

Introducing the New Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences



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JACK A. ELIAS, MD

Dr. Elias is the seventh dean of medicine and biological sciences at Brown. A preeminent physician-scientist, he brings to his new role decades of experience as a National Institutes of Health-funded researcher, a clinician specializing in pulmonary medicine, and chair of the Department of Medicine at the Yale School of Medicine.

As dean, he will oversee the Division of Biology and Medicine, which encompasses the Program in Biology and the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Dr. Elias will lead the Division through strategic growth in the life sciences and the implementation of a new dual-degree program focused on primary care at Alpert Medical School.

Dr. Elias is a member of the Institute of Medicine and served as president of the Association of American Physicians. He was appointed chair of the Department of Medicine at Yale and physician-in-chief of Yale-New Haven Hospital in 2006.

In a professional career spanning more than 30 years, Dr. Elias has cared for patients with a wide variety of lung ailments and injuries and has conducted research on conditions including asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia, pulmonary fibrosis, and the effects of smoking. He earned his bachelor's degree and MD at the University of Pennsylvania, served an internship at Tufts-New England Medical Center, and completed residency in medicine and fellowships in both pulmonary and critical care medicine and allergy and clinical immunology at the University of Pennsylvania.

An immunobiologist, Dr. Elias has trained scores of young researchers and published more than 200 original peer-reviewed research papers. He holds several patents with more pending.

He is married to Sandra Gross Elias, an attorney. The couple has one daughter.

“Our Medical School and research programs, for instance in brain science, are experiencing significant growth, and soon we will embark on a new strategic plan to continue this momentum. As an internationally recognized biomedical researcher, educator, administrator, and practitioner, Dr. Elias is a wonderful addition to our leadership team.”

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