

## FROM THE DESK OF THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR

### *A Growing Impact of Scholarly Work*

To Friends of the Department of Medicine:

Each year, the House Staff further the impact of the Department of Internal Medicine through participation in research studies that are presented in their entirety or abstract form at society meetings throughout the country. This body of scholarly work reflects the breadth of interests of our residents and their energy and commitment to generating new knowledge to enhance the practice of medicine.

While I hope you enjoy this year's issue of the Jefferson Forum, I also hope you'll come to recognize the even more extensive body of work that is submitted to national subspecialty society meetings, competitions, and peer reviewed journals. A partial list of esteemed journals in which resident work has been featured includes:

- American Journal of Gastroenterology
- American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care
- Cardiology in Review
- Circulation
- Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology

- Current Opinion in Drug Discovery and Development
- Digestive Disease Science
- Heart Rhythm
- Intensive Care Medicine
- Journal of Cardiovascular Electrophysiology
- Joint Bone and Spine

Our *Jefferson Forum* represents a small element of our scholarly work, but is important all the same as it is wholly designed and edited by House Staff themselves. This effort is notable because it parallels ongoing clinical and educational assignments and call responsibilities of each and every House Officer. Making time for scholarly pursuits is part of how we define ourselves and our approach to patient care.

*With congratulations to each resident who has submitted scholarly work to the Forum or another publication.*

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## FROM THE EDITORS

Every day our House Staff strive to deliver the most advanced and compassionate healthcare possible. Our clinical perspectives are constantly being challenged, prompting new avenues of inquiry and information to further our insight into the state of the human condition.

Hence, we are proud to present to you this 9th edition of the *Jefferson Medicine Forum*. This unique manuscript showcases only a glimpse of the fascinating cases encountered by our residents. Clinical mastery is exemplified by the ability to teach subject matter. Let it be recognized that each contributor to this journal has devoted a significant amount of time to do exactly that—to teach and advance our knowledge.

Our Residents are talented in Medicine as they are in the arts and literature. May their personalities shine in this issue of *The Forum*. Enjoy.

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