

**From:** LCOM Office of the Dean

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**Subject:** ON BEHALF OF DEANS PAGE AND DESCHAMPS - Acting/Interim Leadership in Psychiatry

Dear Larner and UVM Health Network Communities,

We are pleased to announce that Robert Althoff, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry, will serve as Acting Chair of the Department of Psychiatry effective September 1, and will become Interim Chair of the Department on October 1. Dr. Althoff will replace Robert Pierattini, M.D., who on October 1 will transition to Interim Leader in three key roles: President and CEO of the University of Vermont Health Network Medical Group; Executive Vice President of Clinical Affairs for UVM Health Network; and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at The Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine.

Dr. Althoff received his M.D. from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He did an internship and residency in pediatrics/child neurology at Washington University St. Louis/St Louis Children's Hospital, and a residency in Psychiatry at the University of Vermont/Fletcher Allen Health Care, followed by a fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Althoff has been a member of the UVM faculty and UVMHN Medical Group since 2006, and since 2017 has served as Medical Director, Psychiatry, at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital in Plattsburgh, N.Y., and Division Chief, Adirondack Division, in the Department of Psychiatry. Since 2019 he has also served as Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs in the Department of Psychiatry. From 2014 to 2017 he was Executive Vice President of UVM's Research Center for Children, Youth and Families.

Dr. Althoff is a national leader in child and adolescent psychiatry, with a research focus in the area of child emotion regulation. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and is an Associate Editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*. Dr. Althoff teaches undergraduate, graduate, and medical students along with residents and fellows, and mentors Ph.D. students in his laboratory. He has twice received awards for Excellence in Academic Teaching within the Psychiatry Residency at UVM.

We are deeply grateful that Dr. Althoff has agreed to serve in these acting and interim roles, while we undertake a national search for permanent leadership for this important department.

Sincerely,

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