Texas Health Resources and UT Southwestern will create an Integrated Clinical Network to care for all of the wellness and health care needs of North Texans through all stages of their lives. The Board of Regents for the University of Texas System and Texas Health Resources Board of Trustees both approved the network’s creation.

Below are answers to many questions you may have. As this network continues to take shape, we will continue to update these FAQs to help keep you informed.

**Why are you creating this Network?**
- Texas Health Resources and UT Southwestern are forming an integrated health care network, Southwestern Health Resources, which enables each organization to complement its current services with the resources of the other to better serve patients in North Texas.
- The new network will include 27 hospitals in North Texas, three of which will be in Dallas, as well as an expanded, inclusive network of physicians.
- Through integration, the hospitals and physicians in the network will have access to information about their patients’ health, enabling them to work together to offer the best possible care at the most appropriate and convenient location.
- The two organizations have a long history of working together back to the opening of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas in 1966.
- Our vision is to create a full continuum of clinically integrated care by joining Texas Health’s focus on primary, secondary and tertiary care with UT Southwestern’s focus on tertiary and quaternary care.

**What is the business case for this new integrated network?**
- Scale is increasingly essential to meet the challenges of changes in health care delivery, particularly as health care providers are asked to be responsible for the overall care of a population of patients and assume some of the financial risk in providing this care.
- Consolidation is a clear health care industry trend. These complementary organizations will work together to help keep total cost-of-care as low as possible in a time when patients, insurers and other payers are increasingly sensitive to health care costs, especially since costs increasingly drive health care decisions.
- Patients expect – and deserve – affordable, innovative, reliable health care.

**How does this benefit each organization?**
- UT Southwestern researchers will have access to an entirely new pool of data. Patients who are interested in participating will benefit from expanded access to clinical trials.
- UT Southwestern will benefit from expanded teaching and clinical research capabilities. We will be able to advance the practice of medicine by offering clinical training and education that incorporates 25 more hospitals and more than 300 outpatient facilities, clinics and other access points.
- Texas Health Resources will gain access to an expanded group of nationally and internationally recognized medical specialists and a more robust research structure.
- Together, the network will position both organizations to accelerate advanced medical innovations from bench to bedside for the benefit of patients.
Will this network have a closed medical staff?
- No. The network will be inclusive. Physicians of all types – independent, faculty, employed, and university-affiliated – will drive the network. Texas Health Dallas will remain an open-staff hospital where independent physicians will continue to have privileges just as they did before. The medical staff at the University Hospitals will remain closed and only be available to physicians with a UTSW faculty appointment. As has always been the case, physicians will need to apply and qualify for privileges at any hospital at which they’d like to practice.

Will privileges at Texas Health Resources hospitals automatically be valid at UT Southwestern hospitals?
- As has always been the case, physicians will need to apply and qualify for privileges at any hospital at which they’d like to practice. Privileges at UT Southwestern hospitals will continue to require a faculty appointment and criteria for receiving a faculty appointment remain unchanged.

Will privileges at UT Southwestern hospitals automatically be valid at Texas Health Resources hospitals?
- Physicians will still need to apply for privileges at any hospital at which they’d like to practice, as they do today. There is nothing currently preventing any UT Southwestern faculty from applying for and having privileges at any Texas Health entity, and this will not change.

How can a private organization and public academic institution work together?
- The network is based on a shared mission: to deliver high quality health care and serve the community. Each organization will retain ownership of its own assets. UT Southwestern will continue to focus on research and teaching as an academic institution, as well as clinical care, and Texas Health Resources will stay true to its status as a non-profit health care provider.

Will state money be going to a private company? Will private shareholders benefit from state funding?
- Texas Health Resources is a private organization and does not have shareholders.
- The new network will not obligate UT Southwestern to make any financial commitments to Texas Health Resources, and state assets and employees will remain under the control of UT Southwestern and the state of Texas.