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**Alfredo Tirado-Ramos**, PhD, has been appointed to lead biomedical and translational informatics programs at the Geisel School of Medicine and the Dartmouth-Hitchcock health system. Dr. Tirado-Ramos is the founder and former chief of the Clinical Informatics Division of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

**Jan Madsen** has been appointed executive vice president of Creighton University. Madsen has served as chief financial officer and treasurer for Omaha, Nebraska-based West Corporation for the past three years.

**Gary Kochem** will retire from his position as executive vice president and chief operating officer of Albany Med, effective Nov. 30. Kochem served at Albany for 38 years.

**Bruce Ovbiagele**, MD, MSc, MBA, has been appointed associate dean of the San Francisco VA Healthcare System, effective Aug. 9. Dr. Ovbiagele most recently served as professor and chair of the Neurology Department at the Medical University of South Carolina.

**Francis Lee**, MD, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medicine and psychiatrist in chief at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Lee has served as interim director of the Sackler Institute for Developmental Psychobiology since 2016.

Nancy Davis, PhD, has been appointed associate dean for continuing professional development at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Dr. Davis will continue to serve as associate dean for faculty affairs and development on the Wichita campus. Dr. Davis is a CFAS rep from the Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education.

**Irving Kron**, MD, has been appointed associate senior vice president of the University of Arizona Health Sciences and interim executive dean of the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson. Dr. Kron is former chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Virginia.

**J. Kevin Dorsey**, MD, PhD, dean and provost emeritus of the Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine will serve as acting president for SIU for a one-year term while the university’s board searches for a new president to replace Randy Dunn, reported the Chicago Tribune. Dunn agreed to a voluntary separation from the university after a long conflict with the SIU board.

**Scott Strome**, MD, has been named Robert Kaplan Executive Dean of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) College of Medicine and vice chancellor for health affairs at UTHSC. Dr. Strome previously served as professor and chair of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

**Margot Kushel**, MD, has been named director of the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations at
Laura Hutchins, MD, has been appointed interim director of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute. Dr. Hutchins serves as a professor in the UAMS College of Medicine’s Division of Hematology/Oncology.

Kit Pogliano, PhD, has been appointed dean of UC San Diego’s Division of Biological Sciences, effective Sept. 15. Dr. Pogliano serves as a molecular biology professor and dean of UCSD’s Graduate Division.

Sherree Wilson, PhD, has been named associate vice chancellor and associate dean for diversity and inclusion at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Her appointment begins Oct. 1.

Allen M. Chen, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine, effective Oct. 5. Dr. Chen is professor and chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Kansas Health System.

Marshall University’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has established a new urology department. James C. Jensen, MD, has been appointed the inaugural chair of the department. Dr. Jensen serves as a professor and urologic oncologist at the School of Medicine and acting medical director of the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Marina Kaufman Holz, PhD, has been appointed dean of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences at New York Medical College, effective Sept. 1. Dr. Holz serves as the Doris and Dr. Ira Kukin Chair in Biology at the Stern College of Yeshiva University.

Charles Taylor, PharmD, has been named provost and executive vice president of academic affairs at University of North Texas Health Science Center, effective Aug. 1. Dr. Taylor previously served as dean of the UNT System College of Pharmacy.

Lorraine Frazier, PhD, RN, has been appointed dean of the Columbia University School of Nursing, the Mary O’Neil Mundinger, DrPH Professor of Nursing, and senior vice president at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, effective Sept. 1. Dr. Frazier is professor and dean of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) announced several new appointments to its board of directors and council. M. Safwan Badr, MD, and Amy W. Williams, MD, join the board. Jeffrey S. Berns, MD, has been appointed council chair, and Bruce A. Leff, MD, is chair-elect. George M. Abraham, MD; Ashok Balasubramanyam, MD; and Asher A. Tulsky, MD, have been appointed members of the council.

Adrian Tyndall, MD, MPH, has been named interim dean of the UF College of Medicine, effective July 30. Dr. Tyndall is professor and chair of emergency medicine at the College of Medicine and physician in chief of emergency services for UF Health. Dr. Tyndall is a CFAS rep and had also recently been named a 2018-19 AAMC Council of Deans fellow.

Agustin Rodriguez, MD, has been appointed interim dean of the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, effective July 4.

Richard Black, DDS, has been named dean of the Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine.
(WLHSDM) at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso. Dr. Black has served as interim dean at WLHSDM since 2017.

**Carol Bauer**, MD, has been elected president of the American Otological Society for 2018-19. Dr. Bauer is professor and chair of the Division of Otolaryngology at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

**David Jacoby**, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Medicine in the OHSU School of Medicine. Dr. Jacoby has served as interim chair since August 2017.

**Phillip Popovich**, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Neuroscience at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Dr. Popovich has served as interim chair since February.

SUNY Upstate Medical University has elevated geriatrics to its own clinical department and appointed **Sharon Brangman**, MD, as inaugural chair of the department. Dr. Brangman served as division chief of geriatrics at SUNY for 20 years.

**Norberto Fas**, MD, has been named associate dean for clinical services at the Veterans Affairs for Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Fas most recently served as deputy chief of staff for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Decatur, Georgia.

**Valera Hudson**, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. Dr. Hudson served as interim chair since January. She is also now pediatrician-in-chief for the Children’s Hospital of Georgia.

**Aviad “Adi” Haramati**, PhD, has been awarded the Edward Patrick Finnerty Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual meeting of the International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE). Dr. Haramati is professor of integrative physiology in the Department of Biochemistry, Molecular and Cellular Biology, and Medicine (Nephrology) at Georgetown University School of Medicine and director of the Center for Innovation and Leadership in Education (CENTILE) at Georgetown University Medical Center. He is also a former CFAS Administrative Board member and a CFAS rep for the Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine. IAMSE is a CFAS-member society.

**Erik Lium**, PhD, has been promoted to executive vice president of Mount Sinai Innovation Partners (MSIP). Dr. Lium was appointed vice president of MSIP in 2014 and senior vice president in 2016.

**Catherine Bollard**, MD, has been appointed associate center director for translational research and innovation at the George Washington University Cancer Center. Dr. Bollard will continue in her role as director of the Center for Cancer and Immunology Research at the Children’s Research Institute.


**Julie Palmer**, ScD, has been appointed interim director of the Boston University-Boston Medical Center (BU-BMC) Cancer Center, effective July 1. Dr. Palmer is associate director of Boston University’s Slone Epidemiology Center, professor of epidemiology at Boston University School of Public Health, and associate director for population sciences at the BU-BMC Cancer Center.

**Philip Walker** has been named director of the Annette and Irwin Eskind Biomedical Library at Vanderbilt University. Walker has served as librarian at Eskind since 2012 and was interim director of the library for the past year.
**Lukas Tamm**, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biological Physics at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, effective July 1. Dr. Tamm is director of the Center for Membrane and Cell Physiology at the University of Virginia.

**Ralph Muller** will step down as CEO of the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS) in June of 2019. Mr. Muller has served as CEO of UPHS for 17 years.

Earlier this month, **Vivian Lee**, MD, PhD, was named president of health platforms at Verily, Alphabet’s life sciences arm. Dr. Lee is the former CEO of University of Utah Health and former dean of the medical school.

**Michael L. Good**, MD, has been named senior vice president for health sciences, CEO of University of Utah Health, and executive dean of the University of Utah School of Medicine. He will replace interim Senior Vice President Lorris Betz, MD, PhD. Dr. Good has most recently served as the dean of the University of Florida College of Medicine.

University of Wisconsin Health has appointed **Elizabeth T. Bolt** as chief operating officer. She previously served as senior vice president, chief administrative officer, and chief human resources officer for UW Health.

**Ruth Bush**, MD, MPH, will be associate dean for medical education at the planned University of Houston medical college. **Kathryn Horn**, MD, will be associate dean for student affairs, admissions, and outreach. **David Buck**, MD, will be associate dean for community health. Dr. Bush previously served as professor at Baylor College of Medicine; Dr. Horn previously served in various leadership and faculty roles at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso; and Dr. Buck previously served as a professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine.

**Craig H. Selzman**, MD, is the inaugural chair of the Dr. Russell M. Nelson and Dantzel W. Nelson Presidential Chair in Cardiothoracic Surgery at University of Utah Health. Dr. Selzman is division chief of the university’s cardiothoracic program.

**Penny A. Asbell**, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) College of Medicine and director of the Hamilton Eye Institute at UTHSC. Dr. Asbell is a professor of ophthalmology and system vice chair for academic affairs for the Department of Ophthalmology at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

**Irfan M. Asif**, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at UAB. Dr. Asif most recently served as vice chair of academics and research in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville.

Russell G. Postier, MD, announced his retirement as dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, effective June 30. John P. Zubialde, MD, has been appointed interim executive dean, effective July 1. Dr. Zubialde is professor of family and preventive medicine at the College of Medicine.

**Atul Gawande**, MD, has been tapped to lead the Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway, and JPMorgan Chase health care venture, reported Modern Healthcare. Dr. Gawande is a professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School and was a plenary speaker at Learn Serve Lead 2016: The AAMC Annual Meeting.
Andrew Filak Jr., MD, has been named interim senior vice president for health affairs and dean of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Dr. Filak serves as senior associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Medicine and vice president for education for UC Health.

Julie Banderas, PharmD, has been named inaugural chair of the Department of Graduate Health Professions in Medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Medicine. Dr. Banderas has served as assistant dean for graduate studies and allied health at UMKC since 2012.

Sara Czaja, PhD, will step down from her position as professor and director of the Center on Aging in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Dr. Czaja has led the center for nearly 30 years.

Laura Pimentel, MD, has been appointed CEO of the Maryland Emergency Medicine Network. Dr. Pimentel is clinical associate professor of emergency medicine and vice president and chief medical officer for the network.

Charles Hong, MD, PhD, has been appointed the Melvin Sharoky Professor of Medicine, director of research, and associate chief of the Division of Cardiology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Dr. Hong previously served as associate professor of medicine, pharmacology, and cell and developmental biology at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

Lukas Tamm, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biological Physics at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. He joined the University of Virginia in 1990, and is now the director of the Center for Membrane and Cell Physiology. Dr. Tamm's new appointment is effective July 1.

Bahaaldin Alsoufi, MD, has been appointed chief of the Division of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery in the Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at the University of Louisville and Norton Children's Hospital. Dr. Alsoufi has served as associate professor in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery's Section of Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery at Emory University School of Medicine since 2013.

Ian B.K. Martin, MD, MBA, has been appointed professor and system chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine professor of medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Martin previously served as professor and chair of emergency medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine.

Ian Mercier has been named vice president for university foundations at Augusta University. Mr. Mercier is president and CEO of the Medical College of Georgia Foundation.

Jennifer DeVoe, MD, has been appointed to lead the NAM’s committee on Applying Neurobiological and Socio-Behavioral Sciences From Prenatal Through Early Childhood Development: A Health Equity Approach. Dr. DeVoe is professor and chair of family medicine at the OHSU School of Medicine.

Richard D. Schulick, MD, MBA, has been named director of the University of Colorado Cancer Center. Dr. Schulick has served as the Aragón/Gonzalez-Giustí Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Colorado School of Medicine since 2012.

Anita M. Navarro, EdD, has been appointed the inaugural chief of staff for VCU School of Medicine. Dr. Navarro has served as a senior director of academic affairs at the AAMC for the past eight years.
Linda Overstreet-Wadiche, PhD, has been named chair of the Neurogenesis and Cell Fate Study Section for the Center for Scientific Review in Bethesda, Md. Dr. Overstreet-Wadiche is an associate professor in the Department of Neurobiology at the UAB School of Medicine.

Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, MBA, has been named assistant dean for international medical education and assistant provost for international education in the Office of the Senior Vice Provost at the UAB School of Medicine. Dr. Zayzafoon is a professor of pathology and medical education at the School of Medicine.

Katherine L. Heilpern, MD, has been named senior vice president and chief operating officer at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, effective in August. Dr. Heilpern serves as chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine and Emory Healthcare.

Mark Stacy, MD, has been appointed interim vice chancellor for the ECU’s Division of Health Sciences, effective Aug. 1. Dr. Stacy is dean of the ECU Brody School of Medicine and senior associate vice chancellor for medical affairs in the Division of Health Sciences.

Susan Long, EdD, has been named dean of the UAMS College of Health Professions. Dr. Long has served as interim dean since December 2017 and associate dean for academic affairs since 2012.

David H. Browdy, will become Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center’s new vice president and chief financial officer. Mr. Browdy, who has served as associate vice president for finance and CFO for health sciences at the University of Utah, will replace vice president and CFO Randy Main, who will retire June 30 after more than three decades of service. The new appointment is effective Aug. 1.

Daniel R. Tishman has been named chair of the Board of Trustees of Montefiore Medicine, the umbrella organization for Montefiore Health System and Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Marietta Vázquez, MD, associate professor of pediatrics, has been named vice chair for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Yale School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics.

Bradley Haws, MBA, CEO of the University of Virginia Physicians Group, has been named associate vice president and chief financial officer for University of Iowa Health Care. He will begin Aug. 20.

Jason Daniel, MBA, has been named vice president for the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation and senior executive administrator for the School of Medicine, effective July 1.

Jeff Sands, MD, was named president of the American Physiological Society. Dr. Sands is professor of medicine and physiology and director of the Division of Renal Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine. APS is a CFAS member society.

Raheel Khan, MD, has been named chair of the West Virginia University Health Sciences Charleston Campus department of pediatrics. Dr. Khan has been serving as interim chair of the department.

Kimberly Boland, MD, has been named interim chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, effective July 1. Dr. Boland has served as assistant dean of resident education and work environment in the Office of Graduate Medical Education at the medical school since August 2016.
Jonathan Ripp, MD, MPH, has been named senior associate dean for well-being and resilience and chief wellness officer at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. In his new role, Dr. Ripp will identify areas of excessive administrative and clinical burden that can be targets for intervention and workplace redesign efforts. He will also lead initiatives that optimize physical and mental health.

David A. Lubarsky, MD, has been named vice chancellor of human health sciences and chief executive officer of UC Davis Health, which includes the School of Medicine, School of Nursing, UC Davis Medical Center, and Primary Care Network. Dr. Lubarsky is the chief medical and systems integration officer with the University of Miami Health System, a position he has held since 2012. He begins his new role July 2.

Bert O’Malley, MD, has been named chancellor of the Baylor College of Medicine, after 45 years of service as chair of Baylor’s Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology. Dr. O’Malley will step down as chair of the department to assume the responsibilities of chancellor, but will continue directing his research lab. His new role is effective July 1.

Mary Anne Jackson, MD, has been appointed interim dean of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. Dr. Jackson has been a faculty member at UMKC since 1984. She is a professor of pediatrics with a specialization in infectious diseases. Her appointment will begin July 1.

Shyam Kottilil, MBBS, PhD, has been appointed director of the Institute of Human Virology’s (IHV’s) Division of Clinical Care and Research and chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Dr. Kottilil previously served as professor of medicine at and head of IHV’s Clinical Research Unit at the school.

Brian Holland, MD, has been named chief of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Dr. Holland has been serving as interim chief since 2017.

Peter Emanuel, MD, director of the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) is resigning, effective July 31. Dr. Emanuel has served at UAMS since 2007.

Mary Patterson, MD, has been named Lou Oberndorf Professor in Healthcare Technology and assistant dean and director of the UF Center for Experiential Learning and Simulation at UF College of Medicine, effective July 1. Dr. Patterson serves as associate vice-chair of medical education and executive director of research in simulation at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Donald K. Warne, MD, MPH, has been named associate dean for diversity, equity, and inclusion and director of the Indians into Medicine program at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Warne previously served as chair of the Department of Public Health at North Dakota State University College of Health Professions.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences has temporarily shut down its cardiac surgery program until it can recruit another physician to replace lead surgeon Gareth Tobler, MD, who retired April 27.

Scott Steen has been named executive director of the American Physiological Society (APS). Steen previously led American Forests and the American Ceramic Society. APS is a CFAS member society.
Kathleen Becker, JD, MPH, has been appointed CEO of the University of New Mexico Hospitals, effective July 15. Becker serves as president of SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital.

Danny Jacobs, MD, MPH, will become president of Oregon Health & Science University. Dr. Jacobs serves as executive vice president, provost and dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch. His new appointment is effective Aug. 1.

Hilary Godwin, PhD, has been named the next dean of the University of Washington’s School of Public Health, effective July 15. She is now professor and associate dean in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health.

Linda Worley, MD, has been named the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) associate dean for northwest Arkansas. Dr. Worley previously served as physician mental health chief officer for the South Central United States Veterans Integrated Services Network.

Michael Dake, MD, has been appointed senior vice president for health sciences at the University of Arizona, effective June 4. Dr. Dake serves as Stanford University’s Thelma and Henry Doelger Professor of Cardiovascular Surgery.

Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD, has been appointed associate dean for students at the UAB School of Medicine. Dr. Van Wagoner previously served as the assistant dean for students and as an associate professor in the Department of Medicine and Division of Infectious Disease at the UAB School of Medicine.

Lisa Willett, MD, has been named president-elect of the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine (APDIM) Council, effective July 1. Dr. Willett serves as program director for the Tinsley Harrison Internal Medicine Residency Program and vice chair for education and professor in the Department of Medicine at the UAB School of Medicine. APDIM is a CFAS member society.

SUNY Downstate president Wayne J. Riley, MD, has been appointed a trustee to the board of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

Andra Blomkalns, MD, has been appointed the inaugural chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Blomkalns is professor of emergency medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Omar Atiq, MD, has been named chair-elect of the board of governors of the American College of Physicians (ACP). Dr. Atiq is a professor of medicine and otolaryngology–head and neck surgery at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). ACP is a CFAS member society.

David Savitz, PhD, has been appointed the inaugural associate dean for research at the Brown University School of Public Health. Dr. Savitz previously served as vice president of research for Brown University and will retain his position as associate director for perinatal research at the Alpert Medical School. He is also a professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Alpert Medical School.

Shaheen Islam, MBBS, has been named chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in the Department of Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia. Dr. Islam is the director of interventional pulmonology at the Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Kenneth Vega, MD, has been appointed chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology in
the Department of Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia. Dr. Vega previously served as chief of gastroenterology at National Jewish Health in Denver, Colo.

Galit Lahav, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Systems Biology at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Lahav has served as deputy chair of the department since 2017.

Maie St. John, MD, PhD, has been named the Samuel and Della Pearlman Chair of the Department of Head and Neck Surgery in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Dr. St. John is codirector of the UCLA Head and Neck Cancer Program.

Angelo Giardino, MD, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Pediatrics at University of Utah Health, effective June 4. Dr. Giardino is professor of pediatrics and section chief of academic general pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, as well as the senior vice president and chief quality officer at Texas Children’s Hospital.

The Rev. Kevin FitzGerald, PhD, has been appointed the John A. Creighton University Professor endowed chair and associate professor in the Creighton University School of Medicine’s Department of Medical Education. Rev. FitzGerald serves as the Dr. David Lauler Chair of Catholic Health Care Ethics in the Pellegrino Center for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown University.

Laura Mosqueda, MD, has been named dean of the USC Keck School of Medicine, effective May 1. Dr. Mosqueda, who obtained her medical degree from USC, is professor of family medicine and geriatrics at Keck. She has served as interim dean since October 2017, and is the first woman to lead the school since its founding in 1885.

Evangeline Andarsio, MD, has been named president of the Ohio State Medical Association. Dr. Andarsio is clinical associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine.

Ali Rezai, MD, has been named John D. Rockefeller IV Chair in Neuroscience at West Virginia University (WVU). Dr. Rezai serves as executive chair, vice president, and associate dean of the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute.

Ned Kalin, MD, has been named editor in chief of the American Journal of Psychiatry, effective Jan. 1. Dr. Kalin is the Hedberg Professor and chair of psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Lisa Carey, MD, has been appointed to the Susan G. Komen Scientific Advisory Board. Dr. Carey serves as physician in chief of the N.C. Cancer Hospital and as division chief of hematology and oncology and the Richardson and Marilyn Jacobs Preyer Distinguished Professor in Breast Cancer Research at UNC School of Medicine.

Richard Gumina, MD, PhD, has been named acting chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine at University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Steven Haist, MD, has been named associate dean for the UK College of Medicine’s Northern Kentucky regional campus. Dr. Haist previously served as internal medicine residency program director at the UK College of Medicine.

S. Bruce Binder, MD, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective April 1, 2018. A faculty member since 1991, Dr. Binder is associate professor of family medicine and has served as interim chair
since April 2017.

**Aleksandar Rajkovic**, MD, PhD, has been appointed the first chief genomic officer of UCSF Health, effective May 1. Dr. Rajkovic previously served as the Marcus Allen Hogge Chair in Reproductive Sciences at Magee-Womens Hospital at UPMC.

AAMC President and CEO **Darrell G. Kirch**, MD, will receive The Arnold P. Gold Foundation’s national Humanism in Healthcare Medal at the Gold Foundation's 30th Anniversary Golden Thread Gala on June 13, in New York City. Dr. Kirch will be honored with actor, writer, and science communicator Alan Alda at the event. All are invited to celebrate the Gold Foundation's contributions to medical education; honor Dr. Kirch and Mr. Alda; and pay tribute to the legacy of the Gold Foundation's cofounder, the late Dr. Arnold P. Gold.

**Matthew Mell**, MD, has been appointed director of the UC Davis Vascular Center and chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery at UC Davis Health. Dr. Mell previously served as medical director of Stanford Health Care’s vascular surgery clinics, vascular lab, and ambulatory specialty care and vice chair of clinical affairs in the Department of Surgery at Stanford University.

**James McDonald**, MD, has been named Ernest J. Ferris, M.D., Chair in Diagnostic Radiology in the Department of Radiology at the UAMS College of Medicine. Dr. McDonald has served as chair of the department since November 2016.

**Kierstin Kennedy**, MD, has been named chief of hospital medicine at the UAB School of Medicine. Dr. Kennedy is clinical associate professor of medicine at UAB.

**Crayton Fargason**, MD, has assumed the additional role of director of neurodevelopmental initiatives at UAB Medicine. Dr. Fargason already serves as medical director and vice president of clinical affairs at Children’s of Alabama and as professor in the UAB Department of Pediatrics.

**Natalie Hogan**, MD, has been appointed chair of pediatrics at Dwaine and Cynthia Willett Children’s Hospital of Savannah at Memorial Health University Medical Center. Dr. Hogan has served as pediatric clerkship director of the Mercer University School of Medicine’s Savannah campus since 2003.

**Pascha Schafer**, MD, has been named associate chief medical officer and chief quality officer for Augusta University Health. Dr. Shafer serves as associate professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, and in the Center for Bioethics and Health Policy at Augusta University.

**Margot Savoy**, MD, MPH, has been appointed chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. Dr. Savoy has served as medical director of family medicine at Christiana Care Health System since 2008.

**Peggy Farnham**, PhD, has been named interim director of the University of Southern California Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, effective June 1. Dr. Farnham serves as coleader of the epigenetics and regulation program and interim associate director for basic science at the cancer center.

**William Ball**, MD, will step down as dean of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in August. Dr. Ball has served as dean and senior vice president for health affairs since 2015.