

Watch: Pediatric campus groundbreaking tomorrow

Tuesday will mark an exciting milestone for UT Southwestern and our partners at Children’s Health, as ground is broken for construction of the new \$5 billion pediatric health campus across from William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital.

Employees will be able to tune in to the celebratory event and a special announcement via livestream at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Oct. 1. (Please note: If you plan to watch the livestream, our Information Resources department recommends that you first disconnect from VPN.)

Spanning more than 33 acres, the pediatric campus is the next chapter in our more than 60-year partnership with Children’s Health and “will elevate clinical innovation and transformative science that will benefit pediatric patients and their families for generations to come,” said UT Southwestern President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.** “The expertise on our campus, supported by state-of-the-art technologies and facilities, will enhance our commitment to excellence and compassion in providing the very best care for children and position us to accelerate the future of pediatric medicine together.”

You can read more about the pediatric campus in the [UTSW news release](#).

[Livestream](#)



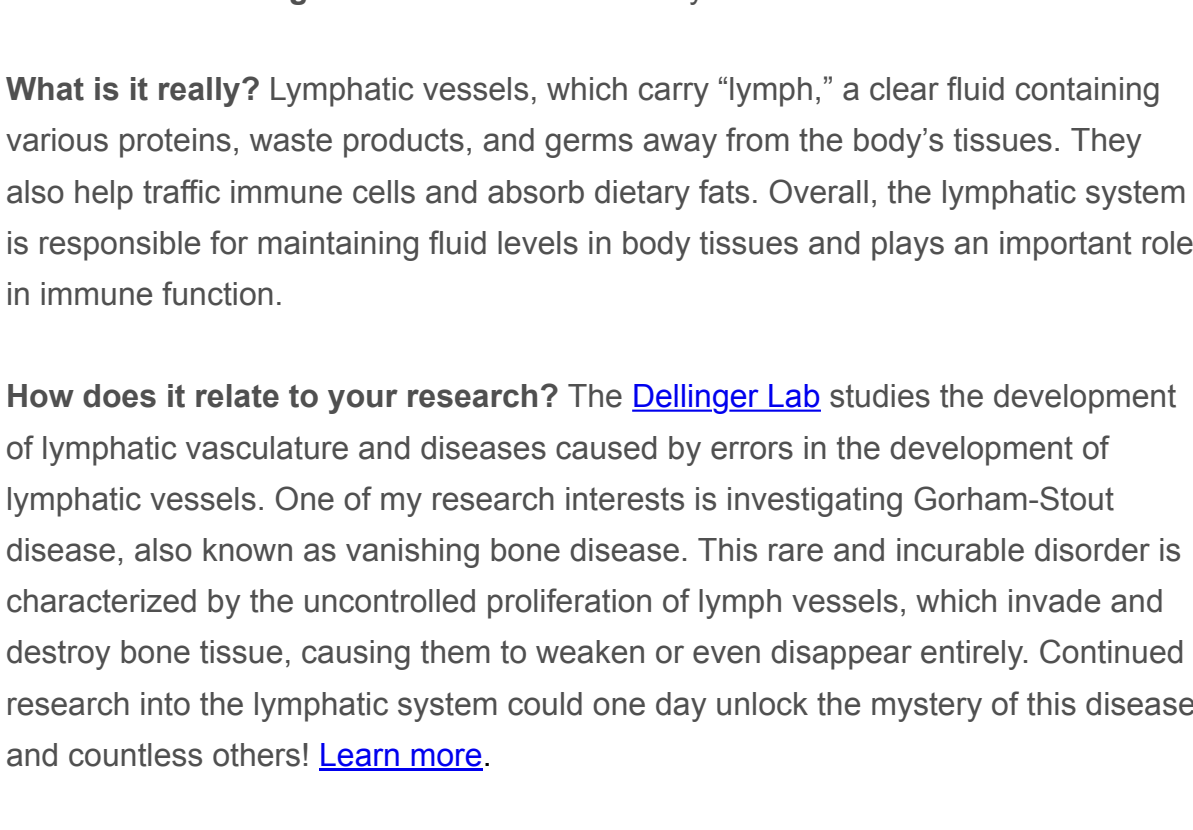
Learn a new language through Conversation Partners

The Office of International Affairs is looking for native English speakers and international visitors who would like to participate in its [Conversation Partners program](#). The initiative 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. 18 for the fall session (Oct. 28 through March 3, 2025). New volunteers will attend a virtual orientation, and there is an open house tentatively scheduled for Nov. 1, where participants can meet their assigned conversation partner and enjoy lunch.

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

[Information/registration](#)



#OpenMic

Open Mic Monday: Putting science in the spotlight

This month on #OpenMic, please welcome **Michael Dellinger, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor in the Departments of Surgery and Molecular Biology.

What does the image above look like? Gummy worms or fallen tree branches.

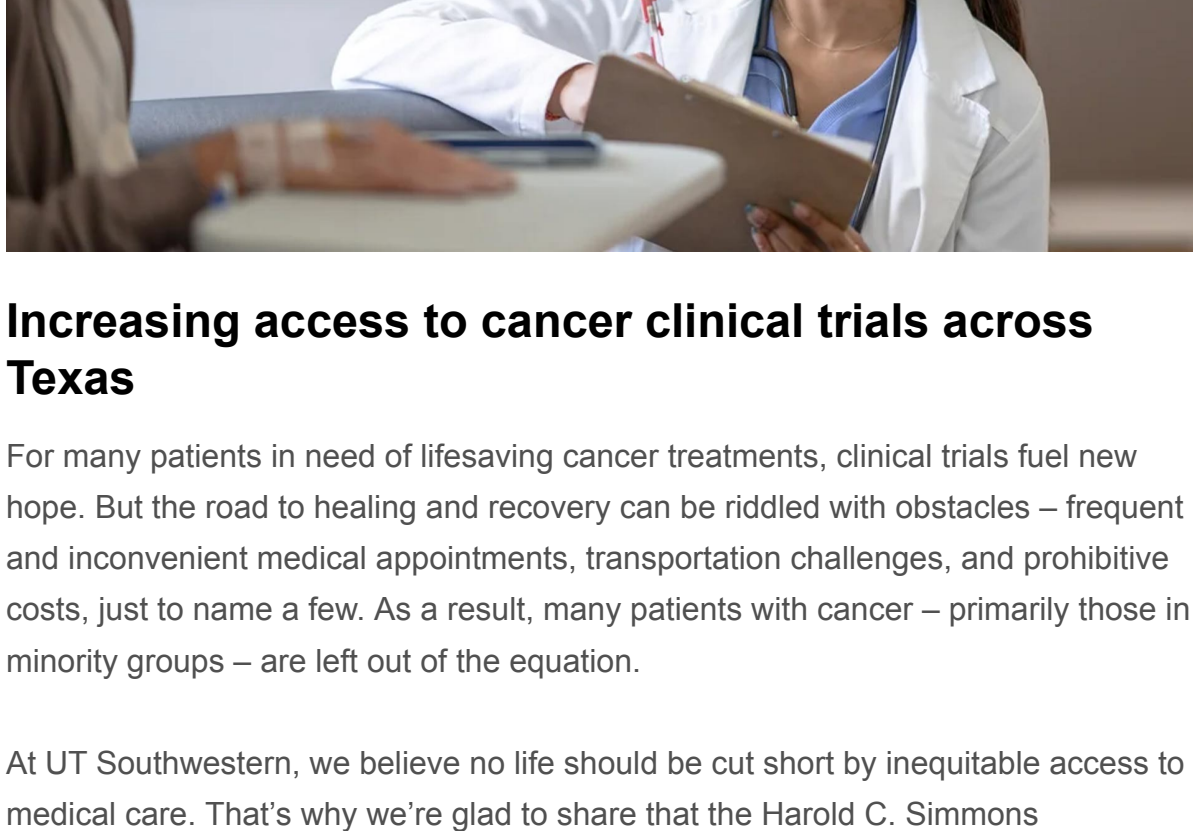
What is it really? Lymphatic vessels, which carry “lymph,” a clear fluid containing various proteins, waste products, and germs away from the body’s tissues. They also help traffic immune cells and absorb dietary fats. Overall, the lymphatic system is responsible for maintaining fluid levels in body tissues and plays an important role in immune function.

How does it relate to your research? The [Dellinger Lab](#) studies the development of lymphatic vasculature and diseases caused by errors in the development of lymphatic vessels. One of my research interests is investigating Gorham-Stout disease, also known as vanishing bone disease. This rare and incurable disorder is characterized by the uncontrolled proliferation of lymph vessels, which invade and destroy bone tissue, causing them to weaken or even disappear entirely. Continued research into the lymphatic system could one day unlock the mystery of this disease and countless others! [Learn more](#).

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New Women’s Mental Health Fellowship

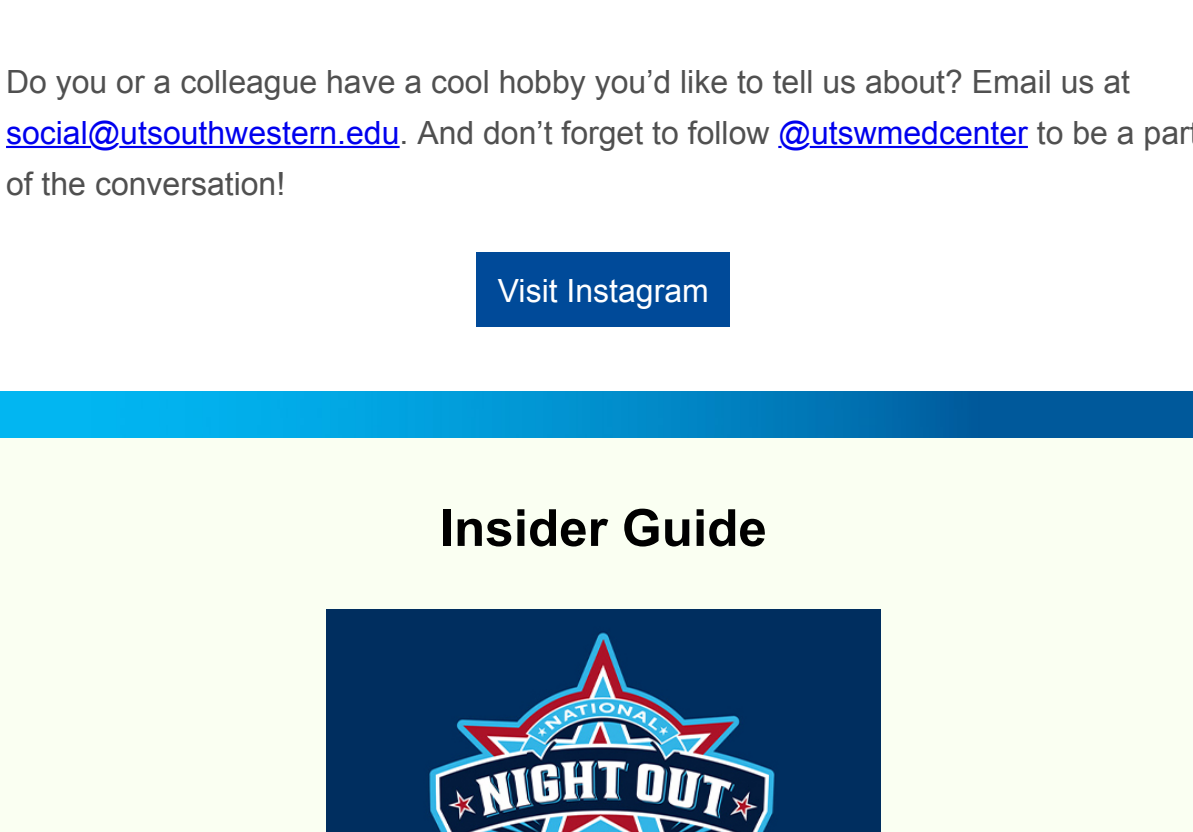
The Department of Psychiatry is pleased to announce the Women’s Mental Health Fellowship, a one-year, funded, Texas Medical Board-accredited clinical specialty training program for psychiatry residency graduates. This unique program is one of a few of its kind in the nation and one of only two offered in Texas.

With a focus on perinatal psychiatry, trauma-related disorders, and eating disorders, the fellowship will provide comprehensive clinical training. Participants will work alongside multidisciplinary teams, including obstetric and addiction specialists. Through rotations at Parkland Health and UTSW clinics, fellows will also gain hands-on experience treating women at every stage of their reproductive life.

This fellowship is supported by Parkland Health and the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium.

Applications are open through Jan. 1, 2025.

[Learn more and apply](#)



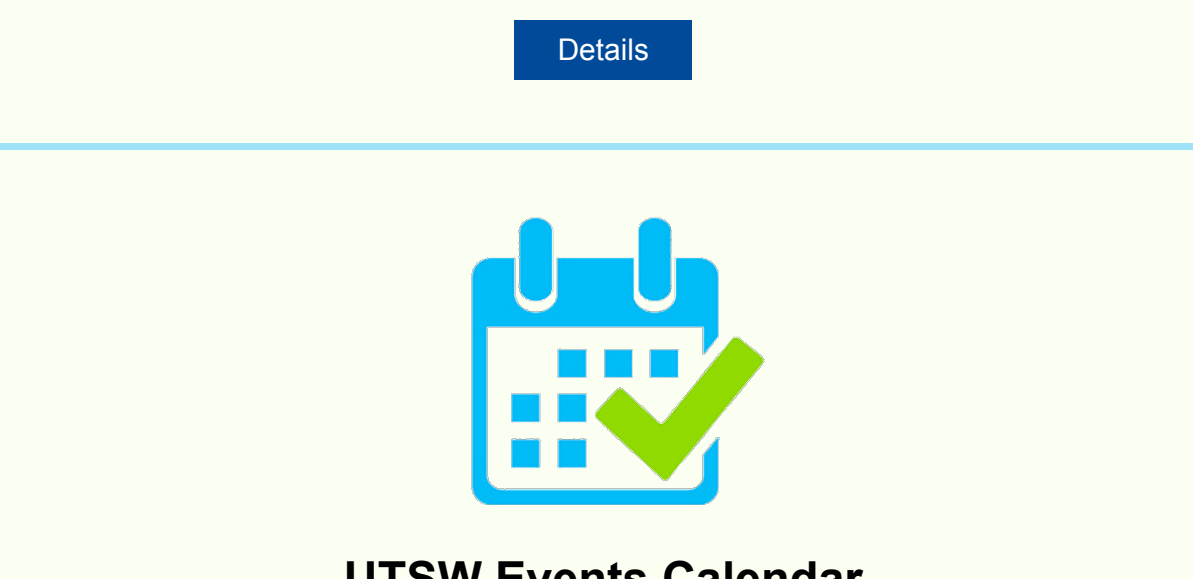
Increasing access to cancer clinical trials across Texas

For many patients in need of lifesaving cancer treatments, clinical trials fuel new hope. But the road to healing and recovery can be riddled with obstacles – frequent and inconvenient medical appointments, transportation challenges, and prohibitive costs, just to name a few. As a result, many patients with cancer – primarily those in minority groups – are left out of the equation.

At UT Southwestern, we believe no life should be cut short by inequitable access to medical care. That’s why we’re glad to share that the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center has secured four new grants aimed at breaking down barriers to care, offering financial assistance and other helpful resources.

Learn how UT Southwestern is helping as many people as possible benefit from new and vital therapies that might have otherwise been out of reach.

[Read the MedBlog](#)



Off the Clock: Uncovering hidden passions of UTSW employees

Off the Clock is a series showcasing the fun and fascinating lives of our employees outside of work. From unique hobbies to amazing life experiences, we’re looking to celebrate our colleagues and learn about the passions that fuel them.

This week, we’re featuring **Mychael Solis-Wheeler, M.B.A., M.S., CRA**, from Financial Affairs in the Peter O’Donnell Jr. School of Public Health, who tells us about his love for traveling. He recently visited Paris to witness the Olympics, where he had the unforgettable experience of watching the French rugby team win gold – in real time. From exploring historic landmarks to attending once-in-a-lifetime events, Mychael shares his thirst for adventure and discovering new places.

Do you or a colleague have a cool hobby you’d like to tell us about? Email us at social@utsouthwestern.edu. And don’t forget to follow [@utswmedcenter](#) to be a part of the conversation!

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Insider Guide



National Night Out with UTSW Police

5:30-8 p.m., Oct. 1

UTSW Police Station (6010 Forest Park Road, Dallas)

At this annual community-building event, hosted by the UT Southwestern Police Department, there will be safety booths, fun outdoor games, and a visit from the Nacho Loco food truck. Don’t miss this opportunity to connect with colleagues and learn more about safety in our community. For additional information, contact the UTSW Police nonemergency number at 214-648-8311 or via [email](#).

[Details](#)



Komen Fort Worth MORE THAN PINK Walk

7-10 a.m., Oct. 5

5188 Monahans Ave., Fort Worth

The Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center is proud to sponsor this year’s Komen MORE THAN PINK Walk in Fort Worth. Join the team and help honor those affected by breast cancer. Meet outside Hope Village at 8 a.m. to walk together. Register [here](#).

[Details](#)

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