



Mendell, Pan elected to National Academy of Medicine

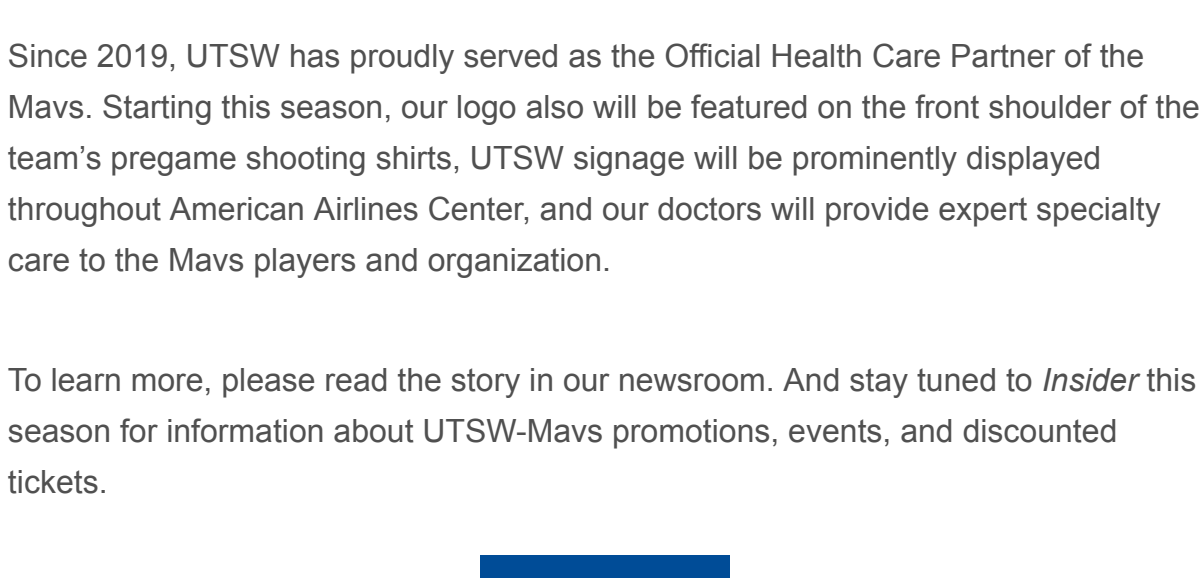
Earlier this week, **Joshua Mendell, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Molecular Biology, and **Duoqia Pan, Ph.D.**, Chair and Professor of Physiology, joined nearly two dozen other UT Southwestern scientists who have been elected to the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine.

Dr. Mendell, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Investigator, has led pioneering research into the functions of noncoding RNAs in both normal physiology and diseases such as cancer. Dr. Pan, who is also a member of the National Academy of Sciences and an HHMI Investigator, is recognized for advancing our understanding of the molecular pathways that regulate tissue growth and homeostasis.

Monday's announcement brings the number of NAM members at UT Southwestern to 25, more than any other institution in Texas.

"The elections of Dr. Mendell and Dr. Pan to the National Academy of Medicine reflect the depth and significance of their scientific contributions to our understanding of cancer biology," said **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, President of UT Southwestern and a member of the NAM.

[Read the UTSW news release](#)



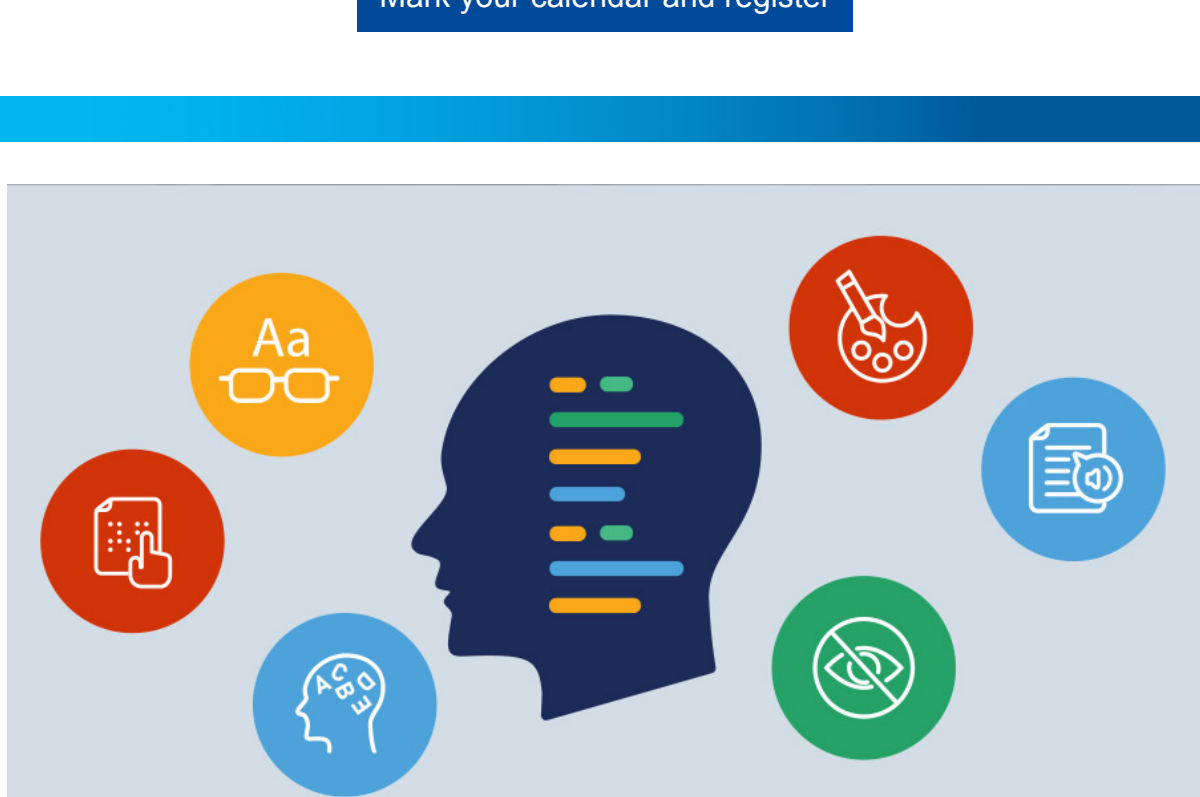
UTSW named Official Team Doctors of the Dallas Mavericks

As the Dallas Mavericks tip off their 2025-26 season tonight against the San Antonio Spurs, we are excited to share that UT Southwestern will now be the Official Team Doctors for the Mavs', expanding our longstanding partnership with Dallas' NBA franchise.

Since 2019, UTSW has proudly served as the Official Health Care Partner of the Mavs. Starting this season, our logo also will be featured on the front shoulder of the team's pregame shooting shirts, UTSW signage will be prominently displayed throughout American Airlines Center, and our doctors will provide expert specialty care to the Mavs players and organization.

To learn more, please read the story in our newsroom. And stay tuned to *Insider* this season for information about UTSW-Mavs promotions, events, and discounted tickets.

[Get the details](#)



An evening of inspiration: Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards

The countdown is on! Soon, we'll gather to celebrate the recipients of the eighth annual Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards. We hope you join us for what promises to be an inspiring and memorable evening.

The ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium, with an outdoor reception to follow on McDermott Plaza. Please register if you will be attending in person. For those unable to join, a livestream will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Mark your calendar and register](#)



Digital accessibility: New trainings added

UT Southwestern is actively preparing to meet updated federal accessibility standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and all digital content – including **websites, mobile applications, and electronic documents** – must comply.

Because ADA compliance is a shared responsibility among everyone at UT Southwestern, you are encouraged to register to attend one of the one-hour Digital Accessibility 101 training sessions, along with other applicable trainings listed below:

Digital Accessibility 101

A one-hour session introducing accessibility concepts and practical steps for compliance. [Sign up for a session.](#)

PowerPoint: Simple Steps to Accessibility

Learn how to create clear, consistent, and accessible PowerPoint presentations using simple design techniques and built-in tools. [Sign up for a session.](#)

MS Word: Simple Steps to Accessibility

Gain tips on how to create and restructure Microsoft Word documents for accessibility using semantic structure and built-in tools. [Sign up for a session.](#)

[Accessibility details](#)



First Step Learning Centre expands services

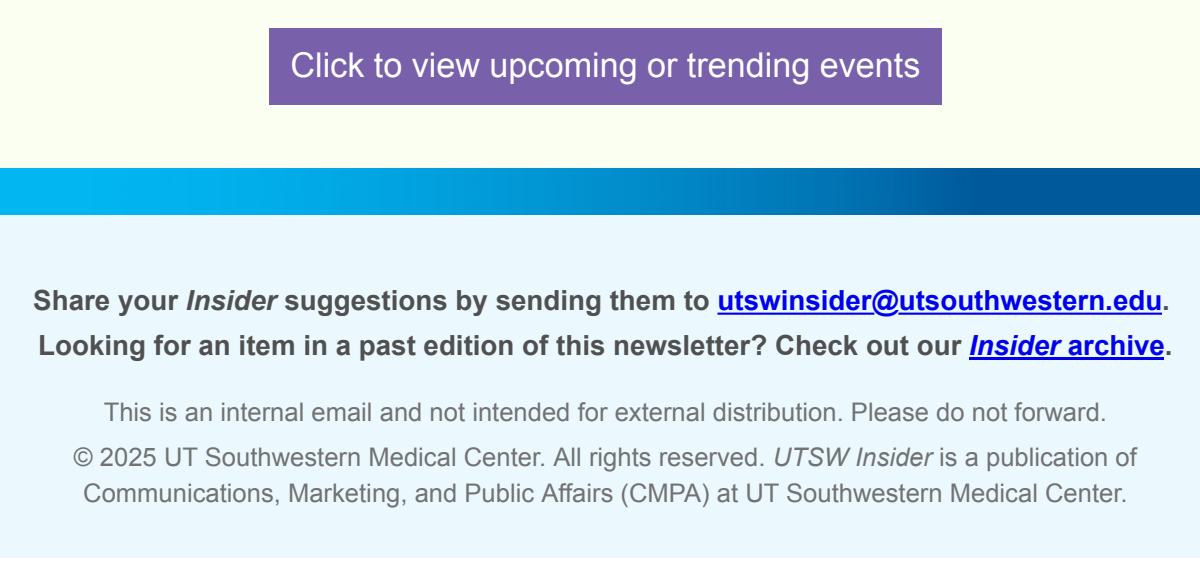
First Step Learning Centre, a long-standing child care provider in the UT Southwestern community, has recently expanded its offerings with the addition of a new classroom for 2-year-olds, now open for immediate enrollment.

Located close to our Dallas campus at 5641 Southwestern Medical Ave., the center is open to faculty, staff, and learners, and has been a trusted option for many within our institution.

The facility includes an educational curriculum, dedicated breastfeeding room, arts and computer rooms, an updated playground, and a cafeteria. Operating hours are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tours are available without an appointment and interested parties are welcome to stop by at their convenience. For more information, visit First Step Learning Centre's [website](#) or reach out via [email](#).

[How to enroll](#)



Science in 60+: Cancer's Last Stand

Every year, millions of lives are claimed by cancer, but the true cause of death often remains unclear.

Driven by this critical question, **Matteo Ligorio, M.D., Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Surgery and in the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, teamed up with **Kelley Newcomer, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, to [investigate what happens](#) in the final stages of life for patients with cancer.

Their research, recently published in *Nature Medicine*, challenges the long-standing belief that metastasis is the primary cause of death. Instead, their findings spotlight the vascular system's role in the final progression of the disease.

As a result, UT Southwestern's Departments of Surgery and Radiation Oncology are launching clinical trials aimed at blocking the vascular spread of cancer, a promising step toward extending the lives of patients with stage 4 disease.

Get the story behind their research in the latest episode of *Science in 60+*.

[Watch the video](#)

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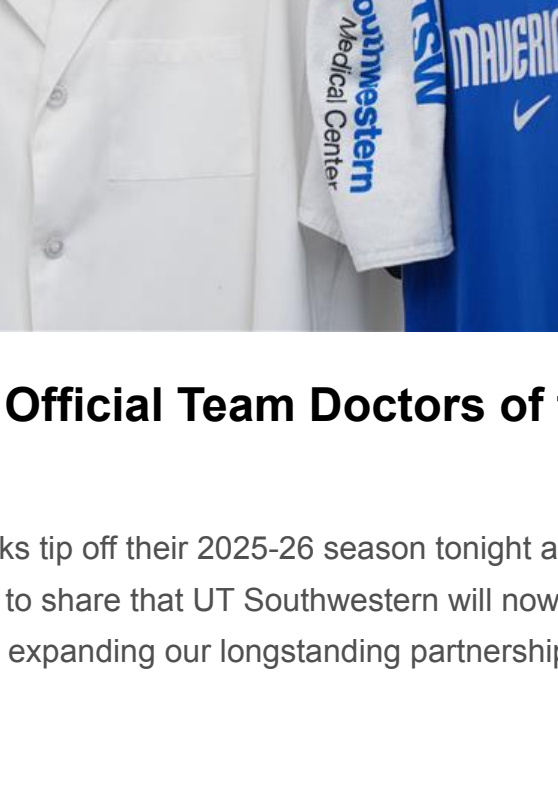
State Employee Charitable Campaign pop-up at CUH

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 23

William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital (CUH), cafeteria area

Mingle with colleagues and SECC representatives while showing your support for the campaign, which runs through Oct. 31. Get help with making your donation while you collect some swag. Plus, Tia, the Simmons Cancer Center's beloved facility therapy dog, will be in attendance for pets and snuggles! Genesis Women's Shelter will also be on site to share how they help women and children experiencing domestic violence.

[SECC info](#)



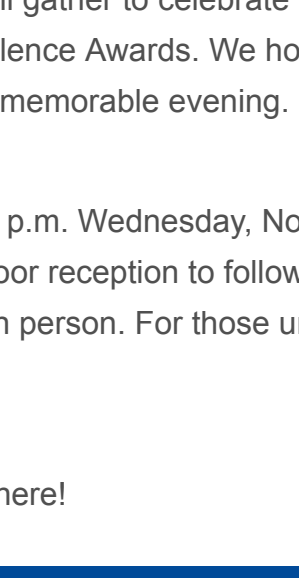
Program in Microbes, Immunity, and Disease Symposium

9 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 24

T. Boone Pickens Conference Center, NG3.112

Connect with researchers across clinical and basic science disciplines who are driving discovery in infectious disease, immunology, microbiology, and inflammation. The event will feature presentations from UTSW investigators and a keynote address by **Eric Skaar, Ph.D., M.P.H.**, Director of the Vanderbilt Institute for Infection, Immunology and Inflammation. There will also be a poster session and opportunities to network.

[Attend the symposium](#)



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