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Keith Ferdinand, MD, has been appointed to the Gerald S. Berenson Endowed Chair in Preventive Cardiology at Tulane University School of Medicine, where he is a professor of medicine.

K. Kent Chevli, MD, has been appointed clinical professor and chair of the Department of Urology and president of the UBMD Urology practice plan at the University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Chevli currently serves as president of Western New York Urology. His appointment is effective Nov. 19.

Owen McCarty, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the OHSU School of Medicine. Dr. McCarty has served as interim chair of the department since 2015.

Donna Hansel, MD, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Pathology at the OHSU School of Medicine. Dr. Hansel previously served as professor of pathology at UC San Diego Health. She will join OHSU in spring 2019.

Madhavi Kadakia, PhD, has been named associate dean for research affairs at the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine. Dr. Kadakia previously served as chair and professor of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Boonshoft School of Medicine.

Sam J. Marzo, MD, has been named interim dean of the Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. Dr. Marzo previously served as professor and chair of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Stritch.

Etty “Tika” Benveniste, PhD, has been named senior vice dean for basic sciences at the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Dr. Benveniste previously served as senior associate dean for research administration and development and is a former CFAS Administrative Board member.

Robert Corona, DO, MBA, has been appointed CEO of the Upstate Medical University, and Amy Tucker, MD, has been appointed chief medical officer (CMO) of Upstate University Hospital. Dr. Corona has served as interim CEO since March, and Dr. Tucker has served as interim CMO since April.

David J. Skorton, MD, has been named the next president and CEO of the AAMC, effective July 15, 2019. Dr. Skorton, a board-certified cardiologist who received his medical degree from Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, currently serves as secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. A past member of the AAMC Board of Directors, he is president emeritus of Cornell University, past president of the University of Iowa, and a member of the National Academy of Medicine. The AAMC released a video featuring Board of Directors members speaking about the yearlong search and decision-making process leading up to the selection of Dr. Skorton.
Robert J. Alpern, MD, will step down from his position as dean and Ensign Professor of Medicine of the Yale School of Medicine when his current term expires in 2019. Dr. Alpern has served as dean of the School of Medicine since 2004.

Tuhina Neogi, MD, PhD, professor of medicine, has been named chief of the section of rheumatology in the department of medicine and Boston Medical Center, announced Boston University School of Medicine.

Wafik El-Deiry, MD, PhD, has been appointed the inaugural associate dean for oncologic sciences at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Dr. El-Deiry previously served as deputy director for translational research and co-leader of the Molecular Therapeutics Program at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.

Latha Chandran, MD, MPH, has been elected president of the Academic Pediatric Association. Dr. Chandran is vice dean for academic and faculty affairs, the Miriam and David Donoho Distinguished Teaching Professor, and SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor at the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University.

Susan Thompson Hingle, MD, has been appointed associate dean for the Center for Human and Organizational Potential at Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine. Dr. Hingle serves as a professor of medicine and a general internal medicine specialist at the School of Medicine.

Kjersti Aagaard, MD, PhD, has been honored with a 2018 Nature Award for Mentoring in Science. Dr. Aagaard is the Henry and Emma Meyer Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine and an expert in maternal-fetal medicine at Baylor and Texas Children's Hospital.

Louis Pasquale, MD, has been named Site Chair of Ophthalmology at Mount Sinai Hospital and Mount Sinai Queens and vice chair of translational ophthalmology research for the Mount Sinai Health System. Douglas Fredrick, MD, has been appointed deputy chair for education in the Department of Ophthalmology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and chief of pediatric ophthalmology for the Mount Sinai Health System. Dr. Pasquale joins Mount Sinai after 25 years at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, a Harvard Medical School teaching hospital, and Dr. Fredrick previously served as residency program director and vice chair for education and clinical affairs at Stanford University.

Robert Sherwin, MD, will retire from his positions as C.N.H. Long Professor of Medicine and associate dean for clinical and translational research at Yale School of Medicine, effective Dec. 31. Dr. Sherwin has served in various roles at the School of Medicine for 44 years and will assume emeritus status.

Mark Stacy, MD, has been named vice chancellor for East Carolina University's Division of Health Sciences, effective Jan. 1. Dr. Stacy has served as interim vice chancellor for seven months.

Roland A. Goertz, MD, was awarded the McLennan County Medical Society's fifth annual Presidential Distinguished Service Award for his long history of service in the Texas medical community. Dr. Goertz has served as CEO of the Heart of Texas Community Health Center Inc., since 1997, and is a former representative to the Council of Academic Societies (the predecessor to CFAS) from the Academy of Family Physicians from 2010-11.

John Kastanis, president and CEO of University Hospital, resigned after a deadly bacterial outbreak spread through the New Jersey hospital's neonatal ICU, reported Modern Healthcare.
Kirsteen Browning, PhD, has been appointed associate director of the MD/PhD Medical Scientist Training Program at Penn State College of Medicine. Dr. Browning is a professor in the Department of Neural and Behavioral Sciences at the College of Medicine.

John Stilliana has been appointed vice president for government and external affairs at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), effective Jan. 1. He now serves as director of state government and external affairs at NEOMED.

Cecelia E. Schmalback, MD, has been named the inaugural David Myers, MD Professor and Chair in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. Dr. Schmalback previously served as professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, vice chair of otolaryngology clinical affairs, and division chief of head and neck surgery at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Jehni Robinson, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. Dr. Robinson served as interim chair of the department for the past year and previously was the vice chair for clinical affairs.

Howard Selinger, MD, has been appointed the Carol L. and Gustave Sirot Endowed Chair of Family Medicine at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University.

Farzaneh Sorond, MD, PhD, has been named associate dean for faculty development at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Sorond is chief of stroke and neurocritical care and vice chair of faculty development and education in the school’s Ken & Ruth Davee Department of Neurology.

Judith Persichilli, RN, has been appointed acting president and CEO of University Hospital in Newark, NJ. Persichilli is President Emerita of Catholic Health East (CHE) Trinity Health.

Peter Barr-Gillespie, PhD, has been named Oregon Health & Science University’s first chief research officer and executive vice president, effective Jan. 1. Dr. Barr-Gillespie has served as OHSU’s interim senior vice president for research since 2017.

Rob Lowden has been appointed executive associate dean and chief information officer at Indiana University School of Medicine. Lowden serves as associate vice president of enterprise software at Indiana University.

Stacey Rosen, MD, was awarded the Women in Cardiology Mentoring Award at the American Heart Association’s (AHA) 2018 Scientific Session. Dr. Rosen is vice president for the Katz Institute for Women’s Health at Northwell Health and professor of cardiology at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

G. Peter Gliebus, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Neurology at the Drexel University College of Medicine. Dr. Gliebus has served as interim chair of the department since March 2017.

Denis Pauzé, MD, has been appointed professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Albany Medicine. Dr. Pauzé has served as interim chair of the department since spring.

William Dale, MD, PhD, has been named the Arthur M. Coppola Family Chair in Supportive Care Medicine at City of Hope.
The Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine announced several new members to its senior leadership team. Among them is Maureen Connelly, MD, MPH, a former member of the CFAS Administrative Board, who represented the AAMC's Group on Faculty Affairs (GFA). Dr. Connelly has been appointed senior associate dean for academic and community affairs at Kaiser’s new medical school. She previously served as dean for faculty affairs at Harvard Medical School.

Wendy Rheault, PhD, has been appointed interim president of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, effective Jan. 1. Dr. Rheault previously served as provost at Rosalind Franklin.

Daniel Harrington, MD, will serve as interim dean of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine starting Jan. 2, after the retirement of founding dean Cynda Johnson, MD, reports the Roanoke Times. Dr. Harrington now serves as a faculty member in psychiatry and behavioral medicine at Carilion and as the school’s vice dean and as vice president for academic affairs at Carilion Clinic.

Vincent D. Pellegrini Jr., MD, has been appointed associate dean for medical education at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). Dr. Pellegrini will continue to serve as chair of the Department of Orthopaedics and Physical Medicine at MUSC, a position he has held since April 2013, through the end of the year. A national search is being conducted for his replacement. Dr. Pellegrini is the immediate past chair of the CFAS Administrative Board, a former AAMC Board of Directors member, and a senior CFAS rep for MUSC and the American Orthopaedic Association.

The California University of Science and Medicine School of Medicine is searching for a new dean after the retirement of founding dean Robert Suskind, MD.

Said Ibrahim, MD, MPH, has been appointed the inaugural senior associate dean for diversity and inclusion at Weill Cornell Medicine, effective Jan. 2. Dr. Ibrahim is the inaugural chief of the Division of Healthcare Delivery Science and Innovation at Weill Cornell Medicine.

Donna Lynne, DrPH, has been named senior vice president and chief operating officer of Columbia University Irving Medical Center (CUIMC), and CEO of ColumbiaDoctors, effective Jan. 15. Dr. Lynne serves as lieutenant governor and chief operating officer for the State of Colorado.

Mantosh Dewan, MD, has been appointed interim president of Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York, effective Dec. 23. Dr. Dewan is a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor in the school’s department of psychiatry.

Brendan Patterson, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Patterson previously served as chair of orthopaedic surgery at MetroHealth.

Duke University School of Medicine has created the new position of vice dean and assistant vice provost for scientific integrity and appointed Geeta Swamy, MD, to the role. Dr. Swamy was previously the senior associate dean for regulatory oversight and research initiatives in clinical research for the School of Medicine.

Nancy Moreno, PhD, has been named a 2018 fellow of the AAAS. Dr. Moreno is associate provost of faculty development and institutional research at Baylor College of Medicine.

Jonathan D. Geiger, PhD, has been selected as chair of the HIV Co-Morbidities and Clinical Studies grant review study section for the NIH’s Center for Scientific Review. Dr. Geiger is Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.
Nora Volkow, MD, received the Cura Personalis Award, Georgetown University Medical Center’s highest honor, for her research into addiction and her leadership of the NIH’s National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Massimo Loda, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine and pathologist-in-chief at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, effective Feb. 1. Dr. Loda serves as chair of the Department of Oncologic Pathology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Aviva Abosch, MD, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine. Dr. Abosch has served as director of the Center for Neuromodulation and Neural Restoration and as director of the Fellowship Program in Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery at the University of Colorado for the past four years.

Steven L. Kunkel, PhD, has been appointed interim executive vice dean for research and chief scientific officer of Michigan Medicine. Dr. Kunkel is the senior associate dean for research, Endowed Professor of Pathology Research, and Peter A. Ward Distinguished University Professor of Pathology at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Richard Beigi, MD, MSc, has been appointed president of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Magee-Womens Hospital, effective Jan. 1. Dr. Beigi serves as chief medical officer at the hospital.

Julie Byerley, MD, MPH, has been named executive vice dean of the University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Medicine. Dr. Byerley will continue in her role as vice dean for education, which she has held since 2013.

David B. Schwartz, MD, will retire from his position as director of clinical affairs special programs and clinical professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology’s Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine at the end of this year.

David Feinberg has been named senior vice president and chief marketing and communications officer for Mount Sinai Health System. Feinberg previously served as vice president and chief marketing officer for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Richard Lee, MD, has been appointed chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery in the Department of Surgery at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. Dr. Lee previously served as service chief of the Cardiovascular Service at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine and interim co-director of St. Louis’ Heart and Lung Institute.

Leonard P. Freedman, PhD, has been named chief science officer at the Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research. Dr. Freedman served as the founding president of the Global Biological Standards Institute for six years.

Nipun B. Merchant, MD, was appointed the inaugural Alan Livingstone Endowed Chair in Surgical Oncology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Dr. Merchant is chief surgical officer and associate director of translational research at the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and the medical director of the Sylvester Pancreatic Cancer Research Institute.

Helen C. Kales, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at UC Davis School of Medicine and the Joe Tupin Endowed Chair in Psychiatry. Dr. Kales joins UC Davis Health from the University of Michigan where she served as professor of psychiatry.
Beth Drolet, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Dermatology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, effective March 1. Dr. Drolet is professor of dermatology and pediatrics and vice chair of the Department of Dermatology at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

David Feinberg, MD, president and CEO of Geisinger Health System, will take on a newly created role at Google where he will direct the tech giant's move into health care, reported Becker's Hospital Review.

Otis W. Brawley, MD, executive vice president and chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society, resigned in part over concerns about the organization's commercial partnerships, including with Herbalife International, according to the New York Times.

The AAMC announced a new leadership slate for its Board of Directors, with Lilly Marks from the University of Colorado Denver appointed as chair, Joseph E. Kerschner, MD, from the Medical College of Wisconsin appointed chair-elect, and M. Roy Wilson, MD, from Wayne State University becoming immediate past chair.

The AAMC also presented the 2018 Distinguished Service Member Award to Michael Levitzky, PhD, professor at LSU School of Medicine, and Peter Slavin, MD, president of Massachusetts General Hospital and professor of health care policy at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Slavin is a former AAMC Board of Directors chair. Dr. Levitzky is a former CFAS administrative board member who has served on a number of CFAS committees through the years.

Sherine Gabriel, MD, has been named president of Rush University. Dr. Gabriel has served as dean of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Rutgers University since 2015.

W.P. Andrew Lee, MD, has been appointed executive vice president for academic affairs, provost, and dean of the UT Southwestern Medical School, effective Feb. 4. Dr. Lee serves as chair of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

UNC Health Care CEO William Roper, MD, MPH, was named interim president of the UNC system on Thursday, reported the News & Observer of Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. Roper will succeed Margaret Spellings, who will step down at the end of the year. Earlier this year, Dr. Roper stepped down as dean of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine and CEO of UNC Health Care.

Richard Legro, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of Medicine. Dr. Legro served as interim chair since July of last year.

Matthew Weissman, MD, MBA, has been named chair of the Department of Medicine at Mount Sinai Beth Israel and senior faculty in internal medicine and pediatrics at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Weissman previously served as chief medical officer of Community Healthcare Network in New York City.

Steven Lipshultz, MD, has been named the A. Conger Goodyear Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo. Dr. Lipshultz is the Carman and Ann Adams Endowed Chair of Pediatric Research at Wayne State University School of Medicine and Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Evalina Burger, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Orthopedics at the University of Colorado (CU) School of Medicine. Dr. Burger has been a faculty member at the CU School of Medicine since 2006.
Wendy Streitz has been appointed president of the Council on Government Relations (COGR). Streitz previously served as executive director of Research Policy Analysis and Coordination for the University of California's Office of the President. Her new appointment is effective Jan. 7.

**Adam Margolin**, PhD, has been named professor and chair of the Department of Genetics and Genomic Sciences and senior associate dean of precision medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Margolin will also lead the Icahn Institute for Data Science and Genomic Technology. He is currently director of computational biology and professor of biomedical engineering at OHSU.

**Anil Menon**, PhD, has been named associate dean for baccalaureate education in the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Dr. Menon is a professor in the Department of Molecular Genetics, Biochemistry, and Microbiology at the College of Medicine.

**Melany Duval** has been named senior vice president and chief development officer of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, effective in January. Duval has served as vice president of development at Silicon Valley Community Foundation since 2017.

**Michelle Dorsey**, MD, has been appointed as a White House Leadership Fellow, representing the VA, from October 2018 to September 2019. Dr. Dorsey is chief of radiology at the Phoenix VA Health Care System and a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Radiology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix.

**Talene Yacoubian**, MD, PhD, and **William Geisler**, MD, MPH, have been named co-directors of the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) at the UAB School of Medicine. Dr. Yacoubian has held various faculty roles at the School of Medicine and Dr. Geisler most recently served as clinical associate director of the MSTP.

**Douglas Morgan**, MD, has been appointed director of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the UAB School of Medicine. Dr. Morgan previously served as an associate professor of medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

**Fernando L. Vale**, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, effective Feb. 1. Dr. Vale previously served as vice chair of the Department of Neurosurgery and Brain Repair at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine.

**Pearl McElfish**, PhD, has been appointed vice chancellor of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Campus of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). Dr. McElfish has served as associate vice chancellor since 2016.

**Ken Cowan**, MD, PhD, will step down as director of the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center and the Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer at the University of Nebraska Medical Center/Nebraska Medicine in June 2019. Dr. Cowan, who joined the medical center in 1999, will remain as a full-time faculty member and will continue to see patients.

**Mark Sands**, MD, MBA, has been appointed chief medical officer of Stony Brook University Hospital, effective Nov. 1. Dr. Sands previously served as enterprise associate chief quality officer for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

**Robert Sackstein**, MD, PhD, has been appointed dean and senior vice president for health affairs at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine at Florida International University. Dr. Sackstein has most recently served as professor in two departments at Harvard Medical School, dermatology and
Colin Barnstable, DPhil, has stepped down as chair of the Department of Neural and Behavioral Sciences at Penn State College of Medicine, and Sue Grigson, PhD, professor of neural and behavioral sciences at the College of Medicine, has been appointed interim chair. Dr. Barnstable served as chair for 12 years.

Thomas Cox, MD, has been named the inaugural Rudolph L. and Mary Frances Wise Endowed Chair in Pediatric Anesthesiology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Cox is a professor and vice chair of education in the Department of Anesthesiology and director of the Division of Pediatric Anesthesiology at the School of Medicine.

Dan Berkowitz, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine at the UAB School of Medicine. Dr. Berkowitz serves as vice chair for research in the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Sharad Ghamande, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, effective Nov. 1. Dr. Ghamande previously served as executive vice chair of the department.

Gary LeRoy, MD, has been named president-elect of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Dr. LeRoy is associate dean for student affairs and admissions at the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine. AAFP is a CFAS-member society.

Enrico Di Cera, MD, has been appointed interim vice dean for research at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine and deputy vice president for research in the Office of the Vice President for Research. Dr. Di Cera is the Alice A. Doisy Professor and Chair of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the School of Medicine.

Andrew Bean, PhD, has been appointed dean of the Rush University Graduate College. Dr. Bean joins Rush from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and the UT Health Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, where he served as associate dean and professor of neurobiology and anatomy at McGovern Medical School of the University of Texas.

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) elected 75 new regular members and 10 international members. A great many of them are familiar names from academic medicine, including former AAMC Board of Directors member Catherine Lucey, MD. Dr. Lucey is executive vice dean, vice dean for education, and the Faustino and Martha Molina Bernadett Presidential Chair in Medical Education at UCSF. The NAM website has a complete list of all the newly elected members.

Peter Wiklund, MD, PhD, has been appointed director of the Bladder Cancer Program at Mount Sinai Health System. Dr. Wiklund previously served as chair of urology, molecular medicine, and surgery, and as a professor of urology at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden.

Walter Bosch, DSc, has been elected a fellow of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. Dr. Bosch is an associate professor of radiation oncology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Christine Pham, MD, has been named director of the Division of Rheumatology in the Department of Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Pham is a professor of medicine, pathology, and immunology at the School of Medicine.
Peter Loomer, DDS, PhD, has been named dean of the UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry, effective Feb. 1. Dr. Loomer serves as chair of the Ashman Department of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry and director of the Center for Global Oral Health Sciences at New York University College of Dentistry.

Hugh Taylor, MD, has been appointed president of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM). Dr. Taylor is the Anita O'Keeffe Young Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at the Yale School of Medicine and chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Yale New Haven Hospital. ASRM is a CFAS-member society.

Heather Campbell, MHS, has been named vice dean for finance and administration at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Campbell previously served as associate dean for administration at Feinberg.

Clem McDonald, MD, has been appointed the first chief health data standards officer at the National Library of Medicine, effective Nov. 1. Dr. McDonald has served as director of the NIH's Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications for the past 12 years.

Leslie R. Walker-Harding, MD, has been named chair of the University of Washington School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics, associate dean for the University of Washington School of Medicine, and senior vice president/chief academic officer for Seattle Children’s. She is now professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, and medical director and pediatrician in chief at Penn State Children's Hospital. Dr. Walker-Harding will begin her new position in February.

The ACGME has elected three new officers to its board of directors: Jeffrey P. Gold, MD, of the University of Nebraska Medical Center is the new board chair; Karen J. Nichols, DO, dean of Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine from 2002 to 2018, is the new vice chair; and Steven I. Goldstein, president and CEO of Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, is the treasurer for the third consecutive year. Mona Abaza, MD, a CFAS Administrative Board member and a CFAS rep from the Society of University Otolaryngologists/Head and Neck Surgeons also serves as a member of the ACGME Board of Directors.

J. Harry Isaacson, MD, has been appointed executive dean of the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University, and Neil Mehta, MBBS, has been appointed associate dean for curricular affairs at the Lerner College of Medicine. Dr. Isaacson has served as assistant dean for clinical education since 2010, and Dr. Mehta has been assistant dean for education informatics and technology since 2015.

Mark B. Taubman, MD, has been appointed to a new term as dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Rochester, effective July 1, 2019. Taubman will continue his joint responsibilities as university senior vice president for health sciences and CEO of the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) and UR Medicine, the university’s health care network.

Irma Corral, PhD, has been named East Carolina University assistant dean for diversity and inclusion for the Brody School of Medicine. The associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine will continue her faculty appointment work.

Northeast Ohio Medical University has announced that Jay A. Gershen, DDS, PhD, will retire as NEOMED president, a position he has held for nearly 10 years, making him the longest-serving state university president in Ohio. Dr. Gershen will leave his position on Sept. 30, 2019.
C. Michael Cassidy has joined Emory University as director of the new Emory Biomedical Catalyst. In this role, he will lead efforts to enhance innovation, entrepreneurship, and development of intellectual property. Prior to this role, Mr. Cassidy was Georgia Research Alliance president and CEO for 18 years.

Cecelia Schmalbach, MD, has been appointed the inaugural David Myers, MD Professor and Chair in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. Dr. Schmalbach comes to Temple from the Indiana University School of Medicine where she served as professor of otolaryngology-HNS, vice chair of otolaryngology clinical affairs, and division chief of HNS.

Brad Simmons has been named interim CEO of UC Davis Medical Center, pending approval by the UC Regents in the coming month. Mr. Simmons joined UC Davis in 2016 as chief operating officer of the medical center.

Christopher T. Westfall, MD, has been named College of Medicine dean at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The professor of ophthalmology and longtime faculty member of UAMS had served as interim dean since February.

Luci Leykum, MD, has been named to head a new VA center of excellence named after former Sen. Elizabeth Dole. The center will seek to improve services to veterans and their caregivers and will be managed by the VA Office of Health Services Research and Development. Dr. Leykum is professor of medicine and chief of the Division of General and Hospital Medicine at UT Health San Antonio.

Darryll Patterson, MD, has been named interim chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. Dr. Patterson previously served as associate chair and medical director of the Department of Internal Medicine at the School of Medicine.

Deneen Wellik, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Cell and Regenerative Biology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, effective Dec. 1. Dr. Wellik is director of the Center for Organogenesis and holds faculty appointments in the Department of Internal Medicine, the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology, and the Division of Molecular Medicine and Genetics at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Anna Spagnoli, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Children’s Hospital and Medical Center. Dr. Spagnoli previously served as professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics and the Woman’s Board Endowed Chair of Excellence in Pediatric Care, Research, and Education at Rush University Children’s Hospital and Rush University Medical Center.

Rong Li, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Li previously served as professor in the Department of Molecular Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.