

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to inform you that Dr. Kenneth Dorshkind, Distinguished Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, will be appointed as Interim Director of the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and President of the Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation, effective October 1, 2015. Dr. Dorshkind will be taking over for Dr. Judith Gasson, who has served in these roles since 1995.



Dr. Dorshkind is a highly respected scientist and leader in the research community with a focus on lymphocyte development from hematopoietic stem cells. He became an independent researcher at UC Riverside in 1983, and joined the UCLA faculty in 1997. Within the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Dr. Dorshkind has also served as Vice Chair for Research since 2003. Additionally, he has served in multiple leadership roles, including Director for Shared Resources and member of JCCC Senior Leadership since 2011; Secretary of the Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation since 2013; Academic Associate Director of the Broad Stem Cell Research Center since 2005; and Director for the Shared Resources Consortium for the Vice Chancellor for Research since 2012.

In these important roles, Dr. Dorshkind has earned a reputation as a thoughtful and productive leader and an outstanding administrator. As a Senior Leader in the JCCC, he has a great understanding of the Cancer Center's mission and has been an integral figure in defining the JCCC's role within the UCLA campus.

The search for a permanent Director is ongoing. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Dorshkind to this position and in thanking Dr. Gasson for her many years of exemplary service to the University.

Sincerely,

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