

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Wendy W. Chapman, Ph.D.**, as Associate Dean for Health Informatics and Director of the Center for Clinical Informatics effective July 7, succeeding Christoph Lehmann, M.D., who retired in 2024. She will also be the Chief Learning Health Officer for UT Southwestern Health System and will be the holder of the Fred F. Florence Bioinformation Center Fund in support of her efforts.

Dr. Chapman joins us from the University of Melbourne where she is Associate Dean of Digital Health and Informatics, and inaugural Director of the Centre for Digital Transformation of Health.

After completing undergraduate studies in linguistics and Chinese, Dr. Chapman earned her Ph.D. in medical informatics from the University of Utah. She then pursued a postdoctoral fellowship in biomedical informatics at the University of Pittsburgh and an internship at the National Library of Medicine.

Over the last 20 years, Dr. Chapman has held faculty positions and progressive leadership roles at the University of Pittsburgh, University of California, San Diego, and the University of Utah, where she returned to be Professor and Chair of the Department of Biomedical Informatics. She has also been a funded health services researcher at the VA San Diego and VA Salt Lake City Health Care Systems.



Dr. Chapman devoted the first part of her career to natural language processing of clinical notes – developing and evaluating easy-to-use algorithms, sharing schemas, data, and annotations, and building collaborations. Aware of the great potential of clinical informatics to have a direct impact on health care, she took on leadership positions with the goal of bridging digital health research, clinical care delivery, and consumer empowerment.

The multidisciplinary team she has assembled at the University of Melbourne is collaborating with clinicians and innovators to develop and implement digital health solutions to pressing health care problems and is training the workforce in application of learning health system principles to innovate and validate digitally enabled models of care.

A widely cited leader in the field of medical informatics, she has been recognized with multiple honors including election to the National Academy of Medicine (2017), the American Medical Informatics Association's Donald A.B. Lindberg Award for Innovation in Informatics (2017), and election as a Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics (2023).

In her new role, Dr. Chapman will provide strategic leadership of translational health informatics and learning health system research. She will support investigators in better leveraging data and technology to improve health and health care delivery. She will also help students learn to thrive in today's health care environment. Her expertise and vision will help propel UT Southwestern to become a national model of a research-driven learning health system.

Dr. Chapman will be joined in her move by her husband, Brian Chapman, Ph.D., who is a health informaticist interested in patient empowerment, her daughter who will be enrolling in UT Southwestern's MPH program, and her three huskies.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Chapman to UT Southwestern.

Sincerely,

Eric Peterson, M.D., M.P.H.

Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research

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