

FROM THE DESK OF THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR



To Friends of the Department of Medicine

It has been another wonderful year in the Jefferson Internal Medicine Residency Program. Our program continues to train the best and brightest residents in the country. During the three years we are fortunate to have them at our program. It is my distinct pleasure to watch them grow into confident, dedicated, compassionate clinicians. The residents are not just outstanding clinicians but excel in all aspects of medicine including research, humanities and medical education.

Like every year, the residents have been working hard to continue to improve our program. Together with our Chief Residents, Drs. Allison Greco, Gina Keiffer, Aaron Martin, and Piotr Sowa, we led a very successful retreat this past fall. The focus of the retreat was "Reflection on 5 years of Education and Patient Care in the 16 Hour Era". Through this retreat, the residents had real and meaningful discussions on work compression with decreasing length of stay and limited shift hours, shift work mentality and its impact on wellness and the need to prioritize outpatient training where the majority of patient care is now being delivered. This retreat inspired multiple exciting changes for the residency program starting in July 2017. We are transitioning to an X plus Y training model, decoupling inpatient training from outpatient training. This change will allow our residents to focus their education and patient care goals all while receiving more robust curriculum. As we were actively working on this exciting change, the hospital system launched an outstanding new EMR. It was EPIC! Our residents know the hospital inside and out and were paramount in the implementation of EPIC across the system.

This journal, now in its 18th edition, continues to exemplify the dedication, inquisitiveness, passion 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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