

Dell Seton Neurosciences

As one of the first two hospitals in the entire state of Texas to receive Primary Stroke Certification from The Joint Commission, Dell Seton Medical Center at The University of Texas at Austin has led the way in stroke care throughout Central Texas. In 2022, Dell Seton cared for 736 patients in its Comprehensive Stroke Center—the highest stroke center designation available.

In keeping with our history of excellence, Dell Seton Neurosciences will provide the highest level of clinical neuroscience expertise in Central Texas by attracting and retaining renown physicians, and allocating resources to ensure that Austin has a world-class neurosciences program.

Through innovation and ever-evolving technology, we will provide access to advanced navigation systems specific to the neuro fields, including brain and spine and epilepsy, to create the full continuum of care.



Dell Seton recently opened the only dedicated Neuro Critical Care Unit in Central Texas.

The 15-bed unit not only enhances the team's ability to compassionately care for patients and aggressively treat neurological conditions,

but also opens doors for research endeavors within neurosciences and collaborations across disciplines.

A 16.8% increase is expected in stroke patients by 2024 and a 12.1% increase in epilepsy patients is expected over the next five years.

The community's need for world-class neurosciences care has grown tremendously.

To meet the needs of our growing community, the Neurosciences team has the following funding priorities:

- Provide the most advanced technology in neurosciences care.
- Support the highest Level 4 Epilepsy Monitoring Unit.
- Continue to conduct stroke research and provide Comprehensive Stroke Service.
- Increase available operating rooms to meet growth in neurosurgery.
- Provide Brain and Spine Services, including tumor research.

Dell Seton will lead the way in advancing the caliber of neuroscience care available to Central Texans.

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Jasmine's Story

Expert care close to home saved Jasmine.

For months, Jasmine thought she was experiencing signs of stress—headaches, tunnel vision, stiffness in her neck, hair loss—that she hoped could eventually be relieved with rest, warm compresses, and time. It wasn't until she started seeing wavy lines in her vision that she sought medical help.

An eye doctor's appointment discovered swollen optic nerves, but it was a second opinion that led her straight to Dell Seton Medical Center at The University of Texas. A large tumor had been growing on her brain for years and needed to be removed immediately. Within ten days of the onset of symptoms, Jasmine was on the operating table for two separate back-to-back procedures—the first to stop the blood supply to her tumor, and the second to remove her tumor.



Her surgeon, Dr. Ramsey Ashour, was able to remove 100% of the tumor. After which, she needed to rest in Dell Seton's ICU for a couple of weeks and undergo a series of tests to make sure her tumor wasn't growing back. She had a long road to recovery, but today, Jasmine feels great.

She thanks her neurosurgeon, Dr. Ashour, for his friendliness, compassion, and precision. "In the short time I met Dr. Ashour, I felt very comfortable. He explained everything in layman's terms for me to understand...he made me feel very comfortable." And the staff went the extra mile during her stay. "Working with the staff, everyone was truly lovely," Jasmine says. "The nurses took great care of me. I always felt like I was in great hands. The ICU nurses are incredible."

Jasmine also points out that being able to stay close to home, in Austin, made a huge difference. She didn't have to worry about care for her son, and her immediate family members didn't have to travel far to see her. "I don't know what it would have been like to have had to travel elsewhere. Since it was a teaching hospital, I knew the care was going to be far greater than at any other hospital."

Five months later, there's very little evidence of Jasmine's ordeal, except for a 6-inch scar that is covered by her hair. Even without hair, it wasn't the first thing people noticed. "It's like a cool little battle scar," she says.

"I'm very thankful." - Jasmine

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