

FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Students, Residents, Faculty, and Friends of the Forum,

We are delighted to present you with the 18th annual edition of The Medicine Forum. Each year, we continue to be humbled by the dedication and passion of our students, mentors and colleagues and thankful for the opportunity to work with and among them.

At Jefferson, we are privileged to treat a diverse and complex panel of patients in the heart of Philadelphia, making this institution and this city a wonderful place to learn medicine. The backbone of The Medicine Forum has always been a place for Jefferson students, residents, and faculty to teach us about medicine by telling us the stories of their patients. This edition includes a case of a young man with sudden painless weakness found to have thyrotoxic periodic paralysis, a case of acute liver failure secondary to mushroom poisoning, and a unique description of gemcitabine-induced steatohepatitis, among many others. The Medicine Forum is a wonderful way for our community to share our knowledge. In the city of Philadelphia, we would be remiss not to quote Benjamin Franklin who said "an investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

As the centerpiece for our edition this year, we discussed the ways in which we see healthcare policies affecting our clinical practice. We speak to a panel of our healthcare leaders about the opportunities and challenges arising as delivery systems change in both the inpatient and the outpatient setting. In a constantly evolving healthcare environment, we believe that it is our responsibility as physicians to lead the charge and to work towards and within a healthcare system that helps us provide the most effective care for our patients.

We hope that you will learn from this year's edition of The Medicine Forum. We know that we did.

Sincerely,

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