

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF MEDICINE

School of Medicine Faculty Accomplishments

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Steven A. Lieberman, MD, FACP, as holder of the John P. McGovern Distinguished Chair in Oslerian Medicine. Dr. Lieberman serves as Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. The endowment was created in 2007 by the John P. McGovern Foundation to foster UTMB's endeavors in educating and training future physicians to give compassionate, scientifically sound, patient-centered care in the tradition of William Osler.



Dr. Lieberman has been a strong advocate for promoting a challenging, rewarding, and supportive academic environment to produce skillful, compassionate physicians. As Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Dr. Lieberman leads the school's efforts in medical education. He has been heavily involved in restructuring and continuously modernizing the medical school curriculum, which has drawn national and international attention. Dr. Lieberman played a key role in our continued accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the accrediting authority for medical education programs leading to the MD degree in U.S. and Canadian medical schools. He was instrumental in working with faculty and students to conduct an extensive institutional self study in preparation of the LCME site visit to our campus in December, 2006, and has prepared for a post-Ike LCME site visit this month.

Beyond UTMB, Dr. Lieberman currently serves as President of the University of Texas Academy of Health Science Education, an organization established to recognize the most outstanding educators in all disciplines across the system's six health science campuses. He is a catalyst for stimulating technological advances to teach and assess the quality of care. He serves as Chair of the Physiology Test Material Development Committee at the National Board of Medical Examiners in Philadelphia, with whom he has worked since 2004. In September 2008, he was appointed Director of the University of Texas System-wide Innovations in Health Science Education Program.

Dr. Lieberman has received numerous honors and awards for his teaching activities. He was appointed inaugural holder of the Dr. and Mrs. A.H. Potthast Professorship in Teaching Excellence for his leadership role in advancing educational innovations at UTMB and for his dedication to students. He has received annual awards as Director of the Best Course for Second Year Students for his Endocrinology/Reproduction class and the Golden Apple Award for the best preclinical instructor several times each. He also received the UTMB American Medical Women's Association Gender Equity Award and the Department of Internal Medicine's Clinical Teaching Award. In 1999, Dr. Lieberman was one of ten faculty members throughout Texas to be honored as a Piper Professor for superior teaching in higher education by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation.

Dr. Lieberman maintains clinical responsibilities within the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism. He sees a wide range of endocrine patients and has a major interest in pituitary disease.

Dr. Lieberman earned his MD from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas in 1985. He completed his training in internal medicine at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, CA followed by a clinical and research fellowship in endocrinology at Stanford University Medical Center. He was a member of the faculty of the George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C. before joining the UTMB faculty in 1994. Dr. Lieberman served as Associate Dean for Educational Affairs from 2001-2005.

Dr. Lieberman has had an impact on medical education at an organizational level and beyond. His teaching efforts emphasize compassion toward patients, and his appointment to this prestigious position is a most fitting recognition of his contributions. Please join me in congratulating him on this well-deserved honor.

Sincerely,

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