



# NEWS from the UNIVERSITY of NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER *at Fort Worth*

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## **UNT Board of Regents approves next step in conferring MD degree**

DENTON, Texas --- The University of North Texas System Board of Regents today voted to move forward in its intent to offer an MD degree at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. This second medical degree would be separate from and in addition to the DO degree which currently is conferred through the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM) at the UNT Health Science Center.

The decision follows a year of research into pursuing the option of conferring a second degree. The next steps in the process include securing preliminary funding, establishing a business plan for the new school, ensuring commitments to TCOM and confirming relationships with area hospitals for student rotations and instruction.

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### **University of North Texas Health Science Center**

The University of North Texas Health Science Center is composed of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the School of Public Health, and the School of Health Professions. The Health Science Center conducts leading-edge research on select health issues, including vision, aging, cancer, heart disease, physical medicine and public health. This year, the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine was named a top 50 medical school in primary care by U.S. News and World Report for the seventh consecutive year. The institution contributes almost \$600 million to Tarrant County and Texas economies annually. For more information, go to [www.hsc.unt.edu](http://www.hsc.unt.edu).