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COLLEGE NOTICE

NEW DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE IN THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE & NEW HEADS OF DEPARTMENT

The Faculty of Medicine will operate a new departmental structure from the start of the academic year 2019-20.

From August 2019 the Faculty will comprise eight academic departments:

- Institute of Clinical Sciences
- National Heart and Lung Institute
- School of Public Health
- Department of Surgery and Cancer
- Department of Infections (new)
- Department of Immunology and Inflammation (new)
- Department of Brain Sciences (new)
- Department of Metabolism (new)

The formal titles of the four new departments remain to be finalised and will be confirmed during 2019 as part of preparation for the launch of the new structure.

The following Head of Department appointments have been made, with effect from 1 August 2019 for an initial period of five years, to lead the four newly created academic departments within the Faculty of Medicine.

HEAD OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF METABOLISM

Professor Mark Thursz MD FRCP has accepted appointment as Head of the new Department of Metabolism. He is currently Interim Head for the Department of Surgery and Cancer, a role which he will hold until Professor George Hanna takes up the position in February 2019 (see below). Professor Thursz's research interests are focused on viral hepatitis and alcohol-related liver disease.

HEAD OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF IMMUNOLOGY AND INFLAMMATION

Professor Marina Botto FMedSci has accepted appointment as Head of the new Department of Immunology and Inflammation. Professor Botto holds a chair in Rheumatology and is the Head of the Division of Immunology and Inflammation within the Department of Medicine. Her research focuses on how complement deficiency contributes to the autoimmune disease systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). Professor Botto also serves as Director of Bioservices for the College.

HEAD OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF INFECTIONS

Professor Wendy Barclay has accepted appointment as Head of the new Department of Infections. Professor Barclay holds the Action Medical Research Chair in Virology. Her research focusses on respiratory viruses, in particular influenza virus, with an aim of understanding the molecular and cellular basis of the pathogenesis, host range restrictions and transmissibility of influenza viruses.

HEAD OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF BRAIN SCIENCES

Professor Paul Matthews FRCP FMedSci OBE has accepted appointment as Head of the new Department of Brain Sciences. Professor Matthews holds the Edmond and Lily Safra Chair in Translational Neuroscience and Therapeutics and is currently Head of the Division of Brain Sciences within the Department of Medicine. He is also Associate Director of the UK Dementia Research Institute (UK DRI) and head of the UK DRI Centre at Imperial. His research focusses on innovative translational applications of clinical imaging and roles of neuroinflammation in neurodegenerative diseases.

In addition to these new roles, the role of Head of the existing Department of Surgery and Cancer has now been filled.

HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY AND CANCER

Professor George Hanna FRCS has accepted appointment as Head of the Department of Surgery and Cancer with effect from 1 February 2019, for an initial period of 5 years.

Professor Hanna is currently Head of the Division of Surgery within the department, and holds a chair in Surgical Sciences. Professor Hanna's main research interests are in non-invasive early cancer detection and the use of novel technologies to improve surgical quality. He leads an NIHR programme for point of care diagnostics in cancer and gastrointestinal diseases. His educational research aims to develop competency assessment tools for training and quality assurance of surgical performance in randomised controlled oncological trials.

A full list of the current Heads of Department for the Faculty of Medicine is available at: www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/about-us/faculty-leadership

Further details about the reorganisation of the Faculty department structure are available at: www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/about-us/faculty-leadership/department_changes_2019-20.

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