



## Hamon Charitable Foundation donates \$25 million to pediatric hospital campus

The Hamon Charitable Foundation, a longtime benefactor of UT Southwestern Medical Center and Children's Health, has donated \$25 million toward the transformative pediatric campus to be built in Dallas' Southwestern Medical District across from UTSW's William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital. The gift builds upon a long and generous legacy of philanthropy by Nancy and Jake Hamon and their foundation, who have now given more than \$135 million to fund biomedical research, education, facilities, and patient care at UT Southwestern and Children's Health.

"For more than 40 years, the Hamons and the Hamon Foundation have helped to fuel the growth of our research and clinical programs, making an enduring impact on the health of our community," said **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, President of UT Southwestern. "Their generosity and foresight have propelled the translation of discoveries into novel therapeutics and treatments for patients worldwide while also helping to ensure our ability to provide care needed by those in our own community."

Read more about the Hamons and their legacy of giving at UT Southwestern and beyond.

[Read the news release](#)

## ICYMI: Listen to the first campus briefing of FY25

Last week, Dr. Podolsky delivered his first campus briefing of the new fiscal year. Online you'll find [his full address](#) and a searchable [transcript](#).

Below are key topics with timecodes to indicate where they appear in the recording.

- Leadership updates (1:40)
- *U.S. News & World Report* rankings (4:15)
- Employee engagement survey season (6:35)
- Faculty and employee recognition opportunities (9:50)
- Flu and COVID-19 prevention (12:30)
- State Employee Charitable Campaign (15:20)
- Financial performance (16:00)
- Coming attractions (18:30)
- Employee Q&A (23:00)

If you have additional questions or topic suggestions for future campus briefings, email them to [questions@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:questions@utsouthwestern.edu) with "President" in the subject line.

## Updated COVID-19 vaccines available now

Beginning today, employees, students, and UTSW patients may receive the new formulation of the COVID-19 vaccine at our retail pharmacies.

### Dates and locations

- We are offering the vaccine at all UTSW retail pharmacies **by appointment only through MyChart**. Location details are [available online](#) and include Clements University Hospital, James W. Aston Ambulatory Care Center, UTSW Monty and Tex Moncrief Medical Center at Fort Worth, UTSW at Frisco, and UTSW at RedBird. Please note that immunizations are **not available at our specialty pharmacies**.
- You can start scheduling now, with appointments available on weekdays beginning today.

### Scheduling

To book your COVID-19 appointment at any of our retail pharmacies, please schedule via [MyChart](#). (Click the "Schedule an Appointment" icon, where you will find an option for COVID-19 vaccination.) If you would like to receive your flu and COVID-19 vaccinations simultaneously, you may schedule both through MyChart.

Please be prepared with this information:

- The date of your most recent COVID-19 vaccine dose
- Preference of vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna)
- Your prescription benefit insurance information

The new vaccine is monovalent and specifically targets the omicron variant KP.2 strain of SARS-CoV-2 and has also been shown to provide protection against other circulating variants.

Since the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services withdrew its COVID-19 mandate for health care workers, COVID-19 vaccination is now optional for members of our Health System.

If you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccination, please email the [COVID-19 vaccination team](#).

For questions about the annual flu shot, you can [email Occupational Health](#), or visit [Campus Update](#) or [UTSW's flu webpage](#).

## SECC kicks off with a new way to donate, pop-up events, and prizes

Help make a profound impact on the lives of those in need by participating in the Texas State Employee Charitable Campaign ([SECC](#)) now through Oct. 31! UT Southwestern employees can donate to any of [several hundred state-vetted charities](#).

How to donate:

- [Monthly payroll deduction](#) via PeopleSoft
- [One-time donation](#) via the new Converge Pay online tool

This year, **just by participating in the campaign, you could win one of 50 prizes**, including FC Dallas and Mavs gear, State Fair of Texas tickets, LED speakers, charcuterie board sets, gift baskets, and more.

Another new 2024 addition is a series of pop-up events happening across campus and at our regional sites. At the pop-ups, you'll be able to get help with making your donation, enjoy treats, and collect some swag! Our first location is at UTSW Medical Center at RedBird today from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Education Room RB1.114.

And in case you missed it, you can learn more about the campaign in a [message to campus](#) from campaign co-Chairs **Helen Yin, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean of Women's Careers and Professor of Physiology, and **Marc Nivet, Ed.D., M.B.A.**, Executive Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

Visit the UTSW events calendar for a full list of pop-ups.

[Pop-up event schedule](#)

## Teaming up with Dallas Trinity FC to promote health

Dallas Trinity FC, DFW's newest pro women's team in the United Soccer League, made its debut Aug. 30 against Barcelona FC, with UTSW proudly supporting from the sidelines.

As the new Official Health Care Partner of Dallas Trinity FC, UT Southwestern and the club will work together to advance health and fitness causes, focusing on women and children in the North Texas community through upcoming initiatives.

Check out our game recap on Instagram, where you can spot "UT Southwestern Sports Medicine" emblazoned on the team's training kit and arena signage. The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery will be leading the team's medical care.

[Game recap](#)

## An introduction to the latest Strauss Award honorees

Which of your Health System colleagues rose to the top to be named second-quarter recipients of the Diana and Richard C. Strauss Service Excellence Award?

In this story on [Center Times Plus](#), you'll get to meet these six employees and learn what made them stand out.

They contribute to our care mission in very different ways: assisting surgeons through operations, bridging language barriers to connect patients to care, ensuring executives' calendars flow smoothly, meticulously managing medical records, finding answers through medical imaging, and helping keep patients safe and comfortable as they recover from surgery.

They were recognized on Aug. 16 during a virtual celebration hosted by **Jonathan Efron, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs; a recording of the ceremony also is available on [CT Plus](#).

[Meet the Strauss Award winners](#)

## Get ready for Heart Walk with 1, 2, 3 Step Challenge

It's time to start preparing for the Dallas Heart Walk! No better way to do that than the Sept. 10-20 Step Challenge through the Living Well Platform. The 11-day program will help you get conditioned and ready for the Sept. 21 event, while earning 50 points on our wellness platform (available Sept. 10). Find out more about the challenge, the Heart Walk, and Living Well on the [UT Southwestern Wellness webpage](#).

### Heart Walk details and updates

Plan to arrive early for a UTSW Executive Meet & Greet starting at 8 a.m., followed by the opening ceremony and a company group photo at 8:30 a.m., then your choice of a 1-mile or 3-mile walk at 9 a.m. If you haven't registered yet, we encourage you to join a [UTSW team](#) or sign up as an [individual walker](#). After you've registered, fill out the form to receive your custom 2024 UTSW T-shirt. **The last day to order a T-shirt is Sept. 17.** There will be no T-shirts available at the event.

For T-shirt questions, event updates, and more, click the button below.

[Heart Walk 2024](#)

## #ICYMI: ServiceNow to require Duo two-factor authentication

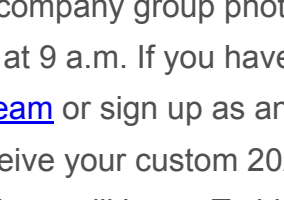
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



To further improve our cybersecurity infrastructure, Information Resources plans to implement two-factor authentication for ServiceNow on Sept. 12.

Two-factor authentication adds an extra layer of security by requiring users to authenticate access through the Duo app when remote.

More details are available on the [Information Security: Two-Factor Authentication](#) page. If you have questions, please contact the Service Desk at 214-648-7600 or via email at [servicedesk@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:servicedesk@utsouthwestern.edu).



## UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?  
The UTSW Events Calendar is updated every day.

[Click to view upcoming or trending events](#)

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