

FROM THE
DESK OF THE
RESIDENCY
PROGRAM
DIRECTOR



To Friends of the Department of Medicine:

The Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Internal Medicine Residency Program was informed this past February by the RRC that it has received Continued Accreditation with a 5 year cycle length – the longest cycle length awarded for compliance with essential elements of training in Internal Medicine as mandated by the ACGME. The program's next visit will be in 2015. This is the third straight highly successful accreditation review for the program and the third straight 5 year cycle awarded.

The success of the recent visit should be attributed to our wonderful housestaff and superb educational organization including:

Our amazing office staff: Joanne Gotto (Education Manager), Debbie Richards (Program Coordinator), Fortune Medeiros (Dr. Kane's Assistant), and Brenda Merlino.

Our committed Associate and Assistant Program Directors: Drs. Gretchen Diemer, Mark Graham, Sal Mangione, Elisabeth Carr, Jessica Salt, and Donna Williams.

Our talented Chief Residents: Drs. Assis, Moleski, Fiscaro (2008-2009), & Drs. Hess, Patel, Serper, and Nolt (2009-2010), as well as those of prior years.

While those elements are vital; the commitment of our Chairman, Arthur M. Feldman, MD PhD, to the educational mission at Jefferson is the essential ingredient to the training of gifted Internists for careers in academics and patient care. Under his leadership, our clinical programs and research activity have expanded and excelled; creating a fertile environment to support the growth of our students, residents, and fellows. All of our faculty are to be congratulated for their contributions to the education of our trainees, as their work, day in and day out, provides the daily attention necessary for the health of all of our programs.

While accreditation itself is an important goal; the main objective of our program is to train outstanding physicians for practice, research, and education. Achieving full accreditation allows us to pursue many of the innovative programs and projects that truly define the excellence of our Department and our Residents. One such project is the publication of this journal. Our Editors should be proud indeed of the work of their contributors and of their own effort in organizing and editing this edition. It is yet one more way we enhance the educational and academic environment at Jefferson!

Of all the important things we do as academic physicians – the discovery of new scientific knowledge, the conduct of important clinical trials, service to national medical organizations, or the delivery of advanced patient care; contributing to the knowledge and skill of the Internists of Tomorrow is among the most satisfying; given the personal connections we have with our trainees and the future impact of these young physicians in the years ahead. Jefferson's reputation as a leader in research, patient care, and education continues to grow. The success of our training programs reflects the excellence of the institution and of our human capital.

We hope you'll enjoy this issue of the Forum and congratulate each of the contributors as they cross your path.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Kane'.

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