

Watching the weather

In case you missed yesterday's message to campus regarding the winter storm watch, we want to share some helpful resources and remind you of the following guidance on institutional policy. You can also refer to [this page on Campus Updates](#), which we will keep updating with information on campus, ambulatory, and hospital operations, shuttle services, parking, overnight accommodations, external resources, and more.

Working requirements for inclement weather days

According to UTSW policy ([EMP-267](#)), employees in positions designated as essential to carrying out patient care or other critical services – including all hospital and clinic personnel – are expected to make their best effort to report to work as scheduled during inclement weather and other emergencies. They are also urged to make contingency plans to care for family or pets should severe weather interfere with normal routines. Essential employees who are not in positions approved for remote work but decide not to report to campus as scheduled will have the absence deducted from their available applicable leave accruals and may be subject to disciplinary action.

If you are uncertain whether your position is designated as essential to carrying out patient care or other critical services, please speak to your supervisor. Additionally, please ensure that you're aware of and comply with your department's established procedures for time and attendance.

Hospital employees should also be familiar with resources found on the [University Hospital Inclement Weather Resources SharePoint](#) site.

Students should look for additional communications from their academic deans regarding remote learning.

Ambulatory Operations

All in-person clinic visits scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 9, are shifting to virtual care, based on provider and patient capabilities, or are being rescheduled. On Friday, Jan. 10, the current plan is for a delayed start for clinics, though we will continue monitoring the forecast and adjust plans if needed.

Winter weather awareness and safety tips

This [post on Campus Updates](#) walks you through several preparedness and safety tips, including driving and travel on campus, as well as arranging for backup child and senior care.

UTSW leaders are meeting regularly regarding the weather; you will continue to see a steady flow of communications with need-to-know information.



'Melodies of Hope: Music, Dementia, and Brain Science'

Join UT Southwestern and [The Dallas Opera](#) on Jan. 23 at the Winspear Opera House for a free event that explores the powerful connection between music and memory – and the impact on people with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

"Melodies of Hope: Music, Dementia, and Brain Science" will feature a panel discussion led by experts from UT Southwestern's O'Donnell Brain Institute. They will share insights into connections between music, memory, and cognition – as well as care, research, and groundbreaking new treatments for dementia and Alzheimer's disease on the horizon.

W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D., Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean, UT Southwestern Medical School, will moderate a panel led by **William Dauer, M.D.**, **Marc Diamond, M.D.**, **Brendan Kelley, M.D.**, and **Sarah Shahmoradian, Ph.D.**

This event was inspired by the Dallas Opera's production of *Orpheus and Eurydice*, which premieres in February. Its director, Joachim Schamberger, reimagined this myth with Orpheus, a grieving husband and caregiver, using music to connect with his beloved wife Eurydice, who is suffering from dementia. UT Southwestern employees, learners, family, and friends are invited to attend this event. Registration is required.

For more details, visit the [events page](#).

[Register to attend](#)

Insider survey: Did you achieve the resolution you set last year?

Research Highlights

[Drug shows promise in treating non-small cell lung cancer](#)

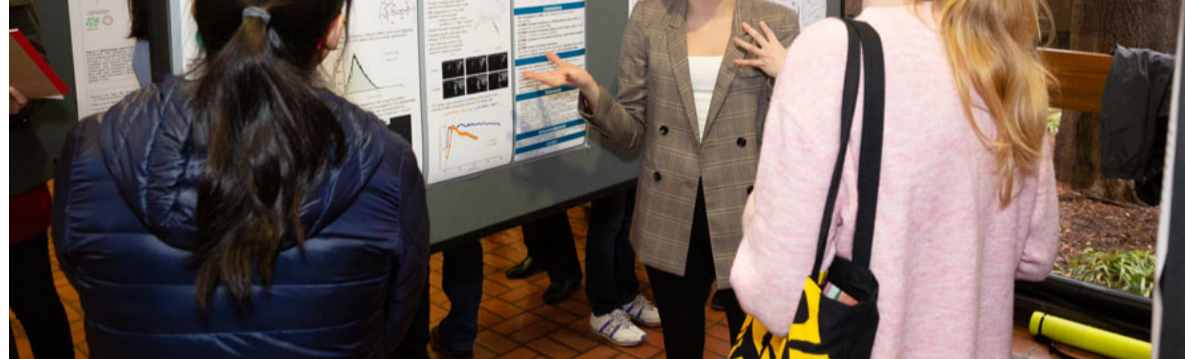
UTSW researchers found that an FDA-approved drug used to treat multiple myeloma and lymphoma also shrank tumors in non-small cell lung cancer with KRAS mutations. The findings could lead to new treatments for a major subset of lung cancer patients.

[Program enhances stroke care across U.S.](#)

A national initiative to standardize stroke treatment significantly improved outcomes for millions of patients during its first 20 years, enhancing quality of care at over 2,800 U.S. hospitals, including UTSW.

[More nutrition training proposed in medical education](#)

A national panel of nutrition and education experts, including the Director of Culinary Medicine at UTSW, has proposed 36 nutrition training competencies to incorporate into the education of physician trainees.



Abstract submissions now open for Women in Science and Medicine celebration

The Women in Science and Medicine Advisory Committee ([WISMAC](#)) invites you to submit abstracts for the 2025 Celebration of Women in Science and Medicine Poster Session on April 9. The event is dedicated to elevating the visibility and recognition of women in science and medicine at UT Southwestern and has been held every spring since 2018.

Female scientists, clinicians, and educators (including faculty, postdocs, fellows, residents, and students) at UT Southwestern, are encouraged to send in an abstract for a poster presentation in basic science, clinical/translational, or public health/education research. Each presenting author may enter only one abstract.

The submission deadline is Jan. 31.

For guidelines and details on the poster session, click the button below. If you have additional questions, email wismac@utsouthwestern.edu.

[Details](#)



Join the Head for the Cure 5K!

This year's Head for the Cure 5K – North Texas isn't until May. We're telling you now because through Jan. 10, you can receive a 53% discount on your early registration fee.

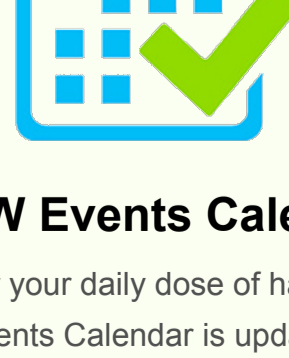
Whether you walk, run, or cheer, you're invited to team up with the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute (OBI) and raise money for brain cancer research and patient care.

Here's how to join the UTSW O'Donnell Brain Institute team and take advantage of the \$15 registration fee:

- Visit headforthecure.org/northtexas
- Select **Join a Team**
- Locate our Team: **UT Southwestern O'Donnell Brain Institute Team**
- Select **New Year's Sale**

Let's make a difference together in the fight against brain cancer.

[Details](#)



UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?
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