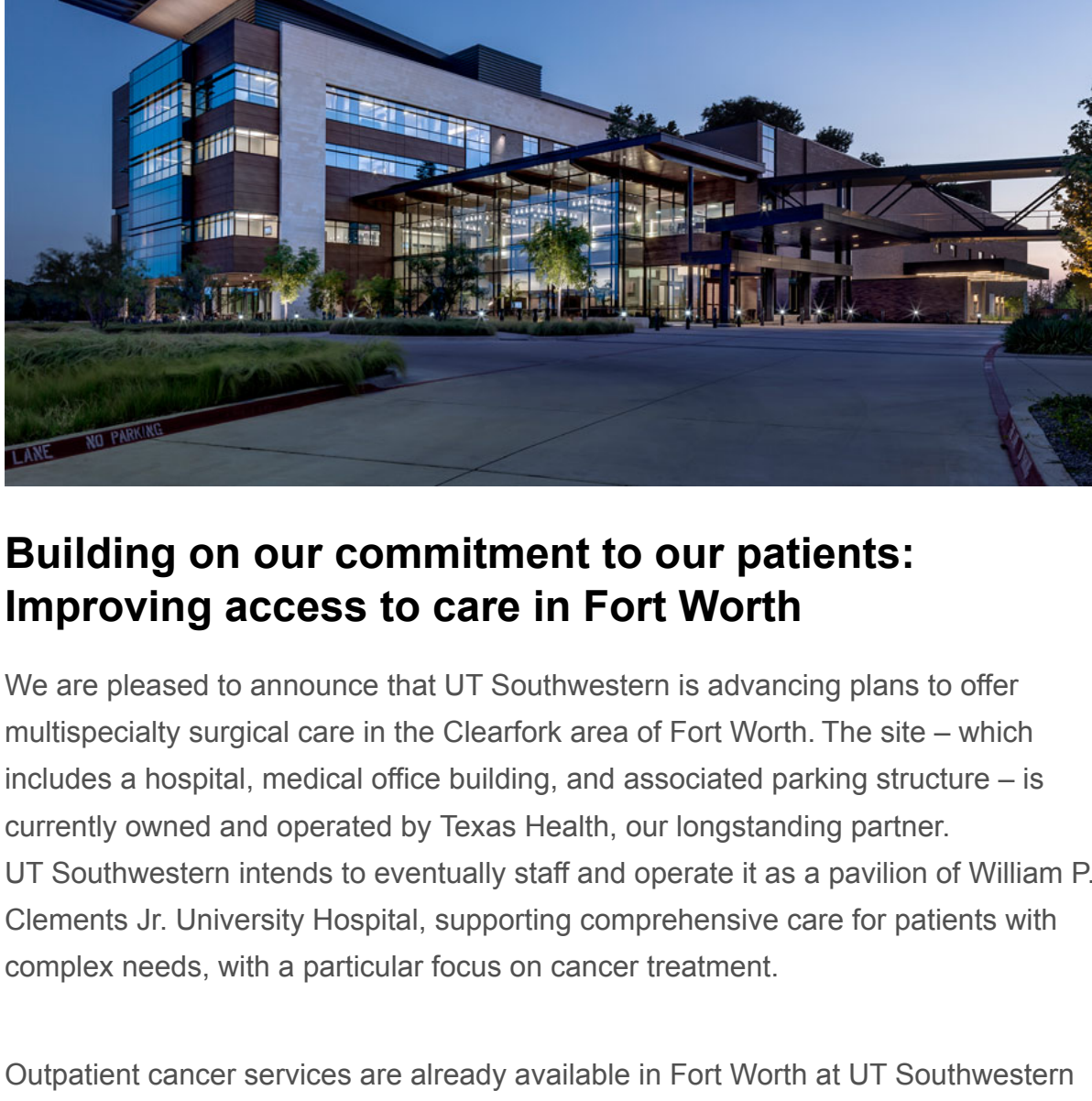




Building on our commitment to our patients: Improving access to care in Fort Worth

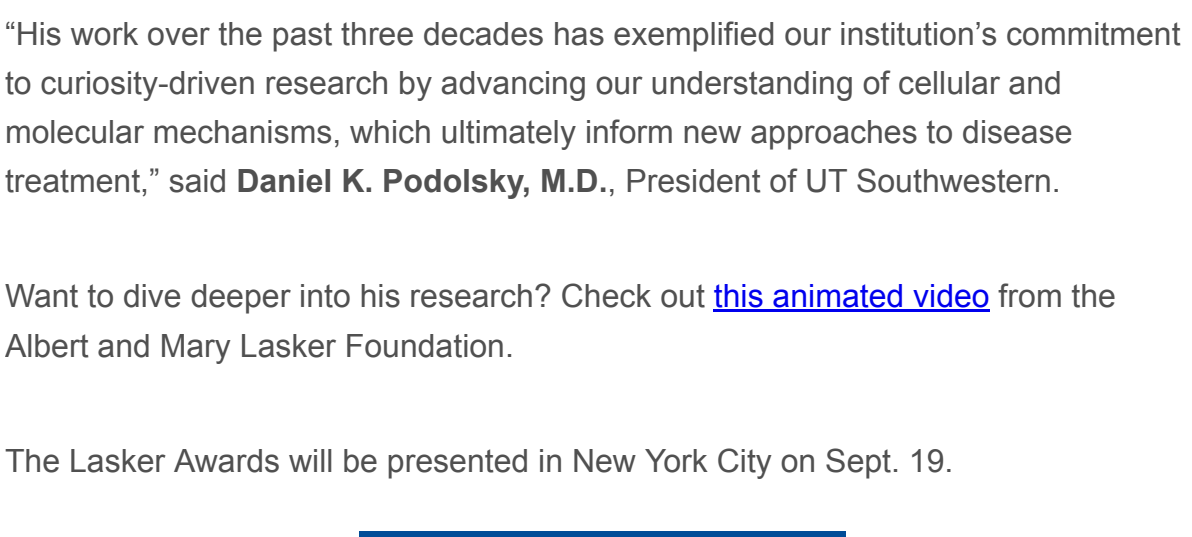
We are pleased to announce that UT Southwestern is advancing plans to offer multispecialty surgical care in the Clearfork area of Fort Worth. The site – which includes a hospital, medical office building, and associated parking structure – is currently owned and operated by Texas Health, our longstanding partner. UT Southwestern intends to eventually staff and operate it as a pavilion of William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, supporting comprehensive care for patients with complex needs, with a particular focus on cancer treatment.

Outpatient cancer services are already available in Fort Worth at UT Southwestern Monty and Tex Moncrief Medical Center and our Moncrief Cancer Institute. These offerings will expand in 2028 with the opening of our [new Radiation Oncology campus](#) connected to Moncrief. The facility will feature the city's first MRI-guided precision radiation treatment and is expected to meet the growing demand for cancer care in Fort Worth and surrounding communities for decades to come.

The Clearfork project is made possible through our close collaboration with Texas Health. Together, we continue to identify new ways to increase access to high-quality care for all communities of North Texas, fulfilling the founding purpose of [Southwestern Health Resources](#). We are working in close coordination with Texas Health to ensure seamless integration of care across both of our systems.

As part of this effort – and in anticipation of UT Southwestern assuming responsibility for operations at the Clearfork facility – we will soon be recruiting physicians, providers, and staff who will live and work in Fort Worth, building lasting relationships and contributing meaningfully to the community they will serve.

More details will be shared as plans progress and are ready for final approval by both the UT System Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees of Texas Health Resources.



Steven McKnight, Ph.D., earns prestigious Lasker Award

Join us in congratulating **Steven McKnight, Ph.D.**, Professor of Biochemistry and former long-serving Chair of the Department, for earning the 2025 [Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award](#). He was selected for his discoveries around the role of proteins of low sequence complexity and their influence on cell morphology and biological regulation.

Regarded as the nation's foremost prize for biomedical research, the Lasker Awards recognize significant advances in the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, cure, and prevention of human disease. Dr. McKnight's recognition marks the second consecutive year and fifth time that a UT Southwestern scientist has earned a Lasker Award, following **Zhijian “James” Chen, Ph.D.** (2024), Professor of Molecular Biology, and Nobel Laureates **Alfred Gilman, M.D., Ph.D.** (1989), **Michael Brown, M.D.** (1985), and **Joseph Goldstein, M.D.** (1985).

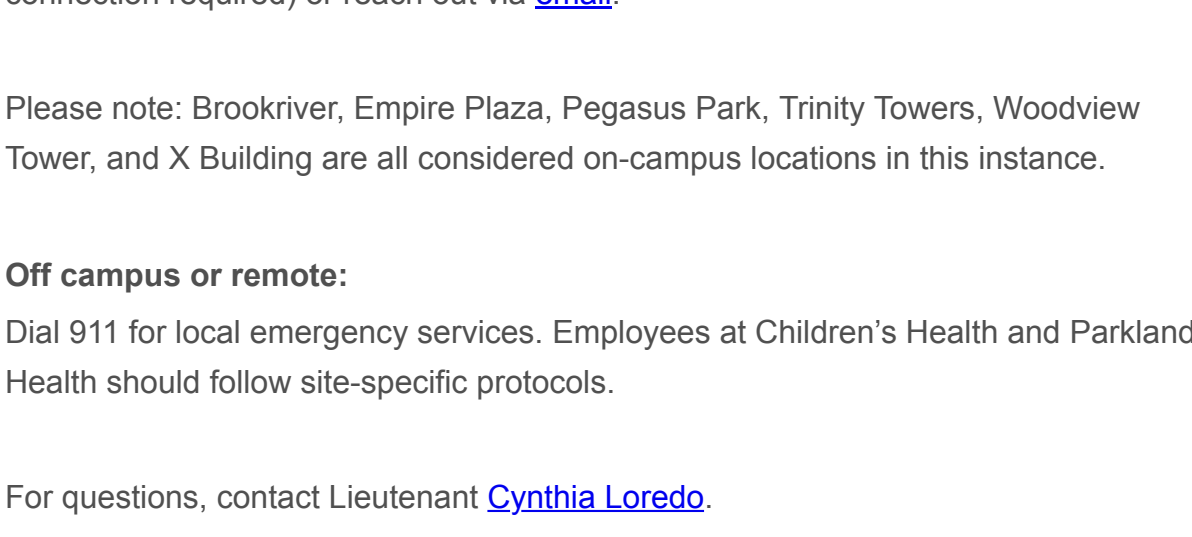
Dr. McKnight's studies – focused on proteins of low sequence complexity – have revealed how these disordered proteins can reversibly self-associate to control innumerable forms of dynamic cellular organization and aggregate in a manner that leads to neurologic and neurodegenerative disease.

“His work over the past three decades has exemplified our institution's commitment to curiosity-driven research by advancing our understanding of cellular and molecular mechanisms, which ultimately inform new approaches to disease treatment,” said **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, President of UT Southwestern.

Want to dive deeper into his research? Check out [this animated video](#) from the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation.

The Lasker Awards will be presented in New York City on Sept. 19.

[Read more in the news release](#)



Staying safe on campus

Maintaining a safe and secure environment for everyone on campus is a fundamental responsibility of the UT Southwestern Police Department (UTPD), and each of us plays an important role in helping police respond quickly and effectively in an emergency. Please review the emergency contact information and response guidance below.

On campus:

For the fastest response during an on-campus emergency, contact UTPD directly. Please save the following numbers to your phone favorites or speed dial:

- Emergencies (on campus): 214-648-8911
- Nonemergencies: 214-648-8311

If you have Microsoft Teams Calling enabled, you can also reach UTPD via Teams. Visit the [Microsoft Teams Calling guide](#) for information about adding these numbers to your Teams speed dial. If you do not have Teams Calling enabled, visit the [Information Resources intranet page](#) for details (on-campus network or VPN connection required) or reach out via [email](#).

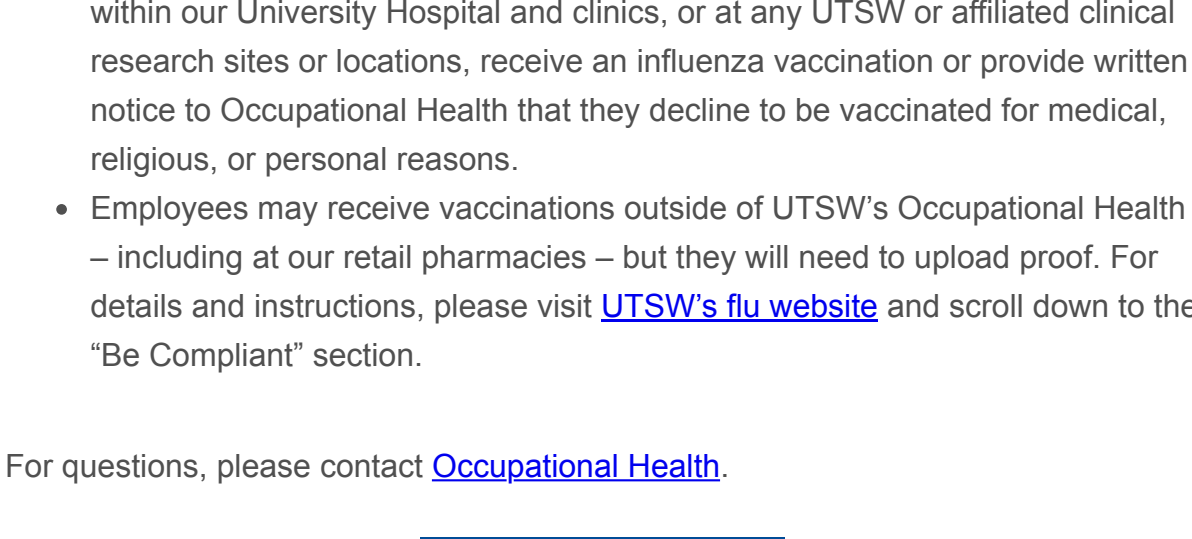
Please note: Brookriver, Empire Plaza, Pegasus Park, Trinity Towers, Woodview Tower, and X Building are all considered on-campus locations in this instance.

Off campus or remote:

Dial 911 for local emergency services. Employees at Children's Health and Parkland Health should follow site-specific protocols.

For questions, contact Lieutenant [Cynthia Loreda](#).

[View full details](#)



Enrollment is now open at Callier Child Development Program

UT Southwestern is proud to collaborate with the [Callier Child Development Program](#), a trusted early childhood education provider. And we are excited to announce that Callier is now accepting applications for open slots.

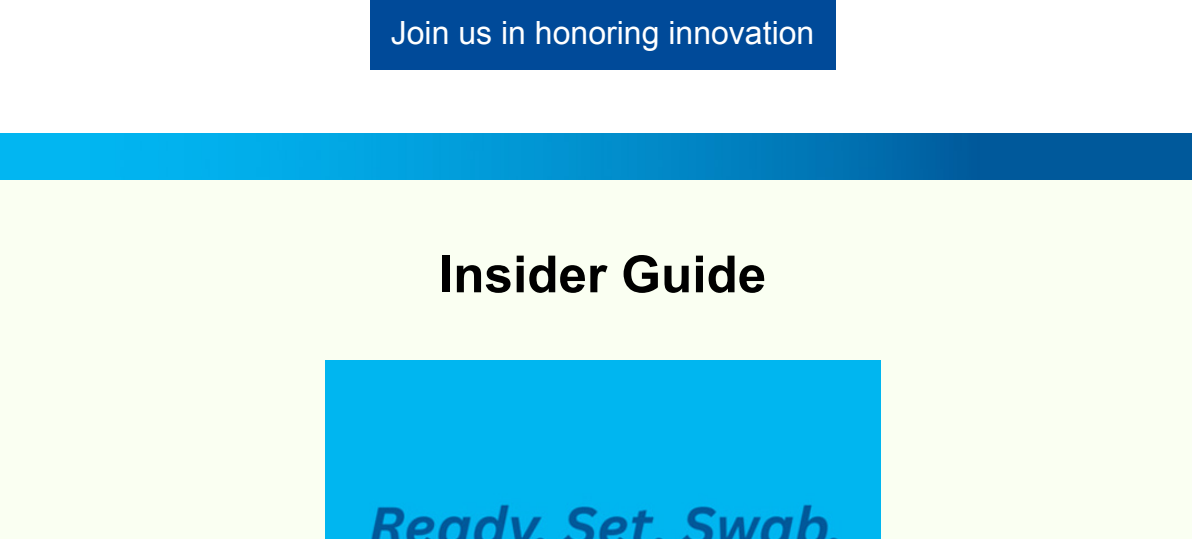
Conveniently located at 1966 Inwood Road, adjacent to South Campus, Callier offers a state-licensed and National Association of Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accredited program.

The curriculum emphasizes holistic child development, including:

- Communication and language skills
- Physical abilities
- Emotional and social growth
- Cognitive development

Faculty, staff, and learners who are interested in applying or learning more can contact Callier directly by phone at 972-883-3094.

For more about our [child care options](#), please reach out to our Human Resources team by phone at 214-648-9810 or [email](#).



Flu season: Have you booked your annual vaccination yet?

Flu shot appointments are available through **Oct. 31** and can be easily scheduled through Occupational Health's [ReadySet platform](#). Most of the information you'll need – including step-by-step scheduling instructions – can be found on UTSW's [employee flu website](#), but we'll share just a few key highlights:

- List of shot [locations, dates, and times](#).
- Please note that all of our flu vaccines have been allocated at our vaccination sites, and **walk-in appointments will not be available at Occupational Health**.
- “High-dose” formulations for individuals 65 years and older will be offered as well.
- Students will receive a separate communication about flu vaccination from Student Health.
- As a reminder, UT Southwestern policy ([HSO-203: Influenza Vaccination](#)) requires that all faculty, staff, house staff, and students working or training within our University Hospital and clinics, or at any UTSW or affiliated clinical research sites or locations, receive an influenza vaccination or provide written notice to Occupational Health that they decline to be vaccinated for medical, religious, or personal reasons.
- Employees may receive vaccinations outside of UTSW's Occupational Health – including at our retail pharmacies – but they will need to upload proof. For details and instructions, please visit [UTSW's flu website](#) and scroll down to the “Be Compliant” section.

For questions, please contact [Occupational Health](#).

[Get the facts on the flu](#)

Celebrating our postdocs: Honoring innovation and impact

This week, we proudly recognize the remarkable contributions of more than 620 [postdoctoral researchers](#) at UT Southwestern as part of National Postdoc Appreciation Week (NPAW). These talented individuals represent 50 countries and train under 300 exceptional research faculty, driving innovation and discovery across our institution.

To mark the occasion, the Postdoctoral Association (PDA) invites the campus community to these inspiring events on Friday, Sept. 19:

National Academy Members Panel | 1-2 p.m.

Hear from UT Southwestern's distinguished National Academy scientists as they reflect on their postdoctoral journeys and share insights into the evolving role of postdocs in today's research landscape.

Poster Session and Art Fair | 2-4:30 p.m.

Explore the creativity and research of our postdocs. Refreshments will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you see a postdoc this week, take a moment to thank them for their dedication to advancing research and discovery at UTSW, and check out this [short video](#) celebrating all they do.

[Join us in honoring innovation](#)

Insider Guide

Ready. Set. Swab.

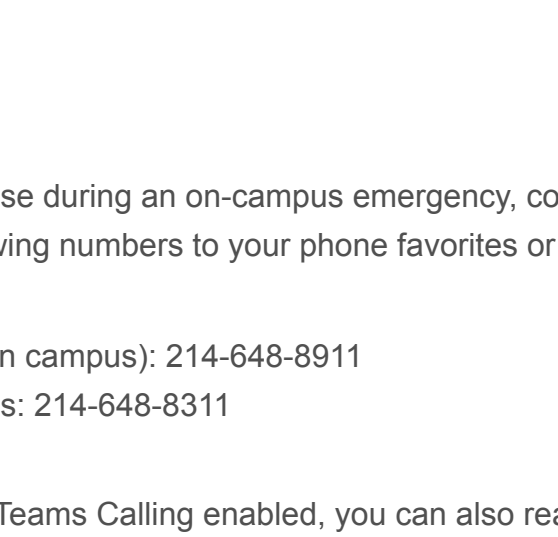
Be the match that saves a life

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 10

Various locations

Right now, more than 15,000 patients are searching for a matching donor, and you could be the one! Join the Simmons Cancer Center and take the first step toward becoming a potential bone marrow and blood stem cell donor in the fight against blood cancer. This event is open to all. No registration required.

[Find a location near you](#)



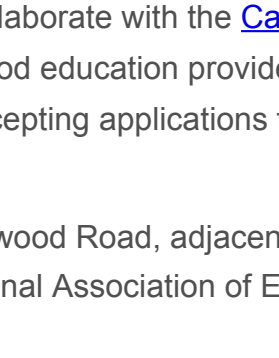
Cotton Bowl first look

5-8 p.m., Sept. 18

3750 The Midway, Dallas

As the Official Health Care Partner of Dallas Trinity FC (DTFC), UTSW is invited to the exclusive First Look at the newly renovated Cotton Bowl Stadium where the team will soon take the field. Please select your preferred tour time and RSVP directly with DTFC to reserve your spot. If you have any questions, reach out to the [Brand team](#).

[Reserve your spot](#)



UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?

The UTSW Events Calendar is updated every day.

[Click to view upcoming or trending events](#)