

Dear Colleagues:

I am very glad to inform you that Harold "Hal" Collard, MD has been appointed as the associate vice chancellor of clinical research, effective February 1.

As associate vice chancellor, his responsibilities will include:

- Representing the UCSF clinical research community to UCSF leadership and extramural stakeholders;
- Working closely with campus research leaders to improve clinical research support across sites, schools and disciplines;
- Overseeing the development and implementation of innovative programs and activities that address clinical research priorities;
- Developing clinical research strategies for communication and engagement.

Dr. Collard is a professor of medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, Allergy and Sleep Medicine in the Department of Medicine and director of UCSF's Interstitial Lung Disease Program. In 2016, Dr. Collard was appointed co-director of the UCSF Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), and since July 2018, he has served as the interim director. In his new role as associate vice chancellor for clinical research, Dr. Collard will continue as CTSI's director and serve as the contact principal investigator of the NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award grant.

Under his stewardship, CTSI has:

- Funded four new KL2 scholars, created a new pathway for TL1 predoctoral fellows to pursue master's level training, and expanded the TL1 postdoctoral program to include ten MD and PhD level trainees.
- Developed novel EHR-based research services, including MyChart recruitment tools and the Apex Embedded Research (AER) consultation unit, and supported the ongoing development of the UCSF clinical data warehouse.
- Expanded the scope of Profiles and TrialFinder across the five UC Health campuses and provided technology-enabled research support to multiple UCSF and extramural groups.
- Funded new initiatives to standardize patient and stakeholder advisory boards for clinical research at UCSF and enhance the diversity of UCSF's clinical research workforce.
- Awarded over two dozen pilot research grants through our general pilot program, the Catalyst program, and the learning health care system pilot program.
- Provided consultation services to over 500 investigators and clinical research services for over 470 protocols across the UCSF system.
- Actively engaged with central NCATS initiatives such as Accrual to Clinical Trials (ACT), Clinical Data to Health (CD2H), and the Trial Innovation Network (TIN).

The associate vice chancellor for clinical research role will allow Dr. Collard to leverage the CTSI directorship to help UCSF's clinical research community be more effective and efficient. Dr. Collard has demonstrated a commitment to thoughtful, collaborative leadership at CTSI, excelling at bringing people and innovative resources together for UCSF. I have every confidence that he will be successful in his new role.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Collard.

Sincerely,

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