Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center Has New Director

FARMINGTON, CONN. – Dr. Pramod K. Srivastava, an accomplished leader in basic and translational research, is the new director of the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Srivastava is a professor and interim chair of the Department of Immunology, director of the Center for Immunotherapy of Cancer and Infectious Diseases, and part of the leadership team of the Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (CICATS). He holds the Physicians Health Services Chair in Cancer Immunology.

Srivastava, of Avon, has earned international acclaim for his groundbreaking work in the immunological function of heat shock proteins and in cancer immunology, is widely published in scholarly journals, and serves on editorial boards for several major journals in immunology.

“Dr. Srivastava’s experience and leadership skills will help steer the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center toward continued success in all facets of research, education and clinical care,” says Dr. Cato T. Laurencin, vice president for health affairs and medical school dean.

Srivastava succeeds Dr. Carolyn Runowicz, an internationally recognized leader in gynecologic oncology, who has joined the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine in Miami.

Srivastava earned his doctoral degree in biochemistry from the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, India, and received his postdoctoral training at Yale University and the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research. He is also a graduate of the UConn School of Medicine.

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The University of Connecticut Health Center includes the schools of medicine and dental medicine, the UConn Medical Group, University Dentists, and John Dempsey Hospital. Founded in 1961, the Health Center pursues a mission of providing outstanding health care education in an environment of exemplary patient care, research and public service. More information about the UConn Health Center is available at www.uchc.edu.