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**Firas Wehbe**, MD, PhD, has been appointed chief research informatics officer at the Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Wehbe is assistant professor of preventative medicine in the Division of Health and Biomedical Informatics at Feinberg.

**Cynthia Ledford**, MD, has been appointed associate dean for undergraduate clinical education at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. Dr. Ledford serves as assistant dean for curriculum design and innovation at The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

**Jane Edmond**, MD, has been appointed inaugural director of the Mitchel and Shannon Wong Eye Institute at Dell Medical School. Dr. Edmond serves as a professor in the Department of Ophthalmology and Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

**Viviane Tabar**, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Tabar serves as the Theresa C. Feng Chair for Neurosurgical Oncology and Vice Chair for Neurosurgical Research and Education at Memorial.

**Amy P. Murtha**, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at UCSF, effective May 1, 2018. Dr. Murtha serves as professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Department of Pediatrics at Duke University School of Medicine.

**Herman Gray**, MD, has resigned as CEO of United Way for Southeastern Michigan to become chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine in January 2018.

**Kevin W. Sowers**, RN, has been named president of Johns Hopkins Health System and executive vice president of Johns Hopkins Medicine. Sowers previously served as CEO of Duke University Hospital.

**Dee Fenner**, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Michigan, effective Jan. 1. Dr. Fenner previously served as Chief Clinical Officer for University Hospital and the Cardiovascular Center.

**Maureen Durkin**, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Population Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Durkin previously served as interim chair of the department.

**Sheri Johnson**, PhD, has been named director of the Population Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Johnson serves as associate professor of pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

**Said Ibrahim**, MD, MPH, has been named the inaugural chief of the new Division of Healthcare Delivery Science and Innovation in the Department of Healthcare Policy and Research at Weill
Cornell Medicine, effective Feb. 1, 2018. Dr. Ibrahim is a professor of medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine.

**Christopher Hess**, MD, PhD, has been appointed chair of the UCSF Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging, effective Jan. 1, 2018. Dr. Hess is a professor of radiology and neurology and chief of neuroradiology at UCSF.

**Eugene M. Oltz**, PhD, has been named editor in chief of the Journal of Immunology. Dr. Oltz is a professor and vice chair for faculty development in the Department of Pathology and Immunology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

**Riqiang Yan**, PhD, has been appointed chair of the neuroscience department at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Dr. Yan serves as the Morris R. and Ruth V. Graham Endowed Chair, and professor and vice chair of neurosciences at Cleveland Clinic.

**James Pacala**, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Dr. Pacala is a professor and associate chair in the department.

**Stephen Jarvis**, MD, has been appointed interim chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Medicine. Dr. Jarvis previously served as the associate chief medical officer and clinical department chair for psychiatry at Truman Medical Centers.

**Brooke Solberg**, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS), effective Jan. 1. Dr. Solberg serves as associate professor and graduate program coordinator in the department.

**Robert K. Horowitz**, MD, has been named chief of the Division of Palliative Care and the Georgia and Thomas Gosnell Distinguished Professor in Palliative Care at the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC). Dr. Horowitz previously served as clinical director, acting chief, and interim chief of URMC’s Palliative Care Program.

**John E. Tomaszewski**, MD, has been appointed the inaugural Peter A. Nickerson, PhD, Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Buffalo (UB). Dr. Tomaszewski has served as professor and chair of pathology and anatomical sciences at UB since 2011.

**Matthew Kulke**, MD, has been appointed chief of the Section of Hematology/Oncology in the Department of Medicine at Boston Medical Center and Zoltan Kohn Professor of Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine, effective March 1. Dr. Kulke serves as the director of the Program in Neuroendocrine and Carcinoid Tumors at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

**Stephen T. Bartlett**, MD, has been appointed executive vice president and chief medical officer at the University of Maryland Medical System, effective Jan. 1. Dr. Bartlett is the Peter Angelos Distinguished Professor in Surgery and chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

**Anthony Jerant**, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at UC Davis. Dr. Jerant previously served as a professor in the department.

**Anna Maria Nápoles**, PhD, MPH, has been appointed scientific director of the Division of Intramural Research at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). Dr. Nápoles has served as a professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine at UCSF since 2001.
Gilbert R. Upchurch Jr., MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Upchurch also serves as UF’s Edward R. Woodward Professor of Surgery.

Ravi Durvasula, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Medicine at Loyola Medicine and Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. Dr. Durvasula previously served as a professor of medicine and infectious diseases and director of the Center for Global Health at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.

Nita Ahuja, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Surgery at Yale School of Medicine and chief of surgery at Yale New Haven Hospital, effective Feb. 1, 2018. Dr. Ahuja now serves as the Jacob C. Handelsman Professor in Abdominal Surgery and professor of surgery, oncology, and urology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. A CFAS school rep from Hopkins, Dr. Ahuja is also a newly appointed member of the CFAS Administrative Board.

Tim Leeth has been named chief advocacy officer of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). Leeth previously served 24 years on the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Brett Kissela, MD, has been named senior associate dean for clinical research at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and chief of research services for UC Health, effective Nov. 15. Dr. Kissela will continue in his current role as the Albert Barnes Voorheis Chair of Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine at the College of Medicine.

The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) announced the appointment of Joseph E. Kerschner, MD, dean of the School of Medicine, provost, and executive vice president of MCW, to chair of the AAMC’s Council of Deans (COD).

Lin Mei, PhD, has been named professor and chair of the Department of Neurosciences at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and director of the Cleveland Brain Health Initiative. Dr. Mei previously served as professor and inaugural chair of the Department of Neuroscience and Regenerative Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia.

Daniel Fitzgerald, MD, has been named director of the Center for Global Health at Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Fitzgerald has served as codirector of the center since 2009.

Anthony Hollenberg, MD, has been appointed chair of the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine and physician in chief at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, effective Feb. 1, 2018. Dr. Hollenberg is chief of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Devin Eckhoff, MD, has been named interim chair of the UAB Comprehensive Transplant Institute. Dr. Eckhoff previously served as the Arnold G. Diethelm Endowed Chair in Transplantation Surgery at UAB.

Katherine Beissner, PhD, has been named dean of the College of Health Professions at Upstate Medical University. Dr. Beissner has served as interim dean of the college since December 2016.

Suzanne Rose, MD, MSEd was named senior vice dean for medical education at the Perelman School of Medicine. Dr. Rose is now senior associate dean for education at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. She begins her new role in February 2018.

Kristen W. Lynch, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. Dr. Lynch has served as professor of biochemistry and biophysics at Perelman for eight years.
Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern Medicine appointed three new associate deans: Patricia Garcia, MD, MPH, will serve as associate dean for curriculum; Heather Campbell will serve as associate dean for administration; and Larry Kuhn will serve as associate dean for development.

Ann Arvin, MD, will step down from her position as vice provost and dean of research at Stanford in the fall of 2018. Dr. Arvin will have served in this role for 12 years.

Lindsey A. Criswell, MD, MPH, has been appointed vice chancellor for research at UCSF, and David Morgan, PhD, has been appointed vice dean for research at the UCSF School of Medicine. Dr. Criswell will continue in her roles as professor and chief of rheumatology in the UCSF School of Medicine and professor of orofacial sciences in the UCSF School of Dentistry. Dr. Morgan is vice chair and professor in the Department of Physiology and professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics at the School of Medicine.

Robert A. Hromas, MD, has been named dean of the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine at UT Health San Antonio, and vice president of the university for medical affairs. Dr. Hromas is chair of the Department of Medicine at University of Florida Health and served as an AAMC Council of Deans (COD) Fellow from 2016 to 2017.

Karen M. Horton, MD, has been named director of the Russell H. Morgan Department of Radiology and Radiological Science at Johns Hopkins Medicine. Dr. Horton previously served as interim director of the department and chairman of the board of Johns Hopkins Medical Imaging, LLC.

Sudha Seshadri, MD, has been appointed founding director of the Glenn Biggs Institute for Alzheimer’s and Neurodegenerative Diseases at UT Health San Antonio. Dr. Seshadri previously served as professor of neurology at Boston University School of Medicine.

Shanta Zimmer, MD, has been appointed senior associate dean for education at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Zimmer, a former CFAS school rep for the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, serves as professor of medicine and associate dean for diversity and inclusion at the School of Medicine.

R. Sean Morrison, MD, has been appointed the Ellen and Howard C. Katz Chair of the Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Morrison previously served as director of the Lilian and Benjamin Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute and vice chair for research in the Brookdale Department at Icahn.

Andrew P. Morris, MD, has been named campus associate dean for curriculum at the Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership, which is a campus of the Medical College of Georgia. Dr. Morris previously served as assistant dean for foundations of medicine at West Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine.

Joe Robertson, MD, MBA, will retire as president of OHSU on Oct. 31. Dr. Robertson has served as OHSU president for over a decade, but began his career at the institution as an ophthalmology resident in 1979 and joined the faculty in 1985.

Jakub Tolar, MD, PhD, has been named dean of the University of Minnesota Medical School and interim vice president for health sciences. Dr. Tolar will continue to serve as the Edmund Wallace Tulloch and Anna Marie Tulloch Chair in Stem Cell Biology, Genetics and Genomics at the medical school. His appointment was effective Monday.

Dinesh Bande, MD, clinical associate professor of medicine at the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) has been named chair of the SMHS Department of Internal Medicine.
Gregory Ogrinc, MD, has been named senior associate dean for medical education at Geisel School of Medicine. Dr. Ogrinc has served in that role on an interim basis since 2014.

Douglas L. Fraker, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Surgery at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr. Fraker heads the Division of Endocrine and Oncologic Surgery at Penn Medicine.

Nicole Maronian, MD, has been named director of the Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Institute at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center. Dr. Maronian will continue to serve in her role as the director of the Voice and Swallowing Center at the Medical Center.

Norman E. Sharpless, MD, has been sworn in as the 15th director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Dr. Sharpless comes to NCI from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine at Chapel Hill, where he served as director of the NCI-designated Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and held the Wellcome Distinguished Professorship in Cancer Research.

J. Brooks Jackson, MD, MBA, has been named vice president for medical affairs and dean of the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine. Dr. Jackson has served as the vice president for health sciences and dean of the University of Minnesota Medical School since 2014.

The National Academy of Medicine announced this week the election of 70 regular members and 10 international members during its annual meeting. Several people from the academic medicine community who are familiar to the AAMC and CFAS were named, including Carrie Lynn Byington, MD, dean of medicine and senior vice president of the Health Science Center at the Texas A&M University Health Science Center; Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, former acting assistant secretary and national coordinator for health information technology at HHS; and senior CFAS representative Donald M. Yealy, MD, chair of emergency medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

HHS has appointed Allan Levey, MD, PhD, to serve a four-year term on its Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care, and Services. Dr. Levey is a professor and chair of the Department of Neurology at Emory University School of Medicine.

Judith Feinberg, MD, has been selected as vice chair of the HIV Medicine Association. Dr. Feinberg is a professor in the Department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry at the West Virginia University School of Medicine.

Kimberly Dunsmore, MD, has been appointed chair of pediatrics at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. Dr. Dunsmore previously served as associate chair for clinical program development and the Karen Jargowsky Endowed Chair for Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the University of Virginia Children’s Hospital.

Stephen E. Alway, PhD, has been named dean of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Health Professions, effective Dec. 15. Dr. Alway previously served as chair of the Division of Exercise Physiology, executive chair of the Department of Human Performance and Applied Exercise Science, and senior assistant dean for research and graduate studies at West Virginia University School of Medicine.

Jacqueline Kreutzer, MD, has been appointed chief of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, and Vivek Allada, MD, has been appointed executive director of the Heart Institute at the hospital. Dr. Kreutzer is director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at the hospital, and Dr. Allada is professor of pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) has appointed Warren Newton, MD, MPH, to
become its next president and CEO, effective Jan. 1, 2019. Dr. Newton serves as executive director of the North Carolina Area Health Education Center.

Knox Singleton announced he will retire as CEO of Inova Health System next year. Singleton has served as the health system’s CEO for 35 years. As reported in the Washington Post, Singleton said, “You wouldn’t pick someone like me for the next decade. I’ve done a reasonable job of getting us here, but if we want the second stage to kick in . . . I think it would be someone with a deeper appreciation of the science, the research and more of the clinical knowledge of how these new systems are going to evolve.”

Eric Hargan will be the new acting secretary for HHS, reported The Hill. Hargan, recently confirmed by the Senate to fill the number two position at HHS, was previously a lawyer in Chicago and served at HHS during the Bush administration.

Dipen J. Parekh, MD, has been named chief clinical officer of UHealth—the University of Miami Health System. Dr. Parekh is chair of the Department of Urology and director of robotic surgery at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Juhan Paiste, MD, has been named interim chair of the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine at the UAB School of Medicine. Dr. Paiste most recently served as associate chief medical officer for perioperative and procedure areas at UAB.

Michael Busha, MD, has been named associate dean for educational affairs at the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, and Robert G. Sawyer, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Surgery at the School of Medicine. Dr. Busha previously served as assistant dean for career mentoring and wellness and assistant dean for GME at Indiana University School of Medicine. Dr. Sawyer most recently served as vice chair for clinical affairs and quality for the Department of Surgery at the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

Jeffrey C. Hall, PhD; Michael Rosbash, PhD; and Michael W. Young, PhD, were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discoveries about the molecular mechanisms that control circadian rhythm. The scientists examined the inner workings of fruit flies in their experiments, which shed light on how circadian rhythm affects biology. Dr. Hall is a professor emeritus of biology at Brandeis University, Dr. Rosbash is a professor of biology at Brandeis, and Dr. Young is a professor of genetics at The Rockefeller University in New York.

Three scientists, biophysicists Jacques Dubochet, PhD; Joachim Frank, PhD; and Richard Henderson, PhD, won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their work in molecular imaging. Dubochet is a professor at the University of Lausanne in Switzerland, Frank is a Columbia University professor in New York, and Henderson is at Cambridge University in Britain.

Pier Paolo Scaglioni, MD, has been named professor and chief of the Division of Hematology Oncology in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, effective Jan. 8, 2018. Dr. Scaglioni is an associate professor in the Division of Hematology and Oncology at the University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Linda Liau, MD, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Dr. Liau has served as interim chair of the department since January.

Michael Chicarelli, DNP, RN, has been appointed interim CEO of University of New Mexico (UNM) Hospital. Chicarelli has served at UNM Hospital in various roles since 1997, including executive director of emergency services and assistant chief nursing officer.

Richard E. Hawkins, MD, has been named president and CEO of the American Board of Medical
Specialties (ABMS). Dr. Hawkins most recently served as vice president of medical education outcomes at the AMA.

Ali Rezai, MD, has been appointed executive chair and vice president of neurosciences at WVU Medicine and the newly formed West Virginia University Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute. He also will serve as associate dean and the John D. Rockefeller IV tenured professor in neurosciences at the WVU School of Medicine.

Christopher Plowe, MD, MPH, has been named director of the Duke Global Health Institute. Dr. Plowe is the founding director of the Institute for Global Health at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Judy Yee, MD, has been named professor and chair of the department of radiology at Montefiore Health System and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Yee previously served as professor and vice chair of the department of radiology and biomedical imaging at the University of California, San Francisco.

Quentin Smith, PhD, has been named senior vice president of research at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (HSC). Dr. Smith serves as the dean of the HSC School of Pharmacy.

Richard Liekweg has been appointed president and CEO of BJC HealthCare, succeeding Steven H. Lipstein, effective Jan. 1, 2018. Liekweg has served at BJC in various roles since 2009. He was appointed BJC executive vice president in 2014 and president of BJC HealthCare in 2016.

The White House announced Friday afternoon that Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price has resigned. The Washington Post reports that President Trump was to have decided tonight whether to fire the HHS secretary over his use of expensive charter and military flights.

Thomas Y. Ma, MD, PhD, has been named chair of the department of medicine for Penn State College of Medicine and Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Dr. Ma serves as chief of the division of gastroenterology and hepatology at the University of New Mexico - Health Sciences Center. He will begin his new position on Jan. 1.

Dori R. Marshall, MD, has been appointed director of admissions and assistant dean at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo. Dr. Marshall is assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Jacobs.

Grant Fowler, MD, has been named chair of family medicine at the Texas Christian University and University of North Texas Health Sciences Center School of Medicine. The medical school was founded jointly by both universities in July 2015. Dr. Fowler most recently served as vice chair of the University of Texas Medical School at Houston for the Department of Family and Community Medicine.

Helen Burstin, MD, has been named CEO and executive vice president of the Council of Medical Specialty Societies. Dr. Burstin is the chief scientific officer of the National Quality Forum (NQF) and previously served as the director of the Center for Primary Care, Prevention, and Clinical Partnerships at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

Jonathan Becker, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Family and Geriatric Medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, and Charles R. Woods Jr., MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine. Dr. Becker has been acting chair of family and geriatric medicine since the beginning of this year. Dr. Woods has served in three successive administrative roles in the Department of Pediatrics since January 2015: associate chair, acting chair, and then interim chair.
Wayne Riley, MD, MPH, MBA was inaugurated as the 17th president of the State University of New York Medical Center (SUNY Downstate). Dr. Riley became the president of SUNY Downstate in April. Previously, he served as clinical professor of medicine and adjunct professor of healthcare management and health policy at Vanderbilt University.

Ben Z. Stanger, MD, PhD, has been appointed director of the Penn Pancreatic Cancer Research Center at Penn Medicine. Dr. Stanger is an associate professor of gastroenterology in the Perelman School of Medicine.

Christopher E. Swide, MD, has been appointed associate dean for graduate medical education at the OHSU School of Medicine. Dr. Swide serves as professor of anesthesiology and perioperative medicine at the School of Medicine.

Hossein Ardehali, MD, PhD, has been named director of the Medical Scientist Training Program at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Ardehali previously served as professor of medicine in the Division of Cardiology at the School of Medicine.

Farrokh Dehdashti, MD; Robert C. McKinstry, MD; and Pamela Woodward, MD, have been named division directors at Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Dehdashti is a professor of radiology and coleader of the Oncologic Imaging Program of Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine; Dr. McKinstry is a professor of radiology and of pediatrics at the School of Medicine; and Dr. Woodward is a professor of radiology and of biomedical engineering at the School of Medicine.

Eric B. Bass, MD, MPH, has been appointed CEO of the Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM). Dr. Bass is a professor of medicine in health policy and management, epidemiology, and nursing at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Bass has been a member of SGIM for 29 years and served as the editor of the society's journal, the Journal of General Internal Medicine, from 1999 to 2004, and as SGIM's president from 2013 to 2014. SGIM is a CFAS member society.

James M. Ostell, PhD, has been appointed director of the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) at the NIH. Dr. Ostell previously served as chief of the NCBI Information Engineering Branch.

Mark Schuster, MD, PhD, has been named founding dean and CEO of the Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine, which is set to open in 2019. Dr. Schuster most recently served as the William Berenberg Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and the chief of Division of General Pediatrics and vice chair for health policy in the Department of Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital. He will begin his new role in October. The Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine is now listed as an "applicant" by the LCME.

Vikas P. Sukhatme, MD, ScD, has been named dean of Emory University School of Medicine and chief academic officer of Emory Healthcare, effective Nov. 1. Dr. Sukhatme is chief academic officer and Harvard faculty dean for academic programs at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Darrell Brann, PhD, has been named the inaugural Virendra B. Mahesh, PhD, DPhil Distinguished Chair in Neuroscience at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. Dr. Brann is a Regents' Professor and vice chair of the Department of Neuroscience and Regenerative Medicine at the Medical College.

H. Richard Alexander, MD, has been named chief surgical officer of the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and professor of surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr. Alexander previously served as the head of surgical oncology in the Department of Surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.
Leonard B. Bacharier, MD, has been named the inaugural Robert C. Strunk Endowed Chair for Lung and Respiratory Research Professor of Pediatrics at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Bacharier is the clinical director of the Division of Allergy, Immunology, and Pulmonary Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine.

Eve Glazier, MD, has been appointed president of the Faculty Practice Group at UCLA Health. Dr. Glazier is an associate clinical professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Yale School of Medicine announced three new deputy dean appointments. Linda Bockenstedt, MD, has been appointed deputy dean for faculty affairs; Michael Crair, PhD, has been appointed deputy dean for scientific affairs for basic science departments; and Brian Smith, MD, has been appointed deputy dean for scientific affairs for clinical departments.

The Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation has announced its 2017 Lasker Award winners. Michael N. Hall, PhD, was awarded the 2017 Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award for his discovery of the nutrient-activated TOR proteins and their role in the metabolic control of cell growth. John T. Schiller, PhD, and Douglas R. Lowy, MD, were awarded the 2017 Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award for research leading to the development of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines. Dr. Schiller is the deputy chief of the Center for Cancer Research’s Laboratory of Cellular Oncology at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and Dr. Lowy is acting director of NCI.

Glenn Flores, MD, has been named chief research officer for Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. Dr. Flores comes to Connecticut Children’s Medical Center from the University of Minnesota, where he served as chair of health policy research.

Daniel Jay, PhD, has been appointed dean of the Sackler School for Graduate Biomedical Sciences at Tufts University School of Medicine. Dr. Jay previously directed the postdoctoral affairs office at the School of Medicine.

Sandeep Rahangdale has been appointed dean of the Florida State University College of Medicine’s Tallahassee Regional Campus. Dr. Rahangdale has served as president of Preventive Cardiology and Internal Medicine Associates in Tallahassee since 2013. His new role is effective Sept. 18.

Frederick Morin, MD, announced he will step down from his position as dean of The Robert Larner, MD College of Medicine at The University of Vermont next year. Dr. Morin has served as dean since 2007.

The Cleveland Clinic has named a new CEO, reported Cleveland.com. Tomislav Mihaljevic, MD, will become its new president and chief executive, succeeding Toby Cosgrove, MD. Dr. Mihaljevic, now serves as CEO of the Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. He joined Cleveland Clinic in 2004 as a cardiothoracic surgeon. He starts his new role Jan. 1, 2018.

Peter Pisters, MD, has been appointed president of the MD Anderson Cancer Center. The announcement was made in the Houston Chronicle just before Hurricane Harvey hit. Dr. Pisters previously served as president of University Health Network in Toronto.

Michael A. Weiss, MD, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and director of chemical biology and biotherapeutics for the Indiana University Precision Health Initiative. Dr. Weiss serves as chair of biochemistry and the Cowan-Blum Professor of Cancer Research at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Eric Vilain, MD, PhD, has been appointed chair and professor of the Department of Genomics and Precision medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Vilain will continue to serve in his role as director of the Center for Genetic Medicine Research at
Jeffrey S. Fine, MD, has been named chief of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at NYU Langone Hospital—Brooklyn and vice chair for network development for Rusk Rehabilitation at NYU Langone Health. Dr. Fine previously served as regional director for rehabilitation services at Elmhurst and Queens Hospital Centers.

Anthony Viera, MD, MPH, has been named chair of the Department of Community and Family Medicine at Duke University School of Medicine, effective Oct. 1. Dr. Viera serves as a professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

Keck Medicine of USC has appointed Santhi Iyer Kumar, MD, as its first chief quality and patient safety officer. Dr. Kumar serves as an assistant professor of clinical medicine at the Keck School of Medicine and as director of the medical intensive care unit at Keck Hospital.

John Popovich, MD, president and CEO of Henry Ford Hospital and executive vice president and chief medical officer of the Henry Ford Health System, announced he will retire in the spring of 2018. Popovich served as an intern at the hospital more than 40 years ago and became CEO in 2010.

LouAnn Woodward, MD, has been elected chair of LCME. Dr. Woodward is vice chancellor for health affairs at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and dean of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, and has served as chair-elect of LCME for the past year. LCME also announced new members who succeed retiring members whose terms concluded in June.

Anthony Speights, MD, has been named the director of the Bridge to Clinical Medicine master’s program at Florida State University College of Medicine. Dr. Speights has served as an assistant professor and director of rural medical education in the Department of Family Medicine and Rural Health at the College of Medicine since 2014.

Jon Appelbaum, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Clinical Sciences at the Florida State University College of Medicine. Dr. Appelbaum has served as interim chair of the department since August 2016.

Kathy L. Hudson, PhD, has been appointed executive director of the People-Centered Research Foundation (PCRF). Dr. Hudson recently served as deputy director of science, outreach, and policy at the NIH.

J. David Baxter, MD, has been named senior associate dean for academic affairs at the Mercer University School of Medicine. Dr. Baxter serves as associate professor of internal medicine at the School of Medicine.

Robert L. Mott Jr., MD, has been named medical director of the Wright State University and Premier Health Clinical Trials Research Alliance (CTRA). Dr. Mott was the associate medical director for North America at Procter and Gamble Corporation.

Stanley Zaslau, MD, has been named chair of the new Department of Urology, formerly Division of Urology, at the West Virginia University (WVU) School of Medicine, effective Aug. 1. Dr. Zaslau served as professor and chief of the Division of Urology, as well as the urology residency program director at WVU.