

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Appointment of Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am very pleased to announce that, following an extensive national search, **Jonathan Efron, M.D.**, currently Senior Vice President for Johns Hopkins Medicine's Office of Physicians and President of the Johns Hopkins Clinical Practice Association, will join UT Southwestern Medical Center to serve as our **Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs**. Dr. Efron will begin his new role Dec. 1.

In addition to a series of other leadership positions held at Johns Hopkins over the past 14 years, Dr. Efron is currently Interim Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs. He is an accomplished colorectal surgeon specializing in the treatment of colorectal cancer and is highly regarded for his surgical skills and clinical expertise.

Dr. Efron brings to UT Southwestern a deep understanding of academic medicine and extensive experience in strategic planning, clinical program development, and service-related performance. He currently oversees and coordinates all clinical activity for Johns Hopkins Medicine's 4,200 faculty providers, as well as community physicians and a rapidly expanding employed provider group. Among his many achievements, Dr. Efron developed an integrated ambulatory accountability and oversight structure incorporating University and Health System assets. Similarly, he helped design and launch JHM's Clinical Road Map, focusing on workforce development and physical and virtual expansion. He also implemented a clinical outcomes research unit to allow for the mentorship and development of medical students and residents focused on colorectal diseases.

Before arriving at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Efron worked for the Divisions of Colorectal and General Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona, following five years at the Cleveland Clinic in Florida. There, he opened and staffed the Cleveland Clinic Naples Hospital.

At UT Southwestern, Dr. Efron, who also will have an appointment as Professor of Surgery, will oversee our clinical enterprise, including our Medical Group, University Hospital, and clinics. He will play a critical leadership role in advancing our key partnerships with Parkland Health, Children's Health, Texas Health Resources, and Southwestern Health Resources, as well as Scottish Rite for Children and the VA North Texas Health Care System. He will be responsible for strategic, operational, and service-related performance and partner with senior leaders across the institution to proactively address an evolving health care environment. Dr. Efron will establish new initiatives that accelerate the integration of the Clinical Strategic Plan into our research and educational missions and continue to prioritize the highest level of quality, safety, and service for our patients and their families.

I want to thank W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D., Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean of the Medical School, for serving as Chair of the Search Committee and to all its members for their time, attention, and perspectives on this important search. Since March, I have been grateful to work directly with our Health System leadership, who have ensured that we continued to advance our mission of healing and our strategic plans while the search proceeded. More broadly, I have been continually impressed by the commitment to clinical excellence and quality improvement exhibited by every team member, whether in direct care or a supporting role.

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Efron join our UT Southwestern community during this period of continued momentum and transformation, and we look forward to his contributions to advancing public health and care delivery through our dedication to the very best outcomes and service for our patients. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Efron to UT Southwestern.

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