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****UT Southwestern opens dermatology clinic for Spanish-speaking patients

DALLAS--The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas has opened the first dermatology clinic in the area catering strictly to the Hispanic community. All staff members at the new clinic speak Spanish.

"The clinic will help meet the needs of Spanish-speaking individuals who are hesitant to see non-Spanish-speaking physicians," says clinic doctor Amit Pandya, assistant instructor of dermatology at UT Southwestern.

The clinic opened just days after an article in the <u>Journal of the American Medical Association</u> reported that the Hispanic community in America suffers from an inability to access the health-care system due to, among other factors, cultural barriers.

The clinic is open every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the James W. Aston Ambulatory Care Center, 5303 Harry Hines Blvd. In July the clinic will expand its operating hours. The staff will provide a wide range of dermatological care, diagnosing and treating everything from fingernail disorders to skin cancer. For an appointment, call 214/688-2203 or 688-2204.

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.