

Dear Colleagues,

Thanks to those of you who attended my State of the Section address today. For those not able to attend, I am writing to share the news that I have informed Dr. Vokes of my desire to step down as Section Chief in order to pursue a new opportunity. I have accepted a position as Chief Medical Officer of the American Society of Clinical Oncology to begin next year. I plan to retire from the University of Chicago faculty at the end of this year and then take a bit of time off before beginning work at ASCO at the end of February. Dr. Vokes will inform you of his plans for leadership transition in the near future.

I have been a faculty member at the University of Chicago since 1984 and have a relationship with this great institution that extends over more than 40 years, since I entered medical school here in 1971. It has been a great joy to work here and to serve the institution in many roles during my time on the faculty. And it has been my privilege to serve as your Section Chief for the last 3 years. I think we have achieved some great things together. The Section is on sound footing and poised for continued growth. This has been made possible by you and the work you do every day on behalf of our patients and in your dedication to our research and education missions. I wish each of you continued success in the years ahead.

Best regards,

Rich

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