

UT Southwestern Medical Center

U.S. News & World Report rankings

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am pleased to inform you that for the third year in a row, UT Southwestern University Hospitals have been ranked as the No. 1 Best Hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth and the No. 2 Best Hospital in Texas by the *U.S. News & World Report* annual rankings, which were just released.

Once again, seven UT Southwestern clinical programs were nationally ranked among the top 50 programs in their specialty: Neurology and Neurosurgery; Geriatrics; Nephrology; Diabetes and Endocrinology; Urology; Cardiology and Heart Surgery; and Ear, Nose, and Throat.

Five other programs were nationally recognized as High Performing: Cancer, Gastroenterology and GI surgery, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, and Pulmonary and Lung Surgery. Six procedures were rated as High Performing: abdominal aortic aneurysm repair; aortic valve surgery; heart failure; colon cancer surgery; lung cancer surgery; and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

These accomplishments are a tribute to the dedication and excellence of UT Southwestern physicians, nurses, other clinicians, and the entire staff of our University Hospitals and Clinics, who are consistently providing high-quality care and creating an exceptional hospital experience for our patients and their families.

I hope that the entire UT Southwestern community shares my pride in the values and expertise that our colleagues are consistently bringing to their delivery of patient care. While we all appreciate the external recognition of the rankings, I am confident that our colleagues' primary gratification comes from knowing that they are providing relief from suffering for those who come to us for help and facilitating their return to good health.

On behalf of the UT Southwestern community and all of our patients, I thank the physicians, nurses, and the entire staff of our University Hospitals and Clinics, as well as the leadership of our Health System, for their commitment to our mission of promoting health and a healthy society – and I invite you to join me in congratulating them for this public recognition of their accomplishments.

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