

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 Eric D. Peterson, M.D., M.P.H., as our inaugural Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research at UT Southwestern Medical Center. To start on November 1, he will also serve as the Vice President for Health System Research and hold the Adelyn and Edmund M. Hoffman Distinguished Chair in Medical Science.

An internationally acclaimed leader in cardiovascular clinical research, Dr. Peterson has been the Fred Cobb Distinguished Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at Duke University and served as Executive Director of the Duke Clinical Research Institute from 2012-18. Dr. Peterson's appointment is exemplary of UT Southwestern's commitment to transform the clinical research enterprise by building on existing academic strengths and diverse patient populations and benefiting from new faculty recruits and innovative data, digital and quantitative capacities to reach new levels of excellence in bench-to-bedside-to-population translational science.

At Duke, Dr. Peterson has led numerous multicenter clinical trials, prospective registries, and implementation programs. Notably, he serves as Principal Investigator of the Analytic Centers for American College of Cardiology's National Cardiac Database, the American Heart Association's Get With the Guidelines Database, and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons' National Cardiac Surgery Database. He is also Principal Investigator of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's Spironolactone Initiation Registry Randomized Interventional Trial (SPIRRIT) in Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction and leads several ongoing industry-sponsored clinical trials, registries and implementation research studies.

With more than 1,400 peer-reviewed publications to date, Dr. Peterson ranks among the top 1 percent of published researchers in clinical medicine and has been named one of the most highly cited researchers in the world by Thomson Reuters for the past five years. He currently serves on the Editorial Oversight Board of the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* and on the Editorial Boards of *Circulation* and *Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes*. He is a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, Association of American Physicians, and Association of University Cardiologists.



Dr. Peterson has received numerous national honors and awards including being named one of America's Top Cardiologists by Grand Rounds, *Forbes* magazine, and International Association of Cardiologists. He has also received the American Heart Association's Meritorious Achievement, Distinguished Achievement, and Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Quality of Care and Outcomes Research Awards. He is a DukeMed Scholar and a past recipient of the Duke Heart Center Mentorship Award.

The Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research is a critical new leadership position for our institution, created to stimulate and enhance UT Southwestern's growing clinical research enterprise. Dr. Peterson brings a deep portfolio of skills as researcher and leader, but also promise to provide a new dynamic, visional leadership necessary to transform our clinical and translational research strategy, craft critical new alliances, and bring clinical research on par with discovery science at UT Southwestern.

Dr. Peterson's recruitment is the result of an extensive national search over the past nine months led most capably by Dr. Dwight Towler and members of the Search Committee – Dr. Carlos Arteaga, Dr. Suzanne Conzen, Dr. Bill Dauer, Dr. James de Lemos, Dr. David Gerber, Dr. Yair Lotan, Dr. Jessica Moreland, Dr. Trish Perl, Dr. Catherine Spong, Dr. Bob Timmerman, Dr. Madhukar Trivedi, Dr. Babu Welch, and Dr. Dwain Thiele. Dr. Peterson will be assisted in his new role by Dr. Nancy Rollins, Associate

Dean of Clinical Research, who has been instrumental to establishing the infrastructure that has supported our clinical research accomplishments in recent years.

We look forward to Dr. Peterson's leadership and international expertise in advancing our mission. Please join me in welcoming him to Dallas and UT Southwestern.



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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