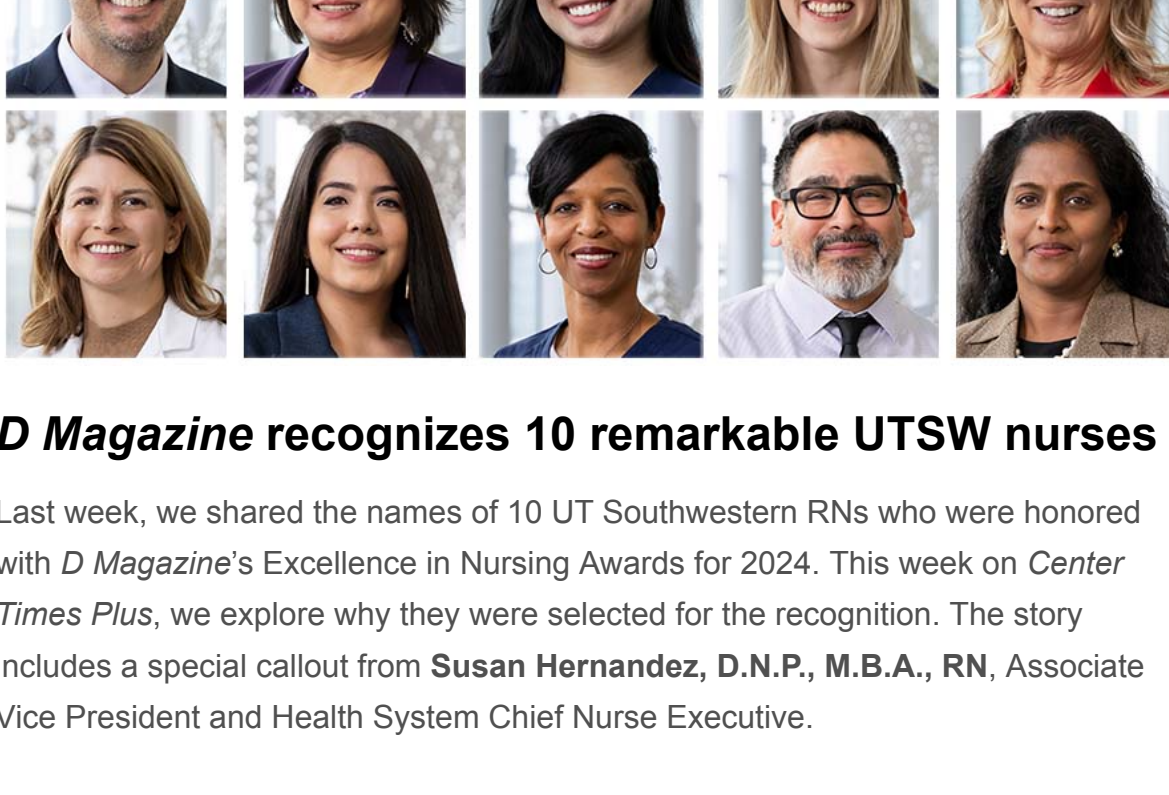


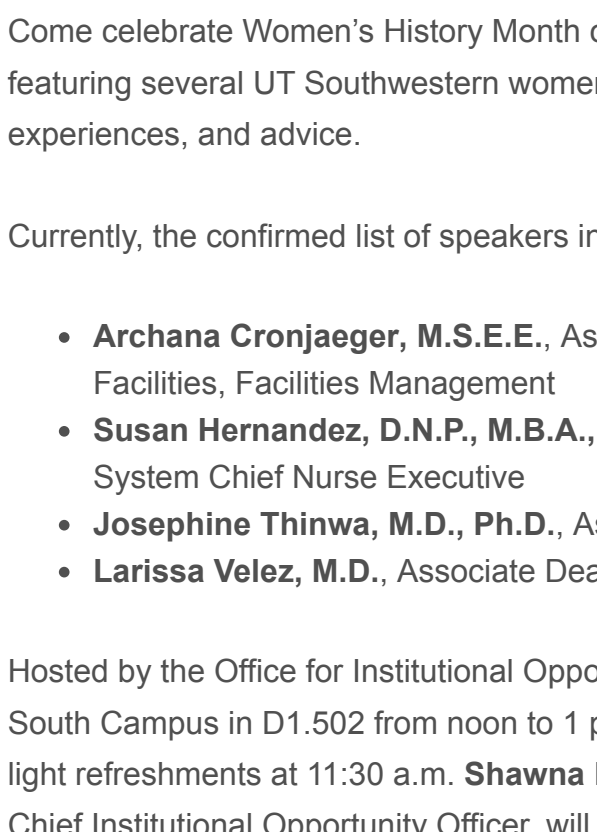


D Magazine recognizes 10 remarkable UTSW nurses

Last week, we shared the names of 10 UT Southwestern RNs who were honored with *D Magazine's* Excellence in Nursing Awards for 2024. This week on *Center Times Plus*, we explore why they were selected for the recognition. The story includes a special callout from **Susan Hernandez, D.N.P., M.B.A., RN**, Associate Vice President and Health System Chief Nurse Executive.

"It is truly an honor to see 10 of our UT Southwestern nurses being acknowledged for their exceptional contributions to the North Texas community," Dr. Hernandez said. "Their impact at UT Southwestern is profound, and I could not be prouder of these remarkable individuals."

Learn more about these nurses and what made them stand out to the judges.

[Read on Center Times Plus](#)


MARCH
Women's History Month

Join the UT Southwestern community for

SHE TALKS

A series of small talks by women of UT Southwestern Medical Center

Save the date: Women's History Month event

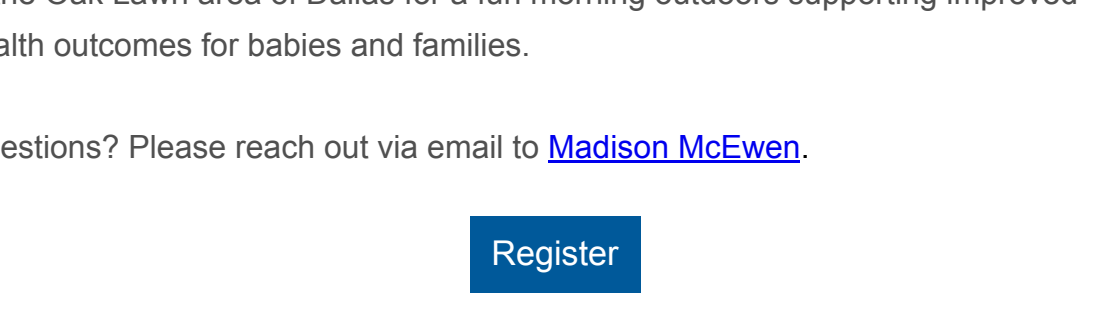
Come celebrate Women's History Month on March 27 with the event "She Talks," featuring several UT Southwestern women leaders sharing inspiring stories, experiences, and advice.

Currently, the confirmed list of speakers includes:

- **Archana Cronjaeger, M.S.E.E.**, Assistant Vice President for Hospital Facilities, Facilities Management
- **Susan Hernandez, D.N.P., M.B.A., RN**, Associate Vice President and Health System Chief Nurse Executive
- **Josephine Thinwa, M.D., Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
- **Larissa Velez, M.D.**, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education

Hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity, this hybrid event will be held on South Campus in D1.502 from noon to 1 p.m. and will kick off with a reception of light refreshments at 11:30 a.m. **Shawna Nesbitt, M.D., M.S.**, Vice President and Chief Institutional Opportunity Officer, will host. The celebration will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

Registration is required.

[Details](#)


March for Babies with UTSW Stork Squad on April 27

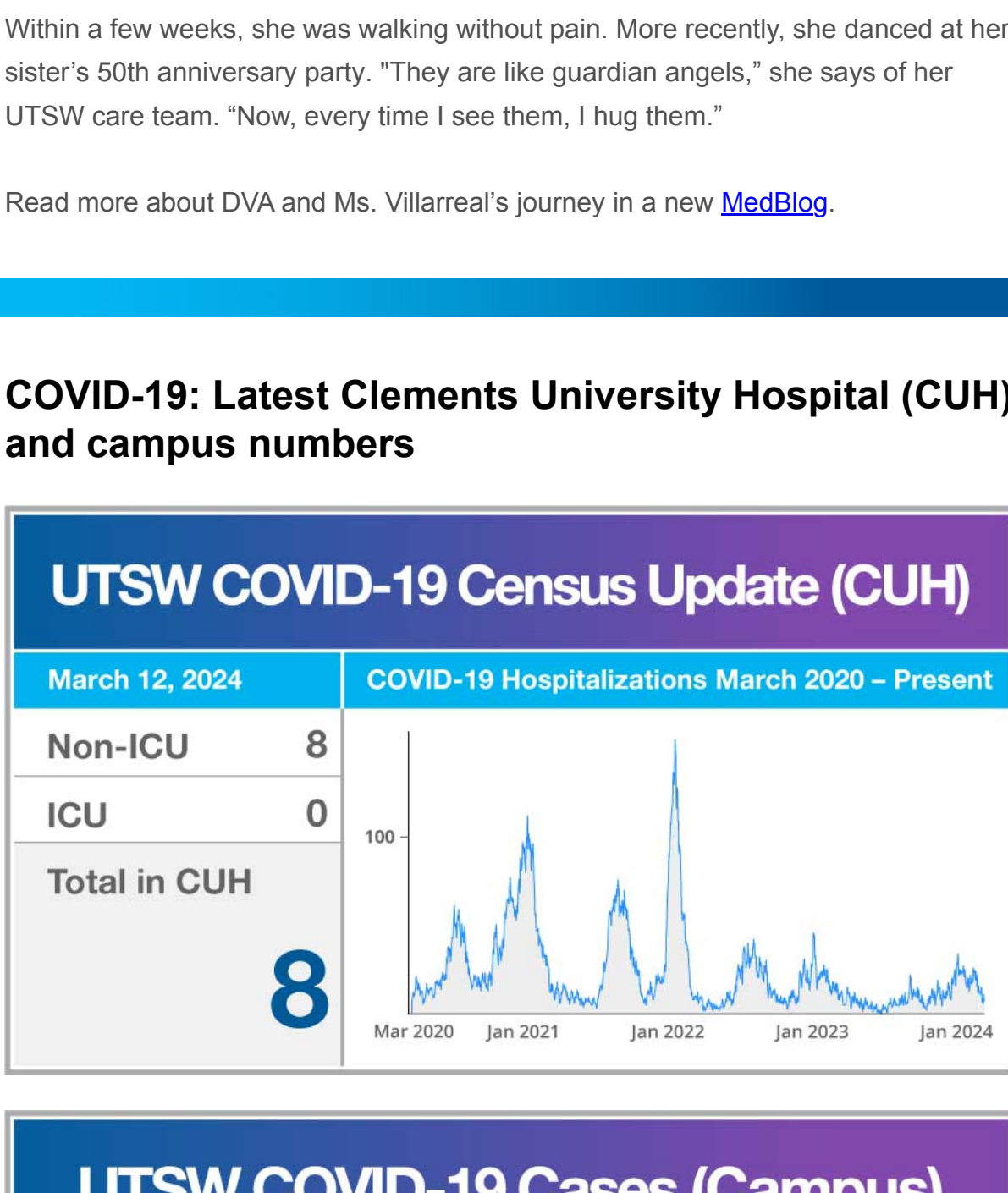
The [UT Southwestern Stork Squad](#) invites employees and their friends and family to show support for the March of Dimes' **March for Babies: A Mother of a Movement** on April 27. This annual walk helps support research and programs to prevent preterm birth, birth defects, and infant mortality.

Benefits of participating include:

- UTSW Stork Squad T-shirt
- A group photo at the event
- Walking for a great cause!

Register today to join UTSW's Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine team at Reverchon Park in the Oak Lawn area of Dallas for a fun morning outdoors supporting improved health outcomes for babies and families.

Questions? Please reach out via email to [Madison McEwen](#).

[Register](#)


Deep venous arterialization saves 'desert foot'

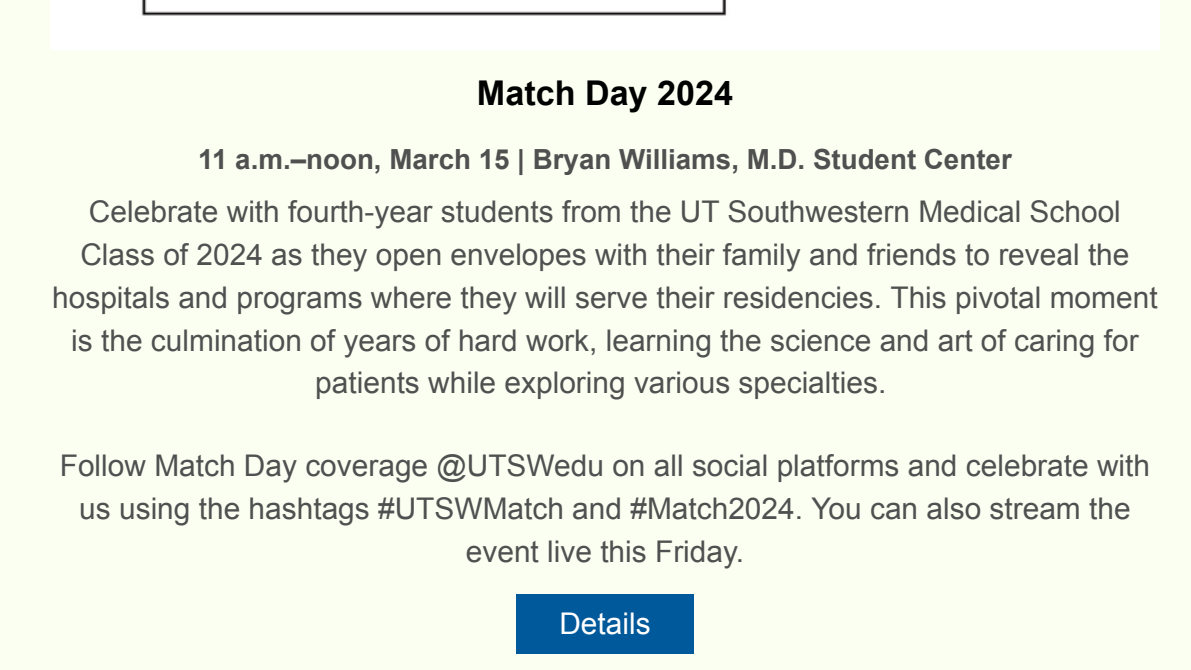
Irma Villarreal hobbled on the heel of her foot for a long and painful year. She had jammed her toes into a metal doorframe at home, and eventually gangrene set in. When she sought treatment, she was distraught to hear most doctors tell her amputation was the only option.

Fortunately, a Parkland Memorial Hospital nurse who befriended Ms. Villarreal told her about a new and little-known procedure called deep venous arterialization (DVA), which can revitalize circulation in the foot by creating a new blood flow connection. **Michael Siah, M.D.**, Director of Limb Salvage at UTSW, was one of the first surgeons in the U.S. to perform a commercial DVA case with an advanced technology called the LimFlow System. He partnered with plastic surgeon and podiatric wound care expert **Larry Lavery, D.P.M., M.P.H.**, Medical Director of the Diabetic Limb Salvage (DLS) program at Parkland, to complete Ms. Villarreal's DVA last spring.

Within a few weeks, she was walking without pain. More recently, she danced at her sister's 50th anniversary party. "They are like guardian angels," she says of her UTSW care team. "Now, every time I see them, I hug them."

Read more about DVA and Ms. Villarreal's journey in a new [MedBlog](#).

COVID-19: Latest Clements University Hospital (CUH) and campus numbers



UTSW COVID-19 Cases (Campus)		
Source of Infection	Week of 3/1 - 3/7	Cumulative Total 3/1/20 - 3/7/24
Off Campus (Community)	21	14,707
Campus	0	354
Pending Source of Infection	4	4
Total	25	15,065

Research Highlights

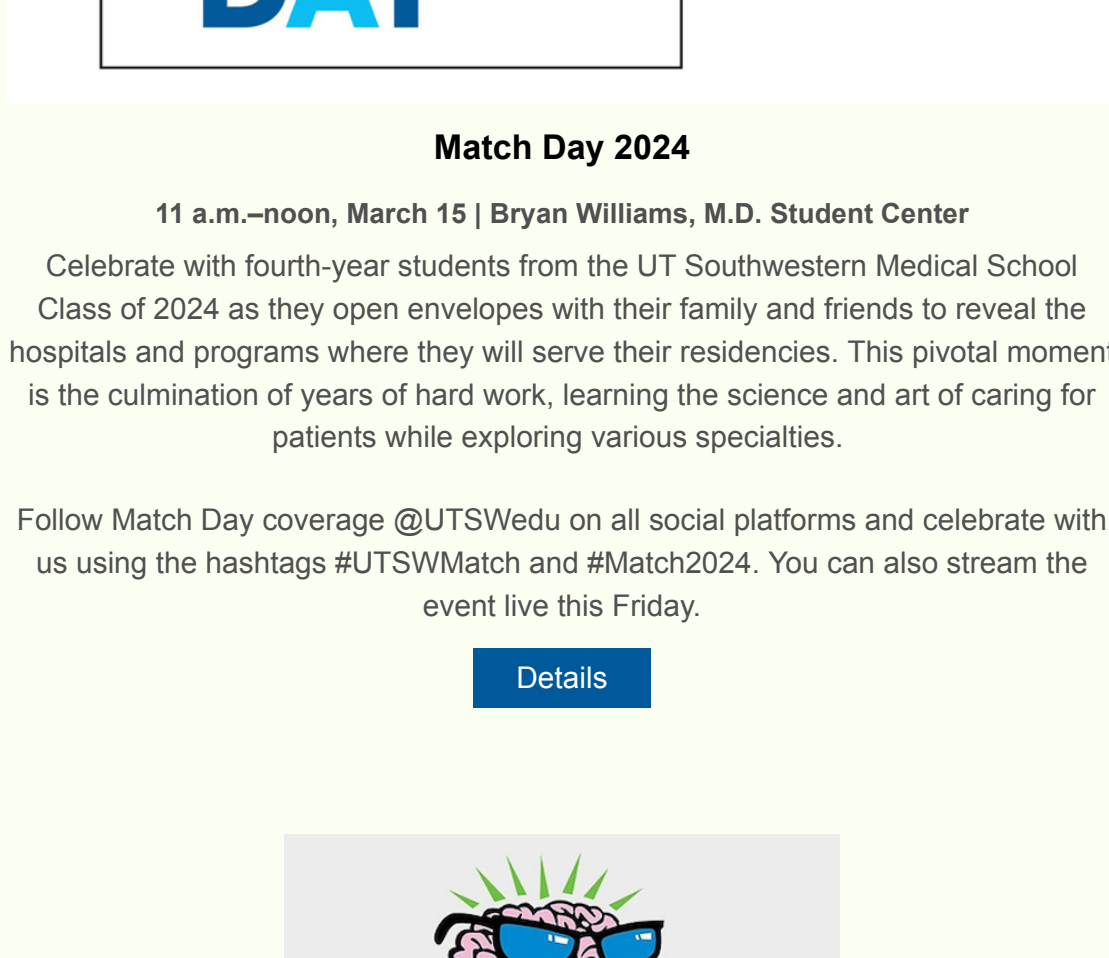
UT Southwestern finds genetic clues driving bacterial growth

Researchers developed an innovative computer model that can predict how genetic changes in bacteria impact their growth, aiding our understanding of antibiotic resistance and enabling the engineering of bacterial strains for drug discovery.

Experimental compound kills cancer, spares immune cells

Scientists have identified a compound, N6F11, that selectively eliminates cancer cells while sparing immune cells from a form of cell death known as ferroptosis, uncovering a potential new treatment option for a wide variety of cancers.

Insider Guide

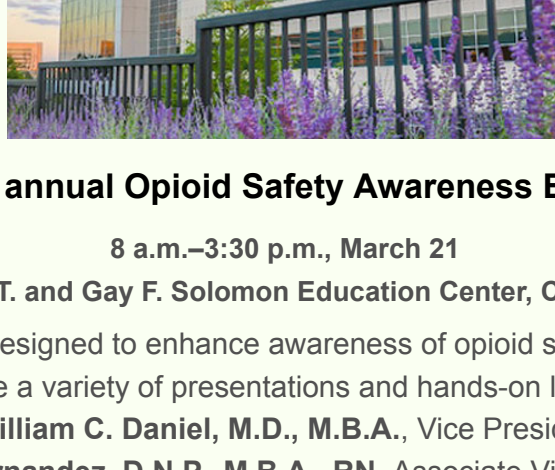


Match Day 2024

11 a.m.–noon, March 15 | Bryan Williams, M.D. Student Center

Celebrate with fourth-year students from the UT Southwestern Medical School Class of 2024 as they open envelopes with their family and friends to reveal the hospitals and programs where they will serve their residencies. This pivotal moment is the culmination of years of hard work, learning the science and art of caring for patients while exploring various specialties.

Follow Match Day coverage @UTSWedu on all social platforms and celebrate with us using the hashtags #UTSWMatch and #Match2024. You can also stream the event live this Friday.

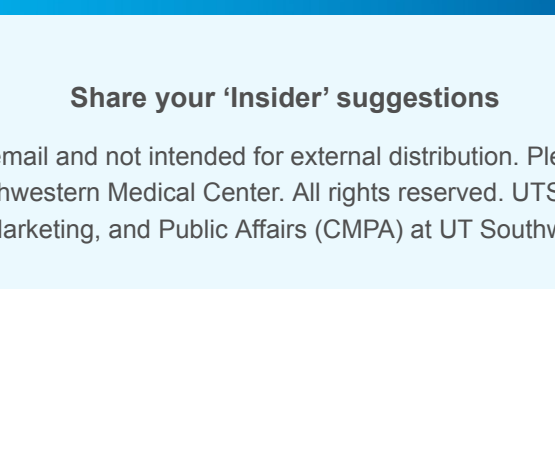
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6th annual Miles for Migraine Walk and Run

9:30 a.m., March 16

Flag Pole Hill Park, 8015 Doran Circle, Dallas, TX 75201

Join the Department of Neurology at the Miles for Migraine 2-mile walk and 5K run this Saturday. Funds raised will benefit the UTSW Headache Center to support local migraine research and fellowship training programs and Miles for Migraine programs and services. Registration is free, and all who complete the walk or run will receive a finisher medal. The 5K run is professionally timed. Dress in your best purple flair for a chance at a fun prize!

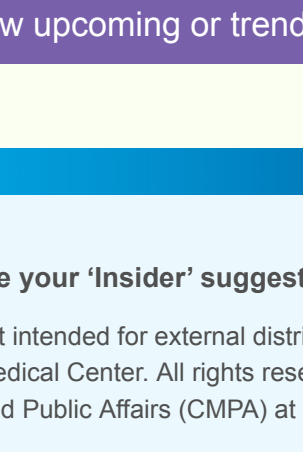
[More info](#)


2nd annual Opioid Safety Awareness Event

8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., March 21

Hybrid, William T. and Gay F. Solomon Education Center, CUH Lecture Halls

This hybrid event is designed to enhance awareness of opioid safety related to clinical practice. There will be a variety of presentations and hands-on learning stations for in-person attendees. **William C. Daniel, M.D., M.B.A.**, Vice President and Chief Quality Officer, and **Susan Hernandez, D.N.P., M.B.A., RN**, Associate Vice President and Health System Chief Nurse Executive, will deliver opening remarks.

[Registration and full agenda](#)


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