

## FROM THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR

### *A Community of Scholars*

The ideal of a University is that we live and work together as a community of scholars dedicating ourselves to the advancement of Medicine. Our community is at its best when we share ideas, knowledge, perspective, and a passion for Medicine. As a routine, this can occur at Morning Report or Noon Conference, but also on rounds or hopefully at the bedside when dealing with a particularly challenging case.

This journal serves as an outlet for observations or studies of particular merit. Its publication is an important element of our scholarly focus in the Department. Indeed, nearly a score of contributors from all three classes of residents have participated; making this issue quite representative of our community. As a clinician and educator in the Department, I have been regularly challenged by the spirit of inquiry among our residents. This serves as a true reflection of the vitality of our community.

Rounding in the MRICU during early November, I was also struck by the incredible gift that we have been granted as physicians in our society. During the span of one week, our

team which included Drs. Aleyas, Mehrotra, Callahan, Moon, Cheskis, Nandi, and Levin faced a challenging array of scholarly questions. These included identifying the cause for interstitial pneumonitis in a pregnant woman, dealing with an active TB patient from New Orleans who was refusing care, and facilitating diagnosis for a patient with diffuse lymphadenopathy who was only willing to accept minimally invasive diagnostic and therapeutic interventions. This community of scholars in the ICU found answers rapidly, defended their differential diagnoses, and pushed the limits of medical knowledge to provide outstanding care. They did so with compassion and respect. Their work, together with the dedicated nurses and therapists of the MRICU defined a University as no words could express.

The editors of this journal have sought to capture the excitement and vitality of our work in the Department. They deserve our gratitude for doing this while managing the routine expectations of the residency. I thank them for contributing to our community of scholarship and elevating our work within this University.

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## FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the 7th Edition of the Jefferson Medicine Forum! In this edition we have highlighted some of the many interesting and diverse cases encountered by our Internal Medicine students, residents, and fellows. Every case is an opportunity to take what a small number of people have learned and share it with the rest of the Jefferson community. From the pedestrian Wolf-Parkinson-White syndrome to the esoteric Milk Alkali Syndrome, our

residents see it all. Every contributing author represented in this edition has left a touch of their enthusiasm, curiosity, and analytical skills in each report. We extend our appreciation to all our colleagues who captured their experiences in images and prose for us to share.

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