



Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to update you on the search for a new leader for our Department of Surgery. The search committee has recently completed the first round of interviews and has invited several highly qualified candidates to campus for a second round. The committee and search firm have been impressed with the caliber of applicants. Their interest arises from our 110 year legacy of innovation, clinical and educational excellence, as well as our potential for growth and continued success.

Dr. David Rothenberger will be stepping down as the department head on March 31, 2017. In consultation with Dr. Rothenberg, I have appointed Dr. Sayeed Ikramuddin to serve as the interim chair beginning April 1, 2017. Dr. Ikramuddin, a professor, and a bariatric surgeon is the Department's Vice Chair of Safety and Clinical Quality and a member of the Department's Executive Leadership Team. He is well-positioned to ensure the department continues to operate at a high level. I look forward to working with Dr. Ikramuddin and the other members of the department's leadership team.

I would like to thank Dr. Rothenberger again for his leadership and commitment to the Medical School. He has had a major impact on the careers and lives of many of you and the success of our school.

Information regarding the on-campus visits will be provided the coming weeks. I hope you will take the time to hear the candidates and share your views with me, Dr. Joe Neglia, chair, or Dr. Jakub Tolar, co-chair, of the search committee.

Sincerely,

Brooks Jackson, MD, MBA
Dean of the Medical School
