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Dr. Brett Giroir assumed interim leadership of Texas A&M Health Science Center in October 2013. The Texas A&M Health Science Center is a premier assembly of colleges devoted to educating health professionals and researchers that seeks to transform health through innovative teaching and research in dentistry, medicine, nursing, biomedical sciences, pharmacy and public health.

Prior to joining the Health Science Center, Dr. Giroir served as Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives for the Texas A&M University System and Principal Investigator for the Texas A&M Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing, a public-private partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services designed to enhance the nation's emergency preparedness against emerging infectious diseases, including pandemic influenza, and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats.

Dr. Giroir received his undergraduate degree in Biology, *magna cum laude*, from Harvard University and his medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, *Alpha Omega Alpha*. His post-doctoral training was conducted at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Dallas under the mentorship of Dr. Bruce Beutler. Dr. Giroir remained on the faculty at UT Southwestern from 1993-2004, achieving a rank of tenured Professor. He held two endowed chairs, and served as the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at UT Southwestern Medical Center, as well as the first Chief Medical Officer at Children's Medical Center of

Dallas. He has published extensively in both the basic and clinical literature, with special emphasis on host-pathogen interactions and novel therapies for life-threatening infectious diseases.

As a member of the Defense Research Council from 1999-2004, he served as Co-Chair for several studies including Advanced Biological Weapons Decontamination, Joint Studies on Biological and Chemical Weapons Proliferation, Universal Medical Countermeasures to Biological Threat Agents, and Agricultural Biotechnology and Bioterrorism. From 2004 until 2008, Dr. Giroir accepted the opportunity to serve in the Federal Government as Deputy Director, then Director, of the Defense Sciences Office of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) in Arlington, Virginia. Dr. Giroir directed a research portfolio of approximately \$450 million annually that spanned from fundamental physics to biodefense. Dr. Giroir was appointed by USD-ATL to serve on the Threat Reduction Advisory Committee (TRAC) from 2008 – 2010, during which time he chaired the Chemical and Biological Defense Panel.

Dr. Giroir is currently a member of the Scientific and Prevention Advisory Council of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT), the Scientific Advisory Boards of the Biodesign Institute at Arizona State University and the A. Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute at the University of Michigan, and on the Board of Directors for BioHouston and NASA's National Space Biomedical Research Institute. Dr. Giroir is a former member of the American Board of Pediatrics, the Defense Sciences Research Council, The NASA Planetary Protection Panel, and an alumnus of the Defense Sciences Study Group.

Dr. Giroir is the recipient of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, the Texas A&M University System Excellence in Innovation Award in 2010, and was a finalist for the 2012 Dallas Morning News Texan of the Year Award. He is a native of Marrero, Louisiana, is married to Jill S. Giroir, J.D., and has two daughters, Jacqueline (Texas A&M '11) and Madeline (Texas A&M '15).