southwestern.

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## **2023 Leaders in Clinical Excellence Award Recipients**

### **Patricia and William L. Watson Jr., M.D. Award for Excellence in Clinical Medicine**

This prestigious award, UT Southwestern's top honor for clinical care, recognizes a faculty physician who exemplifies excellence in patient care, is a leader in advancing clinical innovations and outcomes, and has had a profound impact on patients, students, trainees, and patients.

**Karen Kowalske, M.D.**, Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

### **Rising Star Award**

This award recognizes exceptional early-career clinical faculty whose actions and activities consistently exemplify commitment, professionalism, and leadership.

**Jessica Voit, M.D.**, Department of Internal Medicine (Geriatrics)

**Christina Herrera, M.D.**, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

### **Institutional Service Award**

This award honors clinical faculty who consistently share time and expertise in service to internal committees, task forces, and other institutional activities that make a significant impact on the care delivered to UT Southwestern patients.

**Vanessa Rogers, M.D.**, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

**Rinarani Sanghavi, M.D.**, Department of Pediatrics

### **Mentoring Award**

This award celebrates clinicians who demonstrate exceptional commitment and effectiveness as a mentor to health care providers.

**Kim Yancey, M.D.**, Department of Dermatology

**Anand Rohatgi, M.D.**, Department of Internal Medicine (Cardiology)

### **Patient and Family Recognition Award**

This award honors clinical faculty whose dedication to the compassionate, respectful delivery of exceptional patient care has garnered the highest degree of patient trust and satisfaction.

**Toral Patel, M.D.**, Departments of Neurological Surgery, Neurology, and Radiation Oncology

### **Program Development Award**

This award celebrates the innovation and collaboration that are foundational to the success of UT Southwestern Medical Center. It recognizes a group of clinical faculty and staff who have worked together as a team to create, develop, and sustain an innovative program that significantly advances our ability to improve the care received by our patients.

#### **Adult Cystic Fibrosis and Bronchiectasis and Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Program**

Led by **Raksha Jain, M.D.**, Department of Internal Medicine (Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine)

#### **Extending Maternal Care After Pregnancy (eMCAP)**

Led by **David B. Nelson, M.D.**, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

### **President's Award for Diversity and Humanism in Clinical Care**

This award honors clinical faculty who exemplify the humanistic spirit of patient-centered medicine, both through clinical excellence and in outstanding compassion in the delivery of care.

**Ellen Kitchell, M.D.**, Department of Internal Medicine (Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine)