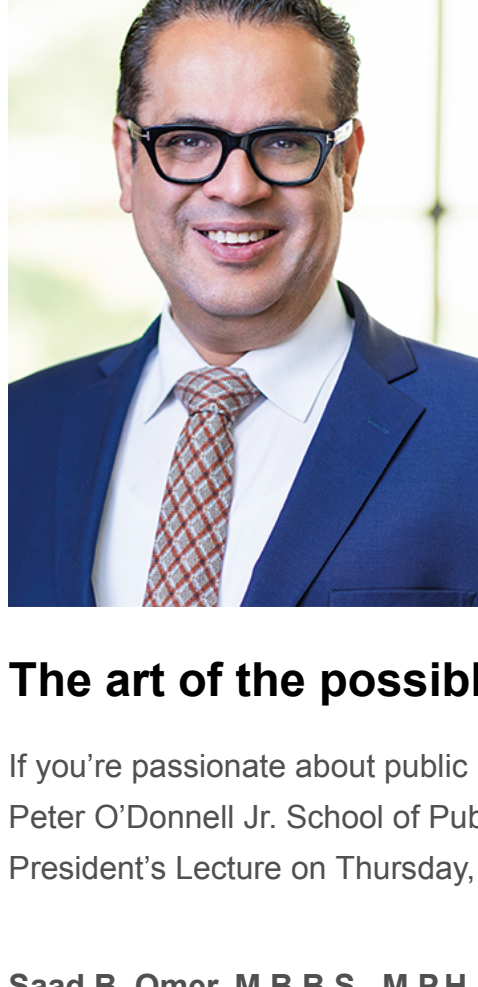
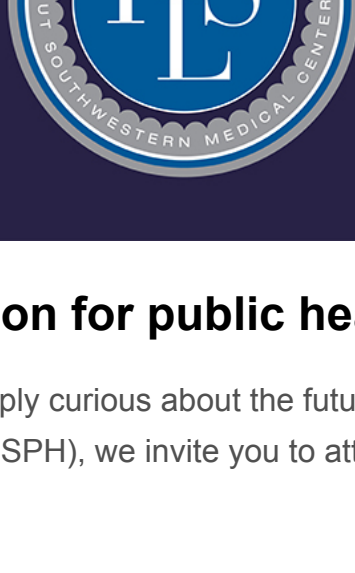




PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES



The art of the possible: A vision for public health

If you're passionate about public health or simply curious about the future of the Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health (OSPH), we invite you to attend the next President's Lecture on Thursday, Oct. 16.

Saad B. Omer, M.B.B.S., M.P.H., Ph.D., founding Dean of the OSPH at UT Southwestern, will present "Leveraging UT Southwestern's Academic Excellence for Public Health Impact."

Dr. Omer is a globally respected epidemiologist and policy adviser whose career has been shaped by both scientific rigor and a deep commitment to addressing health disparities. Since joining UT Southwestern in 2023, he's been leading bold initiatives to improve public health locally and globally through OSPH.

His talk will explore how academic excellence can drive real-world impact and how mentorship can empower the next generation of public health leaders. Expect an inspiring conversation about the accomplishments of the OSPH and the "art of the possible" in public health.

The event begins at 4 p.m. in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium, followed by a reception. A livestream option will also be available.

[Reserve your spot today](#)

The countdown begins: 2025 New Faculty Research Forum

Get ready to be inspired at the New Faculty Research Forum on Oct. 14, featuring keynote speaker **Jim Collins, Ph.D.**, Professor of Pharmacology.

The dynamic event will shine a spotlight on our newest faculty members as they share innovative discoveries, spark new collaborations, and showcase the exciting future of research at UTSW.

Curious about what brought Dr. Collins to UTSW? Watch this [short video](#) to hear three key pieces of advice he offers new faculty members, including why taking big risks can lead to big breakthroughs.

[Reserve](#) your spot today and join colleagues for a day of insights and connections!

[Meet the speakers](#)

CTSA Program events to help researchers

UT Southwestern's Clinical and Translational Science Award Program (CTSA) is part of a national effort to accelerate how scientific discoveries turn into real-world health solutions. The program provides our clinical and translational science community with valuable resources, including seminars and conferences focused on data and data services.

Oct. 1: Explore Epic Cosmos

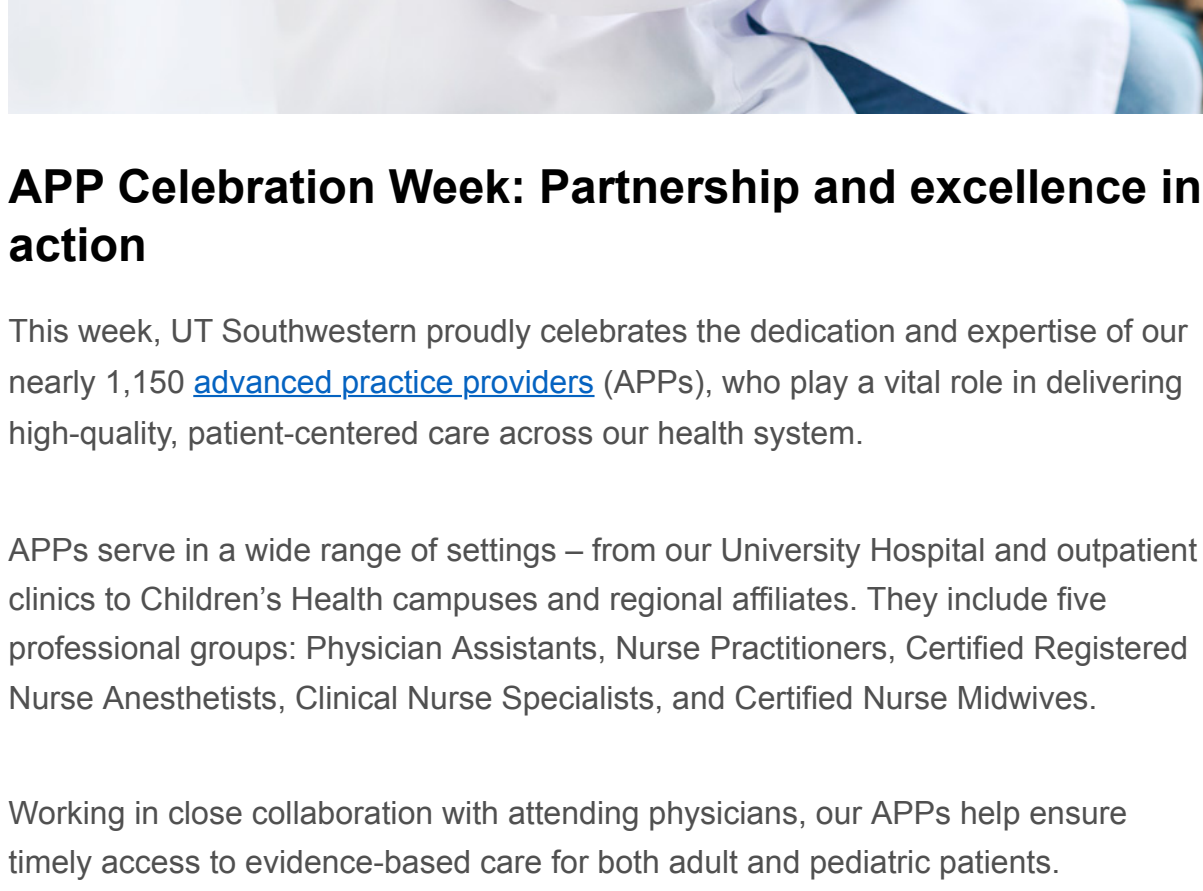
Researchers will learn about Epic Cosmos, a nationwide dataset built with de-identified patient data from Epic users, by attending one of two one-hour sessions (9 a.m. or noon) that will explain how using Epic can help in the quest to make new discoveries and advance medical research.

[Register for a session](#)

Oct. 3: Our Data, Your Discovery

This all-day conference will feature the presentation "Got Data? What We Have and Why You Need It," by **Wendy W. Chapman, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean for Health Informatics and Director of the Clinical Informatics Center. Researchers will receive a broad overview of UTSW institutional data resources and learn about the collaboration between data infrastructure and clinical operations. Topics will include understanding available data types and platforms, requesting and accessing specific datasets, how clinical workflows shape data, and networking with system curators and operational leads.

[Register to attend](#)



APP Celebration Week: Partnership and excellence in action

This week, UT Southwestern proudly celebrates the dedication and expertise of our nearly 1,150 [advanced practice providers](#) (APPs), who play a vital role in delivering high-quality, patient-centered care across our health system.

APPs serve in a wide range of settings – from our University Hospital and outpatient clinics to Children's Health campuses and regional affiliates. They include five professional groups: Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Clinical Nurse Specialists, and Certified Nurse Midwives.

Working in close collaboration with attending physicians, our APPs help ensure timely access to evidence-based care for both adult and pediatric patients. Approximately 720 UTSW APPs serve adult populations, while more than 400 specialize in pediatrics.

Their commitment to excellence is reflected in their academic achievements:

- 1,031 hold master's degrees
- 118 have earned doctoral degrees, including Ph.D., D.N.P., and D.N.A.P.

Throughout APP Celebration Week (Sept. 22-26), they'll be honored for their contributions with daily activities, culminating in the APP Excellence Awards ceremony on Sept. 25.

Please join us in recognizing these outstanding professionals who help advance UTSW's mission every day.

[Learn more about APPs](#)

Calling all UTSW military veterans: Let us recognize your service

If you've served in the U.S. military, we invite you to be part of a special *Center Times Plus* photo gallery honoring veterans across our institution.

To participate, please fill out the form linked below **by Friday, Oct. 10**. Through the form, you'll be able to share a picture of yourself in uniform, along with key details such as branch of service and year the photo was taken.

We look forward to celebrating your service and appreciate the dedication, sacrifice, and strength you've brought to both our country and our UTSW community.

[Submit your photo](#)

Join a study on ocular tear analysis

UT Southwestern's Department of Ophthalmology, in collaboration with Augusta University, is looking for volunteers to join a clinical research trial focused on tear analysis. The goal is to better understand eye health by comparing tear samples from healthy participants and those with certain eye conditions.

Study details:

- Attend one office visit.
- Compensation will be provided for each visit.
- All research-related procedures are covered by the study.

Eligibility:

- Adults age 21 to 90
- Healthy participants or those diagnosed with dry-eye syndrome, keratoconjunctivitis sicca, or meibomian gland dysfunction

Who cannot participate:

- Pregnant women
- Current or former smokers
- People receiving hormone therapy

This research is led by **Danielle Robertson, O.D., Ph.D.**, Professor in the [Department of Ophthalmology](#).

Interested? Contact the research team via [email](#) or call 214-645-2014.

Insider Guide



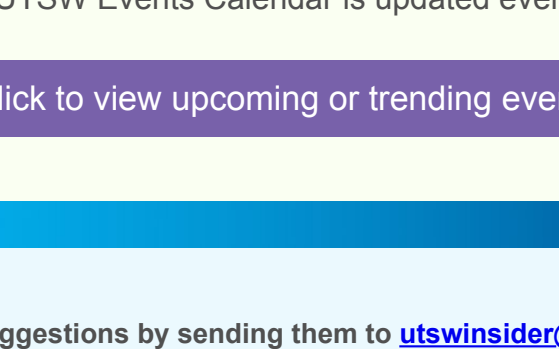
State Employee Charitable Campaign pop-ups on North Campus

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 24

T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Building (North Campus dining area/Skyline Café)

Mingle with colleagues and SECC representatives at two pop-up events on North Campus and help make a profound impact on the lives of those in need by participating in the campaign, which runs through Oct. 31. You'll be able to get help with making your donation and collect some swag. Tia, the Simmons Cancer Center's beloved facility therapy dog, will be in attendance for pets and snuggles at the Skyline Café!

[Join in the fun!](#)



Heart Health Fair

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Oct. 7-8

Clements University Hospital cafeteria/South Campus dining area

The UT Southwestern Heart and Vascular Services team is bringing heart health straight to you! Stop by the interactive tables featuring Nutrition Services, Preventive Cardiology, BMI and blood pressure screenings, CPR training, library resources, a photo booth, and more.

[Get the details](#)

UTSW Events Calendar

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