

ACADEMIC CONNECTIONS

THOUGHTS AND UPDATES FROM DR. W. P. ANDREW LEE

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Dear Colleagues,

I write to share the news that **James Malter, M.D.**, holder of The Senator Betty and Dr. Andy Andujar Distinguished Chairmanship of Pathology, has informed us of his decision to step down as Chair of the Department of Pathology after a successor is identified. He then plans to remain as Professor in the Department and continue his research.

After completing undergraduate studies at Dartmouth College, Dr. Malter earned his medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine. He subsequently pursued postgraduate training in pathology at the University of Pennsylvania where he ultimately served as Chief Resident.

Dr. Malter began his career in academic medicine on the faculty of Tulane University School of Medicine. He then went on to serve 20 years in progressive roles at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. In 2011, he joined UT Southwestern as Chair and Professor of Pathology.



Under his leadership, the Department has grown into one of the largest pathology departments in the country, doubling in size to 159 full- and part-time faculty, which provides fully subspecialized anatomic and clinical pathology services to all campus hospitals. The Department is now home to international experts in coagulation and transfusion medicine, clinical chemistry, molecular pathology, pediatric pathology, and multiple surgical pathology disciplines including genitourinary, head and neck, endocrine, neuropathology, hematopathology, and gynecologic pathology. Extramural grant support has quadrupled as has academic impact and productivity of the faculty.

Dr. Malter's own research has focused on characterizing intracellular signaling pathways in the immune and nervous systems and identifying how defects or abnormalities can lead to disease. He has published extensively with highly cited contributions in *Science*, *Nature Immunology*, *PNAS USA*, *Journal of Clinical Investigation*, and *Science Signaling*. Since 1988, his work has been continuously supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other agencies.

Dr. Malter is a member of the American Society for Investigative Pathology, the Association for Academic Pathology, and the American Society for Clinical Investigation. He is past President of the Texas Society of Pathology and has served as Chair of several NIH permanent and special emphasis review panels.

I am pleased to announce that **Martin Pomper, M.D., Ph.D.**, Chair and Professor of Radiology, will serve as Chair of the committee that will conduct a national search to identify Dr. Malter's successor.

The search will be launched shortly. We are grateful for Dr. Malter's service and contributions to our institution over the last 15 years and look forward to building on the Department's strengths in clinical care, education, and research.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D.

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