

## 2019 Marion Spencer Fay Award Honoree: Carrie Byington, MD

Carrie L. Byington, MD currently serves as vice chancellor for health services at the Texas A&M University System.

As a health leader at a land-grant institution with a clear mission to serve the citizens of Texas, Byington is committed to transforming health care delivery, education and research at her alma mater. Under her leadership, the Health Science Center has committed to three priorities—rural population health, military health and innovation through engineering—with a keen focus on integrating technology to deliver health care in unconventional ways, specifically in rural regions and for veteran and military populations.

She received her Bachelor of Science in biology from Texas A&M University in 1985 and Doctor of Medicine from Baylor College of Medicine in 1989. She is a pediatric infectious disease specialist and is known internationally for her work in pneumonia and diagnostic development. Notably, Byington is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and National Academy of Inventors.

On October 31, 2019, Byington will become the executive vice president of University of California (UC) Health, comprising of UC's five academic medical centers, a community-based health system and 18 health professional schools. In this position, she will provide strategic direction, oversight, guidance and development for the country's largest health sciences educational system, which encompasses 12 hospitals, more than 3,900 licensed beds, nearly 5,600 medical residents, and 14,000 students across the 18 health professional schools on seven campuses. She will also have a tenured faculty position in pediatrics at UC San Francisco.