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Taylor Riall, MD, PhD

A Message from the Interim Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Taylor Riall, MD, PhD, has been appointed interim chair of the Department of Surgery, effective Sept. 1, 2019.

Dr. Riall has more than 15 years of clinical experience, with a special focus on quality cancer care and the care of surgical patients. She joined the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson Department of Surgery in 2015 as a professor of surgery and chief of the Division of General Surgery and Surgical Oncology.

Prior to joining the UA, Dr. Riall was a professor of surgery at The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). She holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Rutgers University and a doctorate in clinical science from UTMB. She earned her medical degree from The Johns Hopkins University. She also is a graduate of the prestigious Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women.

Dr. Riall has served in numerous leadership roles while at the UA: She was vice chair of quality and performance in the Department of Surgery from 2015–2017 and served as acting chair of the Department of Surgery from 2017–2018. I am confident Dr. Riall is the right candidate for this interim role. Please join me in congratulating her on this new position.

Sincerely,

Irv Kron, MD

Interim Dean, College of Medicine – Tucson
Senior Associate Vice President, UA Health Sciences
Professor, Department of Surgery

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