

*Sent on behalf of Richard V. Homan, MD, President & Provost,  
Eastern Virginia Medical School, and Dean of the School of Medicine*

Dear Colleagues:

As we begin a new academic year, this is an appropriate time to implement organizational changes which will position us for the future and better align leadership with our core missions. With that in mind, I am pleased to announce the following:

Jerry Nadler, MD, Professor and Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, will be taking on the additional part-time responsibility of Vice Dean for Research. In this capacity, Dr. Nadler will provide executive leadership and strategic oversight for our research enterprise while seeking ways to strengthen our infrastructure, enhance our translational research capability and promote collaboration with our strategic partners.

Bill Wasilenko, PhD, Associate Dean for Research, will continue in his current role, maintaining leadership responsibility for all operational aspects of the Office of Research while working closely with Dr. Nadler on strategic initiatives.

Ms. Claudia Keenan, Vice President for External Affairs and Development, will expand her role to include assisting with activities in legislative affairs.

The department Chairs and the Director of the Leroy T. Canoles Jr., Cancer Research Center will continue to have a direct reporting line to the President & Dean.

Under the revised organizational structure, my SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM will be comprised of the following individuals:

- Alfred Z. Abuhamad, MD - Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, Chair of Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

- Mark Babashanian - Vice President for Administration and Finance
- C. Donald Combs, PhD - Vice President and Dean, School of Health Professions
- Brant M. Cox - Chief of Staff
- Ronald W. Flenner, MD - Vice Dean for Medical Education
- Mekbib Gameda - Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion
- Claudia E. Keenan - Vice President for External Affairs and Development
- James F. Lind, Jr. - Chief Executive Officer, EVMS Medical Group
- Elza Mylona, PhD - Vice Dean for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development
- Jerry Nadler, MD - Vice Dean for Research, Chair of Department of Internal Medicine
- Stacy R. Purcell, JD - General Counsel
- Karen Remley, MD - Founding Director, Brock Institute
- Bill Wasilenko, PhD - Associate Dean for Research

Here's a link to the [revised organizational chart](#) for your reference. I thank all the members of my management team – and each of you – for dedicated service to Eastern Virginia Medical School. Together, we can ensure that EVMS becomes the most community-oriented school of medicine and health professions in the nation.

Sincerely,  
Richard V. Homan, MD  
President & Provost, Eastern Virginia Medical School  
Dean of the School of Medicine