

ACADEMIC CONNECTIONS

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

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Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Sherry C. Huang, M.D.**, as the new Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Education, effective Feb. 1, 2024.

Dr. Huang joins us from Rutgers Biomedical Health Sciences (RBHS), where she is the Vice Chancellor for Graduate Medical Education (GME) and Enterprise Wide Designated Institutional Official (DIO). She is also Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Gastroenterology at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Huang earned her medical degree at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She completed residency training in pediatrics at the University of California San Diego (UCSD) followed by a fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition, and postdoctoral research training with a focus on cancer genetics. Dr. Huang then joined the faculty of UCSD, pursuing a career as a physician-scientist while promoting medical education in progressive leadership roles, first as the Program Director for the Pediatric Residency Program and then as Associate Dean for GME and the DIO for UCSD.



Her research – funded by the National Institutes of Health and the American Gastroenterological Association– focused on tumorigenesis in early onset colon cancer. She worked to identify families at risk and created a regional registry for polyposis syndromes. Most recently, Dr. Huang’s research employed computational models to predict genetically predisposed colon cancer patients who can benefit from targeted prevention.

As Vice Chancellor and DIO at RBHS since 2020, Dr. Huang is responsible for the executive leadership and management of an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Sponsoring Institution that spans two medical schools, 13 hospitals, 1,700 trainees, and 125 ACGME residency and fellowship programs. Her portfolio encompasses 70% of all GME learners in the state of New Jersey.

During her tenure at RBHS, she successfully consolidated all GME programs previously sponsored by New Jersey Medical School, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, and six Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health Hospitals under one Sponsoring Institution, while honoring the distinct traits of these diverse campuses and hospital systems. She guided the

implementation of innovative curricula and training paradigms in the clinical learning environment to ensure alignment with the missions and priorities of the medical schools and health system priorities.

Dr. Huang has designed health education programs and interprofessional training models to foster collaborative teaching and practices throughout the large Interprofessional Learning Environment at Rutgers. These new teaching paradigms increase opportunities to train health care learners in a team modeled approach to mitigate health care workforce shortages while improving health access and equity for New Jerseyans.

Dr. Huang is nationally recognized as a medical educator and serves as a member of the ACGME Clinical Learning Environment Committee.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to Steve Bloom, M.D., Associate Dean for Clinical Sciences and Professor and former Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology, for his service as Chair of the Search Committee and to all the Search Committee members – Jorge Bezerra, M.D., Temple Howell-Stampley, M.D., Genevieve Konopka, Ph.D., W. Lee Kraus, Ph.D., Bradley Marple, M.D., Shawna Nesbitt, M.D., Julie Pfeiffer, Ph.D., Robert Rege, M.D., and Celette Skinner, Ph.D. – for the dedication and insights they brought to this comprehensive national search.

Dr. Huang succeeds Charles Ginsburg, M.D., who has served the institution most capably for 50 years, holding various leadership positions, including Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and, since 2016, Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Education. Among his innumerable contributions, Dr. Ginsburg championed the UT Southwestern Medical Center's Simulation Center, one of the largest in the nation, and the Biomedical Preparatory at UT Southwestern, which opened in fall 2022.

Dr. Huang's proven strategic planning and leadership record, her deep understanding of the continuum of instruction, and her demonstrated skills enabling collaborations across distinct institutional entities will help chart the next era of education at UT Southwestern.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Huang to our UT Southwestern community.



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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