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Cedric Bright, MD, has been named associate dean for admissions at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. Dr. Bright is associate dean for inclusive excellence at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

Joshua Miller, MD, has been named assistant dean of clinical integration at the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University. Dr. Miller is medical director of diabetes care for Stony Brook Medicine.

J. Chad Duncan, PhD, has been named director of the Northwestern University Prosthetics-Orthotics Center. Dr. Duncan is an associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the university’s Feinberg School of Medicine.

Celia Freeman, MBA, has been named assistant dean for continuous quality improvement and strategic planning at NYMC. Ms. Freeman was previously the director of postdoctoral education and continuing medical education at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences.

Mary Petzke, PhD, has been appointed assistant dean for medical student research at New York Medical College (NYMC). Dr. Petzke, an assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, previously served as director of medical student research and is the assistant course director for the medical microbiology course in the NYMC School of Medicine.

Gregory P. Conners, MD, MPH, MBA, has been named chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Upstate Medical University and executive director of Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital, effective March 4. Dr. Conners previously served as associate chair of pediatrics at Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinic.

Arthur R. Derse, MD, JD, has been appointed a fellow in The Hastings Center. Dr. Derse is a member of the CFAS Administrative Board representing the Association of Bioethics Program Directors. Dr. Derse also serves as director of the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Rush D. Holt, PhD, CEO of the AAAS, and executive publisher of the Science family of journals, will retire from his position later this year. Dr. Holt has served as CEO of AAAS since February 2015. The AAAS Board of Directors announced in a statement that it will launch an international search for the next CEO to succeed Dr. Holt, who plans to serve as the organization’s chief executive until early fall to ensure a smooth transition for the incoming CEO.

The American Academy of Neurology (AAN) has awarded Diana Bratt, MD, the 2019 Clerkship Director Teaching Award. Dr. Bratt is the neurology clerkship director at Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. AAN is a CFAS-member society.
Florida International University (FIU) Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine has appointed Carmel J. Barrau, MD, chairman of the Dean’s Advisory Council and Albert R. Taño, MD, vice chair of the council. Dr. Barrau is a founder of the College of Medicine and the founder and president of UniHealth of South Florida, Inc. Dr. Taño is the medical director of Kidz Medical Services and a member of the FIU Foundation Board.

Richard Polin, MD, has been named executive vice chair of education at the Department of Pediatrics at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Polin previously served as vice chair of education and has led Columbia’s Division of Pediatric Neonatology since 1998.

The Medical College of Georgia has created a new Department of Dermatology and named Loretta S. Davis, MD, as its first chair, effective Feb. 1. Dr. Davis has served as section chief of the former Division of Dermatology since 2011 and as director of the Dermatology Residency Program since 2010.

Stephen Trzeciak, MD, MPH, was appointed chief of medicine for Cooper University Health Care and chair of the Department of Medicine for Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. Dr. Trzeciak has served as interim chair and chief of the Department of Medicine since November 2017.

Beth Anne Fox, MD, has been appointed associate dean of the Quillen College of Medicine and chief of staff for the college’s Office of the Dean. Dr. Fox previously served as professor and vice chair in the Department of Family Medicine.

Lee Learman, MD, PhD, has been named dean of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, effective July 1. Dr. Learman serves as the senior associate dean for academic affairs and the senior associate dean for graduate medical education at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University, where he is also professor of obstetrics and gynecology.

At Wayne State University School of Medicine, Jack Sobel, MD, dean, and David Hefner, vice president of health affairs, are stepping down later this year, reported the Detroit News, noting that the university plans to combine their roles into one position. Speaking on the impact of the two leaders, university President M. Roy Wilson, MD, said, “Their contributions have had a profound and positive impact on the university and have laid the groundwork for the future of the School of Medicine.”

Salomon Amar, DDS, PhD, has been named vice president for research at New York Medical College. He is also professor of pharmacology and professor of microbiology and immunology at NYMC, provost for biomedical research and chief biomedical research officer for the Touro College and University System, and professor of dental medicine at Touro College of Dental Medicine at NYMC.

Trauma surgeon and retired Army Colonel Kurt Edwards, MD, has been appointed chief of the Division of Trauma and Critical Care in the Department of Surgery at Albany Medical College. Dr. Edwards previously served as chief of trauma and critical care at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Jeffrey A. Switzer, MD, has been named chair of the Medical College of Georgia's Department of Neurology. Dr. Switzer is co-director of the Advanced Comprehensive Stroke Center at MCG and Augusta University Health.
**Phillip L. Coule**, MD, has been named vice president and chief medical officer for Augusta University Health System and associate dean for clinical affairs for the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. Coule has been serving in those roles as an interim since February 2018.

**Vishal A. Patel**, MD, has joined the George Washington University Cancer Center as the director of the recently established Cutaneous Oncology Program. Patel most recently led the Division of Dermatologic Surgery and directed the High Risk Skin Cancer Clinic at Columbia University in New York City.

**Julie Palmer**, ScD, Matthew Kulke, MD, and Gerald Denis, PhD, have been appointed co-directors of the Boston University-Boston Medical Center Cancer Center, effective Feb. 1, 2019.

**Jayme Locke**, MD, has been named director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham Comprehensive Transplant Institute.

**Derek A. Hamilton**, PhD, has been named assistant vice president for research at the University of New Mexico, effective Jan. 1.

**Joanne Ritter-Teitel**, PhD, RN, has been named SUNY Downstate Medical Center's new chief nursing officer at the University Hospital of Brooklyn and associate dean of clinical practice in the College of Nursing.

**Timi Agar Barwick**, CEO of the Physician Assistant Education Association, announced she would retire from PAEA. "After 27 years, far beyond the typical duration of an association CEO, I can confidently say that it is time for a new generation of leadership to move this organization forward," she said in a statement. PAEA headquarters are in the same building as the AAMC in downtown Washington, D.C.

**Arthur Levine**, MD, senior vice chancellor for health sciences and John and Gertrude Petersen Dean of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, has announced plans to step down from his posts once a successor is named, school officials announced in a statement this week. Dr. Levine has been in his role for 20 years and is expected to open a new lab at the university’s Brain Institute, where he will conduct Alzheimer’s disease research. The university’s statement notes that through his tenure as dean, he is responsible for appointing all but three of the medical school’s current department chairs.

**Jeffrey Akman**, MD, vice president for health affairs and dean at the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences, will step down from his position as soon as a successor is appointed. Dr. Akman has served as dean for eight years. AAMC President and CEO Darrell G. Kirch, MD, is quoted in a story on the announcement in the *GW Hatchet*. "His exemplary leadership has been an inspiration for me and so many others in the health professions, and we look forward to his future contributions to improving health care in our nation,” he said.

**Robert Folberg**, MD, announced plans to step down from his position as founding dean of the Oakland University Beaumont School of Medicine. Dr. Folberg has served as dean since 2008 and plans to remain on the faculty.

**Mohanakrishnan Sathyamoorthy**, MD, has been named chair of internal medicine at the Texas Christian University (TCU) and the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) School of Medicine. Dr. Sathyamoorthy currently serves as the chief of the medical staff and chief of the cardiovascular division at Baylor All Saints Medical Center, and also serves as the medical director of cardiology at Baylor Heart and Vascular Hospital Fort Worth.
Carol Horowitz, MD, MPH, has been appointed the inaugural dean for gender equity in science and medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Horowitz is a professor of population health science and policy at the School of Medicine.

Patrick White, MD, has been named director of the Division of Palliative Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. White is an assistant professor of medicine.

Carolyn Brayko, PhD, has been named director of organizational development and strategic planning at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. Dr. Brayko most recently served as a quality improvement coordinator for the School of Medicine’s Office of Continuous Institutional Assessment and the Office of Graduate Medical Education.

Joseph Prudhomme, MD, and Rebecca Schmidt, DO, have been named assistant deans for outreach and community engagement in the West Virginia University School of Medicine. Dr. Prudhomme is an associate professor of orthopaedic surgery in the Department of Orthopaedics, and Dr. Schmidt is a professor in the Department of Medicine’s Section of Nephrology.

Saad Omer, PhD, MPH, has been named the inaugural director of the Yale Institute for Global Health at the Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Omer is currently the William H. Foege Professor of Global Health, Epidemiology, and Pediatrics at Emory University’s Schools of Public Health and Medicine.

Consuelo Wilkins, MD, has been named to the newly created positions of vice president for health equity at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and associate dean for health equity with the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

The University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, has named Tamara Martinez-Anderson as director of admissions for the Office of Academic Affairs and Melody Aljani as director of graduate medical education. Martinez-Anderson most recently managed marketing and recruitment at Boise State University’s School of Nursing, and Aljani served as supervisor for graduate medical education programs at Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans, Louisiana.

James Gfrerer has been appointed chief information officer at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gfrerer is a former marine and cybersecurity executive at Ernst & Young.

Michael W. Penney, MD, associate professor of radiology, has been named vice chair for community radiology for Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Doug Brugge, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Community Medicine and Health Care at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Dr. Brugge is a professor of public health and community medicine at the Tufts School of Medicine.

Leslie J. Berg, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Immunology and Microbiology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, effective Feb. 1. Dr. Berg previously served as professor of pathology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

The John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa announced three new leadership appointments: Mariana Gerschenson, PhD, has been appointed associate dean for research; Takashi Matsui, MD, PhD, has been appointed chair of anatomy, biochemistry, and physiology; and Karen Thompson, MD, has been appointed chair of pathology.
Jamie Conti, MD, has been named chair of the department of medicine at the University of Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Conti served as interim chair since January 2018.

Patricia Sime, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. Dr. Sime previously served as the division chief of pulmonary and critical care and as vice chair for research in the Department of Medicine at the University of Rochester.

Carrie Wienneke, MD, was named permanent chair and clinical service chief for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Kansas Medical Center, effective December 2018. Dr. Wienneke had served as interim chair since February 2018. She is a CFAS school representative for the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Mark Gwynne, DO, has been named president of University of North Carolina (UNC) Health Alliance and UNC Senior Alliance. Dr. Gwynne has served as the interim president and executive medical director for UNC Health Alliance and UNC Senior Alliance for nearly a year.

Barbara Hempstead, MD, has been appointed dean of the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences, effective Jan. 14. She succeeds Carl Nathan, MD, who led the graduate school since 2017 and completed a planned two-year term. In her new role, Dr. Hempstead will build on the graduate school’s curriculum and expand research opportunities for students.

Sarita Verma, MD, JD, has been appointed dean and CEO of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, effective July 1. Dr. Verma previously served as vice president for education at the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada.

Claire M. Fraser, PhD, has been named president-elect of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Fraser is director and founder of the Institute for Genome Sciences at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

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
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 Davie 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.