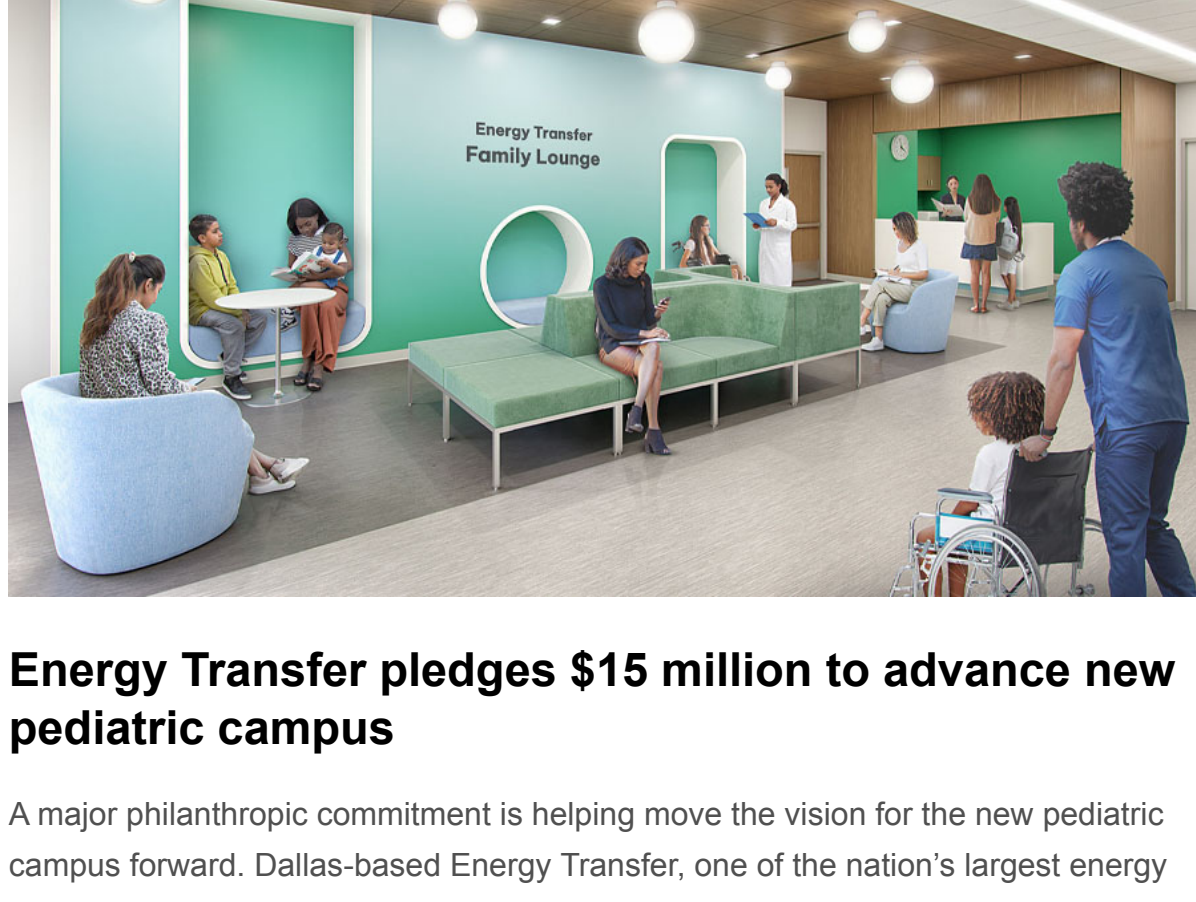




Energy Transfer pledges \$15 million to advance new pediatric campus

A major philanthropic commitment is helping move the vision for the new pediatric campus forward. Dallas-based Energy Transfer, one of the nation's largest energy infrastructure companies, has pledged \$15 million in support of the \$5 billion joint venture between UT Southwestern Medical Center and Children's Health.

"This donation represents our commitment to the bold vision of UT Southwestern Medical Center and Children's Health and the exceptional medical professionals here who provide hope and healing to families throughout Texas, and in many cases, across the country," said **Tom Long**, co-Chief Executive Officer of Energy Transfer.

The approximately 2 million-square-foot hospital, under construction in the Southwestern Medical District, is being thoughtfully designed with children and families at the center, while fostering collaboration among clinicians, researchers, and caregivers.

Learn more about how this extraordinary gift will expand access to advanced pediatric care and accelerate discoveries that will benefit generations of North Texas families.

[Read the full news release](#)

UT Southwestern Town Hall

State of the Campus Address

Hosted by

President
Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.

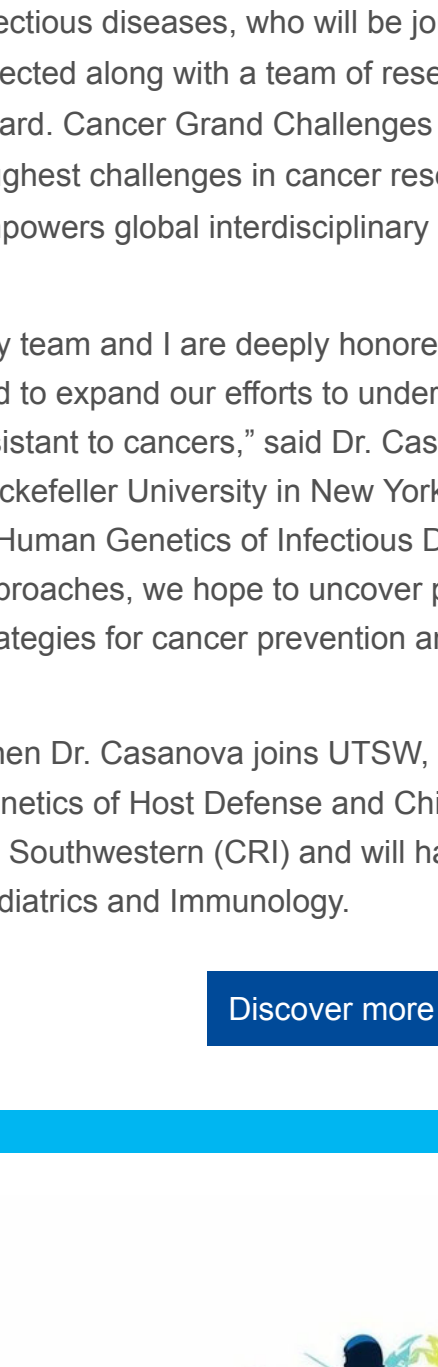
TODAY: State of the Campus Address and Town Hall

Please join the live, one-hour State of the Campus Address and Town Hall hosted by UT Southwestern President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, at **noon today**.

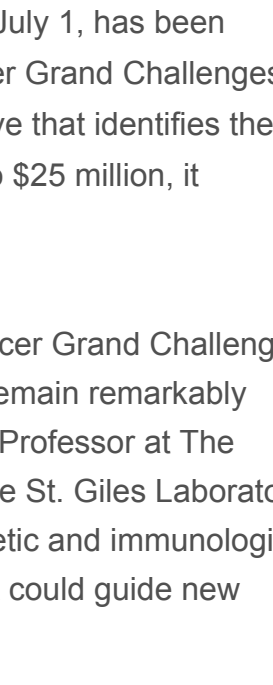
Learn about key priorities, topics such as artificial intelligence and the fiscal year 2027 budget, as well as what's ahead for our institution, including new campus-life initiatives. Dr. Podolsky's remarks will be followed by a live Q&A that will include UTSW Executive Vice Presidents.

The Town Hall will be accessible via livestream. A recording will be available shortly afterward. Registration is required.

[Register to attend](#)



CANCER GRAND CHALLENGES



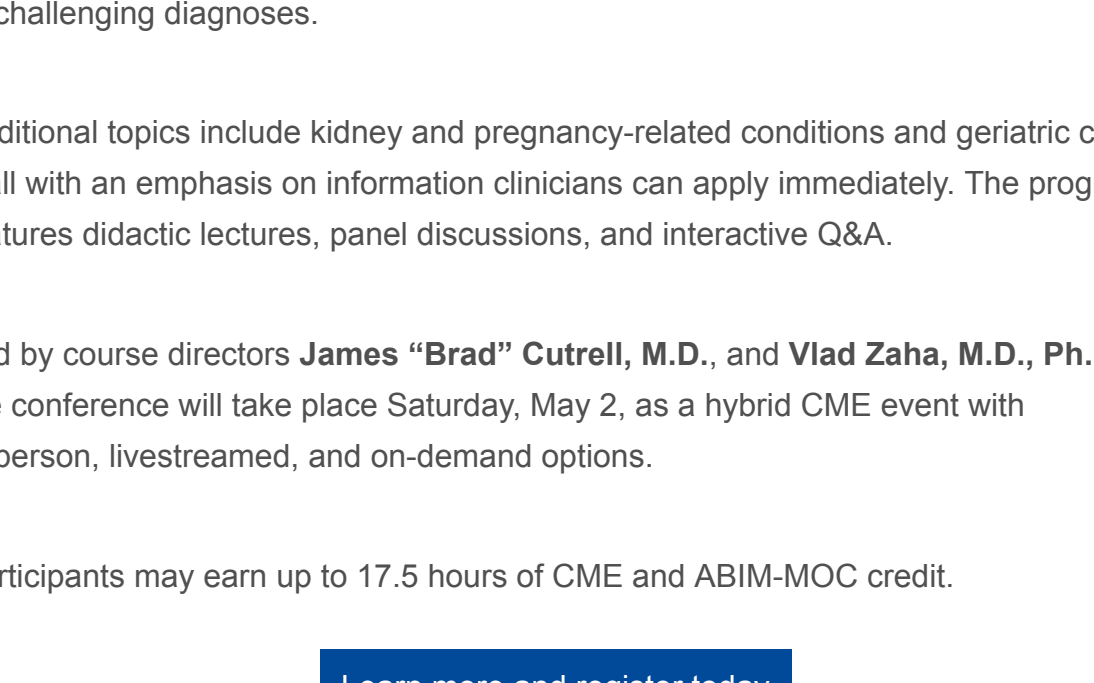
Renowned researcher joining UTSW is among recipients of up to \$25 million Cancer Grand Challenges award

We're pleased to share that **Jean-Laurent Casanova, M.D., Ph.D.**, an internationally recognized expert in the fields of genetics, immunology, and infectious diseases, who will be joining UT Southwestern on July 1, has been selected along with a team of researchers to receive a Cancer Grand Challenges award. Cancer Grand Challenges is a global research initiative that identifies the toughest challenges in cancer research. With awards of up to \$25 million, it empowers global interdisciplinary teams to take them on.

"My team and I are deeply honored to be participating in Cancer Grand Challenges and to expand our efforts to understand why certain people remain remarkably resistant to cancers," said Dr. Casanova, who has served as Professor at The Rockefeller University in New York since 2008 and has led the St. Giles Laboratory of Human Genetics of Infectious Diseases. "By applying genetic and immunological approaches, we hope to uncover protective mechanisms that could guide new strategies for cancer prevention and treatment."

When Dr. Casanova joins UTSW, he will serve as Professor in the Center for the Genetics of Host Defense and Children's Medical Center Research Institute at UT Southwestern (CRI) and will have dual appointments in the Departments of Pediatrics and Immunology.

[Discover more about Dr. Casanova's research](#)



Help support the fight against brain tumors

Join Team Brainstormers at AT&T Stadium on **Saturday, April 11**, for the DFW Brain Tumor Walk & Race to raise awareness and support brain tumor patients and their families. Participants can choose between a 5K walk/run or a 1-mile option.

In addition to the race, the morning will include a remembrance ceremony honoring those lost and a survivor tribute celebrating strength, resilience, and hope. The family-friendly event is sponsored by the [National Brain Tumor Society](#).

[Be a part of the walk](#)

Update in Internal Medicine 2026

Saturday, May 2 • 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Save the date: 2026 Update in Internal Medicine

The 2026 Update in Internal Medicine conference will offer a practical, evidence-based look at common and complex clinical challenges encountered across a range of patient care settings.

Designed for physicians, physician assistants, and care team members in primary care, internal medicine, family practice, and related specialties, the program spans cardiovascular, renal, metabolic, infectious, and rheumatologic care. Sessions will highlight evolving standards of care, emerging therapies, and real-world approaches to challenging diagnoses.

Additional topics include kidney and pregnancy-related conditions and geriatric care – all with an emphasis on information clinicians can apply immediately. The program features didactic lectures, panel discussions, and interactive Q&A.

Led by course directors **James "Brad" Cutrell, M.D.**, and **Vlad Zaha, M.D., Ph.D.**, the conference will take place Saturday, May 2, as a hybrid CME event with in-person, livestreamed, and on-demand options.

Participants may earn up to 17.5 hours of CME and ABIM-MOC credit.

[Learn more and register today](#)



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Looking for eyewear that's stylish, uniquely you, and a good deal? UTSW Optical has you covered! Buy two complete pairs of glasses during March, April, or May and receive half off the lower-priced pair.

Two locations are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday:

[Optometry Clinic at James W. Aston Ambulatory Care Center](#)

- 5303 Harry Hines Blvd., Sixth Floor, Dallas, Texas 75390
- 214-645-2023

[North Dallas Ophthalmology Clinic](#)

- 1125 E. Campbell Road, Suite 125, Richardson, Texas 75081
- 469-761-6889

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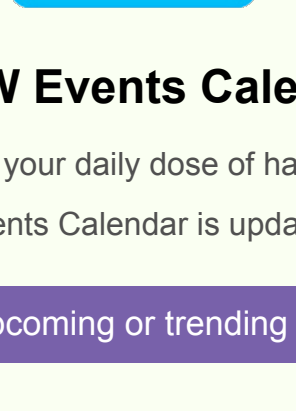


Eliminating Health Disparities in Hypertension Control Through Implementation Science

Noon to 1 p.m., March 18 | Hybrid, South Campus, D1.602

Jiang He, M.D., Ph.D., FAHA, FACE, Chair and Professor of Epidemiology in the Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health and Professor and Director of Implementation Research in the Department of Internal Medicine, will give an informative talk as part of the Health Disparities Research Lecture Series. Lunch will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. The event is presented by the Office for Institutional Opportunity and the O'Donnell School of Public Health.

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