



It is my great pleasure to welcome **Chad A. Ellis, PhD**, as the new **Deputy Director for Research Administration** at the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center.

Dr. Ellis brings extensive knowledge and experience to Hillman, and over 13 years of uniquely relevant track record to this critical senior leadership role. He most recently served as the Associate Director for Administration and Planning at UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Prior to that, he had served as the Deputy Director for Research Affairs at Yale Comprehensive Cancer Center. He started his career as a Program Director in the National Cancer Institute's (NCI's) Office of Cancer Centers, during which time he oversaw a portfolio of 22 P30 Cancer Center Support Grants.

Dr. Ellis currently serves on the external advisory boards of six cancer centers, and has held leadership positions and continues to be extremely active in the two premier professional associations in his field – the *Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI)* and the *Cancer Center Administrators Forum (CCAF)*. From 2015-2016 he served on the Steering Committee for the AACI's Clinical Research Initiative and, in 2016, he chaired the executive Board of the CCAF.

Dr. Ellis received his PhD in Pharmacology from the University of Illinois School of Medicine and conducted postdoctoral training at the National Cancer Institute. He also has experience collaborating with the private sector and has helped launch two biotechnology companies. As part of his administrative leadership duties, Dr. Ellis will work with the Associate Director of Clinical Investigation at Hillman, and will oversee Hillman's Clinical Research Services office, in collaboration with Stephanie Dutton, to support a financially successful, effective, efficient, and productive clinical research infrastructure.

As we approach the 2019 renewal of Hillman's Cancer Center Support Grant (submission Fall 2019) and interface with major new initiatives that include the UPMC Immune Transplant and Therapy Center, I cannot envision anyone more qualified and prepared to serve as Hillman's Deputy Director for Research Administration.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Ellis to the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Community!