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Dear Larner College of Medicine and University of Vermont Health Network Communities,

In a week that is filled with the spirit of renewal, as we prepare to welcome the Medical Class of 2025, we are pleased to take note of another new beginning that affects both the University and the University of Vermont Health Network. In April it was announced that Randall F. Holcombe, M.D., M.B.A., would be the next Director of the University of Vermont Cancer Center and the Division Chief for the Division of Hematology and Oncology in the Department of Medicine. This week Dr. Holcombe begins his tenure in each of these vital positions.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death both in our nation and our state. For 47 years, the University of Vermont Cancer Center has lived the land grant mission of the University by giving Vermonter's access to innovative cancer research, preventive and treatment programs that save lives, and education programs for all the public. The physicians and scientist members of the Center are integrated throughout seven colleges and schools at the University of Vermont, and from many departments of the Larner College of Medicine and across the University of Vermont Medical Center and University of Vermont Health Network.

Dr. Holcombe brings a wealth of experience of over three decades in cancer research and care, including leading more than 150 cancer-related clinical trials, and several National Institutes of Health project grants. He has held important leadership roles at other cancer centers, including five years as leader of the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center, which he led through a successful re-designation by the National Cancer Institute. Hawai'i, like Vermont, is a largely rural state, and Dr. Holcombe brings relevant and valuable experience and insights into bringing research and care to rural populations.

We anticipate that Dr. Holcombe will have a major impact on the work of our institutions, and we thank Dr. Richard Galbraith and Dr. Chris Holmes, who provided interim leadership of the University of Vermont Cancer Center and the Division of Hematology and Oncology. We also encourage you to reach out to Dr. Holcombe to add your welcome to our good wishes.

Sincerely,

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