

# The Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences Congratulates R.V. Paul Chan, MD, MSc, MBA, FACS

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We are pleased to announce that R.V. Paul Chan, MD, MSc, MBA, FACS has been appointed as Head of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Chicago campus, pending formal approval by the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. Dr. Chan has served as the interim head since April 1, 2019.

Dr. Chan joined the College of Medicine in 2015 after serving nine years on faculty at Weill Cornell Medical College as Director of the Retina Service and Vitreoretinal Fellowship. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and MD from the Temple University School of Medicine. After completing Ophthalmology residency at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical College, Dr. Chan went on to a fellowship in vitreoretinal surgery at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary at Harvard Medical School. Most recently, Dr. Chan completed his MBA from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business.

The John H. Panton, MD Professor of Ophthalmology at the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary and College of Medicine, Dr. Chan is the Co-Director of the Vitreoretinal Fellowship and the Director of the Pediatric Retina and Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) Service. His clinical practice focuses on vitreoretinal surgery and he is internationally renowned for his expertise in caring for children with ROP.

Dr. Chan has served as Associate Head for Clinical Affairs and Global Ophthalmology at UIC. His primary research interests focus on utilizing new technology and imaging techniques to better evaluate and manage children with retinal disease. He has authored over 130 peer-reviewed articles and receives grant funding from the NIH, the NSF, and a number of charitable foundations.

Dr. Chan is a leader in academic ophthalmology and organized medicine. He is on the Board of Trustees for Helen Keller International and is a member of the Board of Visitors for Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. He served as the Founding Executive Editor of the American Academy of Ophthalmology's (AAO) Global Ophthalmology Guide, is an assistant editor for the journal, Retina, and is on the editorial board for the Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, the Asia-Pacific Journal of Ophthalmology, and the Journal of VitreoRetinal Diseases. He is an active member and holds leadership positions in a number of major ophthalmic societies, including the American Eye Study Club, the American Ophthalmological Society, the Club Jules Gonin, the Retina Society, the Macula Society, the American Society of Retina Specialists, the Chinese American Ophthalmological Society, and is a founding member of the Vit-Bukle Society. Dr. Chan is also the Associate Secretary for English Language for the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology and is the Secretary for Global Alliances for the AAO.

Congratulations to Dr. Chan - we look forward to his leadership and service at the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

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