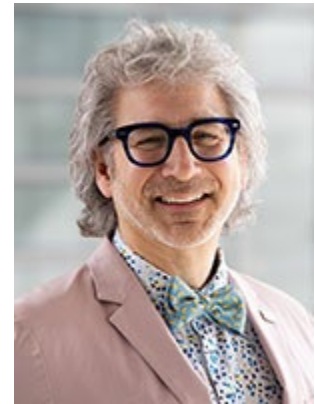




### **Einstein Community:**

I am writing to share the news that Joshua D. Nosanchuk, M.D., Einstein's senior associate dean for medical education since 2017, stepped down from this leadership position on June 30 to return fulltime to his NIH-funded laboratory. Todd Cassese, M.D., currently the associate dean for medical education at Einstein, is now the interim senior associate dean for medical education.

As many of you are aware, Dr. Nosanchuk has been an integral part of Einstein's M.D. education program for nearly three decades. He arrived at Einstein as a fellow in infectious diseases in 1995 and began teaching medical students the following year. He served as the co-director (2000-2008) and director (2008-2017) of the second-year M.D. course on microbiology and infectious diseases. In 2012, he became assistant dean in the office of student affairs, and in 2017, assumed leadership of the M.D. program.



During his tenure, Dr. Nosanchuk transitioned the M.D. curriculum to an innovative new structure: 17 months of pre-clerkship courses, followed by 12 months of clerkships and an 18-month individual professional development phase. Under his guidance, new courses in health system science and health equity, service learning, impact and scholarship have advanced and enhanced the M.D. student experience at Einstein.

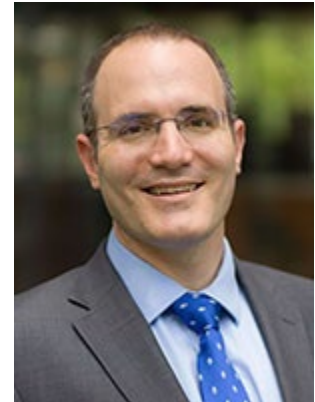
Notably, Dr. Nosanchuk led M.D. education through the COVID-19 pandemic. Under his direction, Einstein medical students were the first in NYC to return to clinical rotations in the spring of 2020, creating a path for fourth-year students to graduate early and begin providing care as physicians. Einstein was the only program in the city to provide all four years of M.D. students live, in-person learning in August 2020. Dr. Nosanchuk also served as a COVID-19 lead for the College of Medicine, creating key policies that kept our institution safe and open during the height of the pandemic.

In his leadership roles, Dr. Nosanchuk has served as an exceptionally dedicated and caring mentor and coach to a vast number of students, staff, and faculty. He has received several awards for his education work and was made an Honorary Alumnus of Einstein in 2015.

Dr. Nosanchuk has also maintained an active, NIH-funded laboratory at the College of Medicine since 1998. An internationally recognized physician-scientist, he has over 350 peer-reviewed papers that have been cited nearly 25,000 times. His current research focuses on the pathogenesis of *Candida*, *Cryptococcus*, and *Histoplasma*, which are global fungal threats.

Speaking on behalf of the entire Einstein community, I am deeply grateful to Dr. Nosanchuk for his seven years of transformative leadership and 30 years of service to the College of Medicine. I am certain that he will have great success returning full-time to the lab and wish him the best in all his endeavors.

I also appreciate Dr. Nosanchuk's help in ensuring a smooth transition in leadership to Dr. Cassese, whom Dr. Nosanchuk recruited to Einstein in 2018. During his time at Einstein, Dr. Cassese has made significant contributions to the M.D. program, including designing the Transition to Clerkship course and helping to implement the Transition to Residency program, enhancing clinical reasoning curriculum with the introduction of problem-based learning into the pre-clerkship and transition to clerkship curriculum, and launching the inclusion of National Board of Medical Examiners questions into the pre-clerkship phase this coming academic year. He also recruited Janice John, M.D., the assistant dean for integrated medical education, and is supporting the launch of the new learning communities under the leadership of Sandra Oza, M.D., ensuring our continued innovation of the medical education program during the upcoming academic year.



I have full confidence in Dr. Cassese as he assumes this critical position and thank you all in advance for offering him your congratulations and support.

**Warm Regards,**

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