

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Mack Mitchell Named Interim Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Mack Mitchell, Vice President for Medical Affairs and a Professor of Internal Medicine who holds the Nancy S. and Jeremy L. Halbreich Professorship in Gastroenterology, has agreed to serve as the Interim Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs after Dr. Bruce Meyer leaves on September 15, 2017, for his new position at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Drs. Mitchell and Meyer will be working together over the next several weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

As the Interim Executive Vice President, Dr. Mitchell will work closely with the senior leadership team in Health System Affairs. In addition, I will be meeting with Dr. Mitchell and the leadership group on a regular basis during this interim period.

Dr. Mitchell currently also serves as the Chief Medical Officer for the Southwestern Health Resources Physician Network and Accountable Care Network. He came to UT Southwestern in 2011 from Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, where he was the Chief of Gastroenterology and the Medical Director of Ambulatory Services. Prior to that, he served as Chairman of Internal Medicine at Greater Baltimore Medical Center and as Chairman of Medicine at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

We will launch a national search as soon as possible for a new Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs, and I am very pleased that Dr. J. Gregory Fitz, Provost, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dean of the Medical School, has agreed to chair the search for the permanent appointment.

I want to thank the many members of the UT Southwestern community who provided comments and suggestions about the interim period and about the current structure of the EVP position. I appreciated the input, and I will be taking it into account as we proceed with the search and make a new leadership appointment as expeditiously as possible.

In the meantime, I look forward to our continued progress in the months ahead toward our goals of clinical transformation and excellence.

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President, UT Southwestern Medical Center