

UT Southwestern Medical Center

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To the UT Southwestern community:

For the fifth consecutive year, I am pleased to inform you that UT Southwestern's William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital is the No. 1 Best Hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth and the No. 2 Best Hospital in Texas in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, which were released this evening.

This year, nine of our clinical programs were ranked among the top 50 in the country – with eight of those among the top 25. Nationally ranked programs include:

- **#11** Cardiology and Heart Surgery
- **#17** Rehabilitation
- **#17** Urology
- **#19** Neurology and Neurosurgery
- **#22** Pulmonology and Lung Surgery
- **#23** Geriatrics
- **#24** Diabetes and Endocrinology
- **#24** Cancer
- **#35** Gastroenterology and GI Surgery

UT Southwestern was also rated nationally as high performing in orthopedics, placing that specialty among the top 10 percent of all rated hospitals. We were also nationally rated for expertise in 14 procedures and conditions – abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, aortic valve surgery, back surgery (spinal fusion), COPD, colon cancer surgery, diabetes, heart attack, heart bypass surgery, heart failure, hip fracture, kidney failure, lung cancer surgery, pneumonia, and stroke. Our faculty physicians provide this outstanding care to patients throughout the region with our partners at Parkland Health & Hospital System, VA North Texas Health Care System, Texas Health Resources, and Scottish Rite for Children. Moreover, UT Southwestern Pediatric Group faculty care for pediatric patients at Children's Medical Center Dallas, which is rated among the nation's best pediatric hospitals by *U.S. News* for 2021-2022, and the only pediatric hospital in North Texas to rank in all 10 specialties.

While I do not expect that anyone here at UT Southwestern comes to work motivated by ratings and accolades, this recognition by *U.S. News*, along with other third-party evaluations of our work, provides validation that we are achieving goals and objectives in our journey to excellence. Over the past year, we have received high scores for patient satisfaction, patient safety, and quality of care from a number of reviewing bodies including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Leapfrog, Healthgrades, and Press Ganey. In addition, UT Southwestern was the No. 1 global health care institution in the 2021 *Nature* Index for its published research, our Medical School rates among the "Best Graduate Schools" nationally, and several programs in our Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences are among the best in the country, according to various independent ratings.

The *U.S. News* ratings underscore the value of building our clinical programs on the sturdy foundation of robust basic and translational research, along with top academic programs that attract strong trainees who can help drive improvements in the care we provide.

I hope that you take pride in this achievement, because it reflects our entire institution's commitment to excellence in everything we do. We all contribute to the quality of care provided to patients, whether as esteemed faculty physicians, members of our decorated nursing staff, researchers in pursuit of scientific discoveries, or dedicated employees who provide critical support services to assist caregivers and researchers in carrying out their work.

On behalf of UT Southwestern leadership, our patients, and all of North Texas, I thank you for your dedication to the pursuit of our mission and hope you will join me in congratulating the providers and staff at Clements University Hospital and our University Clinics for their exceptional work.

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