David Rothenberger, M.D., named Head of the Department of Surgery

David Rothenberger, M.D., will assume the role of head of the Department of Surgery beginning October 1. He currently holds the John P. Delaney Chair of Clinical Surgical Oncology and has been Deputy Chairman of the Department of Surgery since 2006.

Dr. Rothenberger is an internationally recognized leader in American surgery, a member of the American Surgical Association and many other professional societies. He is past president of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery and the Research Foundation of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons.

“David Rothenberger brings a wealth of experience to this role, as well as an appreciation for how the Medical School can help shape the future of health care education and delivery,” said Aaron Friedman, M.D., dean of the Medical School. “David is a proven leader who has held numerous leadership positions in the Medical School, the Masonic Cancer Center, UMPhysicians, and the University of Minnesota Medical Center. He has served as a mentor for faculty throughout the Medical School and he has earned a reputation for innovation and collaboration.”

Dr. Rothenberger is founder and co-director of the Emerging Physician Leaders Program at the Medical School, which fosters collaboration and develops skills among faculty from all departments. As head of Surgery, he hopes to continue finding ways to encourage collaboration and development of interdisciplinary health care teams to better care for our patients.

“We have incredible talent in the Department of Surgery and it’s my job to make sure we use that talent to innovate and achieve the best possible outcomes on behalf of patients,” said Rothenberger. “Our department’s mission is to deliver safe, high quality and compassionate care to each and every patient, conduct pioneering research, educate the next generation of surgical leaders, and provide a work environment of respect, integrity, opportunity, and excellence.”

Dr. Rothenberger succeeds Selwyn Vickers, M.D., who is returning to his home state to become Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean of the University of Alabama School of Medicine.

The announcement of David Rothenberger's new appointment can be found on Medical School News.

PUBLICATIONS

FAREWELL TO VICKERS

The Office of Dr. David Rothenberger cordially invites you to a celebration honoring

Jay Phillips Professor and Chairman Selwyn M. Vickers, M.D.

For his 7 years of outstanding contributions and leadership

7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, October 2, 2013
Program at 7:30 p.m.

University Hall
McNamara Alumni Center
200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis 55455

If you have any questions, please email dosadmin@umn.edu or call 612-626-1999

SAVE THE DATE

Department of Surgery Special Lecture in conjunction with the Program in the History of Medicine

“Understanding and Treating Cancer: A Historical Perspective over Two Millenia”

Dr. Alan Chapman
Faculty of History
University of Oxford

Friday, September 27, 2013
4:00 pm
11-157 PWB
The University of Minnesota Medical School began teaching classes on October 1, 1888. 125 years later, it's time for us to celebrate!

Join us on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at McNamara Alumni Center. We plan to socialize, celebrate our history, and honor some of the brightest researchers at the Medical School today.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Inaugural Dean's Distinguished Lectureship honoring Ashley Haase, M.D., and John Wagner, M.D.

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Address from President Eric Kaler, Deans Aaron Friedman and Gary Davis will speak, and a short video history

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Live music by The Smarts, cake, appetizers by D'Amico Catering, plus free beer, wine, and soda

Further details about the event: z.umn.edu/med125event
Learn more about our history: z.umn.edu/med125
Help us plan, RSVP requested.
Please arrange your schedule so you can attend.
Individual, pair and table event tickets are available starting at $200.

Program includes: dinner, live and silent auction, honoring our programs history, along with networking opportunities with physicians, patients, community members and supporters of the Transplant Center.

For questions, call or email:
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RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Do you see someone working hard in your area and contributing to the department’s success by fulfilling our mission, vision and values? If so, take a moment to nominate this person for an Employee Recognition Award.

Two Employee Recognition Awards will be given out each month—one for staff and one for faculty, fellows, and residents. All Department of Surgery employees can nominate another employee in the department, including the Surgical Administrative Center.

Completed nomination forms should be sent to Michelle Lunden.

To submit an item for publication in Update, send the information to surgupdt@umn.edu

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