

**UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Seton Family of Hospitals, UT System  
Sign Affiliation Agreement**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. Will this new affiliation lead to a medical school in Austin?**

*For years, Seton has partnered with UTMB to operate successful residency programs in Austin and to educate third- and fourth-year medical students. Seton's new affiliation with UT Southwestern will be on a much larger and more robust scale with many new resident physicians and highly trained and specialized fellowship recipients coming to Austin for educational opportunities, to practice medicine, and to conduct leading edge research with faculty and community physicians. A medical school takes years to develop as well as significant financial resources and community support. This affiliation will help produce what Central Texas most needs: new employment opportunities, enhanced patient care, increased access to research-based health care for our most vulnerable citizens and a steady stream of clinicians to fill projected shortfalls. This affiliation will also provide opportunities to further the rapid expansion of graduate and undergraduate medical education programs. Furthermore, the residency programs will train more doctors in Central Texas who are likely to stay in the area to practice medicine, equipped with the latest advances in clinical research from UT Southwestern and Seton.*

**2. What is the timetable for the launch of this new affiliation agreement?**

*The affiliation agreement is effective November 30, 2009.*

**3. How does this new partnership benefit Austin and Central Texas? What will be UT Austin's role in the partnership?**

- 4. Bringing together talented physicians and scientists, along with the entrepreneurs and venture capitalists that have made Austin famous, will help create and enhance tomorrow's economy for Central Texas. While UT Austin continues to be a research powerhouse in areas such as life sciences, pharmacology, engineering and computer science programs, research in Central Texas is now occurring in many academic sectors and in many different forms. UT Austin's Dell Pediatric Research Institute, a transformational research facility, will soon become a center of excellence for both basic research and translational research (bringing laboratory research and discovery to the bedside). Plans are also underway to develop a new clinical research institute. While the final form of the research institute is still under development, when fully operational it*

*will bring together the talent and expertise of UT Southwestern, the Seton Family of Hospitals, and UT Austin, to serve as a powerful generator of “spin-off” biotech and medical device firms*

**5. Explain how a transition in the residency program would work re: handing over operations from UTMB to UT Southwestern?**

*The residency programs historically operated by UTMB will transition to UT Southwestern.*

**6. How much will the new partnership cost and where is the money coming from?**

*As part of the affiliation agreement, Seton has agreed to fund the costs of the residency programs.*