



## Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

Search for an Associate Director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center  
University of California, Davis

The Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) at the University of California, Davis invites applications and nominations for an accomplished physician-scientist to serve as an Associate Director. This individual will join UC Davis at an exciting time as the ADRC continues its remarkable trajectory, recently punctuated by a \$173 million round of new funding. The new Associate Director will be a pivotal player in the continued growth in research, education, and outreach efforts. As an important member of the ADRC leadership team, the Associate Director will play a key role in successfully expanding innovative investigations and collaborative research. The Associate Director will be able to leverage and enhance resources within the ADRC and across UC Davis to promote new bi-directional translational research, interventions in diverse populations, and strong training and career development programs.

The UC Davis Alzheimer's Disease Research Center brings together an interdisciplinary group of dedicated researchers, clinical staff (neurologists, geriatric psychiatrists, geriatricians, neuropsychologists, psychometrists, social workers, and nurses), administrators, and support staff to carry out its mission to advance the understanding of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias through comprehensive patient evaluations and cutting-edge research. The UC Davis ADRC conducts basic and clinical research including clinical trials, clinical evaluations, community outreach and education, professional education, and research training.

As a pivotal member of the ADRC leadership team, the next Associate Director will work to address the following opportunities and challenges:

- Develop and implement a plan for research growth that will enhance the visibility, reputation, and impact of the ADRC;
- Identify and secure new financial resources to execute the new initiatives;
- Champion new groundbreaking research endeavors that broaden and deepen the Center's academic and research portfolio;
- Recruit, develop, and retain new staff and faculty;
- Ensure the ADRC's commitment to increasing patient diversity through an expansive recruitment strategy and community relationships for the new research initiatives;
- Further expand interdisciplinary collaboration efforts between the ADRC and the UC Davis campus community;
- Strengthen community and national partnerships within the region, state, and country.

A list of the desired qualifications and characteristics of the Associate Director can be found at the conclusion of this document, which was prepared by the Recruitment Advisory Committee with the assistance of Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to provide background information and detail the key opportunities and challenges related to the position. All confidential applications, inquiries, and nominations should be directed to the parties listed at the conclusion of this document.

### **About the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at UC Davis**

Established in 1991, the UC Davis ADRC has built an outstanding reputation in advancing the understanding of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias through comprehensive patient evaluations and cutting-edge research. The Center aims to maintain and expand an environment that supports innovative investigations, through the use of state-of-the-art technologies, databases, and statistical expertise. The UC Davis ADRC continues to leverage and increase interdisciplinary collaboration efforts across the UC Davis campus, UC System, and other institutions to increase their impact and influence among leading researchers and provide current dementia related education and resources to patient and community members.

The UC Davis ADRC is led by Center Director Dr. Charles DiCarli, professor of neurology at the UC Davis School of Medicine and Director of the Imaging of Dementia and Aging (IDeA) laboratory. Dr. Rachel Whitmer, PhD, a professor in the UC Davis Department of Public Health Sciences and Chief of the Division of Epidemiology, serves as an Associate Director of the ADRC.

The UC Davis ADRC currently has seven core groups that support in Alzheimer's disease research and outreach efforts:

- Administrative Core
- Clinical Core
- Neuropathology Core
- Data Management and Biostatistics Core
- Outreach and Recruitment Core
- Neuroimaging Core
- Bio-Specimen Core

### *Research*

The overall significance of the UCD ADRC is grounded in strong leadership, carefully planned strategic aims, faculty expertise, a unique clinical cohort, innovative methods, and a highly integrated and collaborative environment that creates invaluable resources to serve the mission of the center. Principal to their efforts is the goal of addressing one of the fundamental questions of cognitive aging research: Why do some individuals maintain cognitive function and independence throughout their life span, even into extreme age, while others do not? Additionally, what relationships do lifecourse experience and exposures specifically those associated with select ethnoracial groups, have on maintenance or decline of cognitive health with age?

To accomplish this overarching goal, the ADRC has developed culturally appropriate, innovative, sophisticated, and psychometrically sound longitudinal measurement of cognition (SENAS) and independent function (ECog) and compensation (EComp) coupled with high-quality characterization of clinical trajectories, life experience, nutrition, social economic status (SES), adversity, and body morphometry (e.g. femur length). The ADRC also emphasizes measures of disease-related brain injury by state-of-the-art neuroimaging and analyses, high-quality, quantitative neuropathology, tissue sharing and

a large biorepository from our longitudinal diversity cohort (LDC) that currently supports genetic and serum biomarker discoveries. ADRC faculty also co-lead epidemiological studies, that include the same measures, to expand scientific knowledge, advance technical capabilities, and impact clinical practice. This has resulted in a highly supportive infrastructure and resources that support numerous affiliated projects spanning research from basic to social science, including unique treatment trials initiated by UCD ADRC investigators. These efforts are further supported by the use of resources and expertise to pursue five strategic priorities: 1) Characterize the heterogeneity of the spectrum of cognitive aging, 2) Identify and develop new biological markers, 3) understand the contributions of mixed pathologies, particularly vascular disease, to cognitive aging and transition to dementia, 4) use this information to develop better targeted therapeutic interventions through investigator initiated clinical trials and 5) leverage newly available resources and expertise at UCD to carry out caregiving research.

Additionally, the ADRC is an ardent collaborator within the UC Davis campus and community. The ADRC is currently has projects with the UC Davis School of Medicine MIND Institute and the Counter Act Collaboration study with the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. The Center is also renown for working with large and diverse demographics within northern California. The Center has been the leader in identifying genetic and environmental factors that impact dementia and Alzheimer's in underrepresented communities and populations.

The UC Davis ADRC is home to 10 full-time staff members with annual funding totaling over \$175 million in grants, donations, and other research expenditures, including a recent five-year grant given by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The ADRC is committed to developing junior faculty and supporting established investigators in the Alzheimer's research. The ADRC offers a competitive development project program, and a research education component mentoring and training experiences, both offering funding awards. These program enables both new and established investigators to generate pilot data that can be used to advance Alzheimer's research, showcase findings, and enhance their ability to be competitive for extramural grants.

### *Clinical Trials*

The Center currently has a number of clinical research studies that explore cognitive and functional change, caregiving, and clinical trials of new therapeutic agents. Some of the most recent include:

- [Vitamin D and Brain Health Study](#)
- [Senicapoc Medication Treatment Trial](#)
- [Care Partner Study for Older Adults with Memory Problems](#)
- [Dementia & Diabetes Prevention Program \(DDPP\)](#)
- [Brain Booster Study](#)
- [U.S. Pointer Study](#)

For more information on the UC Davis Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, please visit <https://health.ucdavis.edu/alzheimers/>. For more information on UC Davis and UC Davis Health, see Appendix I & II of this document.

### **Role of the Associate Director**

In collaboration with Center leadership, the incoming Associate Director will oversee leadership and administrative functions at 30% time. Additional duties will be influenced by candidate qualifications and interests, departmental needs, and clinical practice requirements, as applicable. Additionally, as a member of the faculty, the Associate Director will fulfill the following Academic Senate Faculty responsibilities:

- Provide clinical service in the area of specialty
- Teach medical students, residents, and fellows
- Conduct bench, clinical, and translational research
- Contribute a record of peer-reviewed publications and show success in obtaining extramural funding
- Provide University and professional services

Please note that all responsibilities will be further determined based on faculty series assignment.

### **Key Opportunities and Challenges for the Associate Director**

The Associate Director work closely with Center leadership, faculty, staff, campus collaborators, and community partners to help address the following opportunities and challenges:

#### ***Develop and implement a plan for research growth that will enhance the visibility, reputation, and impact of the ADRC***

The ADRC has a strong clinical and research foundation, and the Associate Director will continue to engage with all stakeholders to determine a plan for new programs that aligns with the goals of the ADRC. These include increasing research funding, increasing and diversifying patient enrollment, and expanding treatment centers across the state.

#### ***Identify and secure new financial resources to execute the new initiatives***

The Associate Director will partner closely with the Director, Co-Associate Director, and Development officer to identify and advocate for appropriate resources to support the success of the new initiatives. The Associate Director will play a key role in identifying extramural funding sources, fostering the creation of appropriate investigator teams, and following through with preparation and submission of grant and contract proposals. The Associate Director will help communicate the goals, progress, and needs of the ADRC to donors, and partake in grant writing to state and federal agencies for continued research efforts and treatment plan for patients. A top priority for the ADRC will be its NIH grant renewal in 2026, and the Associate Director will assist with co-authoring the grant to showcase research and treatment outcomes of patients.

#### ***Champion new groundbreaking research endeavors that broaden and deepen the Center's academic and research portfolio***

The Associate Director will be a physician-scientist dedicated to advancing research as well as the Center's outreach efforts. They may take the lead in a variety of endeavors, including the creation of a distinguished lecture series and enhanced workshops and symposia for various constituents at the ADRC. They will

engage with the Office of Research and larger campus community to showcase current research and other Center activities. The Associate Director will also continue to collaborate with diverse campus centers and research units. They will also advance research infrastructure in concert with scientific leadership and research administration to contend with peer institutions at the local, state, and national level. The Associate Director will be expected to lead an extramurally funded research program that conducts outstanding research in their field, while simultaneously supporting the research and funding efforts of faculty at ADRC.

***Recruit, develop, and retain new staff and faculty***

The ADRC's success comes from its committed staff members and faculty, and the ADRC prides itself on being a collaborative, supportive, and innovative academic community. The Associate Director will lead efforts to recruit, retain, and develop an exceptional and diverse faculty and staff. The Associate Director will also foster a culture that promotes collegiality, recognizes contributions made by all members of the community, and prepares faculty and staff to address upcoming challenges in research and industry settings.

***Ensure the ADRC's commitment to increasing patient diversity through an expansive recruitment strategy and community relationships for the new research initiatives***

Community and professional outreach and education serve as a core mission of the UC Davis Alzheimer's Disease Center, and the Center is proud to serve diverse populations across Northern California. The Associate Director will work with ADRC leadership and other administrators to identify opportunities for development of a more diverse patient pool. It is essential that the Associate Director demonstrates a commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion and is committed to advancing the ADRC's continued efforts in this area.

***Further expand interdisciplinary collaboration efforts between the ADRC and the UC Davis campus community***

The Associate Director will enhance the culture of academic inquiry through faculty engagement and mentorship while advocating for the ADRC across the UC Davis campus and beyond. The Associate Director will work closely with the ADRC leadership team to identify and articulate the needs and advantages for programming and activities specific to the Center. An active collaborator, the Associate Director will be proactive in finding opportunities for interdepartmental programming, research, and other scholarly activities within the larger UC Davis campus.

***Strengthen community and national partnerships within the region, state, and country***

The Associate Director will serve as a visible advocate for the ADRC, building productive local, regional, and national partnerships to ensure continued opportunities for collaboration. The Associate Director will engage and partner with other UC campuses, peer institutions, and national organizations to identify and cultivate partnerships to advance the work of the ADRC and Alzheimer's disease research more broadly. Further, the Associate Director will continue to prioritize collaboration efforts with national labs and federal agencies, alumni, and other supporters of the ADRC to further strengthen connections, increase opportunities for collaborative research, and enhance engagement opportunities for patients, staff, and faculty members.

## Qualifications and Characteristics

- Strong preference for MD or MD/PhD, but will consider a clinically-active PhD or equivalent terminal degree. For MD applicants, additional requirements include board-certification and fellowship training as applicable to specialty, and subspecialty if trained, and applicants must possess or be eligible for a California Medical License;
- Qualified applicants must also possess academic credentials that qualify for appointment as an Associate or early Full Professor in the Ladder Rank (Regular), In-Residence, or Clinical Investigator (Clinical X) series at the University of California;
- Scholarship focused on Alzheimer's disease and/or related disorders;
- Strong record of leadership and achievement in research as evidenced by success in securing extramural research funding;
- Demonstrated prior success at leading interprofessional teams, working across campus units;
- Commitment to diversity and inclusive excellence in education and research;
- Demonstrated teaching ability and commitment to university and public service;
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and collegially with a diverse population;
- Developed record of successful research and research and a significant record of peer-reviewed scientific publications;
- Strong history of written and verbal communication with a track record of working in a matrix organization.

This ideal candidate will have strong interpersonal skills, the capacity to work collaboratively and effectively with others, some experience managing space and financial resources, and an ability to inspire colleagues and staff to achieve excellent results.

## Location

This position is based in Sacramento, California, the state capitol, which sits in the northern part of California's Central Valley in one of the world's most productive farming regions and at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Sacramento is a family-friendly city with major cultural resources. Some School of Medicine faculty members live in Davis, approximately 20 minutes away by car. The UC Davis campus footprint is the largest of the UC system, spanning more than 5,500 acres in two counties. In 2002, Sacramento was named as the most diverse and integrated city in the United States as determined in research for TIME Magazine by the Civil Rights Project at Harvard University. To learn more about Sacramento, see [www.discovergold.org](http://www.discovergold.org).

## Applications, Inquiries, and Nominations

UC Davis has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist in this search. Screening of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Inquiries, nominations, referrals, and CVs with cover letters as well as a diversity statement addressing aspirations and contributions to promoting equity, inclusion, and diversity in their professional careers, a list of five professional references and an Authorization to Release Information form (<https://aadocs.ucdavis.edu/your-resources/forms-and-checklists/forms/authorization-release-form.pdf>) should apply at <https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/JPF05124>. Additional information can be found on the Isaacson, Miller website for the search: [www.imsearch.com/8564](http://www.imsearch.com/8564). Electronic submission of materials is required.



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*UC Davis and UC Davis Health System are smoke- and tobacco-free campuses. Smoking, the use of smokeless tobacco products, and the use of unregulated nicotine products (e-cigarettes) will be strictly prohibited on any property owned or leased by UC Davis and/or UC Davis Health System -- indoors and outdoors, including parking lots, industrial and residential space.*

*Under Federal law, the University of California may employ only individuals who are legally able to work in the United States as established by providing documents as specified in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Certain positions funded by federal contracts or sub-contracts require the selected candidate to pass an E-Verify check. More information is available <http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify>.*

*The University of California is committed to creating and maintaining a community dedicated to the advancement, application, and transmission of knowledge and creative endeavors through academic excellence, where all individuals who participate in University programs and activities can work and learn together in a safe and secure environment, free of violence, harassment, discrimination, exploitation, or intimidation. With this commitment, UC Davis conducts a reference check on all finalists for tenured positions. The reference check involves contacting the administration of the applicant's previous institution(s) to ask whether there have been substantiated findings of misconduct that would violate the University's Faculty Code of Conduct. To implement this process, UC Davis requires all applicants for any open search for assistant/associate/full professor to complete, sign, and upload the form entitled "Authorization to Release Information" into RECRUIT as part of their application. If an applicant does not include the signed authorization with the application materials, the application will be considered incomplete, and as with any incomplete application, will not receive further consideration. Although all applicants for faculty recruitments must complete the entire application, only finalists considered for positions with tenure or security of employment will be subject to reference checks.*

*UC Davis supports Family-friendly recruitments. UC Davis covers travel expenses for a second person to accompany an invited faculty recruitment candidate who is a mother (or single parent of either gender) of a breast or bottle-feeding child less than two years of age. <http://academicaffairs.ucdavis.edu/programs/work-life/index.html>*

*UC Davis recognizes the necessity of supporting faculty with efforts to integrate work, family and other work-life considerations. To recruit and retain the best faculty, the campus sponsors a Work Life Program that provides programs and services that support faculty as they strive to honor their commitments to work, home and community. <http://academicaffairs.ucdavis.edu/programs/work-life/index.html>*

*The UC Davis Partner Opportunities Program (POP) is a service designed to support departments and deans offices in the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty. Eligibility for POP services is limited, for full program details please visit <http://academicaffairs.ucdavis.edu/programs/partner-opp/index.html>.*

*For questions regarding how these policies/programs affect academic appointees, contact: (530) 752-7643*



## Appendix I: About UC Davis

The University of California, Davis was conceived in 1905, when the California state legislature passed the University Farm Bill, calling for the establishment of a site dedicated to science-based teaching and research to support the state's growing agricultural industry. Peter J. Shields, secretary of the State Agricultural Society, had lobbied on behalf of the idea of a "University Farm" after he recognized that California students were leaving the state in pursuit of agriculture degrees. University Farm began accepting non-degree students in October 1908 and enrolled its first 40 degree-seeking students from UC Berkeley in January 1909. In 1922, the campus was renamed the Northern Branch of the College of Agriculture and that same year, the first four-year undergraduate general academic program was established, graduating its first class in 1926. Following years of sustained growth, the Regents of the University of California declared UC Davis the seventh general campus in the University of California system in 1959.

UC Davis comprises four colleges – Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering, and Letters and Science – as well as an Office of Graduate Studies and several nationally-renowned professional schools – the School of Medicine, Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, Graduate School of Management, School of Education, School of Law, and School of Veterinary Medicine. UC Davis has 104 undergraduate majors and 97 graduate programs in its diverse academic programs. To learn more about UC Davis academic programs, please see: <http://www.ucdavis.edu/academics/colleges-schools>

UC Davis has an academic staff of 2,450. The university's distinguished faculty includes members of the National Academy of Sciences, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Law Institute, National Academy of Engineering, and other renowned academies. Among many other honors, university faculty, alumni, and researchers have won the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Pulitzer Prize, MacArthur Fellowship, National Medal of Science, Blue Planet Prize, Wolf Prize, and Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. UC Davis is the only campus that is home to an Academic Federation, a group of academic appointees who are not members of the Academic Senate, and who by percentage of appointment and duration of employment are eligible for membership. This organization is parallel in function to the role of the Academic Senate, and a key asset of the campus.

In the area of research, UC Davis continues to be a national leader in federally sponsored research and is distinguishing itself for its success in generating research support from state and private sources. The National Science Foundation ranks UC Davis 14th in the nation in research funding among public universities and 22nd among public and private universities overall; the National Institutes of Health ranks the UC Davis 41st in the country in research funding received. The campus has seen impressive growth in annual external research funding in fiscal year 2021-2022, generating a record \$1.07 billion in awards, a \$102.9 million increase from the previous record year.

UC Davis also has made excellent strides in supporting diversity and developing an inclusive campus community: the university has adopted a Strategic Plan for Diversity and Inclusion, and the campus ranked first on a Diverse Issues in Higher Education list based on the number of undergraduate degrees for minority students in biological/biomedical sciences. In 2022, Forbes named UC Davis best employer for diversity and women. UC Davis also ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for diversity, inclusiveness, and internationalization by QS World University Rankings and 2<sup>nd</sup> in top public university performers on social mobility. 42% of UC Davis undergraduate students are first-generation college students and 42% received Pell Grants.

The university benefits from a vibrant local community. In the coming years, UC Davis will expand its partnership with the region through Aggie Square, a collaborative technology and innovation campus that leverages the university's strengths to become the catalyst for economic change, creates jobs, and helps spur economic vitality of the surrounding neighborhoods and the broader Sacramento region. It will serve as a model public-private partnership, increasing technology transfer and creating equitable opportunities for residents in the community and region. It will support new jobs at a variety of education levels. Building on the strengths of UC Davis and economic leverage of the City of Sacramento, the potential for public-private partners includes the areas of life sciences, food systems, mobility, government and civic technology, and arts and communications.

Dr. Gary May became UC Davis' seventh Chancellor on August 1, 2017. An accomplished scholar and engineer, Chancellor May came to UC Davis from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, where he had been for nearly three decades, most recently as dean of the institute's College of Engineering – the largest and most diverse school of its kind in the nation, with 450 faculty and 13,000 students. Prior to being dean, Dr. May was the Steve W. Chaddick Chair of Georgia Tech's School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and previous to that, he was the executive assistant to Georgia Tech President G. Wayne Clough.

Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Mary Croughan joined UC Davis in July 2020. Prior to coming to UC Davis, Dr. Croughan served as Vice President for Research and Economic Development at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where she was instrumental in helping the university achieve status as an R1 institution in 2018. Within the University of California system, Croughan served as executive director of the Research Grants Program Office at the UC Office of the President from 2010 to 2017, including 30 years as a faculty member at the University of California, San Francisco in the School of Medicine and as Chair of the systemwide University of California Academic Senate.

For more about UC Davis, please visit [www.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ucdavis.edu).

## Appendix II: About UC Davis Health

The UC Davis Medical Center includes the UC Davis Children's Hospital, the Sacramento region's only comprehensive hospital for children, serving infants, children, adolescents, and young adults with primary, subspecialty, and critical-care services. It is home to the Central Valley's only pediatric emergency department and Level I pediatric trauma center. This 110-bed hospital within a hospital includes a 49-bed, state-of-the-art neonatal intensive care unit. In 2011, UC Davis Children's Hospital opened a new, state-of-the-art pediatric and cardiac intensive care unit. UC Davis Children's Hospital has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report among the nation's top hospitals in four specialties: urology, orthopedics, nephrology, and endocrinology. The UC Davis Children's Hospital also has a separate pre-operative and operative area for children, the UC Davis Children's Surgery Center.

UC Davis Health serves 33 counties in California. The Association of American Medical Colleges has previously honored UC Davis Health with the "Outstanding Community Service Award" for its commitment to the community and region. The School of Medicine has developed a remarkable program called Community Health Scholars, which operates specialized medical education tracks such as Rural-PRIME and SJV Prime, TEACH, and ACE-PC. In 2018, UC Davis School of Medicine was recognized as one of the ten best in the nation for primary care training by U.S. News and World Report. Additionally, UC Davis has one of the country's largest telehealth networks and demonstrates UC Davis's commitment to using technology to improve access to inpatient and outpatient specialty care, professional education, and new models of chronic disease management that embrace self-management of one's health. This includes an innovative telestroke service that responds within ten minutes to help community hospitals expedite key treatments. Both the School of Medicine and Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing embrace interprofessional education and have launched a shared learner model in partnership with the County of Sacramento.

UC Davis Health maintains affiliations with external institutions, including the Veterans Administration Northern California Health Care System, and the David Grant Medical Center, located at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California, and the adjacent Shriners Hospital for Children of Northern California, which is ranked in the top 50 Best Children's Hospitals in the U.S. by U.S. News and World Report. It also maintains close ties to the Sacramento community through its Volunteer Clinical Faculty (VCF) program.

UC Davis Health operates as part of UC Health, which is the nation's largest health science training program, with more than 14,000 students annually enrolled in 17 health-sciences professional education programs. In addition to Davis, UC Health operates medical centers in Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco. UC Riverside is home to a new community-based medical school and UC Merced is expanding its health education opportunities to its students dedicated to serving the Central Valley. Together, the UC medical centers comprise the fourth-largest health care system in California, with \$17 billion in revenue, and deliver more than 147,000 inpatient discharges, 297,000 emergency room visits, and four million outpatient visits each year.

### *Department of Neurology*

UC Davis is known nationally and internationally for the strength of its neuroscience programs, which include 300 faculty engaged in neuroscience related research located in 12 Centers, 6 Schools/Colleges, and 41 Departments on two campuses. The sheer number, breadth, and quality of the different neuroscience programs and investigators at UC Davis provide an unparalleled opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration that is required to solve the most pressing problems in brain health. The

[UC Davis Neuroscience Consortium](#) provides more details regarding neuroscience programs across UC Davis. The UC Davis Department of Neurology ranks #7 nationally for NIH funding on Blueridge.

### *UC Davis Health Leadership*

**Dr. David Lubarsky** joined UC Davis as the Vice Chancellor for Human Health Sciences and CEO of UC Davis Health in June 2018. Dr. Lubarsky previously served as the chief medical officer and systems integration officer, and as the first chief executive officer of the UHealth Physician Practice, at the University of Miami Health System. Committed to academics as well as leadership, Lubarsky served from 2001 to 2018 as the Emanuel M. Papper Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative Medicine and Pain Management at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine. In his role as Vice Chancellor for Human Health Sciences and CEO for UC Davis Health, Dr. Lubarsky oversees UC Davis Health's academic, research, and clinical programs, including the School of Medicine, the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, the 1,000-member physician practice group, and UC Davis Medical Center.

In November 2021, **Dr. Susan Murin** was appointed as interim dean of the UC Davis School of Medicine. Before becoming dean, Dr. Murin served as Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, Executive Director of the UC Davis Medical Group, and Associate Clinical Strategy Officer. She previously served as Chief of the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs and Executive Vice Chair of Internal Medicine, and Chief of the Medical Staff at UC Davis.

Also in November 2021, **Dr. Kim Barrett** was appointed Vice Dean for Research at the UC Davis School of Medicine. Barrett is an internationally recognized scholar in gastrointestinal physiology and has published extensively and received numerous awards for her academic contributions as well as her teaching, administrative skills, and mentoring. In the role of Vice Dean, Barrett is working to create an innovative vision for the future of research at the School of Medicine that emphasizes collaboration to transform health. She is responsible for implementing key initiatives and fostering partnerships across UC Davis Health, and with other schools, centers, and colleagues throughout UC Davis. Barrett will also lead the medical school's collaborative efforts to develop UC Davis' [Aggie Square](#) research program.

**Dr. Amy Brooks-Kayal** is the Chair of Neurology. She joined UC Davis in October 2020 after 12 years as a Professor of Pediatrics, Neurology and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Chief and Ponzio Family Chair of Pediatric Neurology at the University of Colorado School and Children's Hospital Colorado. Her research focuses on regulation of gene expression during epileptogenesis. She is a Past President of the American Epilepsy Society, a past member of the NIH/NINDS Advisory Council and CURE Scientific Advisory Board, a member of the Commission on North American Affairs of the ILAE, a Director of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and a co-director of the national Child Neurology Career Development K12 program.

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