

OUR LEADERSHIP

John C. DeToledo M.D.

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CLINICAL AFFAIRS, DEAN, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Dr. John C. DeToledo was named the eighteenth dean of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) School of Medicine March 2024. He joined TTUHSC in April 2009 as the Founding Chair of the Department of Neurology. He previously served as the School of Medicine Acting Dean from December 2021-February 2022 and Interim Dean May 2023-February 2024.

He received his M.D. degree from Sao Paulo Medical School in 1980, and completed an internship in medicine at Columbia University and Neurology training at Boston University and the Boston City Hospital. He completed his fellowship in Epilepsy and Neurophysiology at the Oregon Comprehensive Epilepsy Program and stayed as the Cornelia Wheeler Division Chief of Epilepsy until 1992.

Dr. DeToledo moved to George Washington University where he became chief of the Division of Epilepsy and Neurophysiology and the Neurology Residency Program Director. In 1995 he moved to Riyadh to help establish the Epilepsy Program at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and in 1996, prior to moving to the University of Miami to serve as the Co-Director of the International Center for Epilepsy. In 2005 he served as the Chief of Epilepsy and Neurophysiology and the Chief of the MagnetoEncephalography Laboratory at Wake Forrest University.

Dr. DeToledo's research has been focused on the pharmacology and treatments for epilepsy. He is the author of numerous publications and has been a visiting professor and lecturer nationally and internationally in the field of epilepsy and the pharmacology of new antiepileptic drugs. He has been on the editorial boards of journals and has served on and chaired numerous conferences in the US and abroad.

In addition to his scientific efforts, Dr. DeToledo has been an active clinician, teacher, and mentor. He has trained over 50 epilepsy and neurophysiology specialists. Dr. DeToledo has been listed in Castle Connolly as one of the region's Best Doctors for eight consecutive years and was the recipient of the TTUHSC University Distinguished Professor award. Dr. DeToledo has served on the scientific advisory boards of several pharmaceutical companies and the prestigious J. Kin Penry Epilepsy Minifellowship Program.

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Felix G. Morales, M.D.

SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ADMISSIONS, TTUHSC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Dr. Felix Morales has served as Associate Dean of Admissions at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) School of Medicine since April 2017. A member of the TTUHSC School of Medicine Class of 2003, he completed his family medicine residency at TTUHSC, where he served as chief resident.

After practicing in rural West Texas, Dr. Morales returned to TTUHSC in 2012 and is now a tenured professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine. He is board-certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Committed to expanding access to medical education and improving care for underserved communities, Dr. Morales brings both personal and professional perspective to his work. Raised in Fort Stockton, Texas, he worked in agricultural fields as a teenager to support his family following his father's stroke—an experience that continues to shape his dedication to service and mentorship.

Through his leadership in admissions, education, and pathway programs, Dr. Morales has helped shape the physician workforce across Texas. He previously served as chair of the Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP) Council and supports initiatives including the Family Medicine Accelerate Track. He also serves as faculty advisor for the Latino Medical Student Association and founded the Bernard Harris Pre-Med Society at Texas Tech University.

Dr. Morales maintains an active full-spectrum family medicine practice in Lubbock and surrounding West Texas communities, caring for patients across all stages of life. A dedicated educator, he has received numerous honors, including the President's Teaching Award, the John Aure Buessler, MD Clinical Faculty Teaching Award, and the Texas Health Education Service Expanding Access Award. He is also a member of Alpha Omega Alpha and the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

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Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D.

PRESIDENT, TTUHSC

Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D., became the ninth president of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in June 2020, making her the first female president in the Texas Tech University System. She joined TTUHSC in 1987 and has held various leadership positions within the university, including Provost and Chief Academic Officer as well as Dean of the School of Health Professions.

Dr. Rice-Spearman is a nationally recognized innovator in health professions education, with numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals. She was appointed in 2024 to the state's II-member HealthCare Workforce Task Force by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at the governor's request. The task force aims to address health care workforce shortages in Texas and meet the growing demand for health care services. She also has served as an accreditation reviewer and site visitor for the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences and the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

As a proud TTUHSC alumna and native West Texan, Dr. Rice-Spearman has a deep connection to the region, which fuels her dedication to advancing access to quality care. She graduated from the School of Health Professions' inaugural class in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences program and earned her master's and Ph.D. from Texas Tech University.