

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Announcement of New Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs

To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am very pleased to announce that, as the conclusion to a national search, John J. Warner, M.D., will become the new UT Southwestern Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs, effective March 1, 2018. Dr. Warner is currently the Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of University Hospitals and Clinics and a Professor of Internal Medicine, holding the Jim and Norma Smith Distinguished Chair for Interventional Cardiology, and the Nancy and Jeremy Halbreich, Susan and Theodore Strauss Professorship in Cardiology.

As the Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs, Dr. Warner will be responsible for overseeing the UT Southwestern clinical enterprise, which now encompasses our medical group practice delivering care at UT Southwestern facilities on and off campus and at our affiliated institutions to more than 100,000 inpatients, 600,000 Emergency Department patients, and approximately 2.2 million outpatient visits annually. He will be leading our ongoing commitment to the strategic priority of clinical transformation and will ensure that UT Southwestern is proactive in addressing changes in the health care delivery landscape.

In addition to working with the Health System Affairs leadership team, Dr. Warner will be working in close collaboration with the Chairs of the UT Southwestern Medical School's clinical departments, who report to the Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs for the clinical responsibilities associated with their departmental leadership roles, while retaining their reporting to the Dean for all academic matters.

As a member of our senior leadership team, Dr. Warner will be working closely with me and the three other Executive Vice Presidents (for Academic Affairs, Business Affairs, and Institutional Advancement) to ensure that our patient care, education, and research missions remain closely integrated and that we are optimally utilizing our financial resources to achieve the vision and goals we have set for UT Southwestern.

Dr. Warner received a B.S. in Biology from Abilene Christian University in 1988; an M.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1992; and an MBA from the University of Tennessee in 2011. He was an Intern, Resident, and Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern, 1992-1996, and then a Fellow in Cardiovascular Disease and Interventional Cardiology at Duke University Medical Center, 1996-2000. At the completion of his training, he remained at Duke as a faculty member for the next three years.

Dr. Warner was recruited back to UT Southwestern in 2003 to serve as Medical Director of the University Hospitals Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, a position he held from 2003-2012. During his years at UT Southwestern, he has served as Director of the Cardiology Fellowship Training Program in the Department of Internal Medicine; as Chief of Staff for University Hospitals; as Assistant Vice President for Hospital Planning; and since 2012, as the Vice President and Chief Executive Officer for

University Hospitals and Clinics. As part of our affiliation with Texas Health Resources, he has also served since 2016 as the Southwestern Health Resources Senior Executive Officer for the Dallas Hospitals, and within Texas Health Resources, as the Southeast Zone Operations Leader.

Dr. Warner is well-known locally, regionally, and nationally. He has frequently been cited in D Magazine as a “Best Doctor” in Dallas for Cardiology; he has served in leadership roles with the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council; he was named in the Becker’s Hospital Review list of “Physician Leaders of Hospitals and Health Systems: 110 Physician Leaders to Know” in 2016 and 2017; and after many years of involvement with the American Heart Association, he is currently serving as its President for 2017-18.

Academically, Dr. Warner has participated in numerous clinical research and clinical trial studies, and his research interests and publications have centered on acute coronary syndromes, adult congenital heart disease, risk factors for coronary artery plaque rupture, and progression of atherosclerosis.

Widely admired as an effective leader and outstanding physician, Dr. Warner is committed to clinical excellence and the patient-centric values encompassed in UT Southwestern’s strategic priority of clinical transformation. The leadership he provided in working with the multiple groups involved in planning the William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital helped bring to life the vision and values of clinical excellence in the new facility.

I want to thank Dr. Mack Mitchell for serving so effectively as the Interim Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs. We are all greatly indebted to him for everything he has done to keep things going so smoothly over the past five months, and we look forward to what he can now accomplish when he resumes his prior role as Vice President for Medical Affairs and as the Chief Medical Officer for the Southwestern Health Resources Physician Network.

I also want to thank Dr. J. Gregory Fitz, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and Dean of the Medical School, who chaired the search committee, and all the other members who worked with him for their efforts that brought this far-ranging national search to a successful conclusion.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Mitchell for his dedicated service as the Interim Executive Vice President and in congratulating Dr. Warner on this well-deserved appointment.

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