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Atrium Health and Wake Forest finalize long-discussed merger

Officials say the planned opening of a Charlotte-based med school will make North Carolina a 'Silicon Valley for healthcare innovation'

Charlotte is brimming with superlatives. It's the largest city in North Carolina and one of the fastest-growing metro areas in the country. It's the nation's second-largest financial hub and the self-styled "Pimento Cheese Capital of the World." It's home to more than 85 percent of NASCAR teams *and* the planet's biggest manmade whitewater river. There's one "est," however, that Charlotte officials can't wait to jettison — and they're about to get their wish. This month, Atrium Health and Wake Forest Baptist Health, which includes the Wake Forest School of Medicine, finalized a merger that will erase Charlotte's distinction as the largest U.S. city without a four-year medical school. The agreement capped 18 months of negotiation. The combined enterprise will carry the Atrium name and maintain its headquarters in Charlotte. Atrium's president and chief executive officer, Eugene A. Woods, MBA, MHA, will remain in both roles. Julie Ann Freischlag, MD, chief executive of Wake Forest Baptist and dean of the medical school, will take on the additional role of chief academic officer for Atrium. Current plans call for Freischlag and most of the faculty members who teach at Wake Forest's existing medical school in Winston-Salem to stay put. The Charlotte program will hire new faculty and rely on providers within the Atrium hospital system. Atrium officials have released a rendering of the planned Charlotte campus but have yet to identify a specific site. "As the healthcare field goes through the most transformative period in our lifetime, in addition to a new medical school, our vision is to build a 'Silicon Valley' for healthcare innovation spanning from Winston-Salem to Charlotte," Woods said. "We are creating a nationally leading environment for clinicians, scientists, investors, and visionaries to collaborate on breakthrough technologies and cures." [READ MORE](#)



Atrium Health

Charlotte's planned medical school

THE NEW ATRIUM:

- Encompasses 42 hospitals and more than 1,500 care locations
- Reaches more than 7 million people across North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia
- Provides care through nearly 15 million patient interactions each year
- Employs more than 70,000 people
- Trains about 3,500 students in more than 100 specialized programs
- Draws some \$300 million annually in external funding for research
- Supports about 3,500 clinical trials and research studies



University of California-San Francisco

In a display of academic medicine's expanded commitment to public health initiatives, the University of California-San Francisco has helped to provide COVID-19 testing and other essential health services throughout its home community.

Some 'stopgap' instructional measures will stay when COVID-19 goes

COVID'S LEGACY

The *JAMA* Viewpoint essay *The Transformational Effects of COVID-19 on Medical Education* highlights five areas in which the pandemic appears to have changed medical education for the better:

Emphasis on public health

"Electives were created to allow testing, case characterization, and contact tracing to become learning experiences while supporting the local public health response."

Real-time curriculum adaptation

"The pandemic provided an opportunity for learners to realize the dynamic nature of medical knowledge and appreciate how mastery of key concepts in human biology, sociology, psychology, and systems science are essential for physicians to respond to a novel threat to human health."

Graduation requirements

"The pedagogical principles of competency-based, time-variable education were quickly operationalized to enable schools to shorten traditional time-bound block clerkships without lowering performance standards."

Residency selection process

"The inconsistent availability of visiting rotations presented a threat to equity in residency selection because residency programs frequently use these rotations as an element in their selection process. In response, educators from across the country recommended that residency programs forgo the use of visiting rotations to select candidates for this cycle."

Crisis management

"Educational leaders ... opened command centers to bring together experts on a daily basis to respond to the shifting environment, often working in concert with other health professions schools to share learning resources."

Although COVID-19 has yet to run its course, U.S. medical schools are looking ahead — way ahead. They're exploring whether some of the instructional modifications necessitated by the pandemic might have long-term value. In other words, what stopgap measures should become standard operating procedure? "When you face a disruption on the order of this magnitude, it forces you to think about the principles by which we preserve the very essence of our work," said Catherine Lucey, MD, executive vice dean at the University of California-San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine. "A lot of changes were put in place to deal with COVID-19 disruption, but it's also given us a new freedom to experiment with new models of education that may end up being better." UCSF is one of 37 schools in the American Medical Association's Accelerating Change in Medical Education Consortium, and Lucey speculates about COVID-19's lasting impact on medical education in a Viewpoint essay published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Lucey and co-author S. Claiborne Johnston, MD, PhD, vice president for medical affairs at the University of Texas at Austin and dean of the Dell Medical School, highlight five trends that grew out of COVID-19 but will likely outlast the pandemic: a greater emphasis on public health; a move toward real-time curriculum adaptation; a re-evaluation of graduation requirements; a reassessment of the residency selection process; and a new approach to crisis management and communication. "Decades from now, a student may ask, 'Where were you in the pandemic of 2020? What was it like? What did you learn?'" Lucey and Johnston wrote. "Students today will be able to answer that they were not on the sidelines but rather a part of the response when the medical profession proved its worth to a struggling country and learned so much about how to rise up and reach new levels of caring." [READ MORE](#)

HBCUs say \$100 million gift will have an enduring impact

The largest-ever individual gift to historically black medical schools will make a huge difference in the ongoing battle against race-based inequities in health and healthcare, the schools' leaders predict. That's precisely what former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg had in mind last month when he committed \$100 million to four institutions: the Howard University College of Medicine in Washington; the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta; Meharry Medical College in Nashville; and the Charles R. Drew University of Science and Medicine in Los Angeles. The gift is meant to ease the debt weighing on some 800 current students, many of whom are facing additional financial challenges because of the COVID-19 pandemic. "COVID-19 has been especially devastating for the black community, and the scarcity of black doctors practicing in black communities is one reason for it," Bloomberg said. "More black doctors will mean more black lives saved and fewer health problems that limit economic opportunity. But, right now, the burden of student debt and a lack of financial aid means that the shortage of black doctors could get even worse." Now, although blacks make up 13 percent of the U.S. population, they account for just 5 percent of the nation's practicing physicians, a particularly troubling figure inasmuch as studies have shown that black Americans have better outcomes when they're treated by black doctors. Conversely, black doctors are more likely to serve minority patients — and to practice in medically underserved areas. Meanwhile, statistics suggest that black Americans are twice as likely as their white counterparts to die from COVID-19. Experts cite a variety of factors, including pre-existing conditions and a lack of access to trusted healthcare providers. This \$100 million commitment is the first investment by Bloomberg Philanthropies' Greenwood Initiative, which grew out of Bloomberg's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination earlier this year. During the campaign, Bloomberg pledged to address decades of underinvestment in minority communities, in part by joining with organizations across the country to promote and implement programs that boost blacks' economic mobility. [READ MORE](#)



Bloomberg Philanthropies

Wayne A. I. Frederick, MD, MBA, president of Howard University

"Healthcare disparities exist for a myriad of reasons related to systemic infrastructural issues, not the least of which is the dearth of black doctors. Black doctors with cultural competency are a major part of the solution, but their path is often hampered by a compromised financial situation. This gift from Bloomberg Philanthropies is the first stone dropped into a calm lake of opportunity and promise. The ripple effects that it will have on the lives of our students and our programs will carry on for generations."



James E.K. Hildreth, MD, PhD, president of Meharry Medical College

"Graduates of Meharry overwhelmingly choose to go into primary care so that they can make the largest impact on their communities. But primary care, particularly in rural areas, does not provide the same level of financial security as other medical specialties. This transformative gift will significantly ease the burden of debt for our students, allowing them to make decisions about where and how they practice based on their passion, not a paycheck."



David Carlisle, MD, PhD, president of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

"The prospect of paying for medical school itself can deter many black and other students of color from reaching for the dream of attending medical school and becoming a physician. But even for those who do attend medical school, graduating with hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt makes it difficult to establish and sustain a medical practice. Thus, the award from Bloomberg Philanthropies makes it possible for more students of color to achieve their dream of becoming physicians, many of whom then return to practice in communities of color from which they came."



Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, president and dean of Morehouse School of Medicine

"This historic investment in the Morehouse School of Medicine will lift the crushing burden of student debt and empower our graduates to take on the systemic racial inequities and injustice that have been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic. These dollars will help free up future doctors to immediately head to the front lines and save black lives while also improving healthcare access, equity, and quality for everyone. We appreciate Mayor Bloomberg's investment in health equity."



BATTLE LINES



Donald Trump

"It's been a very interesting journey. I learned a lot about COVID. I learned it by really going to school. This is the real school. This isn't the 'let's-read-the-books' school. And I get it, and I understand it, and it's a very interesting thing, and I'm going to be letting you know about it."



Eric Rubin

"Reasonable people will certainly disagree about the many political positions taken by candidates. But truth is neither liberal nor conservative. When it comes to the response to the largest public health crisis of our time, our current political leaders have demonstrated that they are dangerously incompetent. We should not abet them and enable the deaths of thousands more Americans by allowing them to keep their jobs."



White House

Donald Trump leaves Walter Reed National Military Medical Center after a three-day stay.

'Leadership vacuum' prompts a leading journal to abandon tradition and call for Trump's defeat

For the first time in its 208-year history, *The New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM)* has waded into partisan politics, publishing a scathing editorial calling for the defeat of President Donald Trump. The piece — "Dying in a Leadership Vacuum" — was signed by every *NEJM* editor who's a U.S. citizen, 34 people in all. "COVID-19 has created a crisis throughout the world," they wrote. "This crisis has produced a test of leadership. With no good options to combat a novel pathogen, countries were forced to make hard choices about how to respond. Here in the United States, our leaders have failed that test. They have taken a crisis and turned it into a tragedy." The publication, which is considered the world's most prestigious medical journal, did not explicitly endorse Trump's main challenger, Democrat Joseph R. Biden Jr., but, as *The New York Times* noted, "that was the only possible inference." Citing statistics from the Johns Hopkins Center for Systems Science and Engineering, *NEJM* pointed out that the United States leads the world in COVID-19 cases and in deaths caused by the virus, far exceeding the corresponding figures in much more populous countries, including China. "COVID-19 is an overwhelming challenge, and many factors contribute to its severity. But the one we can control is how we behave. And in the United States we have consistently behaved poorly." By ceding the fight against COVID-19 largely to the states, the Trump administration failed to take advantage of the tools at its disposal, the editorial said. "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which was the world's leading disease response organization, has been eviscerated and has suffered dramatic testing and policy failures. The National Institutes of Health have played a key role in vaccine development but have been excluded from much crucial government decision making. And the Food and Drug Administration has been shamefully politicized, appearing to respond to pressure from the administration rather than scientific evidence. Our current leaders have undercut trust in science and in government, causing damage that will certainly outlast them." Eric Rubin, MD, PhD, *NEJM*'s editor in chief, said he and his colleagues felt they had no choice but to weigh in on next month's presidential election. "It should be clear that we are not a political organization," Rubin told *The Times*. "But pretty much every week in our editorial meeting there would be some new outrage. How can you not speak out at a time like this?" [READ MORE](#)



California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Members of the newly established Wildlife Disaster Network examine a mountain lion burned in last month's Bobcat Fire.

UC-Davis joins fight to save wildlife from record-setting wildfires

As firefighters race to protect California residents from wildfires that have scorched more than 4 million acres, another group of first-responders has a different mission. The newly established Wildlife Disaster Network seeks to aid wild animals affected by the fires. It's a joint initiative by the University of California-Davis, the university's School of Veterinary Medicine, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Utilizing veterinarians, wildlife biologists, ecologists, trained animal-care volunteers, and rehabilitation centers, the network is modeled after the UC-Davis-led Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN), created in 1994 to bring together volunteers and professionals to rescue and treat shorebirds and other wildlife injured in oil spills. "Through OWCN, we've seen how effective a mobilized and coordinated response can be to help aid wildlife, and I'm excited to see how the Wildlife Disaster Network can bring that same level of care to wildlife affected by wildfire," said Michael Ziccardi, DVM, PhD, director of OWCN and the One Health Institute at UC-Davis. The network is employing treatments pioneered by critical care veterinarian Jamie Peyton, DVM, chief of integrative medicine at the UC-Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. In recent years, Peyton has developed a burn treatment involving the application of tilapia skins to damaged tissue. The first "patients" were two bears and a mountain lion burned in the Thomas Fire, a massive blaze that ravaged Southern California in December 2017. Since then, the innovative treatment has been used on a number of animals, including foxes, coyotes, and horses. Peyton said most of those patients were brought to her facility by good Samaritans who stumbled upon the animals. "What about all the other ones left behind — what happens to them?" she said. "We know how much they suffer when they have injuries. It's our goal to find them, treat them, and have a network of rehabilitation groups ready to help them." [READ MORE](#)



ALL CREATURES

Caregivers are making use of an innovative burn treatment pioneered by (above) Jamie Peyton, DVM, chief of integrative medicine at UC-Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. The treatment involves the application of tilapia skins to damaged tissue, such as (below) this paw of a bear injured in a wildfire last month.



University health chief: Conflicting messages create anxiety and confusion



Bernadette Melnyk

Chief Wellness officer and vice president for health promotion at The Ohio State University



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Transition



Stacy Anderson, DVM, PhD, has been named dean of the Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine in Harrogate, Tennessee. Since joining the college in 2015, Anderson has served as associate dean for academic affairs, director of large animal clinical skills, and associate professor of large animal surgery. Anderson, whose parents were both veterinarians, succeeds Jason Johnson, DVM, who joined the company IDEXX as vice president and global chief medical officer.



Nicholas Barcellona, MBA, has been named chief financial officer of Temple University Health System. He previously was at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (CHP), where he was vice president of operations, vice president of pediatric and academic affairs, and executive administrator for pediatrics. Before that, Barcellona was CFO for CHP, as well as for the Pennsylvania Pediatric Health Network and the UPMC Rehabilitation Network.



Robert A. Barish, MD, MBA, vice chancellor for health affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago, was elected chair of the Board of Directors of the Association of Academic Health Centers (AAHC) earlier this month. Barish oversees the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System (UI Health), which encompasses seven health sciences colleges, the university's hospital, 40 outpatient clinics, 13 federally qualified health centers, and the University of Illinois Cancer Center.



Julie Barroso, PhD, RN, formerly associate dean of the faculty at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing, has joined the faculty of the School of Nursing at Vanderbilt University. As a researcher and clinician, Barroso has been focused on AIDS/HIV for nearly four decades. She is credited with developing the widely used HIV-Related Fatigue Scale. Currently, Barroso is developing a cognitive-behavioral stress-management app to address HIV-related fatigue.



Jabbar R. Bennett, PhD, has been named Michigan State University's vice president and chief diversity officer. Bennett most recently served as Northwestern University's associate provost for diversity and inclusion and chief diversity officer. Before joining Northwestern in 2015, Bennett was at Brown University, where he served as associate dean for diversity in the Division of Biology and Medicine and as clinical assistant professor of medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School.



Jacquie Bernard, MBA, has been appointed senior associate dean of administration and finance at the University of Nevada-Reno (UNR) School of Medicine. In her new role, Bernard will oversee all administrative and financial functions of UNR Med, which encompasses the school and the university's clinical practice plan, University Health. Most recently, Bernard served as associate chair for administration and finance for the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Utah.



Robert J. Boland, MD, has been named vice chairman of the Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine and chief of staff at the Menninger Clinic. He will assume his new responsibilities on January 4. Boland is currently vice chair of education and director of the psychiatry residency program at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He is also an associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.



Carol R. Bradford, MD, has been named dean of The Ohio State University College of Medicine and vice president for health sciences at Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center. Bradford will also hold the Leslie H. and Abigail S. Wexner Dean's Chair in Medicine. Bradford was most recently at the University of Michigan, where she was executive vice dean of academic affairs and chief academic officer at Michigan Medicine. Before that, she chaired that school's Department of Otolaryngology.



Angela Buck, MS, RN, chair of the Department of Nursing and Allied Health at Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle, has been appointed academic dean of the college. Buck spent 13 years as an adjunct professor at Northern Maine before becoming a full-time faculty member in 2016. She previously worked as a family nurse practitioner for several healthcare organizations in Maine, including Full Circle Health and Aroostook Medical Center.



Amy T. Campbell, JD, has been appointed inaugural associate dean for law & health sciences at John Marshall Law School at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Campbell was most recently director of the Institute for Health Law & Policy at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. She specializes in health policy, health justice, and health equity, with a focus on the role of policy in preventing childhood and community trauma.



David C. Chan, MD, PhD, a professor of biology at the California Institute of Technology and head of the Caltech-UCLA Medical Scientist Training Program, has been appointed dean of graduate studies at Caltech. He is the first biologist to serve as dean since this position was created in 1935. Chan, who joined Caltech's faculty in 2000, succeeds Doug Rees, PhD, the Roscoe Gilkey Dickinson Professor of Chemistry and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator.



Edward Chu, MD, has been named director of the Albert Einstein Cancer Center. He also will serve as a professor of medicine and molecular pharmacology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and as vice president for cancer medicine at Montefiore Medicine, which encompasses the Montefiore Health System and the college. Chu, who assumed his new duties October 1, was previously deputy director of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Hillman Cancer Center.



Timothy Denning, PhD, associate director of the Institute for Biomedical Sciences at Georgia State University, has been named vice president for research and economic development. Denning, a microbiologist and immunologist who researches inflammatory bowel disease, succeeds Michael Eriksen, ScD, who has been serving in an interim capacity since 2019. Eriksen, founding dean of Georgia State's School of Public Health, will return to the school's faculty as a Regents' Professor.



Vikas Dharnidharka, MD, has been appointed to the newly created role of vice chair of clinical investigation in the Department of Pediatrics at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dharnidharka, a professor of pediatrics who specializes in kidney health, is director of the Division of Pediatric Nephrology, Hypertension, and Pheresis and co-medical director of the Pediatric Kidney Transplant Program at St. Louis Children's Hospital.



Nathan Ernst, PsyD, has been named program director for neuropsychology at West Virginia University's Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute Concussion Center. Ernst was previously at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Sports Medicine Concussion Program, which he joined as a postdoctoral fellow in 2018. He completed a neuropsychology internship at the University of Kansas. His research has focused on the assessment of sports-related concussions.



Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, has been named associate dean for equity and inclusion at Penn State's College of Nursing. Fields, a board certified family nurse practitioner and an advanced HIV/AIDS certified registered nurse, has worked at Binghamton University, the University of Rochester, Florida International University, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, New York Institute of Technology, and, most recently, Long Island University-Brooklyn.



Julie A. Freischlag, MD, chief executive officer of Wake Forest Baptist Health and dean of the Wake Forest School of Medicine, has been named chief academic officer of Atrium Health, which now encompasses Wake Forest's healthcare system and its medical school. Freischlag joined Wake Forest Baptist in 2017, after a 30-year career as a vascular surgeon. She is president-elect of the American College of Surgeons.



Thomas J. Fuchs, DSc, has been appointed co-director of the Hasso Plattner Institute for Digital Health at the Mount Sinai Health System in New York City. He also will serve as dean of artificial intelligence and human health and as professor of computational pathology and computer science in the Department of Pathology at Mount Sinai's Icahn School of Medicine. Fuchs was formerly director of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center's digital and computational pathology center.



David Gius, MD, PhD, professor of radiation oncology and pharmacology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, has been named associate director for translational research at the Mays Cancer Center, home to the University of Texas Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center. Gius, an authority on the cellular processes that govern aging, was lured with the help of a \$6 million grant from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.



Michael Groves, MD, director of the residency training program in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) at Augusta University, has been named associate dean for graduate medical education and assistant designated institutional official. Groves joined MCG's faculty in 2011 as an assistant professor of otolaryngology and associate chief of otolaryngology at the Charlie Norwood Veterans Affairs Medical Center.



Laurie Gutmann, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Neurology at the Indiana University School of Medicine and co-director of the Neuroscience Institute, an umbrella entity designed to facilitate collaboration across the school and IU Health. Gutmann was most recently vice chair of clinical research in the Department of Neurology at the University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine and associate director of clinical research for the Iowa Neuroscience Institute.



Susan Hanrahan, PhD, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, will retire June 30. Hanrahan joined Arkansas State in 1995 as interim dean of the college. She was appointed permanent dean a year later. During her tenure, the college has added a long list of programs, including disaster preparedness and emergency management, diagnostic medical sonography, radiation therapy, athletic training, and communication disorders.



Hannah Hazard-Jenkins, MD, associate chair of surgery for cancer services at West Virginia University, has been named director of the WVU Cancer Institute. She had been interim director since January. Hazard-Jenkins previously served as director of clinical services for the WVU Cancer Institute's Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, as director of the institute's Comprehensive Breast Cancer Program, and as chief of staff at WVU Medicine's J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital.



Nikole Hicks, PhD, RNC, has been appointed chair of the Nursing Division at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa. Hicks, who has more than 30 years of experience in nursing and more than 20 years of experience in education, was most recently an associate professor of nursing at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. Before that, she was dean of nursing at Kentucky Christian University. Hicks succeeds Cammie Bradley.



David Hinkle, MD, has been named the Oliver and Carroll Dabezies Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology, a new position established at the Tulane University School of Medicine. Hinkle, who completed an ophthalmology residency at Tulane, most recently was an associate professor at the West Virginia University School of Medicine. Earlier in his career, Hinkle was director of the Retina Service and ambulatory physician leader for the University of Massachusetts Memorial Eye Center.



Michael Hocker, MD, the J. Harold Harrison MD Distinguished Chair in Emergency Medicine and vice chair of clinical operations and business management for the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) at Augusta University, has been named senior associate dean for graduate medical education. He will also serve as MCG's designated institutional official, leading the medical school and health system's 51 residency and fellowship programs.



Melissa Hogan, PharmD, dean of pharmacy and associate professor of clinical science in Roosevelt University's College of Pharmacy, has been appointed co-dean of the university's newly created College of Science, Health, and Pharmacy. The college's other co-dean will be Kelly Wentz-Hunter, PhD. Before joining Roosevelt's faculty in 2012, Hogan spent 17 years as an assistant professor at Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Illinois.



Cynthia Hudson, DNSc, RN, has been named dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at North Park University in Chicago. Hudson most recently served as founding director of the nursing program at the University of Houston-Victoria. Before that, she was dean at Oklahoma's Langston University School of Nursing and Health Professions. Hudson, editor-in-chief of *Nursing: Research and Reviews*, was formerly vice president of the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators.



Patrick Hwu, MD, has been named president and chief executive officer of Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa. He will assume his new role November 10. Hwu, a tumor immunologist, currently serves as division head of cancer medicine at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. In 17 years at MD Anderson, Hwu has held various leadership posts, including chair of the Department of Sarcoma Medical Oncology and co-director of the Center for Cancer Immunology Research.



Ashish K. Jha, MD, has been named the third dean of the Brown University School of Public Health. Jha was most recently at Harvard University, where he led the Harvard Global Health Institute and taught in both Harvard Medical School and the T.H. Chan School of Public Health. A general internist, he will continue to practice at Rhode Island's Providence VA Medical Center. Jha has authored more than 200 articles appearing in peer-reviewed journals.



David C. Johnsen, DDS, dean of the College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics at the University of Iowa, has announced plans to step down in mid-2022. Before joining Iowa's faculty in 1995, Johnsen was at Case Western Reserve University, where he served as a department chair, director of the pediatric residency program, and interim dean. Johnsen, who holds a master's degree in pediatric dentistry from Iowa, began his academic career at West Virginia University.



Rolanda Johnson, PhD, RN, has been named associate dean for equity, diversity, and inclusion at the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. She was previously assistant dean for diversity and inclusion. Johnson will continue to work with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and the Provost's Office for Inclusive Excellence. Johnson joined Vanderbilt's faculty in 1998, the same year she graduated from the nursing program's doctoral program.



Jae Jung, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Cancer Biology at Cleveland Clinic's Lerner Research Institute. Jung, an authority on virus-induced cancers, will also serve as director of the new Center for Global and Emerging Pathogens Research. Jung was most recently at the University of Southern California, where he chaired the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology and directed the Institute of Emerging Pathogens and Immune Diseases.



Kevin Kalinsky, MD, has been named director of the Glenn Family Breast Center at Emory University's Winship Cancer Institute, effective November 9. Kalinsky will also serve as associate professor in the Emory University School of Medicine's Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology. He has spent the past 12 years an associate professor in the Department of Medicine at Columbia University Irving Medical Center-New York-Presbyterian Hospital.



Daniel R. Karolyi, MD, PhD, has been appointed chair of radiology at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine (VTC SOM) and Carilion Clinic. Karolyi, who joined Carilion's faculty in 2010, has been co-chair of radiology since March 2019. He also has served as vice chair of radiology and director of the VTC SOM radiology clerkship since 2012. Karolyi is an internationally recognized authority on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technology.



Betsy Kennedy, PhD, RN, has been named associate dean for non-tenure-track faculty affairs and advancement at the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. Kennedy, who joined the school's faculty in 1993, had been an assistant dean. She will continue to focus on the recruitment and retention of non-tenure-track faculty. Kennedy, who has a clinical background in high-risk obstetrics, is a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing*.



Jan Kitajewski, PhD, has been named director of the University of Illinois Cancer Center, effective October 16. He has been serving in an interim capacity since December. Kitajewski was formerly the Charles and Marie Robertson Professor at Columbia University, where he also directed the Division of Reproductive Sciences in the Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology, the Women's Cancer Program, and the Cancer Signaling Networks Program at the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center.



Ruth Kleinpell, PhD, RN, has been named associate dean for clinical scholarship at the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. Kleinpell, who holds the Independence Foundation Chair in Nursing Education, had been assistant dean. Kleinpell, a member of Vanderbilt's faculty since 2012, will take on several new duties, including oversight of the Faculty Scholarship Program and coordination of project opportunities for students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program.



Peter Konrad, MD, PhD, has been named executive director of integrative neuroscience and clinical innovation at West Virginia University's Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute. He will also serve as vice chair of the Department of Neurosurgery, as the J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital Chair for the Study of Neuroscience and Neurosurgery, and as director of the Neural Device Center of Excellence. He was previously a professor of neurosurgery and biomedical engineering at Vanderbilt University.



John H. Krouse, MD, PhD, executive vice president for health affairs at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and dean of UTRGV's School of Medicine, will step down on September 1 and return to full-time teaching. Before joining UTRGV in 2017, Krouse was at Temple University, where he served as senior associate dean for clinical affairs, director of the Head and Neck Institute at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine, and chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.



Michael D. Lairmore, DVM, PhD, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California-Davis, will step down in June, after nearly 10 years in office. Following a sabbatical, Lairmore will resume his career as a distinguished professor in the Department of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology. Lairmore, a member of the National Academy of Medicine, is a past president of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges.



Mark A. Latta, DMD, dean of the Creighton University School of Dentistry for nearly a decade, plans to relinquish his administrative duties on July 31. After a yearlong sabbatical, he will return to teaching and research — with the title dean emeritus. Before becoming dean in 2011, Latta spent 16 years as the school's associate dean for research. Prior to entering academia, Latta was director of research and development for the Trubyte Division of Dentsply International.



Kelvin Lee, MD, has been named director of Indiana University's Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center, which facilitates cancer-fighting collaboration at the IU School of Medicine and Indiana University Health. Lee also will be senior associate dean of cancer research at the IU School of Medicine and the H.H. Gregg Professor of Oncology. Since 2006, Lee has been the Jacobs Family Chair of Immunology at New York's Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.



Richard J. Lessard, MS, has been named president of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS). Lessard, who spent 10 months as interim president, previously served as executive vice president, chief financial officer, and chief operating officer. Since Lessard joined MCPHS in 1998, the Boston-based institution has grown from a single-building pharmacy school into a program offering more than 100 healthcare degrees at 30 buildings in three cities.



Dean Y. Li, MD, PhD, senior vice president of discovery sciences and head of translational medicine at Merck Research Laboratories (MRL), will become the organization's president on January 1. Before joining Merck in 2017, Li spent 23 years in various roles at the University of Utah, including chief scientific officer, associate vice president for health sciences, and vice dean for research. He was also the H.A. and Edna Benning Professor of Medicine and Cardiology.



Frank A. Liporace, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Orthopedics at New Jersey-based RWJBarnabas Health. Over the last 16 years, he has taught fellows, residents, and students at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, New York University, and Jersey City Medical Center. He has authored some 130 articles for peer-reviewed journals, written more than 10 chapters in orthopedic textbooks, and edited an orthopedic text on periprosthetic fractures.



Margaret Lozovatsky, MD, has been named to the newly created role of vice chair of clinical informatics in the Department of Pediatrics at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Lozovatsky, an associate professor of pediatrics in the Division of Hospitalist Medicine, serves as chief medical information officer of child health for BJC HealthCare and the School of Medicine. She is also co-director of the school's clinical informatics fellowship.



Demetrius Maraganore, MD, has been named the Herbert J. Harvey Jr. Chair in Neurosciences and chair of the Department of Neurology at Tulane University School of Medicine. He also runs the Healthy Brain Aging Initiative, dedicated to the prevention of cognitive decline. Before joining Tulane this past summer, Maraganore was the BJ and Eve Wilder Professor of Alzheimer's Disease at the University of Florida and founding director of UF's Brain Health Program.



Eileen McDougal, MS, longtime nursing coordinator in the Department of Nursing and Allied Health at Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle, has been appointed chair of the department. Since joining Northern Maine's faculty in 1986, McDougal, a Maine native, has held various academic and administrative positions. In her new role, she will oversee the college's medical assisting and medical coding programs in addition to its nursing program.



Janice M. Mehnert, MD, has been appointed associate director for clinical research at Perlmutter Cancer Center, part of New York University Langone Health. Mehnert, who is widely recognized for her expertise in early phase therapeutics and the treatment of skin malignancies, previously served as associate professor of medicine at Rutgers University's Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and as Regional Phase I Clinical Program Director at Rutgers Cancer Institute.



Robert Montgomery, MD, PhD, director of New York University's Langone Transplant Institute, has been appointed chair of the Department of Surgery at NYU's Grossman School of Medicine. He succeeds H. Leon Pachter, MD, chair of the department since 2007. Pachter will remain a member of the faculty as chair emeritus. Before joining Grossman's faculty in 2016, Montgomery was part of a team at Johns Hopkins Hospital that pioneered live kidney donations.



Walter Moore, MD, senior associate dean for graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) at Augusta University since 2007, has been named MCG's senior associate dean for learner wellness. In the role, Moore will focus on the physical and mental health needs of the college's medical students and residents. Moore, who became a full-time faculty member at MCG in 2000, also spent 12 years as the division chief of rheumatology and adult allergies.



Linda D. Norman, DSN, RN, dean of the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and the Valere Potter Menefee Professor of Nursing, will step down on June 30. Norman, dean since 2013, has spent nearly 30 years in various academic and administrative posts at Vanderbilt. Most recently, she has played a key role in formulating and implementing Vanderbilt's Return to Campus Plan. Norman is a two-time winner of *Nursing Outlook's* Excellence in Education Author Award.



Kathy Nugent, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Health Professions. Since 2014, she has been associate vice president and executive director of the UAB Harbert Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Before entering academia, Nugent worked for Burns McClellan, a New York-based public relations firm specializing in the life sciences.



C. Kent Osborne, MD, director of the Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine for 15 years, has stepped down from the post. Osborne, a professor of medicine in hematology and oncology and the Dudley and Tina Sharp Chair for Cancer Research at the college, will stay on at Baylor as founding director of the cancer center. Helen Heslop, MD, director of the Center for Cell and Gene Therapy, has been picked to serve as interim director.



Alan Palkowitz, PhD, a veteran researcher and faculty member at the Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM), has been named president and chief executive officer of the Indiana Biosciences Research Institute (IBRI), an industry-inspired applied research center. Although Palkowitz will spend 80 percent of his time at IBRI, he will remain head of the IUSM-Purdue TaRget Enablement to Accelerate Therapy Development for Alzheimer's Disease (TREAT-AD) Center.



Peter S. Pang, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Pang, who assumed the role October 1, had been serving on an interim basis since October 2019. Before joining IU in 2014, Pang spent 10 years on the faculty at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, leaving as associate director of experimental therapeutics within the school's Center for Cardiovascular Innovation.



Louis N. Pangaro, MD, has been named interim dean of the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University (USU) of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. Pangaro succeeds Arthur Kellermann, who recently became senior vice president of health sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University. Pangaro, who joined the USU faculty in 1981, has held a number of leadership positions, including chair of the Department of Medicine from 2008 to 2018.



Henry A. Pitt, MD, has been appointed chief of oncologic quality at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Prior to assuming the role in August, Pitt was chief quality officer for the Temple University Health System and associate vice dean for clinical affairs and professor of surgery at the Temple University School of Medicine. Before that, he served as chief quality officer at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.



Deirdre G. Pitts, PhD, has been named associate dean for academic affairs, faculty affairs, and diversity and inclusion at the William Beaumont School of Medicine at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. She is also assistant professor of foundational medical studies. Pitts joined the Beaumont School of Medicine in 2011 as the founding director of faculty affairs and professional development. She has more than 30 years of experience in human resources.



Teresa Kuta Reske, DNP, RN, has been named associate dean of graduate and doctoral studies in the School of Nursing at Elms College in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Reske was part of the leadership team that developed the school's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program, and she has served as its director since 2014. Reske will continue to lead the program. Before joining Elms College, she was an administrator for pediatric practices, both inpatient and ambulatory.



Britt Rios-Ellis, PhD, has been named provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, effective January 4. Rios-Ellis, whose academic background is in community health, is founding dean of the College of Health Sciences and Human Services at California State University, Monterey Bay, where she co-founded the Master of Science Physician Assistant (MSPA) Program, the first of its kind in the California State University system.



Milagros C. Rosal, PhD, a professor of population and quantitative health sciences in the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Medical School in Worcester, has been named the program's first vice provost for health equity. In the role, Rosal will help the school develop a strategy for increasing faculty diversity and co-chair the provost's faculty recruitment task force. The clinical psychologist has a 25-year record of uninterrupted funded research.



Natasha Savage, MD, an associate professor of pathology at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) at Augusta University, has been named vice chair for academic affairs for the Department of Pathology. Savage, who graduated from MCG in 2007 and then joined the college's faculty in 2012, will continue to serve as medical director of hematology and associate residency program director for pathology. She also will serve as chief of staff-elect for Augusta University Health.



Shlomit Schaal, MD, PhD, chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, has been appointed president of the UMass Memorial Medical Group, which comprises about 1,100 physicians. Schaal will assume her new duties in December, succeeding Stephen E. Tosi, MD, who has led the group since 2013. Tosi will continue to serve as medical director for UMass Memorial's captive insurance company.



Martha Scheckel, PhD, RN, has been appointed founding director of the Morrison Family College of Health at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, effective October 19. The planned school expects to begin accepting applications in fall 2021 in advance of its first class in fall 2022. Scheckel, an authority on community and public health nursing, was most recently dean of the College of Nursing, Health, and Human Behavior at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin.



Joel Schwartzkopf, MPAS, MBA, has been named executive director of Cougar Health Services at Washington State University in Pullman, effective October 12. Schwartzkopf, a licensed physician's assistant since 2006, was most recently interim associate executive director of Colorado State University's Health Network. He is co-chair of the American College Health Association's Leadership Institute and immediate past president of the Rocky Mountain College Health Association.



Dean A. Seehusen, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Family Medicine in the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, succeeding Joseph Hobbs, MD, who retired. Seehusen also will hold the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Joseph W. Tollison MD Distinguished University Chair. Seehusen was previously director of medical education at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon, an Army installation in Augusta, Georgia.



Stephen A. Shiver, MD, has been named vice chair of clinical operations for the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) at Augusta University. He will oversee all clinical care provided within the department, including the emergency units at Augusta University Medical Center and the Children's Hospital of Georgia, as well as prehospital clinical care and emerging telehealth initiatives. Shiver previously was the department's residency program leader.



Donald "Don" Simpson, PhD, has been named dean of the University of Louisiana-Monroe College of Health Sciences. Simpson, a Louisiana native, previously directed the Master of Medical Science Program at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine campus in Bradenton, Florida. Before that, Simpson held various academic and administrative posts at the State University of New York's Upstate Medical University and the University of Arkansas for the Medical Sciences.



Baljit Singh, PhD, dean of veterinary medicine at the University of Calgary since 2016, has been named vice president for research at the University of Saskatchewan, effective February 1. During his 17-year tenure at Saskatchewan, Singh has held several posts, including associate dean of research for the university's Western College of Veterinary Medicine. Singh, who completed post-doctoral training at Texas A&M University and Columbia University, is a noted authority on lung inflammation.



Kim Stackhouse-Lawson, PhD, has been named director of Colorado State University's Sustainable Livestock Systems Collaborative. The collaborative, announced in December, is overseen by Colorado State's provost, with leadership from the College of Agriculture and the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Stackhouse-Lawson most recently served as director of sustainability for JBS USA, a Colorado-based food processing company.



David Thomas, PhD, has been appointed associate dean for preclinical education at the William Beaumont School of Medicine at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. Thomas joined the university's faculty in 2011 as the molecular biology discipline director and endocrine course co-director. In 2015, he was named assistant dean for medical education. Thomas formerly taught at Detroit's Wayne State University.



Antonia M. Villarruel, PhD, RN, the Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing and Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Nursing and Midwifery Leadership at the University of Pennsylvania, has been reappointed dean of Penn Nursing. Villarruel was first appointed dean in 2014. Her second term will run through June 30, 2026. Before joining Penn's faculty, Villarruel spent 14 years at the University of Michigan School of Nursing.



Heidi von Harscher, PhD, has been named assistant dean for the Office of Women in Medicine and Science at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine at Florida International University. The licensed psychologist, who has spent the bulk of her career mentoring students, is an associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health. She also serves as director of Medical Student Support Services and as the college's ombudsman.



Linwei Wang, PhD, a professor in the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences and head of the college's Computational Biomedicine Laboratory, has been named director of RIT's Personalized Healthcare Technology initiative. Wang succeeds David Borkholder, PhD, an engineering professor who is taking a leave of absence to serve as head of research and development for the startup Heart Health Intelligence.



Yong "Tai" Wang, PhD, has been named dean of the College of Health Sciences and Technology at Rochester Institute of Technology. Wang, who will assume his new role in January, is currently dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Texas at Tyler. Before joining the UT system in 2014, Wang was director and assistant dean for the School of Health Professions in the Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions at Georgia State University.



Kelly Wentz-Hunter, PhD, a professor of biology and chair of the Biological, Physical, and Health Sciences Department at Roosevelt University, has been named co-dean of Roosevelt's newly created College of Science, Health, and Pharmacy. The other co-dean will be Melissa Hogan, PharmD. Before joining Roosevelt's faculty in 2006, Wentz-Hunter taught at Lewis University, the University of St. Francis, Triton College, and Malcolm X College, all in the Chicago area.



Kathleen Williamson, PhD, RN, has been appointed president and academic dean of Mount Carmel College of Nursing in Columbus, Ohio. In the role, she will oversee graduate, undergraduate, and online programs for nearly 1,000 students on two campuses. Williamson, who joined the college in January 2019, had been serving as interim president since May. The third-generation nurse was previously at the Wilson School of Nursing at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.



Douglas Ziedonis, MD, has been named executive vice president for health sciences at the University of New Mexico and chief executive officer of the UNM Health System, effective December 1. Ziedonis will succeed Paul Roth, MD, who retired this past summer. Ziedonis is currently associate vice chancellor for health sciences at the University of California-San Diego. He also has taught at the University of Massachusetts, Rutgers University, Yale University, and UCLA.



Amer H. Zureikat, MD, an associate professor of surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, has been appointed vice chair of surgical oncology in the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Department of Surgery and chief of surgical oncology at the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center. He also was awarded the UPMC Professorship in Clinical Surgery. Zureikat was already division chief for gastrointestinal surgical oncology in the Department of Surgery.



I think there's a lot of fear of physicians expressing their insecurities, expressing their shortcomings, and saying, 'I'm stressed. I'm depressed.' I think I just wanted to get that out there through the film and say that everyone is struggling in some aspect. That's the biggest thing I wanted to capture."

— Phillip Anjum, a third-year medical student at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, explaining to *Medscape* why he produced a horror short film — *History of Present Illness* — that explores med student burnout



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