



Ranked #1 in D/FW by *U.S. News and World Report*

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am writing to publicly thank and congratulate the physicians, nurses, and all other care givers and staff whose excellence has earned UT Southwestern University Hospital #1 ranking as the Best Hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth by *U.S. News and World Report*. I also congratulate all of those caring for our patients at Parkland Hospital and Children's Medical Center, which were also identified as top hospitals in this region. This recognition is yet another reason for all of us at UT Southwestern to take great pride and pleasure in being part of the UT Southwestern community.

The patient care provided at our University Hospital and at our partner institutions delivers on a core mission of our academic medical center, and its excellence reflects in part the benefits of integrating cutting-edge research and rigorous education and training with our commitment to the highest quality patient care. This connection among discovery, learning, and patient care sets us apart from other hospitals in the DFW metropolitan area.

The recognition of our University Hospital as best in the region follows on last year's National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation for UT Southwestern's Harold C. Simmons Cancer Center – a unique distinction among cancer programs in Dallas-Fort Worth and the entire North Texas region.

This latest honor from *U.S. News & World Report* adds to the momentum at UT Southwestern and is a further affirmation of the exceptional work of so many on this campus. Indeed, it is a milestone on our journey to become one of the very best hospitals in the country, recognized as widely for our clinical excellence as we are for the quality of our research and education.

Thank you for what you do every day to ensure that our patients and their families experience the best possible care at UT Southwestern.

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