

UT Southwestern Medical Center

UT Southwestern again named top hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth by *U.S. News & World Report*

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

It is a tremendous honor to announce that for the sixth year in a row, William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital is the No. 1 hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth and No. 2 in Texas on *U.S. News & World Report's* annual Best Hospitals list, released tonight.

Out of nearly 5,000 hospitals examined, UT Southwestern ranks among the top hospitals nationally in nine specialties, including five in the top 25:

- No. 11 Urology
- No. 14 Cardiology & Heart Surgery
- No. 18 Diabetes & Endocrinology
- No. 21 Pulmonology & Lung Surgery
- No. 25 Cancer
- No. 26 Geriatrics
- No. 27 Rehabilitation
- No. 30 Neurology & Neurosurgery
- No. 38 Gastroenterology & GI Surgery

UT Southwestern is also rated as high performing in orthopedics, placing that specialty among the top 10% of all rated hospitals nationally, and rated high performing as well for its expertise in 17 procedures and conditions – abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, aortic valve surgery, back surgery (spinal fusion), COPD, colon cancer surgery, diabetes, heart attack, heart bypass surgery, heart failure, hip fracture, kidney failure, lung cancer surgery, ovarian cancer surgery, pneumonia, prostate cancer surgery, stroke, and uterine cancer surgery.

In addition, we received “excellent” ratings for patient experience in three types of cancer surgeries, three types of orthopedic surgeries, and four types of cardiology surgeries and treatments.

This national recognition builds upon a series of milestones and distinctions, including the expansion of Clements University Hospital in 2021; the completion earlier this year of a \$1 billion campaign for the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute – among the largest in the country to support brain research; the

redesignation of the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute as one of the nation's elite comprehensive cancer centers; and accolades for high patient satisfaction scores, quality and safety efforts, consistent delivery of clinical quality, patient experience, and specialty care from several reviewing bodies, including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, LeapFrog, Healthgrades, and Press Ganey.

The expansion of our physical space, along with growth in clinical and research programs, has positioned the Health System to continue to meet Texas' burgeoning health care needs.

Several hospitals in the Southwestern Health Resources network also ranked high in DFW, including Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, ranked No. 3 in the region; Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southwest Fort Worth, No. 5; and Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, No. 8. And in June, Children's Medical Center Dallas, where UT Southwestern Pediatric Group faculty practices, was rated among the nation's best pediatric hospitals by *U.S. News* for 2022-2023 and was the only pediatric hospital in North Texas ranked in all 10 specialties.

While receiving recognition of this type from respected organizations is not the primary goal for our work, we can all be proud that these accolades validate the commitment to excellence that we strive for each day as we pursue our mission to educate, heal, and discover. This includes the tireless work of our patient care teams, physicians, nurses, and other providers and staff to promote health and a healthy society. I want to also acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Dr. John Warner, EVP for Health System Affairs and CEO, UT Southwestern Health System, and the other leaders within our health system in advancing the care of our patients.

This commitment to the best care possible for patients – reflected in independent measures such as these rankings – remains our North Star despite a challenging health care environment. We also remain committed to providing that care while we continue to advance medical science and prepare the next generation of physicians and other providers as the means of providing even better care in the future.

I thank each of you for these efforts that make UT Southwestern one of the nation's top health care institutions.

Sincerely,

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