

UT Southwestern Medical Center

A Message from President Daniel K. Podolsky

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Dear Colleagues:

This is a profoundly sad day for Dallas, the UT Southwestern community, and the country following the shootings of more than a dozen police officers and citizens during an otherwise peaceful protest in Dallas last night. As Americans, Texans, members of the greater Dallas community, and as caregivers, we share in the grief over the heartfelt loss of life last night and in the preceding events earlier this week in Louisiana and Minnesota.

Our condolences go out to the local law enforcement community, and the families and friends of those who were killed or injured in what is the deadliest incident for law enforcement in the United States since 9/11. Flags on the UT Southwestern campus will remain at half-staff today through sunset Tuesday, July 12, in honor of the shooting victims.

I would also like to express our gratitude to the responders and caregivers, including our physicians and the teams at Parkland who demonstrated professionalism and used their skills and talents to do everything they could to help these heroes, as well as to our UTSW officers for their quick response to secure the campus and ensure our ability to carry out our duties as a medical center.

As a reminder, the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is available to all faculty and staff who would like to speak confidentially with a professional counselor for help with stressful personal situations. The EAP can also connect individuals to other community resources. The EAP can be reached at 214-648-5330. Students may seek help from the Office of Student Mental Health at 214-645-8680.

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