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Dear Larner Community,

We are writing to inform you of the beginning of a process of leadership transition in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. Ira Bernstein, MD, who has led the department as chair and physician leader for 11 years, has announced his intention to step down as Chair on December 31, 2023.

Dr. Bernstein has served as Chair and Health Care Service Leader since 2012. A 1983 graduate of LCOM, he joined the faculty at UVM in 1990 after taking fellowship here in Maternal Fetal Medicine. He also served as Senior Associate Dean for Research from 2009-2014. An internationally accomplished physician-scientist, Dr. Bernstein intends to continue as a professor after stepping down as Chair.

We will be starting a national search, with the plan to have the next Chair in place for transition on January 1, 2024. Further information on the process for the search, including stakeholder input, will be provided in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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