

SENT ON BEHALF OF POPE L. MOSELEY, M.D.:

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that James E. McDonald, M.D., F.A.C.R., Interim Chair of the Department of Radiology since May 2014, has accepted a permanent appointment as Chair. Dr. McDonald has done a great job in his interim post, and his leadership and dedication to the department and its faculty, trainees, students and patients will continue to be a strong asset for Radiology, the College of Medicine, and the UAMS Integrated Clinical Enterprise.

Dr. McDonald's scholarly interests focus on the development of collaborative means for radiology and nuclear medicine to support the research, educational and clinical missions of the college. An expert on the molecular imaging of multiple myeloma, he has been named a consultant to the Myeloma Institute. He is also assisting in the integration of quantitative imaging and radiomics into research initiatives of the Department of Biomedical Informatics. Under his leadership, UAMS became the first program in the country to list and fill a combined residency in diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine through the NRMP match. He has also conducted several clinical trials with novel PET radiotracers.

In addition to his administrative and educational leadership posts within Radiology, Dr. McDonald was a Project Steering Committee member and active physician leader in the Epic implementation at UAMS. He has championed the implementation of imaging decision support within Epic and led a successful institutional effort to ensure appropriate use of mobile chest radiography.

Dr. McDonald joined the College of Medicine full time as an Assistant Professor and Director of the Division of Nuclear Medicine in 2010 and has served as Director of the Nuclear Medicine Residency Program since 2013. He served as Interim Co-Vice Chair of the department from 2012 to 2014, working with then Interim-Chair Richard Turnage, M.D. to ensure the continued success of the clinical, educational and research programs in Radiology. He was promoted to Associate Professor earlier this year.

He received his medical degree, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and completed an internship in surgery and pathology at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans. Dr. McDonald completed his residency in diagnostic radiology at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University in St. Louis, serving as Co-Chief Resident in his final year, and continued his training with a fellowship in nuclear medicine at UAMS and Mallinckrodt.

Dr. McDonald was a partner in Radiology Associates, P.A., in Little Rock from 1983 to 2010, where he served on its governing board, including a term as its Chair. He was active on the medical staff at St. Vincent Infirmary, where he was Chief of Nuclear Medicine from 2003 to 2010 and led a fundraising campaign for nursing education. At Southwest Regional Medical Center in Little Rock his leadership posts included Chief of the Department of Radiology, Chief of Staff, and Chair of the Advisory Board. He also served as an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor in the UAMS Department of Radiology from 2003 to 2006.

Dr. McDonald is a member of numerous professional organizations with service on state and national committees. He was recently named a Fellow of the American College of Radiology.

Please join me in thanking Dr. McDonald for his service as Interim Chair and welcoming him to his new post as Chair.

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