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### From the Desk of the Residency Program Director

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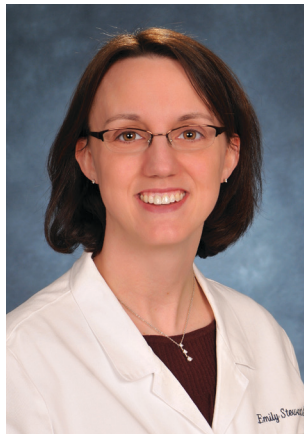
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**To Friends of the Department of Medicine**

It has been a historic year for the Nation, City of Philadelphia and the Jefferson Internal Medicine Residency Program. We have experienced many health care crises starting with the closure of the historic Philadelphia hospital, Hahnemann. We welcomed residents from this program as part of the Jefferson Family and integrated many patients into our practices. This was followed by the first pandemic in over a century. Through all of this as the Program Director, I have never been prouder of our residents. They have risen to every challenge with grace and poise working alongside faculty to support the Jefferson mission: We Improve Lives. This mission has never been more important as people across the country protest the institutional racism that plagues this country. In the midst of all of this the residents have still completed research, quality improvement projects and contributed to the humanities. This publication is just one example of the passion, dedication and creativity our residents continue to provide to the Jefferson Community.

This journal, now in its 21th edition, continues to exemplify the perseverance, inquisitiveness and talent of our Internal Medicine residents. Congratulations to the Editors and all of the residents who contributed to another amazing edition of the Forum. I hope you will enjoy reading it!

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