Dr. Sandra L. Wong joins Emory as the new dean of the School of Medicine in March 2024. She will also serve as the chief academic officer for Emory Healthcare. Dr. Wong previously served as the chair of the Department of Surgery at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, where she was responsible for overseeing all aspects of research, education, and clinical operations, and a professor of surgery in the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. She is an international leader in surgical oncology, specializing in the management of soft tissue sarcomas, melanoma, and non-melanoma skin cancers.

Dr. Wong is a globally recognized health services researcher with an extensive record of research funding and more than 250 peer-reviewed studies to her credit. She has held leadership positions in several prominent professional organizations including the Society of Surgical Oncology, the Society of University Surgeons, and the Society of Surgical Chairs. She is also an editorial board member of the Journal of the American College of Surgeons and the Journal of Surgical Oncology, a deputy editor for Annals of Surgical Oncology, and an associate editor for Annals of Surgery. Dr. Wong has been honored with numerous medical student and resident teaching awards.

A native of Stockton, California, Dr. Wong completed her bachelor’s degree at the University of California Berkeley. After receiving an MD from Northwestern University Medical School in 1997, she completed a surgical residency at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and a surgical oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

After joining the faculty of the University of Michigan, Dr. Wong took on multiple administrative leadership roles, including serving as associate chief of staff and vice chair of academic affairs. In 2015, she joined Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, where she developed cross-disciplinary mentorship and research programs. She also developed an interest in studying and eliminating rural health disparities. Her efforts helped spur the creation of the federally funded Center for Rural Health Care Delivery Science, which provides infrastructure to train junior investigators who focus on understanding and solving challenges associated with the provision of equitable health care. Dr. Wong has also served in national leadership roles focused on diversity and inclusion. This experience will be vital as the Emory School of Medicine continues its focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion, nurturing a vibrant educational mission that aligns with the needs of an evolving health care system and diverse patient population.