



UTSW breaks ground on first-of-its-kind Radiation Oncology Campus in Fort Worth

Cancer care in Fort Worth took an important step forward Monday as UT Southwestern broke ground on a \$177 million Radiation Oncology Campus in the city's Medical District.

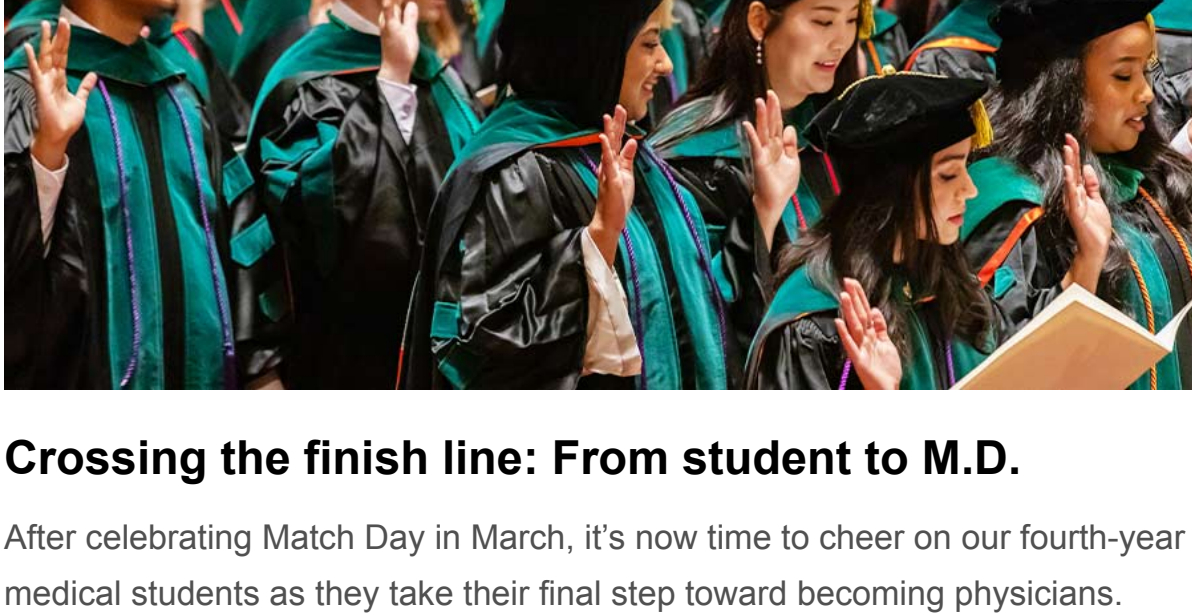
"This milestone, once completed, will ensure that Tarrant County residents have access to the best available cancer care, combining the latest advances in medical technology with the expertise of our clinicians and researchers, who are some of the top cancer specialists in the country," said UT Southwestern President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**

Features of the 65,000-square-foot facility include:

- Four linear accelerators (LINACs) to deliver precise radiation treatments, with space to add two more LINACs to meet future demand.
- MRI-guided precision radiation treatment – the first of its kind in Fort Worth – to facilitate therapy with unprecedented accuracy.
- Positron emission tomography (PET) imaging, which is critical for accurately diagnosing and evaluating tumor growth.
- A fully equipped brachytherapy suite to provide high-dose radiation treatments for patients with prostate or gynecologic cancers.

The campus is projected to open in 2028 and will be connected to UT Southwestern's [Moncrief Cancer Institute](#).

[More about the new cancer care facility](#)



Crossing the finish line: From student to M.D.

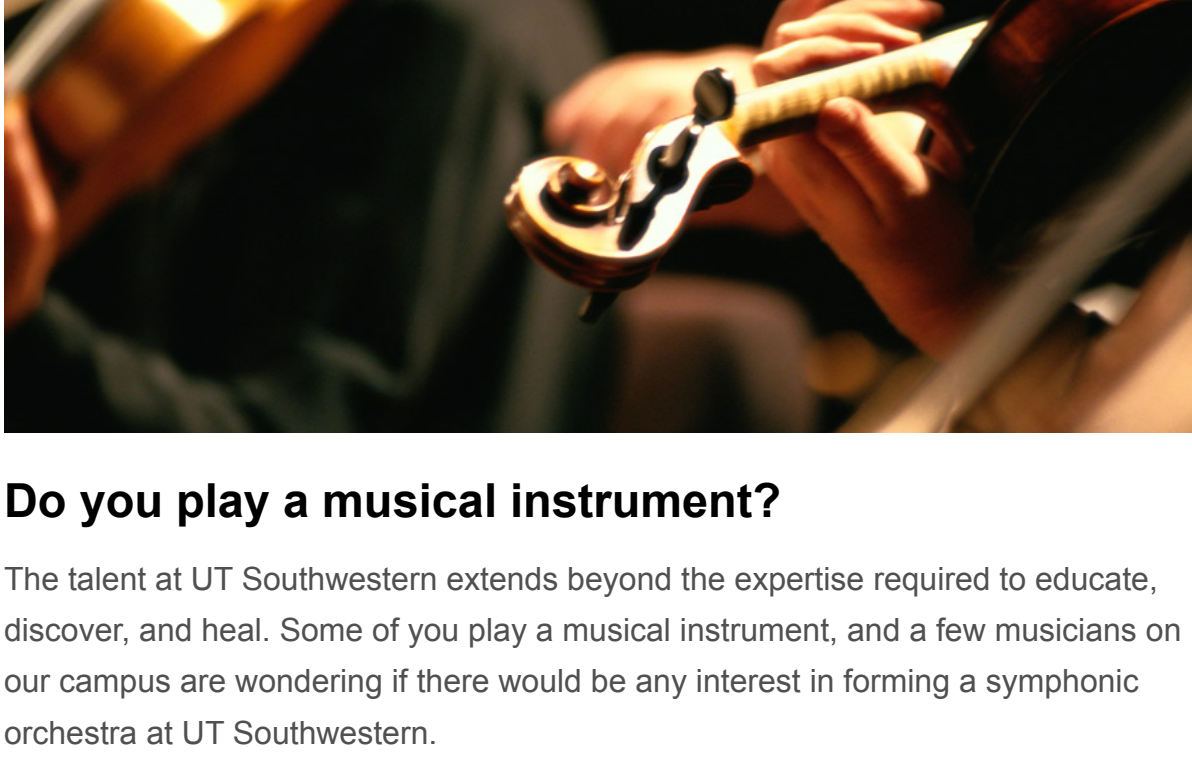
After celebrating Match Day in March, it's now time to cheer on our fourth-year medical students as they take their final step toward becoming physicians.

The Medical School will confer degrees to 226 students on Friday, May 16, at 11 a.m., during its commencement ceremony at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. This year's keynote address will be delivered by Dallas business leader and humanitarian **Ross Perot Jr.** The prestigious Ho Din Award recipient will also be announced during the ceremony. To see more of what this remarkable class has achieved, check out [Center Times Plus](#) to learn about their honors and accolades.

The celebration begins the night before, on Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m., with the traditional Academic Hooding Ceremony. Faculty members will formally recognize students' scholarly achievements with the academic hood – a powerful symbol of their transition from student to physician.

Both events will be [livestreamed](#), and we encourage the UTSW community to tune in and support our future doctors as they begin this next chapter!

[Dive into Medical School commencement](#)



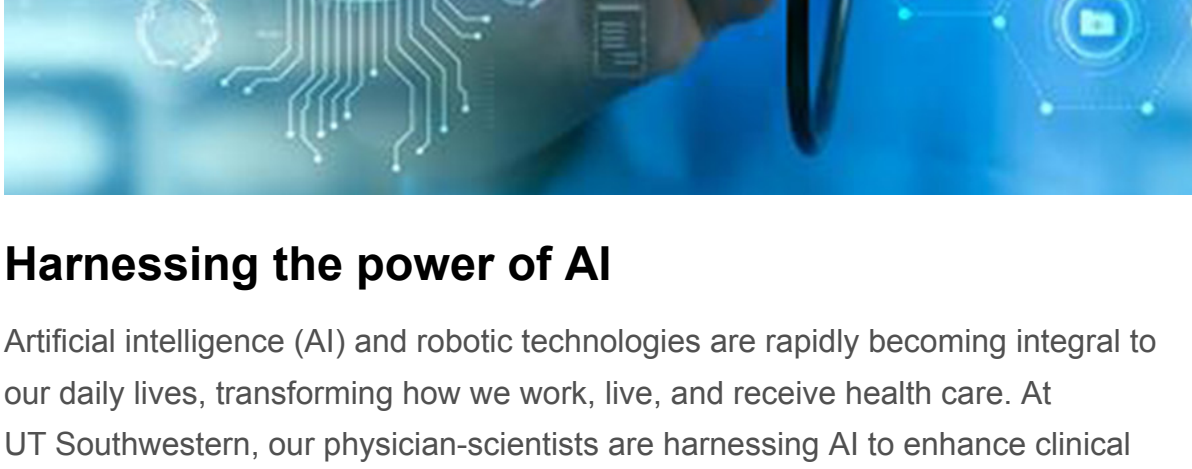
Do you play a musical instrument?

The talent at UT Southwestern extends beyond the expertise required to educate, discover, and heal. Some of you play a musical instrument, and a few musicians on our campus are wondering if there would be any interest in forming a symphonic orchestra at UT Southwestern.

So, if you play the bassoon, violin, piccolo, or any other orchestral instrument, please click the button below and complete the brief survey.

For questions in the meantime, please email [Claus Roehrborn, M.D.](#), Chair and Professor of Urology, or [Sing-Yi Feng, M.D.](#), Professor of Pediatrics.

[Tell us if you play!](#)



Harnessing the power of AI

Artificial intelligence (AI) and robotic technologies are rapidly becoming integral to our daily lives, transforming how we work, live, and receive health care. At UT Southwestern, our physician-scientists are harnessing AI to enhance clinical decision-making, improve patient care and treatment options, and train the next generation of health care professionals.

Ahead of this week's [UT System AI Symposium in Healthcare](#), explore how we are using AI to shape the future in medicine, today.

[Discover AI at UTSW](#)



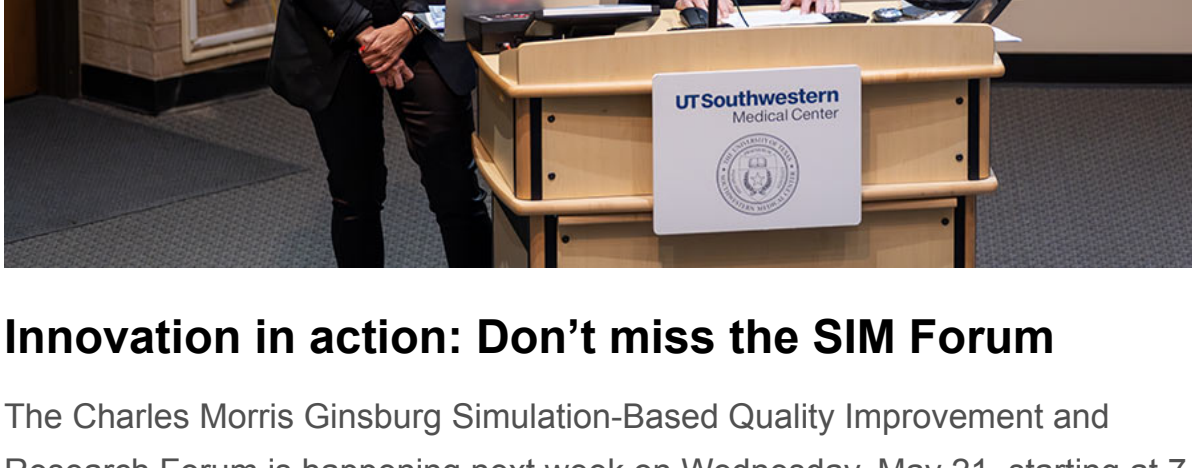
Gratitude for UTSW's police officers

During National Police Week, we recognize and thank the 37 commissioned officers and one cadet who serve UT Southwestern with dedication and professionalism.

Policing at an academic medical center requires a unique skill set. In addition to enforcing the law, our officers are experts in navigating complex regulations like EMTALA, FERPA, and HIPAA to ensure the safety and privacy of our patients, students, and staff.

Thank you for your service!

[Learn more about the UTSW Police Department](#)



Innovation in action: Don't miss the SIM Forum

The Charles Morris Ginsburg Simulation-Based Quality Improvement and Research Forum is happening next week on Wednesday, May 21, starting at 7 a.m., in the T. Boone Pickens Auditorium.

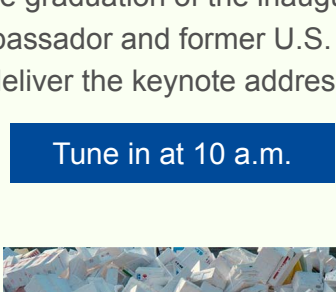
Hosted by the Simulation Center, this daylong hybrid event will feature a dynamic mix of poster and oral presentations showcasing the latest innovations in simulation-based medical education and research. Attendees can also participate in hands-on workshops designed to offer an immersive experience.

The day will kick off with a keynote address from **Paul Barach, M.D., M.P.H.**, a board-certified anesthesiologist, critical care physician-scientist, and public health researcher known for his global contributions to patient safety and health science. He is a faculty member of the Jefferson College of Population Health at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

Mark your calendars and join us.

[Secure your spot at the forum](#)

Insider Guide



OSPH Commencement

10 a.m.
Livestream

Tune in this morning to watch the graduation of the inaugural class of the Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health. Ambassador and former U.S. Sen. **Kay Bailey Hutchison** will deliver the keynote address.

[Tune in at 10 a.m.](#)



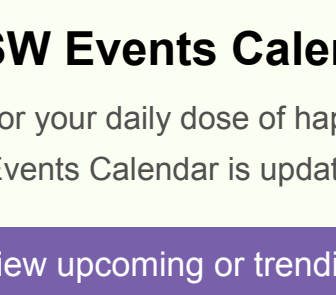
Green Champions Styrofoam recycling event

8-10 a.m., May 16

T. Boone Pickens Medical Education & Conference Center NG1, (receiving dock)

Hosted by the Office of Sustainability, this monthly event needs volunteers to remove stickers and tape from Styrofoam items and pack for transport to the recycling plant. Help the team with this sustainability effort.

[Go green!](#)



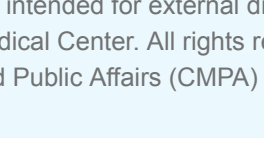
NAMI Walks North Texas 2025

7-10:30 a.m., May 17

Grandscape, The Colony

Help raise awareness about mental health and the work being done at UT Southwestern at National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walks. This grassroots organization provides aid, advocacy, and public awareness to improve the lives of people with mental health conditions and their family members. Sign up below.

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