



Children’s Medical Center Dallas recognized among nation’s best pediatric hospitals

Congratulations are in order for our colleagues in the UT Southwestern Pediatric Group – faculty, advanced practice providers, staff, and trainees – for their role in Children’s Medical Center Dallas again being named among the top children’s hospitals in the country in all 11 specialty areas.

It is the only hospital in North Texas, and one of a select few in the country, to achieve this distinction in the *U.S. News & World Report* annual 2024-2025 rankings released yesterday.

Children’s Medical Center Dallas is also ranked the No. 1 children’s hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth and No. 2 in Texas.

For more details and specialty rankings, please see the [message to campus](#) from UTSW President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, **Jonathan Efron, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs, and **W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean of the UT Southwestern Medical School.

A second opinion becomes a second chance

Mansfield resident Ryen Esquivel remembers being crushed by the news: She was told she had stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. A doctor at another facility predicted she had, at best, a few years to live.

Her desire to see her 15-year-old son grow up inspired her to seek a second opinion, leading her to UT Southwestern and medical oncologist **Dawn Klemow, M.D.** Suddenly her world turned right side up once again. Feelings of dread transformed into hope.

“I could tell things were going to be different from the moment I pulled up to the UT Southwestern Cancer Care Outpatient Building – just by the way the valet greeted me,” Mrs. Esquivel recalled. “Everyone – and I mean everyone – was so nice and so focused on making sure that patients feel they’re truly cared about.

“They were all rooting for me, in sync, and committed to what they do. I knew they were going to do everything they could to save my life.”

A new story on *Center Times Plus* reveals the outcome of Mrs. Esquivel’s journey and details how her care team set out to treat her.

[Read the full story](#)

Final chance to take the engagement surveys

Thank you to those who have taken the time to fill out your employee engagement survey, whether it’s the annual Values in Practice (VIP) or the Safety, Communication, Operational Risk, Resiliency/Burnout, and Engagement (SCORE) survey.

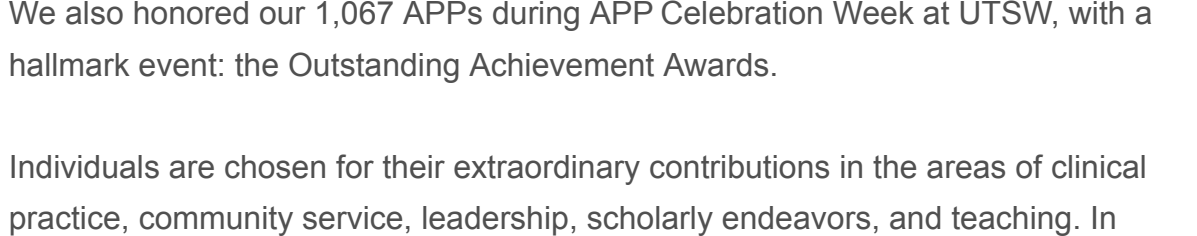
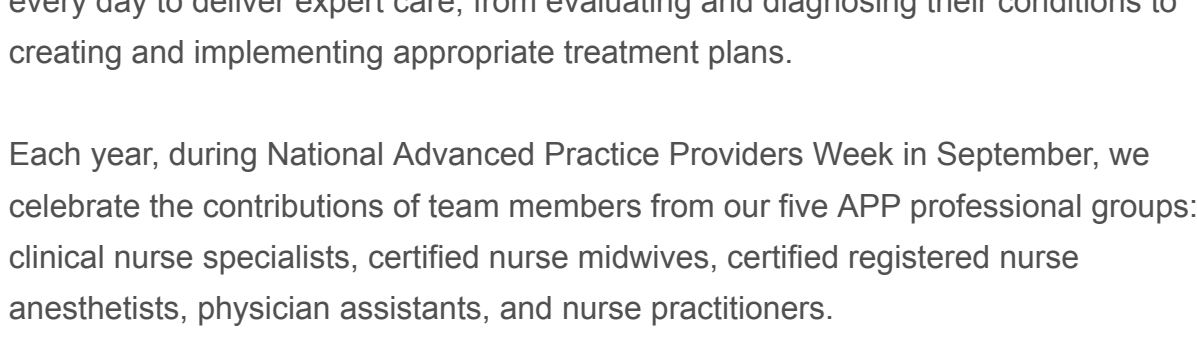
The deadline is fast approaching, and we want to be sure that your voice is heard. Please share your valuable and confidential feedback by the end of **Sunday, Oct. 13**.

Curious where your department’s participation stands when stacked up against others? Check out the [Survey Response Rate Report](#).

Both surveys are vital to UTSW, and your confidential responses inform leadership what is working well and where we should focus our efforts moving forward.

For full details, including how to access the appropriate survey for you, visit [Campus Update](#).

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Get to know our exceptional APPs

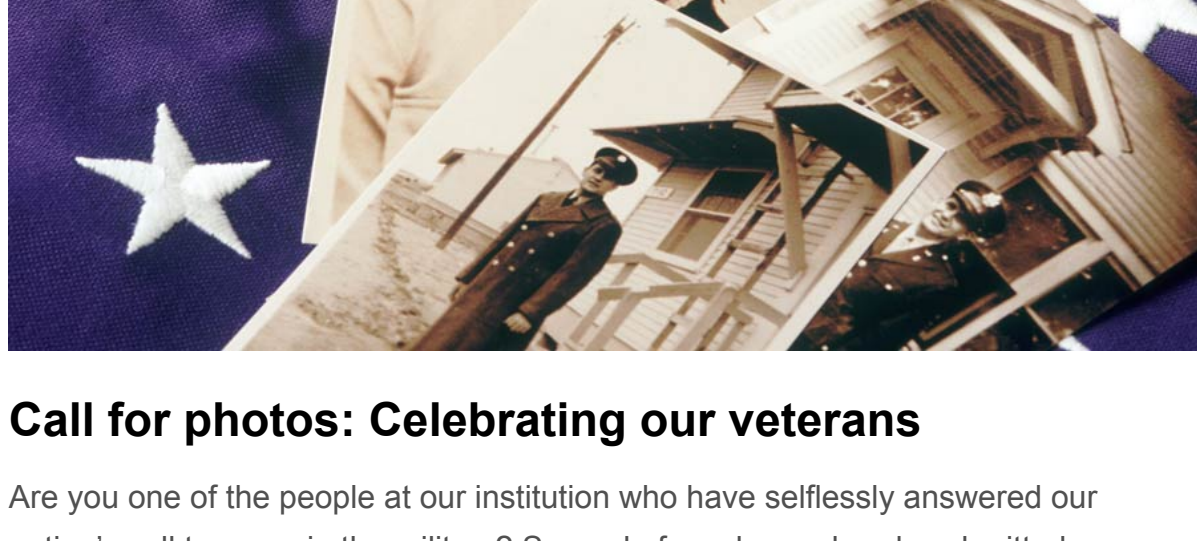
At UT Southwestern, our advanced practice providers (APPs) work with patients every day to deliver expert care, from evaluating and diagnosing their conditions to creating and implementing appropriate treatment plans.

Each year, during National Advanced Practice Providers Week in September, we celebrate the contributions of team members from our five APP professional groups: clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners.

We also honored our 1,067 APPs during APP Celebration Week at UTSW, with a hallmark event: the Outstanding Achievement Awards.

Individuals are chosen for their extraordinary contributions in the areas of clinical practice, community service, leadership, scholarly endeavors, and teaching. In addition, a faculty CHAMPion is also recognized for their outstanding support of and collaboration with APPs.

Learn more about this year’s awardees and why they were selected in this story on [Center Times Plus](#).

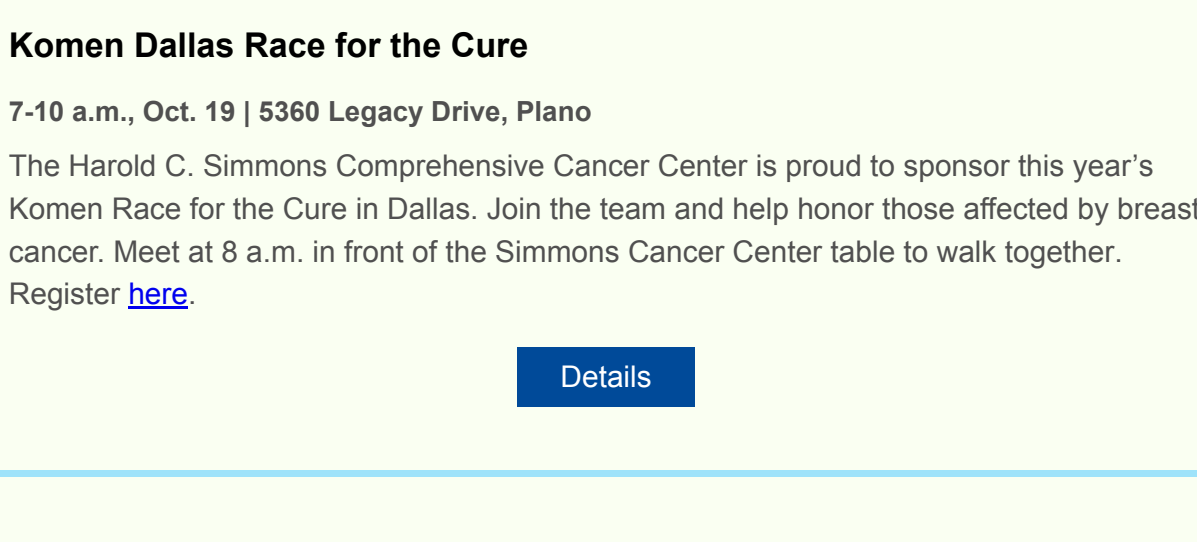


Think pink this October

New merchandise has dropped at our University Stores, and we’re seeing lots of pink!

For a limited time, you can snag pink hats and sweatshirts. Act fast – once they’re gone, they’re gone! To purchase items, visit any of our University Stores – located on North Campus (NG building), on South Campus (D building below the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium), and in the Cancer Center Outpatient Building – or shop online at [store.utsouthwestern.edu](#).

[View products](#)



Call for photos: Celebrating our veterans

Are you one of the people at our institution who have selflessly answered our nation’s call to serve in the military? Several of you have already submitted your photo to the Office of Institutional Opportunity for a special gallery honoring UTSW’s veterans. If you haven’t yet shared a snapshot of yourself in uniform and would like to be included, please do so by Friday, Oct. 11.

[Email](#) a photo of yourself in uniform. Be sure to include your name, branch of service, and year the photo was taken, along with your current department and position.

Photos are due by **Oct. 11**.

[Email your photos](#)

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Komen Dallas Race for the Cure

7-10 a.m., Oct. 19 | 5360 Legacy Drive, Plano

The Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center is proud to sponsor this year’s Komen Race for the Cure in Dallas. Join the team and help honor those affected by breast cancer. Meet at 8 a.m. in front of the Simmons Cancer Center table to walk together. Register [here](#).

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