

## FROM THE EDITORS

We are proud to publish the 11th version of the Medicine Forum. Over the years, the forum has served as an opportunity for medical students and housestaff to pursue scholarly activities alongside learning clinical medicine. This peer-reviewed journal has also served as a platform for rising residents to gain invaluable experience with the editing process as well.

This issue holds several new features. The breath of pieces has been broadened to include public health. Contributors for this journal also collaborated with colleagues from other institutions, including Harvard University and University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. We will be also expanding readership of the Medicine Forum by now being available on Google Scholar.

In light of the new ACGME work-hour regulations for housestaff, the changing trends in medical training are becoming more apparent. We see this edition as a kick off to expanding the training of clinicians as researchers and contributors to the wealth of knowledge in medicine. We aim to strengthen this journal in future years to keep on par with the renewed focus on scholarly activity. Jefferson has always prided itself in developing strong and well-balanced clinicians. We hope you enjoy the articles and artwork from our community.

Regards,

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