

## New Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology

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It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Catherine Park, MD <sup>[1]</sup>, as Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology, beginning July 1, after her service as interim chair since January 1, 2015.

Dr. Park has outstanding credentials as a physician-scientist and has proven herself a skilled and thoughtful leader and mentor. She was recruited to UCSF in 2000 from the Joint Center for Radiation Therapy, Harvard Medical School. She earned her medical degree at UCLA and completed her internship at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. She was a research fellow at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, where she later held a joint position as faculty biologist.

Dr. Park has a special interest in the treatment and biology of breast cancer and runs an NIH-funded laboratory investigating the role of integrins, the extracellular matrix and tumor microenvironment in radiation resistance. Dr. Park has contributed substantially to the scientific community, to NIH grant review panels, and as chair of the American Society of

Therapeutic Radiology & Oncology (ASTRO) Annual Meeting Education Committee among other notable leadership positions.

Being a consummate physician-scientist as well as an educator, she maintains an active clinical practice, which includes teaching residents and fellows. In addition, she has mentored numerous research fellows and medical students.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Park and supporting her in her new role.

Sincerely,

Bruce Wintroub  
Interim Dean of the School of Medicine

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