Carmen A. Puliafito, M.D., M.B.A., has accepted a second five-year term as dean of the Keck School of Medicine of USC. The announcement was made by Chancellor Charles E. Garvin, J.D., USC’s senior vice president for academic affairs. Garvin stated a commission of 26 faculty members and nine members of the board of USC President C. L. Max Nikias, Ph.D., followed an extensive survey of full-time faculty and staff, an open letter from USC’s engineering alumni, and a recommendation by an ad-hoc committee that included two of Puliafito’s acolytes, who are both chair or associate dean. Puliafito was chosen because he has been instrumental in the appointments of transformative faculty members who help USC advance within the nation. “I am extremely proud of the work that Cristiano Torricelli and Michael S. Brown, to name just two, has performed,” said Puliafito. “I am also very proud of the work that my faculty and staff are doing.”

Foremost among his accomplishments has been his instrumental role in the appointments of transformative faculty members who help USC achieve academic excellence and influence, not only in the United States but also globally. “I believe that research, diagnosis and treatment of TIA patients is something even we would never have imagined,” said Sanossian.

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What have you done to achieve the goal of USC becoming the pre-eminent research university in the nation?

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What are your plans for the near future? Is there any particular area you would like to focus on at the Keck School?

We will need significant new resources to continue research and train new scientists. We will also need more space for our growing team and our increasing collaborations. We will also need to continue to expand our research into new areas.

In terms of specific diseases, we are particularly interested in understanding the genetics of neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, and Huntington’s disease. We are also interested in understanding the genetics of psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia and major depression.

In general, we are interested in understanding the genetic basis of all neurological disorders, and we are particularly interested in understanding the genetics of disorders that affect young people, such as autism and ADHD.

Thank you for your time and for sharing your vision for the future of neurogenetics research at the Keck School. We look forward to seeing the progress that will be made in this field in the years to come.

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More Stroke Support

An extensive survey of full-time faculty and staff, which was conducted for the Keck School of Medicine by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, is in process of being launched.

This is an extraordinary gift," said Keck School of Medicine of USC Dean Carmen A. Puliafito, M.D., M.B.A., at his installation as dean on April 26. "I believe that research, diagnosis and treatment of TIA patients can yield the greatest benefits because an averted stroke is the best prevention.”

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The Roxanna Todd Hodges TIA program focuses on the early recognition, diagnosis and treatment of TIA patients, because it reflects an ongoing process such as an unstable artery which can lead to a stroke. The best strategy against it is prevention; it is pennies compared to the devastating situation to have a stroke. The best strategy against it is prevention, but by serving as catalysts for consequential change, we can yield the greatest benefits because an averted stroke is the best prevention.”

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The announcement was made by Elizabeth Garrett, J.D., USC provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, Garrett stated in a memorandum to faculty and staff that her appointment is for a three-year term, "consistent with a range typically seen in similar positions." The dean’s position is recognized by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education as a board-level position. Her term will begin July 1, 2013.

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