

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Bruce Meyer leaving UT Southwestern

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am writing with mixed feelings to announce that Dr. Bruce Meyer, Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, who holds the T.C. Lupton Family Professorship in Patient Care, will be leaving UT Southwestern on September 15, 2017, to assume a new position at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. There, he will serve as Senior Executive Vice President for Thomas Jefferson University and Chief Physician Executive for Jefferson Health, a health care system that encompasses 13 hospitals and 2,600 employed physicians.

Dr. Meyer came to UT Southwestern in 2007, and for the past 10 years, he has been an essential leader in the growth of the UT Southwestern Health System and the expansion of its footprint to include community-based clinics in the Dallas area and two facilities in Fort Worth. During this time, the volume of ambulatory visits has grown from 200,000 to 1.3 million for the University Health System, and UT Southwestern physicians in the Faculty Practice Plan are now responsible in total for more than 2.4 million ambulatory visits when care provided at our partner hospitals, Parkland Hospital and Children's Medical Center, is included.

Dr. Meyer was also instrumental in the formation of Southwestern Health Resources, and he has held a major leadership role in that partnership as the Senior Executive Officer of the Population Health Services Company. The PHSC has been one of the cornerstones in establishing SWHR as a regional clinically integrated network.

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

With Dr. Meyer's anticipated departure, it is my intention to meet with faculty and staff leaders in the very near future to solicit their views on our organizational structure and the qualities needed in the future leader of our health care enterprise as a basis for formulating our plans for the future. I welcome thoughts and suggestions from any member of the UT Southwestern community as we approach this transition. Once formulated, I look forward to sharing those plans with faculty and the entire UT Southwestern community.

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