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**Search for the Inaugural Chief (Research) of the Epilepsy Section, Department of Neurology
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Dallas, TX**

THE SEARCH

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW) seeks a respected and visionary researcher to become its inaugural Chief (Research) of the Epilepsy Section in the Department of Neurology. The Section is recognized as one of the premier clinical Epilepsy programs in the country, boasting substantial patient volumes, three epilepsy monitoring units (two adult and one pediatric) that in their totality represent among the largest in the U.S., exceptionally high surgical volumes, pioneering patient care and treatment, and a large fellowship training program. Two of the twelve associated faculty are PIs of NIH-funded labs, and the plan is to expand this number. Department leadership recognized the incredible foundation already present, and by creating this position, are formalizing their investment in this programmatic space. The inaugural Chief will advance research initiatives, capitalizing on existing strengths and innovations in the Section and related departments. This is a distinctive opportunity to cultivate research that capitalizes on a large and exceptional clinical base and a growing cadre of PIs. The individual will play a pivotal and multi-faceted role in advancing the research footprint of this Section.

UTSW is a leading [global research institution](#) known for its commitment to interdisciplinary research and rigorous scientific training in basic and clinical research. Renowned for life-changing discoveries, the center has a stellar international reputation. With a distinguished faculty including six Nobel Laureates, 26 National Academy of Sciences members, and 19 National Academy of Medicine members, UTSW contributes to groundbreaking research spanning from the microscopic level to comprehensive patient care. The institution receives significant funding, totaling approximately \$640 million annually, from federal agencies, foundations, companies, and private donors, supporting around 5,800 research projects.

The [Department of Neurology](#), with >140 full-time faculty (>90 with primary appointments), includes 12 academic sections, creating a dynamic environment that supports diverse and innovative approaches to neurological care, novel research programs, and educational opportunities for trainees. A close partnership with the [Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute](#) and the [Center for Alzheimer's and Neurodegenerative Diseases](#) at UTSW facilitates the utilization of shared resources for unique programs throughout the expanding medical center with the common goal of solving brain disease.

With a notable national ranking as one of the top 20 hospitals for neurology and neurosurgery (#18), the department is embedded in one of the top three academic medical centers in the 16-state Southeast and Southwest region, covering approximately 40% of the U.S. population. UTSW serves as a crucial hub for

specialized neurological care across a vast U.S. region, impacting thousands of patients annually from Texas, neighboring states, and beyond. Featuring 32 research labs, with one-in-four of the faculty serving as Principal Investigators of NIH and/or other federal grants, the department's [research portfolio](#) has quadrupled over the past 4 years, and its R25 program serves as a pipeline for the continuous growth of its research mission.

Reporting to the Chair of the Department of Neurology, the inaugural Chief will expand the research in the section by recruiting and mentoring physician-scientists and basic scientists. Supported by ample resources, including collaboration with the Section's Clinical Chief and O'Donnell Brain Institute leaders, the Chief will lead and develop research programs and shape the Division's research efforts. The successful candidate will be a recognized leader in epilepsy research with a record of funded research and a commitment to excellence.

UTSW has engaged Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist in the search. A complete list of the qualifications and characteristics desired in the Chief can be found at the conclusion of this document, along with information on how to apply.

SECTION OF EPILEPSY

The [UTSW Section of Epilepsy](#) is one of the busiest and most advanced programs in the country, specializing in care for patients in North Texas and beyond. The [National Association of Epilepsy Centers](#) (NAEC) has designated each of the epilepsy programs at UT Southwestern, Parkland, and Children's Health as Level 4 NAEC centers – the highest ranking possible. The program is also accredited by the [Laboratory Accreditation Board of ABRET](#) for precision and integrity.

With 11 primary faculty and several secondary faculty, two of whom have R01-level funding, the Division supports the clinical programs in epilepsy across the health system. UTSW offers a state-of-the-art, 12-bed epilepsy monitoring unit (EMU) at William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital and a 12-bed [EMU at Parkland Hospital](#). UTSW currently offers the most advanced magnetoencephalography (MEG) technology and has the only MEG scanner in Dallas. UTSW performs approximately 200 MEG cases per year.

Surgical options at UTSW include the following:

- Intracranial EEG (including stereo-EEG and subdural grids and strips); UTSW completes approximately 60 SEEG procedures a year.
- Robotized Stereotactic Assistant (ROSA®); UTSW is among the first and busiest hospitals in Texas to use this technology.
- Surgical resection of the identified cerebral seizure focus.
- Minimally invasive laser interstitial therapy for ablation of the seizure focus.
- Neurostimulation using devices such as the responsive neurostimulation system, deep brain stimulation, and vagal nerve stimulation.

The epilepsy section also hosts medical students, residents, and fellows throughout their training. UTSW sponsors ACGME-accredited training in Adult Clinical Neurophysiology and Adult Epilepsy fellowship programs with up to 8 fellows each year. An additional non-ACGME accredited Advanced Fellowship in Epilepsy and Electroencephalography is also available.

THE ROLE

Reporting to the Chair of Neurology, [Elan Louis](#), the Chief (Research) of the Epilepsy Section will be the strategic leader and architect of research growth, thereby overseeing both the direction and execution of such activities.

KEY OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

To provide a successful future for the epilepsy section, the next Chief must address the following key opportunities and challenges:

Promote the growth and development of epilepsy research in the Department of Neurology

The Chief will play a pivotal role in developing and articulating a clear vision for epilepsy research within the Section, formulating strategic goals and objectives aligned with the Department's and UTSW's broader mission. The Chief will identify, prioritize, and expand research areas and initiatives within epilepsy, considering emerging trends, patient needs, and scientific advancements. This proactive approach, which will involve the recruitment of additional investigators, ensures the continuous growth and development of epilepsy research, contributing significantly to the overall mission of the Department of Neurology.

Continue building collaborations through the health system, the O'Donnell Brain Institute, and the School of Medicine

The Chief will advance the impact of research on practical applications and patient care. By collaborating closely with clinicians, the Chief will seamlessly integrate research findings into clinical practice, contributing to improved patient outcomes. Additionally, the Chief will proactively establish collaborative partnerships with various entities, including research institutions, academic organizations, and industry stakeholders. These partnerships are aimed at enhancing research capabilities and broadening the overall impact of epilepsy research, fostering innovation and progress in the field.

Mentor and inspire the next generation of research faculty and leadership

Collaborating with the Chair and other department leaders, the inaugural Chief will cultivate faculty interest in and the ability to participate in research initiatives to expand the Section's research faculty. The Chief will actively provide mentorship and support for researchers at various career stages, fostering an environment conducive to continuous learning and professional development.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

- An MD, MD/ PhD, DO, PhD or foreign equivalent degree is required
- Academic rank will be commensurate with academic accomplishments and experience
- A deep and impressive track record of funded research
- Dedication to and success in advancing the tripartite mission of medical education, patient care, and research
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to engage the community broadly and transparently
- A deep commitment to and demonstrated experience in fostering and supporting programs that address equity, inclusion, and diversity

APPLICATIONS, INQUIRIES, AND NOMINATIONS

Screening of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the completion of the search process. Inquiries, nominations, referrals, and CVs with cover letters should be sent via the Isaacson, Miller website for the search: <https://www.imsearch.com/open-searches/university-texas-southwestern-medical-center/inaugural-chief-research-epilepsy>. Electronic submission of materials is strongly encouraged.

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About the Organization

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center



UT Southwestern Medical Center: A Special Moment of Opportunity

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, one of the premier academic medical centers in the nation, integrates pioneering biomedical research with exceptional clinical care and education. UT Southwestern is located in Dallas, Texas and is the only academic medical center within the 13-county Dallas-Fort Worth area, which has a census of 7.8 million and is the fastest-growing region in the

country, with a projected population of 9.3 million by 2030.

UT Southwestern is led by Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D., an internationally renowned gastroenterologist and member of the National Academy of Medicine. Dr. Podolsky has served as UT Southwestern's President since Sept. 1, 2008, and oversees all aspects of the mission, including supervision of four schools, the health care system, institutional advancement, and business operations.

UT Southwestern's mission is to promote health and a healthy society that enables individuals to achieve their full potential. We seek to accomplish our mission through education, discovery, and healing.



EDUCATION

Physicians, scientists, and caregivers optimally prepared to serve the needs of patients and society.

DISCOVERY

Research that solves for unmet needs by finding better treatments, cures, and prevention with a commitment to ensuring real world application.

HEALING

The best care possible today, with continuous improvement and innovation for better care tomorrow.

UT Southwestern's FY23 revenue budget is \$4.58 billion and represents a 6% increase over the prior year, driven by strong patient care volumes in the hospital and clinics, growth in faculty practice plan professional fees, and growth in sponsored research. The FY23 expenditure budget is \$4.51 billion. Expense growth related to hospital and clinical operations, instruction, and research are proportional to revenue growth.

Over the last 15 years, strategic positioning and programmatic investments at UT Southwestern have sustained a trajectory of excellence and targeted growth. With investments from the state and local community, UT Southwestern is making significant strides toward enhancing public health with targeted attention to disease prevention and control, addressing health equity and disparities, and caring for an aging patient population. Examples of recent strategic investments include the completion of a \$1 billion Campaign for the Brain to support the expansion of the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute, a new Outpatient Cancer Care Building of our NCI-designated Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center on the main campus, and the opening of a sixth regional medical center in the southern portion of Dallas County known as UT Southwestern at RedBird. Additional strategic projects underway include the construction of the Texas Instruments Biomedical Engineering & Sciences Building, a joint project with UT Dallas, the planning and construction of a new behavioral health hospital in partnership with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and a new pediatric campus in partnership with Children's HealthSM.

EDUCATION

UT Southwestern Medical Center has four schools: UT Southwestern Medical School, UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, UT Southwestern School of Health Professions, and UT Southwestern Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health. The schools train approximately 4,000 medical, graduate and health profession students, residents, and postdoctoral fellows each year. Additionally, many early career researchers have been appointed scholars in the Medical Center's acclaimed programs, including the Endowed Scholars Program in Medical Science, Disease-Oriented Clinical Scholars (DOCS) Program, and several others, many of whom have gone on to become leaders in their fields.

UT Southwestern Medical School

UT Southwestern Medical School is part of the University of Texas System and one of the nation's top 25 medical schools. The Medical School graduates approximately 230 students each year, making it also one of the largest medical schools in the country. Educating and training the next generation of physicians is a core mission. To ensure that UT Southwestern students are fully prepared for the future], the curriculum focuses on the integration of basic science education with patient care training and experience, team-based learning, and meaningful mentorship opportunities, and.

The Perot Family Scholars Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) at UT Southwestern, offers a combined M.D./Ph.D. degree from UT Southwestern Medical School and UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in an academically rigorous environment. The school also collaborates on dual-degree programs for M.D./M.P.H. degrees and M.D./M.B.A. degrees. UTSW has the largest graduate medical education program in Texas, with more than 1,400 clinical residents and fellows who are

completing their medical education with postgraduate specialty and subspecialty training. Faculty members also provide Continuing Medical Education (CME) to practicing physicians.

UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

The UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences offers degrees in basic and clinical sciences, encompassing more than 1,000 predoctoral and postdoctoral students. The Graduate School provides students exceptional opportunities to work with internationally recognized faculty, along with access to more than one million square feet of state-of-the-art research space and more than 40 core lab facilities.

UT Southwestern School of Health Professions

The UT Southwestern School of Health Professions is a leader in training students to meet the challenges and opportunities in clinical nutrition, genetic counseling (starting in 2024), medical laboratory sciences, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, and prosthetics-orthotics.

UT Southwestern Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health

The UT Southwestern Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health is the fourth school to be created in the UT Southwestern Medical Center and is scheduled to welcome its first class of MPH students in 2023 and first class of Ph.D. students in 2024. The Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health has access to several very large health care systems across North Texas, including William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, Children's Health, Texas Health Resources, Parkland Health, Scottish Rite for Children, and the Veterans Administration North Texas Health System. The School employs the public health methodologies of epidemiology, health policy, quantitative and data science, health systems science, health behavior, and dissemination and implementation science to identify and address public health challenges.

DISCOVERY

As one of the world's foremost research institutions, UT Southwestern fosters "no-fence" multidisciplinary research and rigorous scientific training in both basic and clinical research. With a superb international reputation for life-changing research that has led to some of the most important discoveries of our generation, UT Southwestern's researchers make a difference.

UT Southwestern is home to many nationally and internationally recognized physicians and scientists, including six Nobel Laureates since 1985, 26 members of the National Academy of Sciences, and 18 members of the National Academy of Medicine. UT Southwestern is also home to 14 Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Investigators and, as faculty members in basic science departments, their recognized leadership is an important source of the organization's strengths in biomedical research. Faculty members' investigations, ranging from the basic mechanistic level to patient care as a whole, continue to bring about notable discoveries, important educational opportunities, and advanced treatment options for improved health care.

Since UT Southwestern's inception, research has been the cornerstone upon which outstanding medical education and patient care have been built. The discoveries of UT Southwestern's faculty and other teams have transformed science and medicine and set a standard of scientific excellence. The example set by the Nobel Laureates and other leading faculty has also helped establish a well-entrenched culture of collaboration and collegiality, making UT Southwestern a highly unique academic environment.

HEALING

UT Southwestern Patient Care

The vitality of the UT Southwestern Health System and Medical Group is evident in the growth of the faculty and outstanding clinical programs, the emphasis on ongoing quality improvement, the steady and ongoing expansion of facilities, an increasing regional and national footprint, and maturing population health capabilities. With a focus on health equity, we are deliberate in our efforts to deliver high quality care to all within the diverse population that Dallas represents. In addition to outstanding education and research programs, UT Southwestern is committed to leadership in patient care and continues to gain recognition through national and international clinical awards.

UT Southwestern faculty physicians, as members of the UT Southwestern Medical Group, and residents provide care to more than:

- 100,000 hospitalized patients each year; and
- 4 million outpatient visits annually.

Patient care is provided at:

- UT Southwestern University Hospital and Clinics, including William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital and the Zale Lipshy Pavilion, owned and operated by the Medical Center;
- Parkland Health;
- Children's Medical Center;
- Scottish Rite for Children;
- VA North Texas Health Care System; and
- Other affiliated hospitals and community clinics whose operations are controlled independently of the University.

UT Southwestern's Clements University Hospital, which includes more than 800 beds along with Zale Lipshy Pavilion, serves as a centerpiece for carrying out UT Southwestern's mission – to educate, discover, and heal. Innovations in technology and in approaches to care abound in the new hospital. It is a place where the intellect, skill, and science of UT Southwestern are translated into the delivery of compassionate, high quality and innovative patient care.

UT Southwestern is the No. 1 hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth and ranks among the top 50 hospitals nationally in 9 specialties ranging from brain to heart to cancer care, according to

U.S. News & World Report's annual Best Hospitals report (2023); five of the specialties rank in the top 25 in the nation.

Parkland Hospital – Dallas County's safety net hospital –opened its own 862-bed new (replacement) hospital in 2015. Parkland remains a vital and important partner, and the volume of care provided there by UT Southwestern Medical Group physicians continues to increase.

Children's Medical Center - the primary clinical site for the UT Southwestern Pediatric Group. Children's Health is the premier academic pediatric system in the region. With three hospitals and over 50 pediatric specialty and subspecialty programs, Children's Health maintains 601 licensed beds and receives more than 864,080 patient visits per year. UT Southwestern and Children's Health formed a joint pediatric enterprise (JPE) in 2019. Following initial approval from the UT System Board of Regents last year, the JPE began planning a new, multi-billion-dollar pediatrics campus on a portion of the UT Southwestern campus in Dallas. The new pediatric campus is needed to better serve the needs of our patients and the growing North Texas communities.

The Texas Behavioral Health Center at UT Southwestern - The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and UT Southwestern are also working together to design and build the state's newest psychiatric hospital which will be located in Dallas and just at the southern edge of the UT Southwestern campus. The project is part of the state's comprehensive plan to expand inpatient psychiatric beds. The joint project between HHSC and UT Southwestern will bring the expertise of both organizations, along with community stakeholders, to create a state-of-the-art mental health system for the region. Additionally, Children's Health donated \$200 million to support a pediatric wing where UT Southwestern pediatricians will exclusively treat children and adolescent patients. In total, the facility will have 296 beds, with 200 for adults and 96 reserved for pediatric patients. Construction of the adult facility is estimated to be complete by 2025 and the pediatric addition by early 2026.

Over the past several years, much of UT Southwestern's planning has been predicated on the assumption that a transition from "volume to value" is appropriate from a societal perspective and highly likely to happen as a confluence of forces drives in that direction. UT Southwestern has made significant advances to prepare for, and thrive in, that future environment.

There are four strategic pillars of the clinical transformation at UT Southwestern:

1. First, at UT Southwestern there is a relentless focus on quality in all aspects of our mission. Specific to the Health System, our focus is on organizational performance; enterprise alignment amongst our hospital and ambulatory teams; continuous improvement in the tools and methodologies our Health System teams employ; and the culture and behaviors that promote knowledge and training. At UT Southwestern, we are committed to providing our patients with high-quality health care in a medically safe environment at every step of their evaluation and treatment. It's a commitment that we back with action. In 2010, UT Southwestern launched a Quality Improvement Program to oversee clinical quality and patient safety throughout the Medical Center. Since that time, we have implemented many improvement strategies aimed at

providing the best possible care for patients and their loved ones. When it comes to our patients' health, perfection is our goal and our unrelenting mission.

2. Second, expansion of a regional presence has continued, including now more than 10 satellite facilities to provide convenient access to UT Southwestern specialists beyond the main campus. The UT Southwestern Monty and Tex Moncrief Medical Center at Fort Worth opened in June 2017. A hospital and medical office building in Frisco, a rapidly growing community to the north, opened in December 2019 as a joint venture with Texas Health Resources. In 2022, UT Southwestern opened its sixth regional medical center at RedBird in Southern Dallas County and opened a new Cancer Care Outpatient Building to expand access and improve treatment and care options for our patients and their families.
3. Building upon the organic growth of UT Southwestern's health system, a future key driver of clinical growth is Southwestern Health Resources (SWHR), a partnership with Texas Health Resources (THR) that includes a clinically integrated network of over 4,500 physicians, 29 hospital locations, and more than 350 points of access across 16 counties in North Texas. It leverages the complementary strengths of UT Southwestern and THR, enhancing joint initiatives, including significant growth of Accountable Care Organization program offerings with demonstrated improvement in patient outcomes and cost reductions. As a Next Generation Accountable Care Organization from 2017-2021, SWHR generated nearly \$158 million in Medicare savings, according to national performance data made public by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The jointly owned hospital and medical office building owned by UT Southwestern and THR, in the rapidly expanding suburb of Frisco, Texas, has seen substantial growth over the last couple of years. Additionally, the clinical enterprise is executing a comprehensive strategic plan to optimize its clinical network, further develop destination service lines, enhance value, quality, and patient experience, and leverage outstanding research capabilities in clinical settings.
4. With a focus on innovation in all aspects of our mission, UT Southwestern is on the cutting edge of discovery of new, more effective to the treatment of disease. In order to achieve the aspirational goal of being the leading academic medical center in the U.S., significant investments in cutting-edge clinical research are adjoined with advanced tertiary and quaternary clinical care. By adjoining cutting-edge clinical trials with comprehensive multidisciplinary clinical care will allow for further market differentiation in a competitive health care environment. The downstream benefits of this transformation is enhanced through education for trainees from all levels and schools, and opportunities to recruit and retain faculty to an innovative clinical landscape. Furthermore, realization of this transformation allows for continued development and application of predictive analytics, clinical decision support tools, and enhanced patient education and engagement tools in the adjoining of clinical research and clinical care.

KEY UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER FACTS

Faculty (Fall 2022)

Regular full-time faculty – 2,998

Part-time faculty (excluding volunteers) – 329

Total – 3,367

Non-faculty Employees (Fall 2022)

Full-time – 15,494

Part-time – 1,089

Temporary and seasonal – 3,177

Total – 19,760

Funding

FY23 budgeted revenue (including research) - \$4.6 billion

Research Programs

Total for FY23 research - \$634.9 million

Enrollment (Fall 2022)

Medical School – 923

Graduate School – 552

Health Professions – 387

Clinical residents – 1,591

Postdoctoral fellows – 466

Facilities

Physical Plant building space (gross square feet) – 16.8 million

Projects under construction (approx. Square feet) – 802,883

Psych Hospital (gross square feet) – 754,998

Renovation projects in planning or design (approx. Gross square feet) – 1,433,983

Capital projects in planning or design (approx. Square feet) – 127,000

New Pediatric Campus (Ph 1) in planning/design (approx. square feet) – 6,264,000

More information about the University of Texas Southwestern can be found at www.utsouthwestern.edu

THE COMMUNITY



Dallas was founded in 1841 and formally incorporated as a city in February 1856. It is the third-largest city in the state of Texas and the ninth largest in the United States. The city covers 342.5 square miles, not including water area, and is the county seat of Dallas County. It is the main economic center of the 12-county Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area – at over 7.6 million people – and is the fourth-largest metropolitan

area in the United States. The DFW area continues to experience unparalleled growth with a total population growth outpacing all other U.S. metros since 2010, with newcomers accounting for 60% of DFW's population growth each year.

Dallas is the Southwest's leading business and financial center. It boasts one of the largest wholesale markets in the world and lays claim to being one of the top convention cities in the United States and the No. 1 visitor destination in Texas. Residents enjoy a flourishing economy, cultural arts, abundant housing options, endless entertainment and activities, and a thriving community spirit.

The communities surrounding Dallas/Fort Worth have experienced unprecedented business growth and population expansion during the last 10 years. Dallas has a strong industrial and financial sector, and a major inland port. The region is served by Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, one of the largest and busiest in the world. Dallas/Fort Worth is home to several major corporations, including American Airlines, AT&T, Texas Instruments, Lockheed Martin Aircraft, Bell Helicopter, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, Toyota, and McKesson.

This rich western agricultural and sports heritage is complemented by a sophisticated dedication to the arts. The Dallas Arts District, located on the north side of downtown and covering 68 acres and 19 contiguous blocks, is the largest such urban district in the United States. The [Dallas Museum of Art](#), the [Morton H. Myerson Symphony Center](#), the [Winspear Opera House](#), and the [Wyly Theater](#) are four of the most prominent features on the Dallas arts scene. Nearby is the [Perot Museum of Nature and Science](#). Other attractions include the [Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens](#) and the [Dallas Zoo](#). Several other museums and concert venues grace the grounds of [Fair Park](#), including the African American Museum. Fort Worth's 2,056-seat [Bass Performance Hall](#) is home to the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, the Texas Ballet Theater, the Fort Worth Opera, and special productions of Casa Manana musicals. Fort Worth's art museums are nationally respected – the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, the Amon Carter Museum of American Art, the Kimball Art Museum, and the [Fort Worth Museum of Science and History](#).

Dallas/Fort Worth is one of only a few metro areas to have teams in six major professional sports leagues: the Dallas Cowboys of the NFL, the Texas Rangers of the MLB, the Dallas Mavericks of the NBA, the [Dallas Stars](#) of the NHL, and professional soccer's FC Dallas and [Dallas Sidekicks](#). Throw in the [Mesquite Rodeo](#), [Texas Motor Speedway](#), over 100 public golf courses, and NCAA Division I athletics, it is evident that Dallas/Fort Worth is a community that likes sports. Fort Worth also hosts the National Cutting Horse Association finals each year and the [Southwestern Exposition and Stock Show](#).