

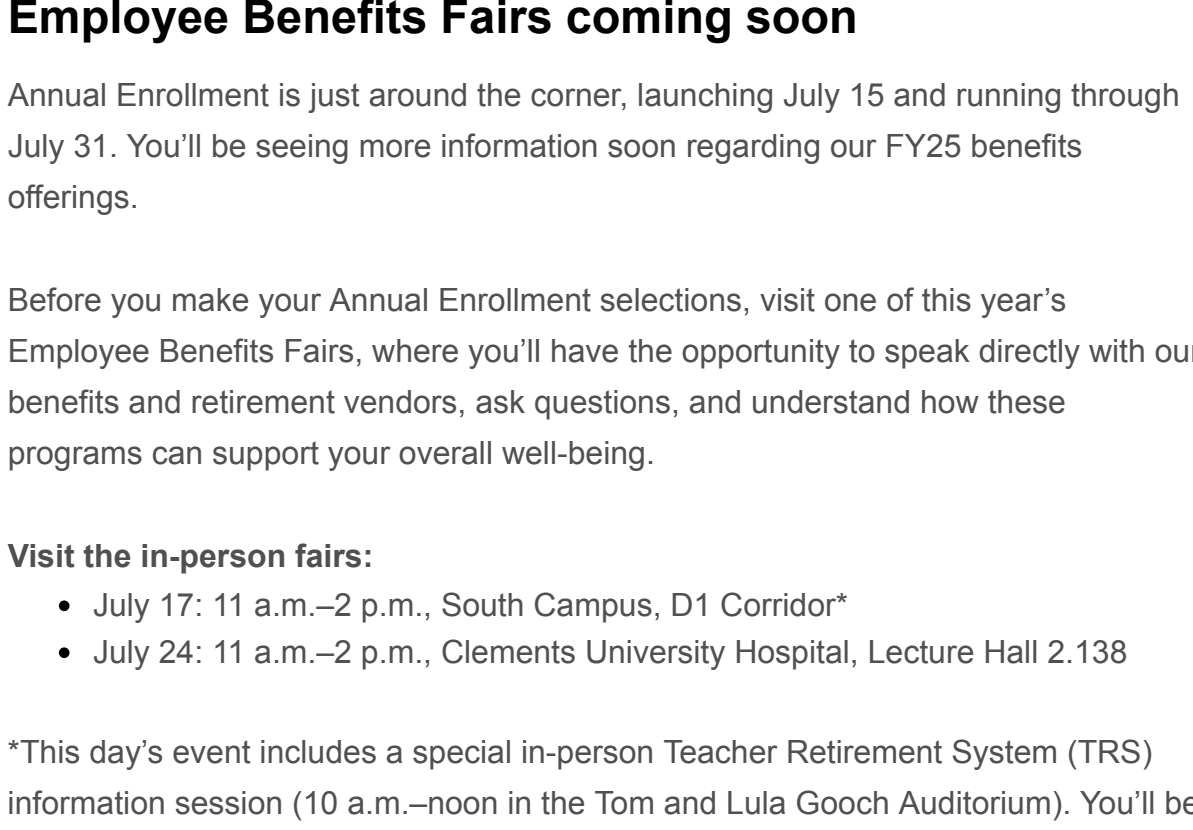
### Reminder: Deadline near for VPN migration

As communicated in a recent edition of *UTSW Insider*, UT Southwestern is transitioning from the Ivanti virtual private network (VPN) platform to GlobalProtect, our new VPN tool.

All UT Southwestern VPN users who have not migrated to GlobalProtect must do so by July 31. After that date, you will no longer have VPN access using Ivanti.

For information and instructions about installing and using GlobalProtect, visit: [Set Up Virtual Private Network \(VPN\) Access](#)

If you have questions, contact the service desk at 214-648-7600 or via [email](#).



### Employee Benefits Fairs coming soon

Annual Enrollment is just around the corner, launching July 15 and running through July 31. You'll be seeing more information soon regarding our FY25 benefits offerings.

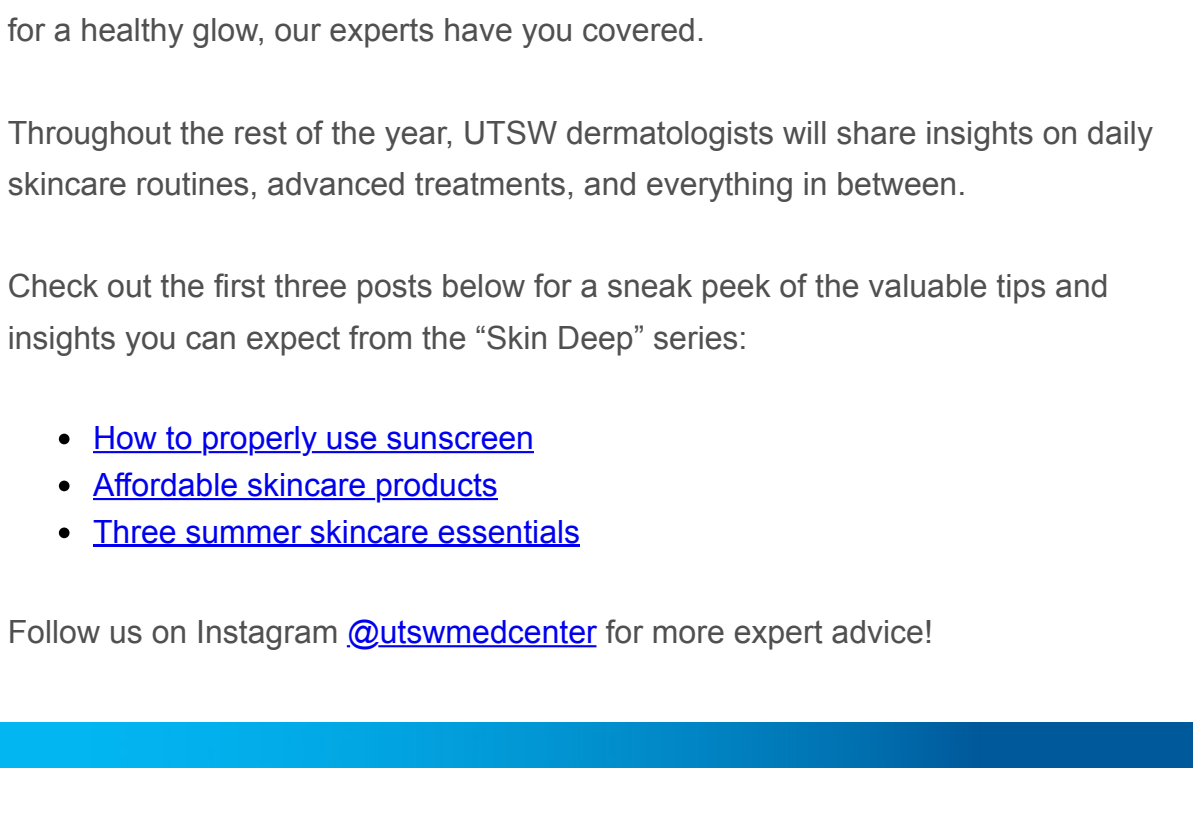
Before you make your Annual Enrollment selections, visit one of this year's Employee Benefits Fairs, where you'll have the opportunity to speak directly with our benefits and retirement vendors, ask questions, and understand how these programs can support your overall well-being.

#### Visit the in-person fairs:

- July 17: 11 a.m.–2 p.m., South Campus, D1 Corridor\*
- July 24: 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Clements University Hospital, Lecture Hall 2.138

\*This day's event includes a special in-person Teacher Retirement System (TRS) information session (10 a.m.–noon in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium). You'll be able to learn more about eligibility, tiers, calculation of benefits, retirement plans, employment after retirement, and more.

The Benefits team is here to support you. Reach out via [email](#) or call 214-648-9830 with questions or for assistance.



### Social Scoop: Skin Deep series on Instagram

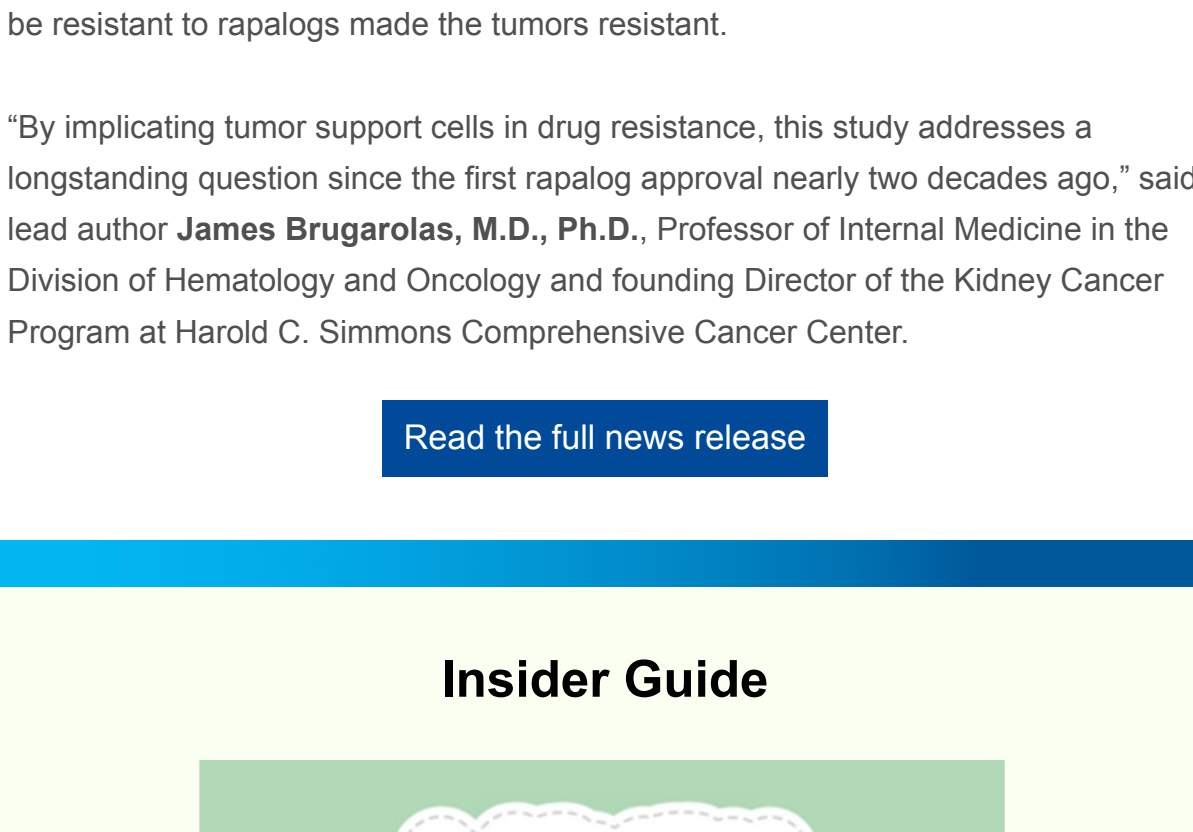
Discover the ultimate guide to summer skin protection with the new "Skin Deep" series, brought to you by the experts in the UTSW Department of Dermatology. Whether you're battling acne, managing severe skin conditions, or just seeking tips for a healthy glow, our experts have you covered.

Throughout the rest of the year, UTSW dermatologists will share insights on daily skincare routines, advanced treatments, and everything in between.

Check out the first three posts below for a sneak peek of the valuable tips and insights you can expect from the "Skin Deep" series:

- [How to properly use sunscreen](#)
- [Affordable skincare products](#)
- [Three summer skincare essentials](#)

Follow us on Instagram [@utswmedcenter](#) for more expert advice!



### Study uncovers unexpected mechanism of drug resistance in kidney cancer

A new study from [UTSW's Kidney Cancer Program](#) is shedding light on an unanticipated role that nontumor cells play in mediating the therapeutic effects of rapalog drugs in kidney cancer. Rapalogs (or rapamycin analogs) are used to treat renal cell carcinoma (RCC) and other tumor types, but their utility is hindered because tumors become resistant over time.

Resistance to therapies such as rapalogs often involves mutations in the drug target that interfere with drug binding. However, mTOR, the drug target, is not mutated when RCC tumors become resistant.

[To model this](#), investigators in the [Brugarolas lab](#) gave rapamycin to mice transplanted with patient RCC tumors until resistance developed. Researchers found the drug still blocked mTOR activity in tumor cells, but strikingly, mTOR became reactivated in cells around the tumor, known as the tumor microenvironment. Notably, transplanting tumors into mice genetically engineered to be resistant to rapalogs made the tumors resistant.

"By implicating tumor support cells in drug resistance, this study addresses a longstanding question since the first rapalog approval nearly two decades ago," said lead author **James Brugarolas, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Internal Medicine in the Division of Hematology and Oncology and founding Director of the Kidney Cancer Program at Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center.

[Read the full news release](#)

## Insider Guide



### Mindfulness and Headspace Workshop

Noon–1 p.m., July 11 | Virtual

Discover the importance of meditation and learn about the extensive resources offered by Headspace, the free mental health service available to all UTSW employees and their families. Presenters include **Brittany Washington, LMSW**, Clinical Counselor at Harmony Community Development Corporation, and **April Brooks, LCSW-S**, Employee Support Liaison for UTSW's Office of Employee Relations and Support.

[Register](#)



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