

Dr. Lee Hamm to lead Tulane University School of Medicine

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Dr. Lee Hamm, who joined Tulane University's faculty in 1992 as professor of medicine and physiology, has been named senior vice president and dean of [Tulane School of Medicine](#), effective July 1.

[Hamm](#), who currently holds positions as the Harry B. Greenberg Chair of Medicine at Tulane, the executive vice dean of the School of Medicine and chair of the Department of Medicine, served as interim dean of the School of Medicine in 2007. He is also co-director of the [Tulane Hypertension and Renal Center of Excellence](#).

"I have worked closely with Lee for 15 years and I am confident that his knowledge of Tulane and the landscape of medical education, research and clinical practice make him an outstanding choice to lead the medical school," Tulane President Scott Cowen said. "Lee has an outstanding national reputation as a medical researcher, educator and clinician."

Prior to joining Tulane, Hamm held faculty appointments at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, where he was associate professor of medicine and associate professor of cell biology and physiology.

"I am honored and thrilled by the prospect of leading a school that is as nationally recognized and accomplished as Tulane School of Medicine," Hamm said. "I look forward to working with a team that will enable Tulane to continue its leadership role in educating the next generation of doctors, conducting life-saving research and advancing medical breakthroughs while facing the challenges and opportunities brought about by the dramatic changes in healthcare, both locally and nationally."

Hamm will succeed current medical school dean, Dr. Benjamin Sachs, who announced his resignation last month.

Founded in 1834, Tulane School of Medicine is the second-oldest medical school in the Deep South and the 15th oldest medical school in the United States.