

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Leadership transition in Health System Affairs

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

It is with mixed sentiments of appreciation and regret that I write to inform you that John Warner, M.D., Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs and Health System Chief Executive Officer, will be leaving UT Southwestern in April to accept a new position at The Ohio State University. There, he will serve as Chief Executive Officer of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, and Executive Vice President at Ohio State. The Wexner Medical Center is an academic medical center and health care system that encompasses seven hospitals, with more than 24,000 employees, as well as a robust research and education program.

Dr. Warner, Professor of Internal Medicine in the Division of Cardiology who holds the Nancy and Jeremy Halbreich, Susan and Theodore Strauss Professorship in Cardiology, and Jim and Norma Smith Distinguished Chair for Interventional Cardiology, has worked at UT Southwestern for 20 years. After leading UT Southwestern University Hospitals since 2012, Dr. Warner was appointed Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs in 2018 to oversee the UT Southwestern clinical enterprise, which encompasses the delivery of care to more than 100,000 inpatients and approximately 4 million outpatient visits annually at UT Southwestern facilities and at UT Southwestern-partner hospitals and clinics.

Throughout his tenure, Dr. Warner has spearheaded our efforts to deliver the very best care possible to all patients who turn to UT Southwestern for help. His efforts have helped advance the clinical aspects of our mission broadly and have included leading the planning for William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital and its expansion, and broadening UT Southwestern's footprint across the metroplex through our clinical campuses. He also deserves great appreciation for leading our hospital and clinics through the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am personally grateful to Dr. Warner and thank him for his contributions and dedication to advancing our patient care, educational, and research missions. We have been fortunate to have him as a colleague and friend and I invite the entire UT Southwestern community to join me in congratulating Dr. Warner on his new position, expressing appreciation for all that he has accomplished, and wishing him the very best in his new role.

With Dr. Warner's anticipated departure, we will immediately initiate a national search for our next Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs led by W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D., Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean, UT Southwestern Medical School. At the same time, I

will work closely with the outstanding leadership team responsible for guiding our medical group, hospital, and clinics to ensure we continue to deliver on our commitment to excellence in the care of all our patients and maintain the momentum of our current exciting initiatives to build on past progress to deliver on our mission.

We look forward to honoring Dr. Warner's accomplishments at UT Southwestern and will communicate those details to you once they are finalized.

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