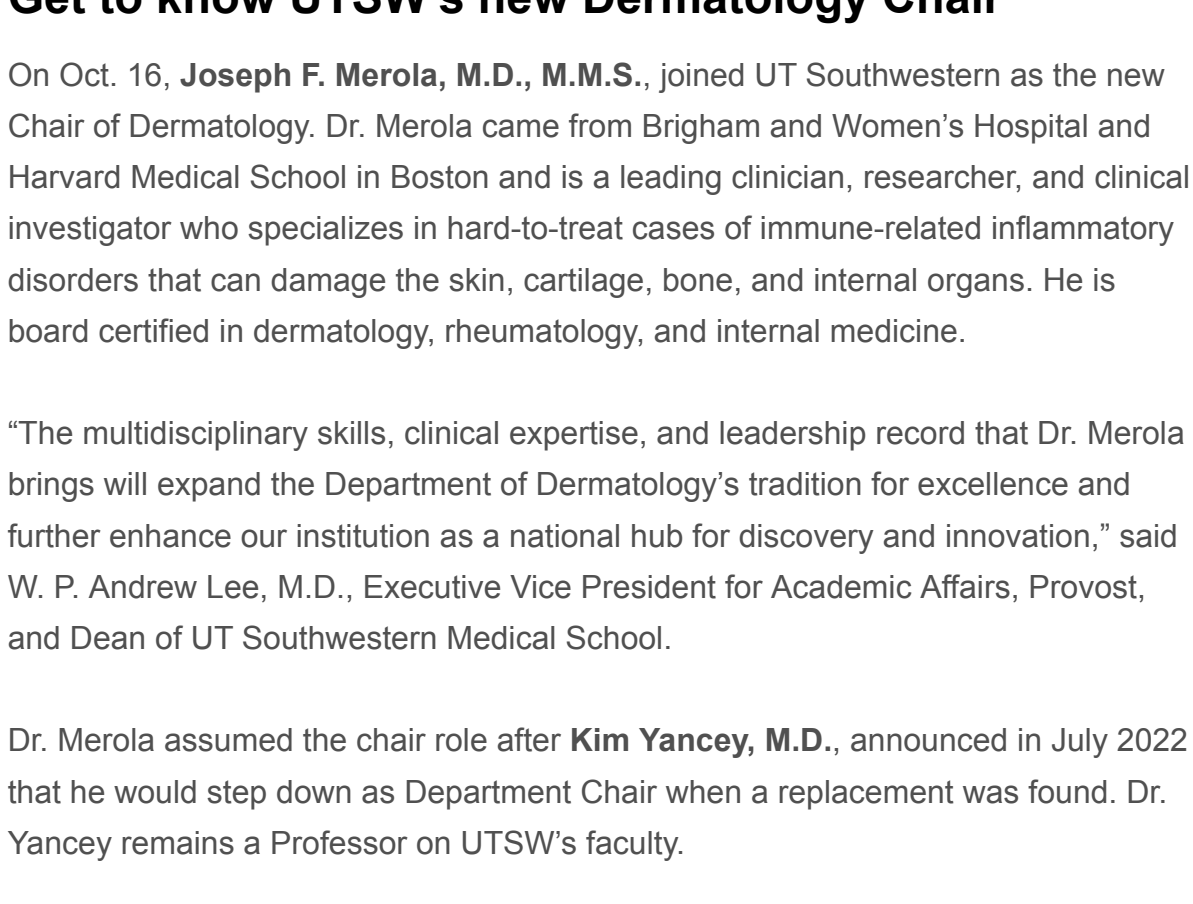


NIH leader to speak at Biomedical Engineering symposium

Join the Department of Biomedical Engineering for the half-day symposium "Biomedical Engineering Solutions to Medical Challenges in the 21st Century" on **Dec. 8 from 1-5 p.m.** at the new [Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering and Sciences Building](#). The keynote address will be delivered by **Bruce Tromberg, Ph.D.**, Director of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering at the National Institutes of Health, and the inaugural David Shiu-Wai Kam Family Lecturer in Biomedical Engineering. Other speakers will include scientists, engineers, and clinicians from UTSW, UT Dallas, and UT Arlington.

[Symposium registration](#)



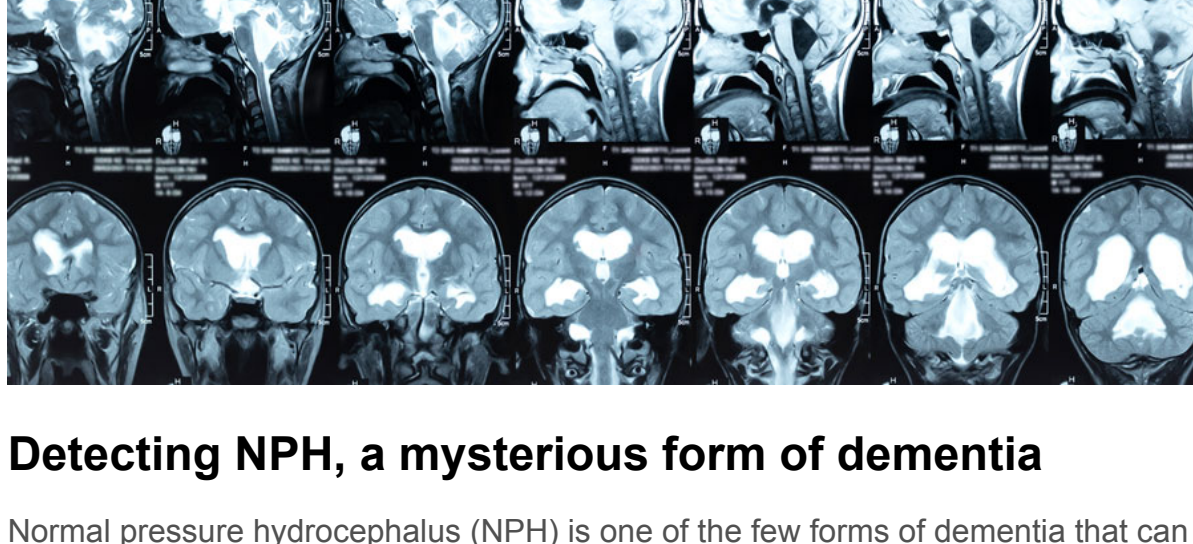
Get to know UTSW's new Dermatology Chair

On Oct. 16, **Joseph F. Merola, M.D., M.M.S.**, joined UT Southwestern as the new Chair of Dermatology. Dr. Merola came from Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston and is a leading clinician, researcher, and clinical investigator who specializes in hard-to-treat cases of immune-related inflammatory disorders that can damage the skin, cartilage, bone, and internal organs. He is board certified in dermatology, rheumatology, and internal medicine.

"The multidisciplinary skills, clinical expertise, and leadership record that Dr. Merola brings will expand the Department of Dermatology's tradition for excellence and further enhance our institution as a national hub for discovery and innovation," said W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D., Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean of UT Southwestern Medical School.

Dr. Merola assumed the chair role after **Kim Yancey, M.D.**, announced in July 2022 that he would step down as Department Chair when a replacement was found. Dr. Yancey remains a Professor on UTSW's faculty.

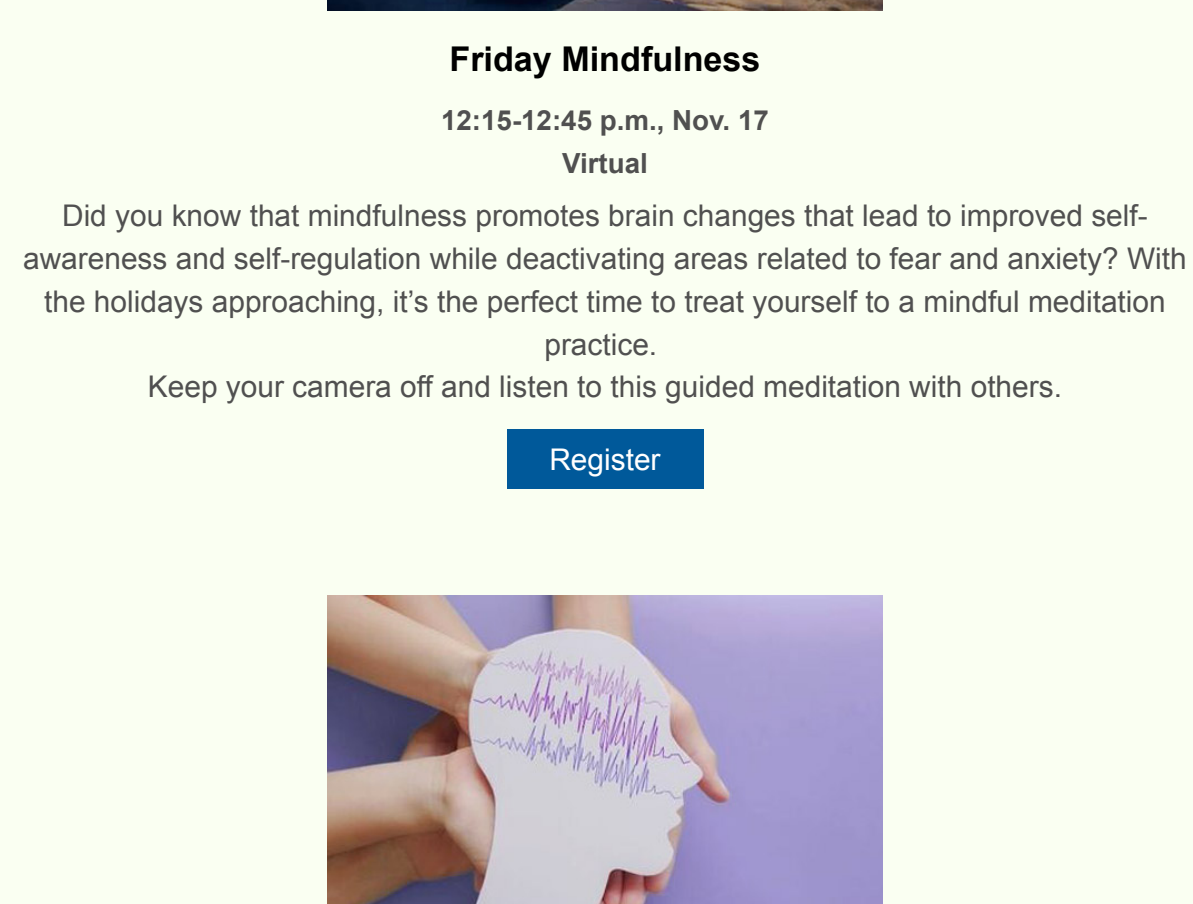
The new chair discusses his research, his inspirations, and his plans for the Dermatology Department in a [story on Center Times Plus](#).



Identifying custodial service employees

UT Southwestern recently transitioned to janitorial service provider SSC for buildings, classrooms, and spaces across campus (with the exceptions of William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, Zale Lipshy Pavilion, and off-campus sites). It is important for UTSW faculty, staff, and students to be able to easily identify SSC personnel who wear a uniform consisting of a green shirt and khaki pants (pictured). The company's workers are also required to display an identification badge while on UT Southwestern premises.

Facilities Management is committed to responding to concerns and questions regarding SSC and encourages UTSW faculty and staff to email FacMgmt-Housekeeping@UTSouthwestern.edu should any issues arise.



Detecting NPH, a mysterious form of dementia

Normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH) is one of the few forms of dementia that can be reversed. Yet, because it resembles neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, NPH often goes unrecognized and untreated. At UT Southwestern, a multidisciplinary team is trying to change the trajectory of this misunderstood condition by creating a dedicated clinic to integrate expert NPH care and research.

Characterized by an abnormal buildup of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain, NPH is diagnosed through a series of advanced tests, imaging, and exams, all of which are available at UTSW's NPH clinic, led by neurologist **Padraig O'Suilleabhain, M.D.**, and neurosurgeon **Jonathan White, M.D.** Together with colleagues in Psychiatry and Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, the NPH clinic team helps control and even reverse the condition for some patients with surgical and nonsurgical treatment protocols.

Learn more about UTSW's interdisciplinary NPH clinic, its research, and its goals in [this MedBlog](#).

Insider Guide



Friday Mindfulness

12:15-12:45 p.m., Nov. 17
Virtual

Did you know that mindfulness promotes brain changes that lead to improved self-awareness and self-regulation while deactivating areas related to fear and anxiety? With the holidays approaching, it's the perfect time to treat yourself to a mindful meditation practice.

Keep your camera off and listen to this guided meditation with others.

[Register](#)



Hopeful Alzheimer's & Caregivers Symposium

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 18
Eugene McDermott Plaza and Lecture Hall (D), D1.600

This daylong program aims to better educate attendees about Alzheimer's disease and the resources available for those caring for loved ones living with the illness. Panelists include UTSW's Ihab Hajjar, M.D., Professor of Neurology and Internal Medicine.

[Details](#)



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