

# Leadership Appointments at Wright State

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## *Howard M. Part, M.D.*

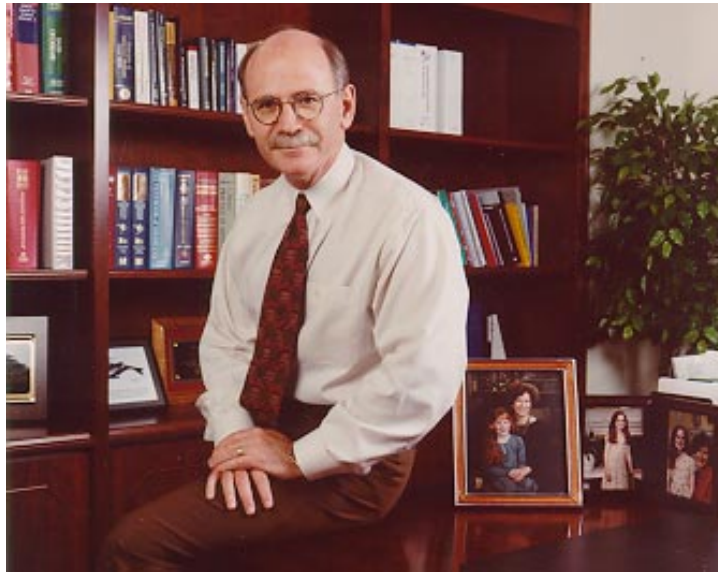
Howard M. Part, M.D., has been selected as the fifth dean of Wright State University School of Medicine, effective May 6, 1999. He had served as the medical school's acting dean since April 1998, when he replaced Kim Goldenberg, M.D., who was selected as president of Wright State University.

Dr. Part's affiliation with Wright State dates to 1986, when he joined the medical school's voluntary faculty. He is the first dean of medicine at Wright State to come from the ranks of the voluntary faculty.

More than 1,250 community physicians participate in Wright State's voluntary faculty. They supervise medical students and resident-physicians at eight affiliated teaching hospitals as well as their own community clinics and offices throughout the Miami Valley.

"I'm proud of my experience with Wright State's voluntary faculty," Dr. Part says. "As the School of Medicine celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, it's important to remember the instrumental role that our community's physicians played in starting the medical school and shaping its curriculum."

A native of New York City, Dr. Part received a B.S. degree from Ohio University. He holds an M.D. degree from Ohio State University, where he also completed residency. As an instructor at Ohio State, he helped to launch OSU's fledgling Division of General Internal Medicine.



Dr. Part entered private practice in Dayton in 1986 and supervised residents and Wright State medical students as an attending physician at Kettering Medical Center. He describes his years of private practice as a "real-world fellowship" that gave him a fresh perspective on working with generalists and specialists. "My training gave me the tools I needed to make the transition into private practice. Private practice provided the experience to sharpen those tools before coming back to academic medicine at Wright State."

After joining the medical school's fully affiliated faculty in 1988, Dr. Part held a succession of leadership positions. He was chief of the General Medicine Consult Service and director of the internal medicine residency program at the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center as well as the department's vice-chair for medical education. He served a term as the department's chair, then he was associate dean for faculty and clinical affairs at the School of Medicine from 1995-98.

Dr. Part is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP). He was recently the recipient of the Ohio Chapter's Governors Award.

Dr. Part's wife, Kristine Kunesh-Part, practices ophthalmology in Dayton with her father, Charles Kunesh, and brothers Michael and John.

Dr. Part is the author of publications and grants in both medical education and research, and has received numerous teaching awards. As dean, Dr. Part plans to build on the school's strengths in basic and clinical research and continue its commitment to diversity and advancing community partnerships.

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**Arthur S. Pickoff, M.D.**

Arthur S. Pickoff, M.D., was appointed professor and chair of Wright State's Department of Pediatrics, effective January 1999. He succeeds Maurice Kogut, M.D., who retired last August.



Dr. Pickoff comes to the position from Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, where he was professor of pediatrics and director of pediatric cardiology for 12 years.

A native of New York City, Dr. Pickoff received a B.A. degree from Queens College. He holds an M.D. degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and completed an internship and pediatrics residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital, also in New York City. He completed a pediatric cardiology fellowship and was a National Institutes of Health (NIH) postdoctoral trainee in cardiac electrophysiology at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

Dr. Pickoff is certified in pediatrics with subspecialty certification in pediatric cardiology by the American Board of Pediatrics. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Pickoff has published nine book chapters and more than 60 articles in scientific and medical journals.

His research interests include the pharmacology of anti-arrhythmic medications in children and the electrophysiology of the immature heart.

"I consider myself to be a pediatrician first and a cardiologist second," Dr. Pickoff says. "I would like pediatricians in the community to know that we are here to work with them as partners in medical education, pediatric care, and research.

"There is no question that the in-patient census in children's hospitals will continue to go down as we handle more procedures in the outpatient setting," he continues. "Pediatric care is moving out of the hospital into the community pediatrician's offices. More of our training programs therefore will have to move into community settings, too."

Dr. Pickoff launched a new research direction for the Department of Pediatrics with the formation of a Division of Pediatric Health Services Science, which will study research questions about clinical outcomes, cost-effectiveness, and public policies related to the health care of children and adolescents.

"We deliver care and teach in the community. We need to study the effects of those activities to make policy recommendations that enhance pediatric services," Dr. Pickoff says. "Wright State and the Dayton community are uniquely positioned to be able to answer those kinds of questions."