

**Excerpts from letters of support for Osteopathic and Allopathic degree programs  
at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth**

“The opportunity that stands above all for me is the chance to establish an allopathic medical school on the campus of the nation’s top osteopathic college. The prospect of these students learning, training and practicing together holds the possibility of creating a new paradigm for American medicine and health care delivery.”

*Bob Bolen, Senior Advisor to the Chancellor, Texas Christian University  
Former Mayor, City of Fort Worth*

“As a group of physicians, three of whom have trained at UNTHSC, we are strongly in favor of combining the two training pathways [osteopathic and allopathic] under one “roof.” I believe this move will lead the way as many will fall in line behind you over the coming years.”

*Jonathan R. Matthews, DO, Chief Executive Officer, DFW Hospitalists, PLCC (TCOM Class of 2003)*

“I firmly believe we are rapidly moving into a system of integrated care whereby multiple providers and other stakeholders will come together to maximize efficiencies of education, research, costs and quality care .... I stand convinced that UNTHSC, physicians throughout our region (MD and DO) and regional hospital networks collectively stand on fertile ground for the creation of a truly integrated organization of health care delivery that we have rarely seen to date in this country. It seems an eminently logical next step in the evolution of health care and medical education in Fort Worth, Texas.”

*William M. Jordan, DO, FACOI*

“Supplementing our nationally recognized Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine with the addition of an allopathic medical school would increase our ability to provide care of all types to more people.”

*Dee J. Kelly, Kelly Hart & Hallman, LLP*

“The Tarrant County Medical Society has written to you to express its support for the proposed MD program at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. In doing so, I wish to emphasize that TCMS is no less committed in its ongoing support for the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.”

*Rex Hyer, MD, president, Tarrant County Medical Society*

“Predicted rapid expansion of the Fort Worth and Texas populations, coupled with existing physician shortages, have created a critical demand now and in the future for physicians of all types, both primary care and specialists. An allopathic medical school would supplement the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine’s provision of high quality health care providers and increase the University of North Texas Health Science Center’s ability to retain physicians in Tarrant County.”

*From a resolution passed by Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce*

*Wes Turner, chairman of the board; Bill Thornton, president and CEO*

“Medicine will be practiced by teams more than individuals in the future. The UNTHSC has a unique opportunity to become a leader in inter-professional education with the addition of a new medical college. We will commit to continue to offer opportunities for training clinical clerkships to the outstanding students of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine at the same or greater numbers than current levels in addition to providing training clerkships for the students of the new program.”

*Douglas D. Hawthorne, FACHE, CEO, Texas Health Resources*

“The UNT Health Science Center intends to protect and sustain the excellence of the Texas College of Osteopathic medicine and continue its long history of providing primary care physicians to this state. The Health Science Center, with all of its schools programs and patient care delivery, has an historical interest in eliminating the health disparities that affect our citizens. The Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce fully endorses and supports the UNT Health Science Center’s addition of an allopathic medical school to its campus.”

*From a resolution passed by the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce*

*Devoyd Jennings, President and CEO*

“As much as we support the need for a MD medical school in Fort Worth, we also recognize that it is critically important to preserve and protect the vitality, growth and excellence of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. TCOM itself is a Fort Worth treasure that has succeeded for many, many years in producing an outstanding corps of medical professionals.”

*Tim McKinney, president and CEO, United Way of Tarrant County*