## **UTHealth Fast Facts**

UTHealth is consistently ranked as one of Houston's Top Workplaces by the Houston Chronicle.

More than 4,500 health professional students are enrolled in schools of biomedical sciences, medicine, biomedical informatics, dentistry, nursing and public health, and UTHealth has more than 6,300 faculty

UTHealth School of Nursing is consistently ranked in the Top 5 percent in Texas.

UTHealth School of Public Health has its main campus in Houston and five regional campuses across the state, the most in the nation.

UTHealth School of Biomedical Informatics is the first and only health informatics research and education program in Texas and the sole independent school dedicated to the discipline in the country.

More than 1.7 million patient encounters occur yearly throughout our three faculty practice plans - UT Dentists, UT Health Services and UT Physicians.

UTHealth, in collaboration with local hospitals and other partners, launched the nation's first mobile stroke unit, an ambulance equipped with a CT scanner and medical team to diagnose and treat ischemic stroke before the patient even arrives at the hospital.

The late Dr. James H. "Red" Duke, Jr. founded Life Flight, Houston's first and only hospital-based air ambulance using helicopters in 1976 at what is now called Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center.

Dr. Palmer Beasley was the first in the world to discover hepatitis B as a primary cause of liver cancer and the easy mother-to-infant transmission of the virus during childbirth. This led to millions of lives saved due to hepatitis B vaccinations as a worldwide practice to prevent the deadly hepatitis B virus and its associated

Dr. Ira L. Shannon of UTHealth School of Dentistry led a team to develop the first nonfoaming and ingestible toothpaste named NASAdent, which was used in outer space by astronauts on their moon-bound Apollo

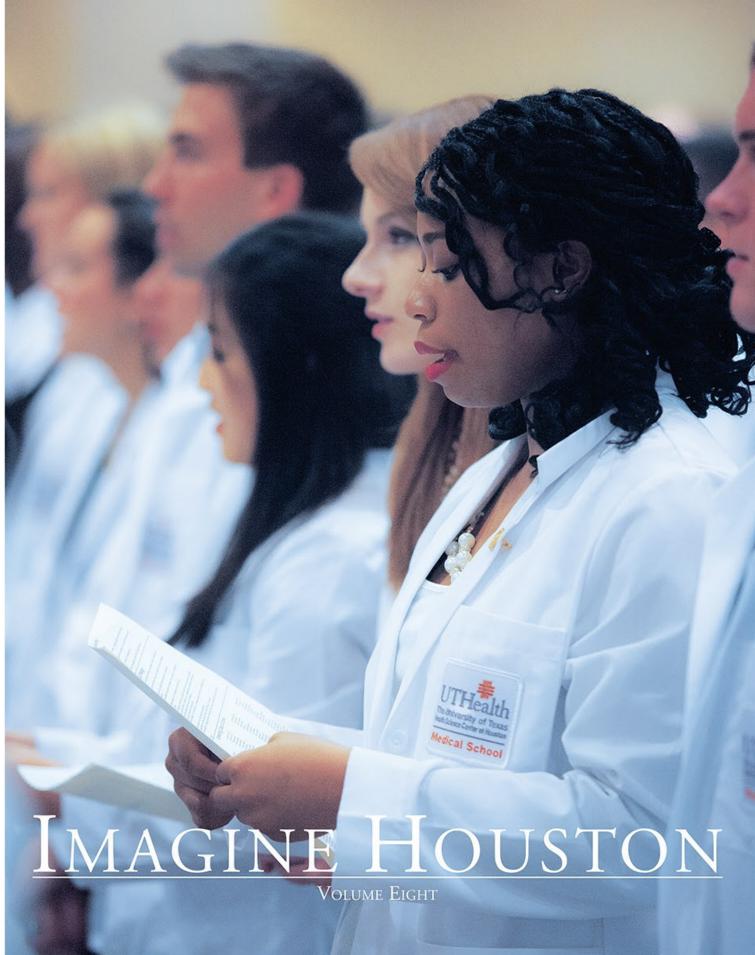














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## White Coat Ceremony

Each year, the entering class of UTHealth Medical School participates in the White Coat Ceremony where all 200-plus students don their white coats for the first time and take the student ethical pledge, sign the pledge registry, and recite the Oath of Hippocrates.

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