

Good News

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Stories for the health of our community.



Why don't bats get cancer? Findings could apply to human longevity

A study looking at why long-lived bats do not get cancer has broken new ground about the biological defenses that resist the disease. Discoveries by scientists in the UR Department of Biology and Wilmot Cancer Institute indicate that strong immune systems and protection from genes are at play. (Estimated

reading time: 3 minutes)

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From behind-the-scenes to center-of-care

When Jackie Monroe, PharmD, first stepped through the doors of Strong Memorial Hospital, he was part of the Environmental Services team. He never imagined that he'd return to those same halls nearly a decade later—not with a mop and bucket, but with a white coat and a pharmacist's degree. (Estimated

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Multiple surgeries, a caring team, and a boy's will to heal

Just days before Thanksgiving, 11-year-old Cody Leavens was critically injured when a tree fell on him. What followed was a race against time, a series of complex surgeries, and a determined fight to heal—fueled by expert care, unwavering family support, and one heartfelt wish: to be home for Christmas. (Estimated

reading time: 7 minutes)

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Tanya Mayadas appointed director of new institute

Tanya N. Mayadas '83, '90M (PhD) has been selected as the next chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and inaugural director of the Institute for Immunological Sciences. The appointment, effective August 1, represents a homecoming for Mayadas who is an alumnus. (Estimated

reading time: 4 minutes)

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Wilmot Survivors Night at Innovative Field

Friday, July 25, 6:45 pm

Join Wilmot Cancer Institute for our Survivors Night to celebrate cancer survivorship. The event will feature the Rochester Red Wings playing against the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders, a Survivors Flag Ceremony on centerfield, and fireworks.

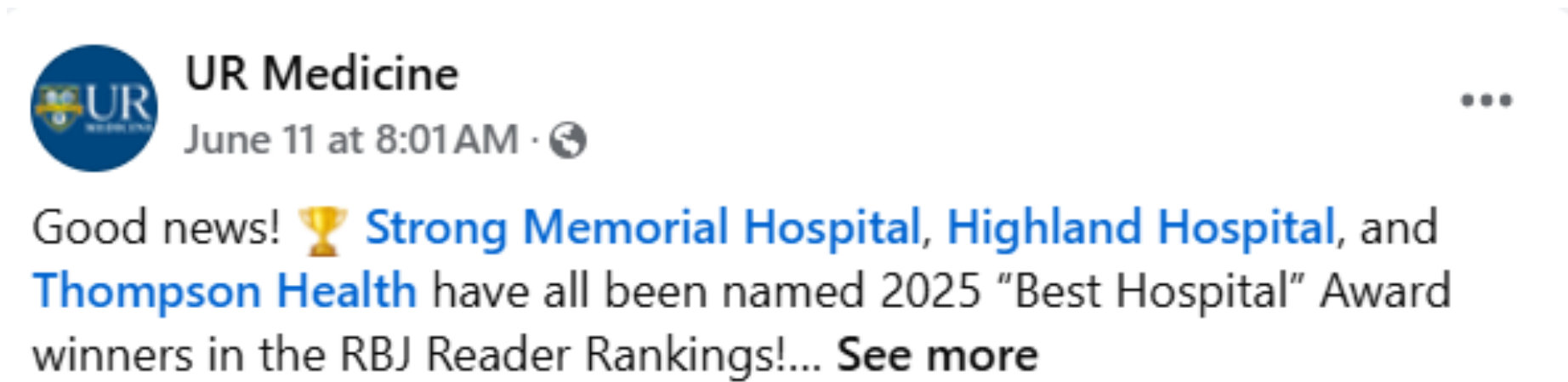
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Make a gift

As the 2024-2025 academic year comes to a close, there is still time to make a charitable contribution to any area of the University or Medical Center you care most about by June 30.

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Social media highlight



Strong Memorial Hospital, Highland Hospital, and Thompson Health have all been named 2025 "Best Hospital" Award winners in the RBJ Reader Rankings!



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