

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to inform you that Richard Schilsky, MD has announced that he will be resigning from his position as Chief of the Section of Hematology/Oncology effective January 2, 2013 to assume the role of Chief Medical Officer for the American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO). Dr. Schilsky has served as a distinguished member of the Department of Medicine's faculty for nearly 30 years. He was promoted to Professor in 1991 and appointed as Chief of Hematology/Oncology in 2009. He is past director of the University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center (1991-99) and the former Associate Dean for Clinical Research (1999-2007) in the Biological Sciences Division. Dr. Schilsky served for 15 years as Chairman of the Cancer and Leukemia Group B, an NCI funded national cancer clinical trials network, and served as the President of ASCO from 2008-2009. He also serves as Co-Leader of the Clinical Trials Cluster for the Institute for Translational Medicine. Rich has achieved great national stature as an outstanding investigator focused on drug development and GI malignancies.

As Chief of the Section of Hematology/Oncology since 2009, Dr. Schilsky is responsible for several key recruitments in the clinical and scientific arenas and contributed greatly to the development of a new clinical cancer center in collaboration with Silver Cross Hospital. He is also responsible for implementing a leukemia hospitalist service and redesigning the outpatient operations to improve efficiency and patient satisfaction. During his tenure as Chief, the Section maintained its reputation as one of the top cancer programs in the United States and received continued recognition for its outstanding research and educational programs.

I am in the process of organizing interim leadership for the Section and forming a search committee for an accomplished leader in medical oncology and I look forward to working with Section faculty during this transition period.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Rich for his hard work and dedication to the Section, Department and enterprise over the past thirty years. We will miss him greatly as he assumes his new position at ASCO and as Professor Emeritus. Please join me in wishing Rich tremendous success in the future and thanking him for his contributions on behalf of the Department of Medicine, BSD and University of Chicago.

Sincerely,

Ev

Everett E. Vokes, MD.

John E. Ultmann Professor

Chairman, Department of Medicine

Physician-in-Chief, University of Chicago Medicine