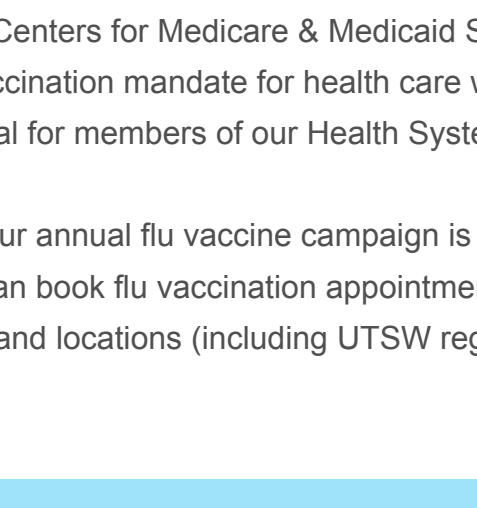


### Expanding access to care

We, along with Texas Health Dallas (THD), are excited to announce the launch of the Texas Health Dallas Strategy – a roadmap for executing the joint vision of UT Southwestern and THD to create a healthier North Texas, together. This strategy refreshes our long-standing relationship to combine the depth of UTSW's specialty care with the breadth of the Texas Health Resources network and to grow key programs on the THD campus in a way that best meets the needs of our local community.

Our two organizations will provide integrated, multidisciplinary care in six differentiated programs that include neuroscience and spine, digestive and liver health, cancer, heart and vascular, orthopedics, and women's health and neonatology care. In addition to these clinical programs, there are many other UTSW programs already in place that remain invaluable to the comprehensive suite of care services we offer our community.

Updates on this important and exciting new endeavor will be shared in future communications.



### Protection from COVID-19 and flu

We know many of you are eager to learn more about the timing and arrival of new COVID-19 vaccines, and we want to assure you those plans are being finalized.

UT Southwestern requested doses of the updated mRNA vaccines designed to target the Omicron subvariant XBB 1.5 and we expect those to arrive to our retail pharmacies any day. We'll let you know once they're available.

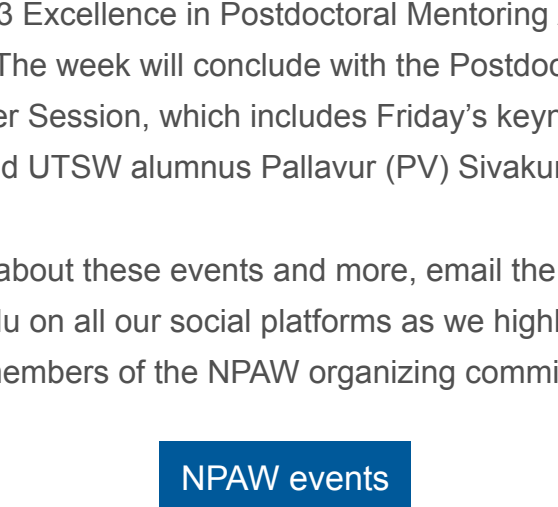
In addition to our pharmacies, we are finalizing plans to also offer COVID-19 vaccines to employees in the Clements University Hospital Education Center for two weeks and will utilize a new scheduling process. We'll provide specifics in upcoming communications. COVID-19 vaccines will no longer be available through Occupational Health.

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

Meanwhile, as of today, our annual flu vaccine campaign is underway for our UTSW community. Employees can book flu vaccination appointments via ReadySet. For information, instructions, and locations (including UTSW regional sites), visit our [Flu webpage](#).

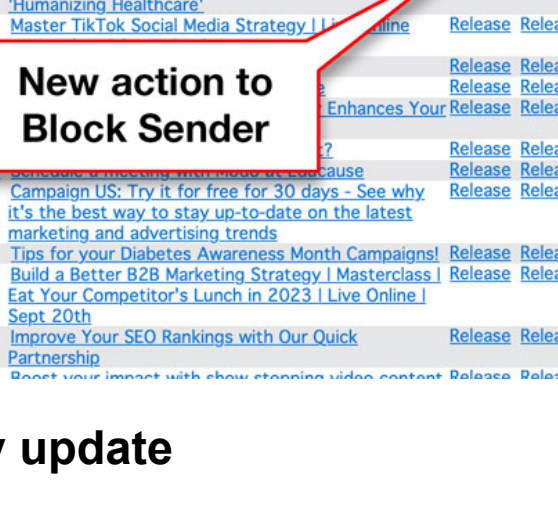
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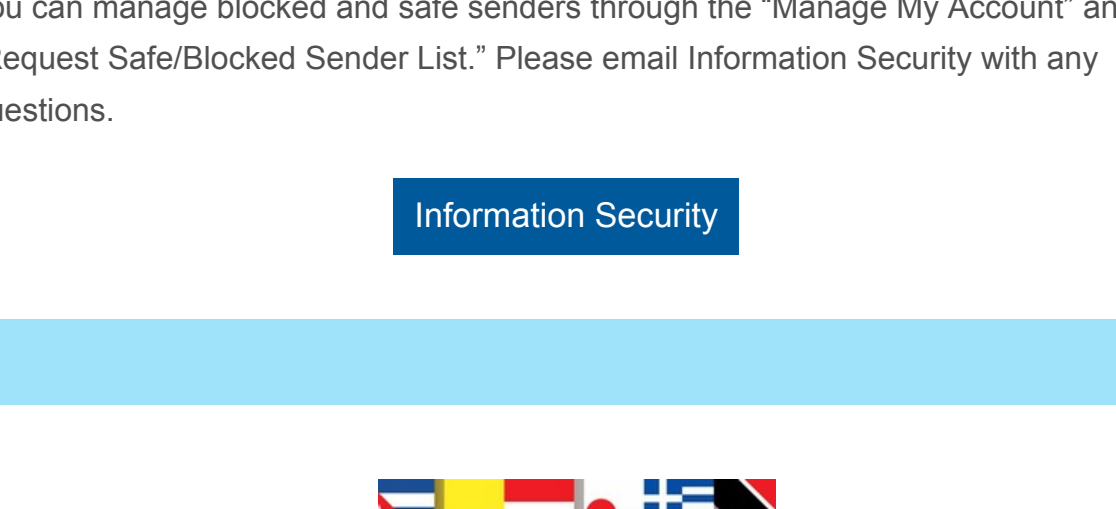
Appointment of Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs

Leadership announcement



2023 Leaders in Clinical Excellence Award Winners

Award recipients



### Celebrating Postdoc Appreciation Week

Our postdoctoral training program houses over 570 postdocs across UT Southwestern's labs, and they play a vital role in the research conducted at UTSW.

In celebration of National Postdoc Appreciation Week (NPAW), today through Friday, the Postdoctoral Association is hosting several events to honor the work they do. Today at noon, the festivities kick off with a seminar from molecular geneticist and winner of the 2023 Excellence in Postdoctoral Mentoring Award, Russell DeBose-Boyd, Ph.D. This evening will conclude with the Postdoctoral Symposium and Poster Session, which includes Friday's keynote lecture by immuno-oncologist and UTSW alumnus Pallavur (PV) Sivakumar, Ph.D.

For more information about these events and more, email the [Postdoctoral Office](#) and follow @UTSWedu on all our social platforms as we highlight our postdocs! (Pictured above are members of the NPAW organizing committee.)

NPAW events

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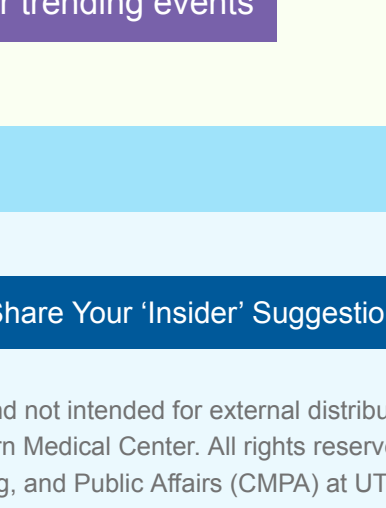
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### Email security update

Incoming messages from external senders route through Proofpoint – an email security solution – before being delivered to your UT Southwestern inbox. You currently receive a daily summary called "End User Digest," which lists external messages addressed to you that have been placed on hold because they triggered anti-spam rules. Beginning Thursday, Sept. 21, you will be able to select "Block Sender" as a new action in the digest. Emails from blocked senders will no longer appear in your End User Digest.

You can manage blocked and safe senders through the "Manage My Account" and "Request Safe/Blocked Sender List." Please email Information Security with any questions.

Information Security



### Learn language and culture through Conversation Partners

The Office of International Affairs is looking for American volunteers and international visitors who would like to participate in its [Conversation Partners Program](#).

It matches international visitors at UTSW with native English-speaking employees for conversation and cultural exchange, while also forging new friendships.

Registration is open through Oct. 9 for the fall session (Oct. 23, 2023–March 1, 2024). New volunteers will attend a virtual orientation, and there is an open house tentatively scheduled for Oct. 27, where volunteers and international visitors can meet their assigned Conversation Partner and enjoy lunch.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of International Affairs via [email](#) or by calling 214-648-0010.

Register

### Insider survey: Can you converse in more than one language?

Yes No



### Sea life mural brightens pediatric burn unit

The healing power of art is on full display at Parkland's Burn Center, where a vibrant sea life mural now covers the walls and ceiling of a wound care room, providing a magical diversion and a healing environment for pediatric patients. The mural was the brainchild of the burn unit's nursing and child specialist teams and was designed by a UT Southwestern medical student. A volunteer team that included students from UTSW and a local high school spent three months painting 150 turtles, seals, dolphins, clownfish, and other sea creatures in the underwater wonderland.

Handprints in the sand belong to two pediatric burn patients, and they serve as a beautiful reminder of the connection between art, teamwork, and compassionate care.

See photos and more on [Center Times Plus](#).

Healing waters



### UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings? Check out the UTSW Events Calendar, which is updated every day.

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