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Communication from Geisel Dean's Office:

We are pleased to share with you that Barbara C. Jobst, MD, Dr. med, will become the next Chair of the Department of Neurology at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) and Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine.

Dr. Jobst is currently the vice chair of Neurology and section chief of Adult Neurology. She has directed the Epilepsy Center at D-H and is the Louis and Ruth Frank Professor of Neuroscience at Geisel. She succeeds Jeffrey A. Cohen, MD, who retired as department chair in January 2021. In becoming Chair, Dr. Jobst takes on the leadership of a strong department, distinguished for its innovation in research, teaching and outstanding patient care.

Dr Jobst's research and clinical work in epilepsy are significant and widely known. She has successfully grown the reach and impact of the Epilepsy Center at D-H regionally and nationally. In addition to her clinical activity, she is active in research and is the creator of the Home-Based Self-Management and Cognitive Training Changes Lives (HOBSCOTCH) program, developed at D-H, specifically for people with epilepsy and designed to help improve memory performance in people who suffer from seizures. Her other work includes studying implanted brain stimulation devices that detect seizure activity in the brain and wirelessly transmit the information to a patient's neurologist for treatment. She has also studied brain stimulation for memory improvement and the effect of music on the brain. Her work is widely published, with more than 120 peer-reviewed articles, and her research has been funded by public, private, and foundation sources., and she has presented on epilepsy and on her research at conferences nationally and internationally. She has trained many residents, fellows and graduate students, many of which have proceeded to successful careers by themselves.

Among Dr. Jobst's many honors and awards are the Transforming Leader award from the American Academy of Neurology, the lifetime achievement award of the Kniffin-Penry Award for Excellence in Epilepsy Care from the American Epilepsy Society and the New Hampshire Tech Alliance's TechWomen/TechGirls Tech Professional of the Year award. She earned a medical degree with honors and a PhD-equivalent degree from Friedrich-Alexander Universität, in Erlangen- Nürnberg, Germany. She first came to Dartmouth in 1992 as an exchange student at Geisel (formerly known as Dartmouth Medical School). Dr. Jobst completed residencies in Neurology at Krankenhaus der Barmherzigen Brüder in Regensburg, Germany and at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) where she also completed a fellowship in epilepsy. She is a graduate of the Hedwig van Amerigen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Fellowship at Drexel University in Philadelphia. She is board certified in Neurology, Epilepsy and Neurophysiology.

Dr. Jobst has also served in a number of leadership positions at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health and Geisel, including serving as an elected physician member of the D-H Boards of Trustees and the Board of Governors, as research integrity officer for the D-HH system, and director of Neurophysiology & EEG, the Women's Seizure Clinic at DHMC and director of the Epilepsy Center. Since arriving in 2001, she has risen through the faculty ranks at Geisel from assistant professor of Neurology to the Louis and Ruth Frank Professorship, to which she was appointed in 2017. She is the associate editor of the journal *Neurology*, and has represented Geisel as the senior faculty representative to the Council of Faculty and Academic Societies of the Association of American Medical Colleges. She has chaired the annual meeting of the American Epilepsy Society since 2018 and held multiple leadership roles in professional organizations.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Jobst on her new role to lead the Department of Neurology to even greater success and thanking her for her continued service to Geisel, D-H and our patients.