



## Announcing GME Partnership in Austin

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

Today, UT Southwestern, the UT System Board of Regents and Seton Medical Center Austin announced a Graduate Medical Education partnership in which UT Southwestern will provide oversight for residency programs and develop an expanded range of clinical investigation and research activities in Central Texas across Seton Hospitals, including University Medical Center Brackenridge and Dell Children's Medical Center.

Currently there are 10 residency programs at Seton - Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Psychiatry, Family Medicine, Surgery, Dermatology, Neurology, Transitional and Child/ Adolescent Psychiatry. These residency programs will transition from UTMB to UT Southwestern in December. As we will assume responsibility for graduate medical education, we will work to enhance the academic quality, which will be accomplished in part through the concurrent development of a center for clinical research based in Austin.

The academic and clinical research activities included in this Seton partnership, as well as the efforts by the administration and departments here in Dallas to oversee these activities, will be funded in their entirety by Seton and no resources otherwise available to UT Southwestern will be diverted from our activities in Dallas. The faculty and other employees involved in the educational and research programs to be developed with Seton will be recruited to Austin specifically to support these activities, and their appointments will adhere rigorously to UT Southwestern standards.

This collaboration will be an important adjunct to the work we currently do and will enhance and augment the existing clinical investigation now being done by UT Southwestern faculty, adding further reach, depth, experience and prestige to our institution. As we develop these programs, including additional residencies with our medical colleagues at Seton's family of hospitals, and train physicians in Central Texas, I anticipate we will realize many benefits at UT Southwestern.

The culmination of this partnership involved long hours and much work on the part of several members of our faculty and administration who I wish to thank for their outstanding efforts, notably Dr. Greg Fitz, Dean and Provost, who led the discussions, as well as Dr. Sue Cox, Associate Dean - Medical Education; Leah Hurley, Vice President - Legal Affairs; John Roan, Executive Vice President - Business Affairs; and Dr. Bruce Meyer, Vice President - Medical Affairs.

With a proposed start date of December 1, 2009, Dean and Provost Fitz will be sharing more information as we identify a regional dean who will have responsibility for faculty recruitment and development. They will work closely with the Chairs of our clinical departments here to ensure that we construct this program to deliver the highest quality training and investigational research activity possible.

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