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A Message from the Dean

JOE R. & TERESA LOZANO LONG SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



It is with pleasure that I announce the appointment of Robert Leverence, MD as the Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs and Executive Director of UT Health Physicians. He replaces the beloved Carlos Rosende, MD, who tirelessly built UT Health Physicians into the largest multi-specialty medical group in south Texas until his retirement last year. Dr. Leverence was chosen after an extensive national search led by Dr. Brian Reeves, that included multiple superb candidates.

Dr. Leverence received a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry with honors and MD from The University of Iowa. He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at The University of Rochester. He also completed the Primary Care Faculty Development Fellowship Program, a public health fellowship sponsored by Michigan State University. After four years in private practice, Dr. Leverence joined the University of New Mexico in 1997 in Medicine and Pediatrics. There he co-directed an NIH-funded research

network that studied the office-based clinical trials of chronic diseases in underserved populations. He also served as the Division Chief of General Internal Medicine from 2006 until 2011. He then joined the faculty at the University of Florida Department of Medicine where he served seven years as Vice Chair for Clinical Operations. He also was the founding Division Chief of Hospital Medicine. There he also established the Division of Palliative Care, an Integrative Medicine clinical program, the Emergency Department super-utilizer Clinic, and a Global Health Internal Medicine Fellowship. In 2018 he joined the faculty of the Long School of Medicine as the Chief Medical Officer for UT Health Physicians. He served the institution in its fight against COVID-19 by leading the inpatient cross-deployment of faculty during surges and also implementing vaccination strategies for the community. For this he received the 2021 Presidential Distinguished Service Award and 2022 City of San Antonio Healthcare Heroes Award. Since February 2021 he has served as interim Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs and as the interim Executive Director of UT Health Physicians.

Bob and his wife Katherine have two children. Their son Bob Jr is a 4th year medical student interested in Emergency Medicine and daughter Jenni is a small business owner in Orlando. Outside of work, Bob enjoys gardening and hiking in the mountains of New Mexico with his wife Katherine.

My sincere thanks to Brian Reeves and all the search committee members for their hard work on this recruitment. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Leverage on his selection for this position.

With highest regards,

Robert Hromas, MD

Dean, LSOM

Vice President, Medical Affairs UT Health SA

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Laura M. Cascella, MA, CPHRM

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