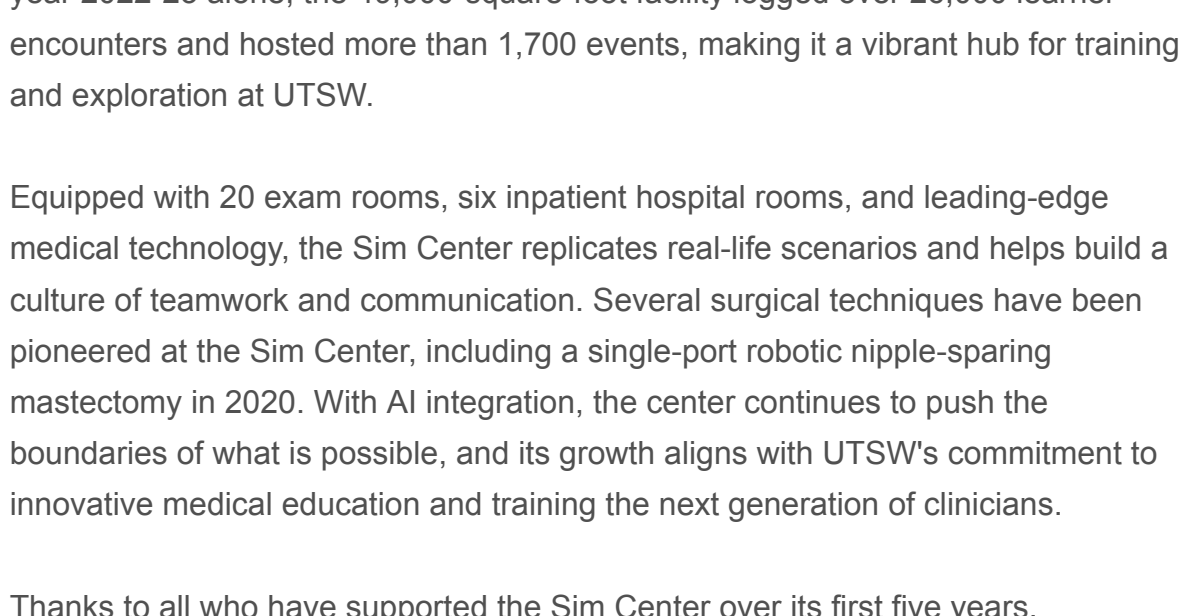


## Witnesses to history

Sixty years ago, Nov. 22 dawned much like today, but by the time the sun set, a nation reeled with grief.

UT Southwestern Medical Center alumni working at Parkland Memorial Hospital were unexpected witnesses to history. Many were part of the heroic efforts to save President John F. Kennedy and Texas Gov. John Connally after gunshots rang out at Dealey Plaza. Like many Americans who experienced that day, the doctors still remember where they were and what they saw. And many found renewed resolve to practice medicine in the wake of a national trauma.

Today, six of them – including one who attended to President Kennedy in Trauma Room 1 – share their memories of that unforgettable day.

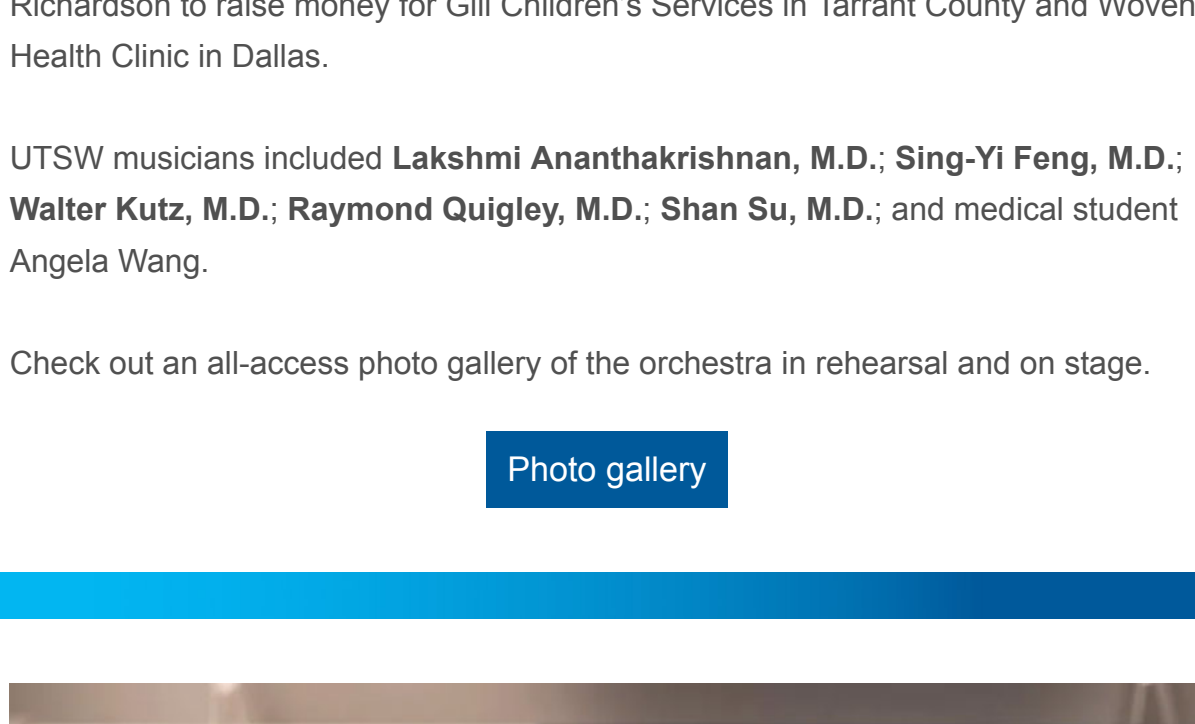
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## Five years of Sim Center excellence

UT Southwestern's Simulation Center is celebrating its fifth anniversary this fall, marking a transformative impact on medical education at our institution. In fiscal year 2022-23 alone, the 49,000-square-foot facility logged over 26,000 learner encounters and hosted more than 1,700 events, making it a vibrant hub for training and exploration at UTSW.

Equipped with 20 exam rooms, six inpatient hospital rooms, and leading-edge medical technology, the Sim Center replicates real-life scenarios and helps build a culture of teamwork and communication. Several surgical techniques have been pioneered at the Sim Center, including a single-port robotic nipple-sparing mastectomy in 2020. With AI integration, the center continues to push the boundaries of what is possible, and its growth aligns with UTSW's commitment to innovative medical education and training the next generation of clinicians.

Thanks to all who have supported the Sim Center over its first five years.

[Read more](#)


## Gallery: Backstage with the World Doctors Orchestra

Five physicians and a medical student from UT Southwestern helped make beautiful music for a good cause last month as part of the World Doctors Orchestra (WDO). The group, which plays benefit concerts worldwide, performed in Dallas and Richardson to raise money for Gill Children's Services in Tarrant County and Woven Health Clinic in Dallas.

UTSW musicians included **Lakshmi Ananthakrishnan, M.D.**; **Sing-Yi Feng, M.D.**; **Walter Kutz, M.D.**; **Raymond Quigley, M.D.**; **Shan Su, M.D.**; and medical student Angela Wang.

Check out an all-access photo gallery of the orchestra in rehearsal and on stage.

[Photo gallery](#)


## UTSW in the news: The Wegovy heart trial

Results of a blockbuster clinical trial that showed semaglutide (brand name Wegovy) doesn't just help people lose weight, but also reduces heart attack and stroke risks by 20%, attracted national headlines at the American Heart Association's annual conference in Philadelphia recently. Several UT Southwestern physician-scientists were quoted in the coverage, including endocrinologist **Ildiko Lingvay, M.D., M.P.H.**, an author of the study, and **Amit Khera, M.D.**, Director of UTSW's Preventive Cardiology Program, who co-authored an editorial for the [New England Journal of Medicine](#).

"This is an entirely new pathway to harness, of addressing obesity and its metabolic complications," Dr. Khera told [Time](#) magazine.

And in a [New York Times](#) article, Dr. Lingvay said, "It's a huge win for the field."



## Jingle all the way

The annual Dallas Jingle Bell Run benefiting the Mavs Foundation is Dec. 21. The family-friendly event, featuring a nighttime 5K run/walk and a 1-mile walk, begins at the Hilton Anatole. Holiday costumes are encouraged and pups on leashes are welcome. The Holiday in Paradise after-party includes a tropical theme, live entertainment, complimentary food and beverages, and much more. As the Official Health Care Partner of the Dallas Mavericks, UTSW will be there with a photo booth and hand warmers. Register this week using the code **UTSWJBR5** to receive \$5 off your registration.

[Details and registration](#)

## Insider Guide



### CTSA Translational Pilot Award Program Q&A

Noon, Nov. 27 and 29 and Dec. 1  
Virtual event

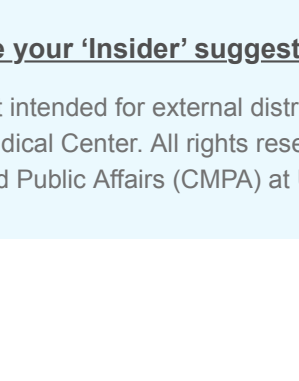
The UT Southwestern Clinical and Translational Science Award Program is hosting fact-finding sessions for early-career investigators to learn more about its Translational Pilot Award Program, which provides financial support for investigators to conduct innovative and promising clinical and translational research projects.

[Details](#)


### Seminars in Regenerative Science and Medicine

Noon, Nov. 29  
Simmons Biomedical Research Building (NB2.EEF)

**Erik J. Sontheimer, Ph.D.**, Professor at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School's RNA Therapeutics Institute, will be the featured speaker at the Hamon Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine seminar series. His topic will be "Editing Genomes with DNA-Dependent DNA Polymerases."

[Details](#)


## UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?

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