On behalf of the UCLA Department of Urology and the UCLA Institute of Urologic Oncology, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Jim C. Hu, MD, MPH to the position Professor and Henry E. Singleton Chair in Urology, Director of Minimally Invasive Urology, Co-Director of the UCLA Center for Advanced Surgical and Interventional Technology, and Director of the Urology Procedures Unit. He will join the UCLA faculty in April, 2012.

Dr. Hu earned his Bachelor of Science in economics and his Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University and his medical doctorate from Baylor College of Medicine. He completed his surgery and urology residency training at UCLA and a fellowship in minimally invasive and robotic urology at City of Hope National Medical Center. He is currently Associate Professor of Surgery/Urology at Harvard Medical School, where he serves as Director of Urologic Robotic and Minimally Invasive Surgery and Director of the Minimally Invasive Urologic Oncology fellowship at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

A former American Foundation for Urologic Disease scholar, Dr. Hu has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the US Department of Defense, and the Lance Armstrong Foundation. He has focused his academic energies in the translational population sciences in prostate and kidney cancer. His 2009 JAMA paper on the comparative effectiveness of open versus robotic radical prostatectomy set a new standard for more rigorous and thoughtful analysis of outcomes in the current era of new technology in urology. He has lectured extensively in the United States and internationally and is highly regarded as a clinical and didactic teacher.

In addition to developing and enhancing UCLA’s clinical program in minimally invasive and robotic urologic oncology, Dr. Hu will also support the Department’s efforts in minimally invasive and robotic intervention in benign urology. He will also be responsible for formalizing and leading the Department’s graduate medical education and continuing medical education programs in minimally invasive urology.

Dr. Hu will continue his work as a physician-scientist, focusing on health services and outcomes research, as well as the development of new technology in minimally invasive urology.

Dr. Hu will serve in all aspects of executing the mission of UCLA Urology: to improve urological health and health care, we seek to create world leaders in urological health and science, discover the basis for urological health and cures for urological disease, optimize urological health through community partnerships, and heal humankind one urological patient at a time.
We look forward to welcoming Dr. Hu home to UCLA Urology.

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