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Subject: Dr. Richard P. Shannon Named U.Va. Executive Vice President for Health Affairs

Dear Members of the University Community:

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Richard Patrick Shannon is joining the University of Virginia as our Executive Vice President for Health Affairs.

Dr. Shannon is nationally recognized for patient-care innovation, research, and educational and clinical experience. He has a strong track record of success within a complex, academic health center. He currently serves as the Frank Wister Thomas Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, and as chairman of the Department of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania Health System. He oversees the largest academic department at Penn, with more than 400 faculty members, 360 residents and fellows, and 1,200 staff. Dr. Shannon is a leader in biomedical research. He oversees a \$160 million research portfolio and has led recent efforts to increase the commercialization of new discoveries across Penn's medical school and the entire university.

His position, which reports directly to me, is part of a reorganization in the Health System. Dr. Shannon's primary responsibility will be to align the key components of the U.Va. Health System to position it to achieve the goal of becoming a top-decile academic medical center. Dr. Shannon will also work closely with Executive Vice President and Provost John D. Simon and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Patrick D. Hogan to advance the strategic goals of the University.

Dr. Nancy E. Dunlap, dean of the School of Medicine, and Dorrie Fontaine, dean of the School of Nursing, will report to Dr. Shannon for clinical responsibilities, and to Executive Vice President and Provost John D. Simon for academic responsibilities. In addition, R. Edward Howell, CEO of the Medical Center, and Gretchen Arnold, associate dean and director of the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, will report to Dr. Shannon.

A native of Bridgeport, Conn., Dr. Shannon earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton University and his M.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He did his internal medicine training at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. Prior to joining Penn in 2006, Dr. Shannon served as a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and at the Drexel University College of Medicine, and was chair of the Department of Medicine at Allegheny General Hospital.

His own research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the use of incretin-based therapies in the treatment of heart failure. Dr. Shannon's work in improving patient safety has garnered national attention, and he is the recipient of numerous awards for his work as an educator, researcher, and physician.

He will begin in his new role on or before Nov. 1. Please join me in welcoming Rick Shannon and his wife, Dr. Brandy Patterson, to our University community.

Teresa A. Sullivan
President

President Sullivan approved distribution of this message.