## Beaumont Health System Appoints New Chief of Pediatric Surgery

It's our pleasure to announce the appointment of Anne Fischer, M.D., Ph.D., as chief of Pediatric Surgery for the Beaumont Health System and surgeon in chief of Beaumont Children's Hospital. She also serves as a professor at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.

Dr. Fischer comes to Beaumont from the Children's Medical Center of Dallas and University of Texas Southwestern Department of Surgery, where she served on the faculty since 2007. She began her academic career at Johns Hopkins, where she established an active basic science laboratory studying the use of gene therapy in genetic diseases, which led to National Institutes of Health funding. She also maintained an active clinical practice including fetal intervention, neonatal surgery and pediatric oncology.



Dr. Fischer obtained her M.D. and Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, with her scientific training in transplant and tumor immunology. After medical school, she was recruited to the Halsted surgical residency program at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. She then pursued a fellowship in pediatric surgery at the Children's Hospital in Boston and received the prestigious Sydney Kimmel Farber Outstanding Clinical Fellow Award.

At UT Southwestern, she was a member of the Cancer Immunobiology Center. She served as the surgical director for ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) and the EXIT (Ex Utero Intrapartum Treatment) Program at Children's Medical Center, Dallas, and led the multidisciplinary fetal anomalies program.

Dr. Fischer's clinical expertise includes pediatric oncology, complex congenital anomalies, fetal intervention and minimally invasive surgery. Her long-term research interests include in vivo gene replacement and cellular therapy. Her research has been funded by the NIH and the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Fischer has published a number of papers, including several on single incision laparoscopic surgery. She has more than 60 publications and has presented more than 40 invited lectures. She has received many awards, including Alpha Omega Alpha, William Halsted Award in Surgery and the George Zuidema Award in Scientific Research. Dr. Fischer has also been named among America's Top Surgeons and Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare.

Dr. Fischer is a member of many professional societies and serves as vice chair of the publications committee for the American Pediatric Surgical Association and as a program committee member for the American College of Surgeons.