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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. Woodard 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 Children’s National Health System.

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.

**Robert Burakoff**, MD, has been named vice chair for ambulatory services for the Weill Department of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine and NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. He was also named site chief for the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at NewYork-Presbyterian Lower Manhattan Hospital and Weill Cornell Medicine. The appointments are effective Aug 1. Dr. Burakoff previously served as clinical chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

**Robert Min**, MD, has been appointed president and CEO of Weill Cornell Medicine’s Physician Organization, effective Jan. 1, 2018, and **Adam Stracher**, MD, has been named chief medical officer of the organization as well as associate dean for clinical affairs. Dr. Min will continue to serve as chairman of the Department of Radiology and the John A. Evans, M.D. Professor of Radiology at Weill Cornell Medicine, and he will continue as radiologist-in-chief at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Stracher is an associate professor of clinical medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine and an internist at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

**Bruce A. Meyer**, MD, has been appointed to the newly created position of chief physician executive of Jefferson Health and senior executive vice president of Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Meyer most recently served as executive vice president for health system affairs and CEO of the accountable care network at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

**Jennifer Cochran**, PhD, has been appointed chair of Stanford’s Department of Bioengineering, which is jointly operated by the School of Medicine and the School of Engineering. Dr. Cochran has served as associate professor of bioengineering at Stanford since 2012. Her five-year term begins Sept. 1.

**David Driscoll**, PhD, has been named director of research development at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Dr. Driscoll is director and associate professor of public health at the Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies at the University of Alaska. He will begin his new role Aug. 21.

**Stephen S. Park**, MD, has been appointed chair of otolaryngology—head and neck surgery, at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, effective Sept. 1. Dr. Park is professor of otolaryngology—head and neck surgery, at the School of Medicine.
Paul C. Kuo, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Surgery and Richard G. Connar Endowed Chair in Surgery at the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine. Dr. Kuo has served as the John P. Ignini professor and chair of the Department of Surgery at Loyola University Medical Center since 2010. His new appointment begins on Sept. 1.

Anne Champeaux, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Pathology and Cell Biology at the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine. Dr. Champeaux serves as the anatomic and clinical pathology residency program director and associate professor for the department. She will begin her new role Aug. 7.

Angela M. Sharkey, MD, has been appointed senior associate dean for academic affairs at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville. Dr. Sharkey, a pediatric cardiologist, most recently served as associate dean of faculty affairs at Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

Carlos Arteaga, MD, has been named director of the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Arteaga serves as director of the Center for Cancer Targeted Therapies and the Breast Cancer Program at the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. His new appointment is effective Sept. 1.

Dell Medical School has created a Department of Oncology. The new department is chaired by S. Gail Eckhardt, MD.

The University of Maryland School of Medicine has used a $24 million grant from United Therapeutics Corporation to establish the country’s first Center for Cardiac Xenotransplantation. Muhammad Mansoor Mohiuddin, MBBS, will be the center’s leader in his new role of professor of surgery and director of Xenoheart Transplantation in the Department of Surgery.

Shawn Gerstenberger, PhD, has been named acting dean of the UNLV School of Medicine, as founding dean Barbara Atkinson, MD, recovers from surgery. Gerstenberger serves as dean of the School of Community Health Sciences at UNLV.

David Stern, MD, Robert J. Kaplan Executive Dean and vice chancellor for clinical affairs at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC), is taking on a new role as vice chancellor for health affairs for statewide initiatives. UTHSC Chancellor Steve Schwab, MD, will assume the duties of executive dean of the College of Medicine and vice chancellor for clinical affairs until a successor for Dr. Stern is named. An article in Memphis Daily News described Dr. Stern's new role in more detail.

Laureen Hill, MD, has been named senior vice president at NewYork-Presbyterian and chief operating officer of NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center, effective in October. Dr. Hill previously served as chair of the Department of Anesthesiology and chief of anesthesia services at Emory Healthcare.

Kenneth R. Deans Jr., has been named CEO of Health Sciences South Carolina (HSSC), which includes South Carolina’s largest research universities and health systems and is the nation’s first statewide health research organization. Deans previously served as vice president and chief operating officer for Chesapeake Regional Healthcare. Members of HSSC include MUSC and USC, with its medical schools in Columbia and Greenville, among other South Carolina organizations.

Partho Sengupta, MD, director of Cardiovascular Imaging and chair of the Center for Innovation at the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute, has been named chief of the Section of Cardiology in the Heart and Vascular Institute and in the WVU School of Medicine Department of Medicine.

Jennifer Tseng, MD, MPH, has been appointed the first woman chief of surgery at Boston Medical Center and chair of the department of surgery at Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. Tseng previously served as chief of surgical oncology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and professor at Harvard Medical School.
Robert L. “Lee” Archer, MD, has been named chair of the department of neurology in the UAMS College of Medicine, effective Aug. 1. Dr. Archer has served as interim chair since July of last year.

Frederick “Rick” E. Barr, MD, has been appointed chair of the department of pediatrics at UAMS, associate dean for child health in the UAMS College of Medicine, and pediatrician-in-chief for Arkansas Children’s, effective Oct. 1. Dr. Barr serves as the Suzan B. Thames endowed professor, chair of the Department of Pediatrics, and senior associate dean for GME at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, PhD, MD, has been appointed chair of the department of epidemiology and biostatistics and the inaugural vice dean for population health and health equity at the UCSF School of Medicine. Dr. Bibbins-Domingo is the Lee Goldman, MD, Endowed Chair in Medicine, a professor of medicine, and a professor of epidemiology and biostatistics.

Chiquita Collins, PhD, has been named inaugural vice dean for inclusion and diversity and chief diversity officer at the Joe R. & Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine at UT Health San Antonio. Dr. Collins is associate dean of diversity and cultural competence at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Her appointment is effective Aug. 1.

Baruch D. Kuppermann, MD, PhD, has been appointed chair of the department of ophthalmology at the UC Irvine School of Medicine and director of the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute. Dr. Kupperman most recently served as vice chair of clinical research and vice chair of academic affairs in the department.

Michael G. Stewart has been appointed vice dean of Weill Cornell Medicine, and Peter N. Schlegel has been appointed senior associate dean for clinical affairs, also at Weill Cornell. Dr. Stewart will continue in his role as professor and chair of the department of otolaryngology – head and neck surgery. Dr. Schlegel serves as chair of the department of urology and the James J. Colt Professor of Urology.

The University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences announced that Gabriela Popescu, PhD, was appointed chair-elect of CFAS and will serve as CFAS chair in 2019 and 2020. The announcement described CFAS’ work in recognizing issues related to well-being in academic medicine. Dr. Popescu will serve on the AAMC’s Board of Directors in her capacity as CFAS chair. She is a professor of biochemistry at Jacobs.

Susan Pollart, MD, has been appointed interim chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. She will continue to serve in her role as The Ruth E. Murdaugh Professor of Family Medicine and the senior associate dean for faculty affairs and faculty development at the School of Medicine.

Robyn S. Klein, MD, PhD, has been named vice provost and associate dean for graduate education for the Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Klein serves as a professor of medicine, neuroscience, and of pathology and immunology at the School of Medicine. She will begin her new position Jan. 1, 2018.

Alison K. Hall, PhD, has been named associate dean of research workforce development at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Hall most recently served as the deputy director of the Division of Training, Workforce Development, and Diversity at the National Institute of General Medical Science (NIGMS).

Rainer W.G. Gruessner, MD, has been named chair of surgery and Clarence and Mary Dennis Professor of Surgery at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. Dr. Gruessner most recently served as chair of surgery at the University of Arizona.

Jonathan S. Marchant, PhD, has been named chair of cell biology, neurobiology, and anatomy at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Marchant serves as a professor in the Department of Pharmacology
and Stem Cell Institute at the University of Minnesota Medical School.

Jonathan Samet, MD, has been appointed dean of the Colorado School of Public Health. Dr. Samet serves as distinguished professor and chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. He will begin his new role in October.

Robb McLean, MD, has been appointed chief medical officer at the UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center. Dr. McLean is an associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at UNM School of Medicine.

Brian Keith, PhD, has been appointed dean of biomedical studies at The Wistar Institute, an international research institute focused on cancer, immunology, and infectious diseases. Dr. Keith previously served as adjunct professor in the Department of Cancer Biology in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mark F. Newman, MD, has been named executive vice president for health affairs at the University of Kentucky and UK Healthcare. Dr. Newman serves as president of Private Diagnostic Clinic, the physician practice plan for Duke University’s Medical Center.

Bernard Jasmin, PhD, has been appointed interim dean of the University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine. Dr. Jasmin has served the Faculty of Medicine as vice dean for research since 2009. His appointment was effective July 1.

Larry Shapiro, MD, has been named CEO of the University Health Partners of Hawai‘i, the faculty practice at the University of Hawai‘i John A. Burns School of Medicine. Dr. Shapiro is former dean of the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. His new role is effective Aug. 1.

Michael J. Stamos, MD, has been appointed dean of the UC Irvine School of Medicine. Dr. Stamos has served the School of Medicine as interim dean since February 2016. He also serves as president of the Research Foundation of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons and is past president of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons and the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

David Marcozzi, MD, has been appointed codirector of the Program in Health Disparities and Population Health at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Dr. Marcozzi serves as an associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the School of Medicine.

Jack Resneck Jr., MD, has been named chair-elect of the 2017–2018 AMA Board of Trustees. Dr. Resneck is professor and vice chair of the UCSF Department of Dermatology.

Ronald M. Lazar, PhD, has been appointed director of the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute at the UAB School of Medicine. Dr. Lazar will hold the Evelyn F. McKnight Endowed Chair for Learning and Memory in Aging in the Department of Neurology. He comes to UAB from Columbia University Medical Center, where he was a professor of neuropsychology.

Charles Burant, MD, PhD, has been named director of the A. Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute at Michigan Medicine. Dr. Burant serves as Michigan Medicine’s Dr. Robert C. and Veronica Atkins Professor of Metabolism.

Todd Bentsen has been named director of communications in the Office of Public Affairs at the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB). He previously served as associate vice president for communications at Georgetown University Medical Center. Several FASEB member societies are also CFAS members.

The Trump administration has named Brenda Fitzgerald, MD, as the next director of the CDC, according to the Washington Post. Dr. Fitzgerald is an obstetrician-gynecologist who has served as Georgia’s public health commissioner since 2011.
David O. Barbe, MD, is the new president of the AMA.

Robert D. Simari, MD, has been named interim executive vice chancellor at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He currently serves as executive dean for the University of Kansas School of Medicine. He begins his new role on July 1.

Arif Sarwari, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Medicine at West Virginia University School of Medicine. He has been serving in the role in an interim capacity for more than a year. Dr. Sarwari is the former medical director of the WVU Positive Health Clinic and serves as a consultant to the State Rapid HIV Testing program.

Richard S. Schottenfeld, MD, will be appointed chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and professor of psychiatry at Howard University College of Medicine in September 2017. Dr. Schottenfeld has been a faculty member at Yale since 1984. He is a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and head of Yale’s Davenport College.

The University of Michigan Medical School has made two recent chair announcements: Pierre A. Coulombe, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology, effective Aug. 1, and Mark D. Pearlman, MD, has been named interim chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, effective July 1. Dr. Coulombe is now on faculty at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and Dr. Pearlman has been on the University of Michigan faculty since 1990.

Hochang (Ben) Lee, MD, will be the new John Romano Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He is now director and chief of the Yale School of Medicine’s Psychological Medicine Service. He will begin his new role at Rochester in September.

David K. Wallace, MD, MPH, has been named chair of the Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology. He is now professor of ophthalmology and pediatrics at Duke. He will begin his new role Nov. 1.

Also at Indiana University, Emily Walvoord, MD, has been appointed associate dean for student affairs, a new position at the school.

Oladipo Kukoyi, MD, has been appointed the new chief of staff for Birmingham VA Medical Center, which partners with UAB School of Medicine. He will be moving to the Birmingham VA from the Augusta VA Medical Center, where he has served as chief of staff since 2015.

Robert L. Ferris, MD, PhD, has been named director of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Hillman Cancer Center. He begins his new role July 1.

Thomas Schmidt, PhD, professor of molecular physiology and biophysics, was named the 2017 Arthur C. Guyton Physiology Educator of the Year by the American Physiological Society, a CFAS member.

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine received approval for a new Department of Pharmacology and Systems Physiology. Robert Highsmith, PhD, will serve as interim chair. He has been interim chair of both the Department of Pharmacology and Cell Biophysics and the Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology since 2014.

Baylor physician-scientist Huda Zoghbi, MD, a neurologist whose work has revealed the molecular basis of neurological disorders, is the recipient of the 2017 Switzer Prize awarded by the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA for excellence in biological and biomedical sciences research.

Norman E. Sharpless, MD, has been nominated to lead the National Cancer Institute (NCI) at the NIH. Dr. Sharpless serves as director of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.