



2019 Nobel Laureate to keynote Seldin Symposium

William G. Kaelin Jr., M.D., a recipient of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology and a Professor of Medicine at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, will deliver the keynote address at this year's Donald W. Seldin, M.D., Research Symposium, the annual research showcase hosted by UT Southwestern's Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Kaelin and two colleagues, Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe and Gregg L. Semenza, shared the 2019 Nobel Prize for identifying the molecular mechanisms of how cells sense and adapt to changing levels of oxygen. Their discovery could pave the way for new treatments for cancer, anemia, and other diseases.

At the symposium, Dr. Kaelin will present on "New Treatments for Anemia, Ischemia, and Cancer Emerging from Studies of von Hippel-Lindau Disease" during [Internal Medicine Grand Rounds](#) on April 19, at 8 a.m. in D1.502.

Another symposium highlight is the [Seldin-Smith Physician Scientist Lecture](#) by **Steven E. Mansoor, M.D., Ph.D.**, of Oregon Health and Science University, titled "From Molecular Structure to Drug Development: How Structural Biology Can Impact Cardiovascular Medicine." Dr. Mansoor will present at noon.

[Keynote details](#)

Transplant milestones, and a very special reunion

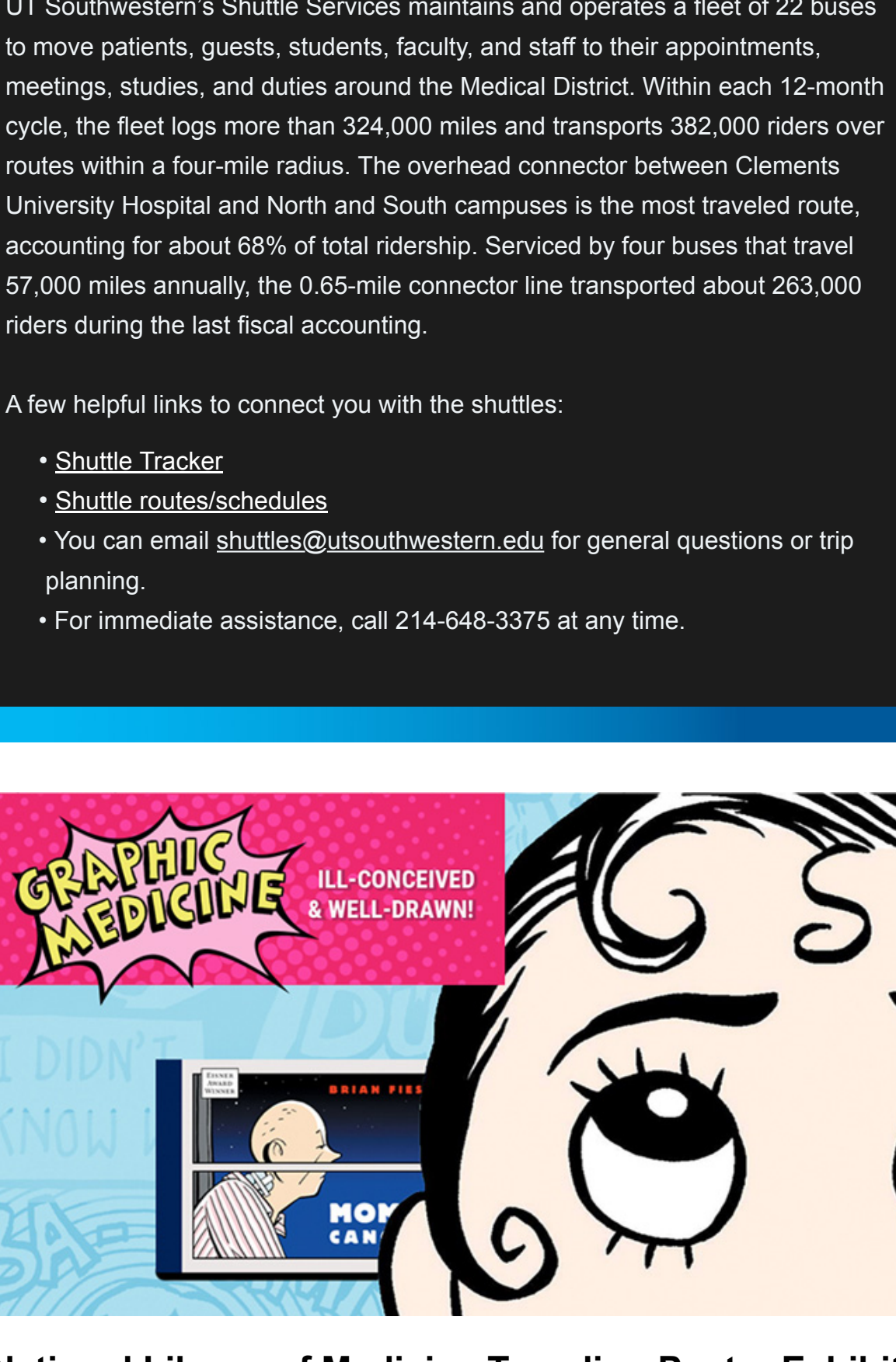
The UT Southwestern Transplant Program, performing more transplants annually than any other North Texas program for the fourth year in a row, tallied 473 transplants in 2023 – the most in the program's history. Among the recent milestones reached are UTSW's 1,500th kidney transplant, 1,000th lung transplant, and 1,000th liver transplant. Read more in [Center Times Plus](#) about the UTSW Transplant Program's drive for growth, spirit of innovation, and legacy of quality.

Every April, in observance of National Donate Life Month, the Transplant Program hosts a Transplant Reunion event. This gathering of past recipients and living donors from all UTSW programs celebrates the lives saved through transplant and honors the heroes who have made it possible through the gift of donation.

The keynote speaker for this year's reunion said she prefers to use the term "thrivers" rather than "survivors."

"I never expected to be whole again, but I am," said **Marilyn Richardson, M.D.**, a former surgeon and reproductive endocrinologist who received a double-lung transplant at UT Southwestern. "Today, at age 74, I play tennis and pickleball, and I play piano every day again, which is something I love. That's all thanks to some of the finest transplant doctors and nurses in the world. And a generous donor."

Read more about the reunion [in this MedBlog](#).



Did you know?

UT Southwestern's Shuttle Services maintains and operates a fleet of 22 buses to move patients, guests, students, faculty, and staff to their appointments, meetings, studies, and duties around the Medical District. Within each 12-month cycle, the fleet logs more than 324,000 miles and transports 382,000 riders over routes within a four-mile radius. The overhead connector between Clements University Hospital and North and South campuses is the most traveled route, accounting for about 68% of total ridership. Serviced by four buses that travel 57,000 miles annually, the 0.65-mile connector line transported about 263,000 riders during the last fiscal accounting.

A few helpful links to connect you with the shuttles:

- [Shuttle Tracker](#)
- [Shuttle routes/schedules](#)
- You can email shuttles@utsouthwestern.edu for general questions or trip planning.
- For immediate assistance, call 214-648-3375 at any time.

National Library of Medicine Traveling Poster Exhibit

The field of graphic medicine is an emerging genre of medical literature combining the art of comics and personal illness narratives. The topic will be explored in the National Library of Medicine Travelling Poster Exhibit, hosted by our friends at the UTSW Library.

Works will be on display April 29–June 4 at E2.200 in the Florence Building. The banner exhibition and [companion website](#), "Graphic Medicine: Ill-Conceived & Well-Drawn!," will feature the work of artist, educator, and *New York Times* bestselling-author and artist Ellen Forney.

Feeling creative? A coloring book with images taken from the rare Hebra's *Atlas of Skin Diseases* will be available for [download](#) or pickup near the exhibit.

A pathway viruses should FEAR

A team led by UT Southwestern scientists has discovered an antiviral immune pathway that broadly fights a wide variety of viruses. Known as the FACT-ETS-1 Antiviral Response (FEAR) pathway, it has no connection to the interferon response pathway, which has been thought to be the major way mammalian cells fight off viruses.

The group, led by **Don Gammon, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Microbiology (pictured above with graduate student researcher Rex), found FEAR by investigating a poxvirus called A51R, which acts as an immune evasion protein that helps these viruses counter cellular antiviral defenses. Their research suggests that FEAR is present in many organisms, including humans, bats, insects, and worms, indicating that this pathway may be evolutionarily much older than the interferon response.

The FEAR pathway also appears to work against a broad array of viruses in different families, including rhabdoviruses (which cause rabies), flaviviruses (which cause Zika, dengue, and yellow fever), and orthomyxoviruses (which cause influenza).

[News release](#)

COVID-19: Latest Clements University Hospital (CUH) and campus numbers

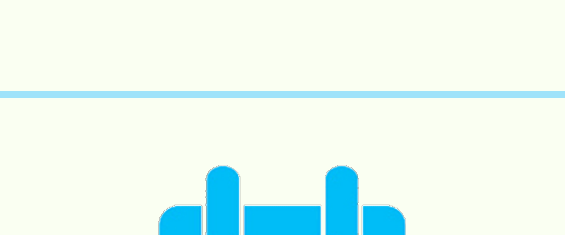
UTSW COVID-19 Census Update (CUH)

April 16, 2024	COVID-19 Hospitalizations March 2020 – Present
Non-ICU	5
ICU	0
Total in CUH	5

UTSW COVID-19 Cases (Campus)

Source of Infection	Week of 4/5 - 4/11	Cumulative Total 3/1/20 - 4/11/24
Off Campus (Community)	9	14,798
Campus	0	355
Pending Source of Infection	0	0
Total	9	15,153

Insider Guide



Multicultural Celebration

11:15 a.m.–1:30 p.m., April 10
Professional Office Building Green Space

Join us in celebrating our differences and strengths with an outdoor, fun-filled display of cultures hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity. There will be food trucks, games, and the opportunity to learn about or join one of UTSW's Business Resource Groups (BRGs).

Parking near the venue will be limited. If able, employees are encouraged to walk to the event or take the UTSW shuttle.

[More info](#)



Wendy & Emery Reves International Breast Cancer Symposium

May 3–4
T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Building

Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center is hosting a symposium to review progress in breast cancer research and clinical care with leading experts nationwide. Co-chairs **Carlos L. Arteaga, M.D.**, **Deborah Farr, M.D.**, and **Heather McArthur, M.D., M.P.H.**, will moderate key discussions, including a keynote with **Joan Massagué, Ph.D.**, of Memorial Sloan Kettering.

[Register to attend](#)



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