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## From the Desk of the Residency Program Director

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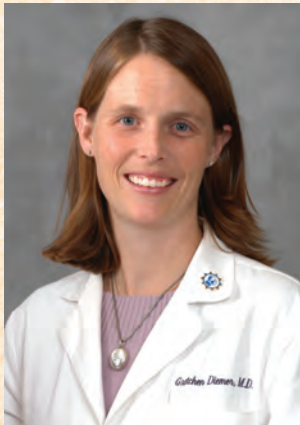
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## FROM THE DESK OF THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR



To the Friends of the Department of Medicine:

I am honored to be given the opportunity to lead this talented group of residents as they travel down the path toward completion of their residency training.

On September 1st, Dr. Gregory Kane took the reins as the Interim Chair of the Department of Medicine here at Jefferson. A new Program Director could not ask for a more staunch supporter of education to occupy that role than Dr. Kane.

This edition of The Forum showcases the broad variety of patients our residents and students encounter during their training. The submissions to this journal, in light of the workload they carry, is a testament to the dedication and level of engagement demonstrated by our residents and students. We've survived some major challenges this year through their enthusiasm, hard work, creativity and camaraderie.

Our tireless chief residents—Dr. Aerik Williams, Dr. Jennifer Johnson and Dr. Carolyn (Keo) van Why—have done an amazing job for the program this year. They have taken the major changes and challenges in stride and have proven to be not only the outstanding educators and leaders we knew they would be, but also firemen, pastry chefs, cheerleaders, political co-conspirators, candy deliverers, disciplinarians, patient safety officers and psychologists (for me and the residents). A lot of the work they do is behind the scenes and underappreciated, but rest assured they are fighting tooth and nail to continue to improve the educational experience of our residents!

I am excited to see where the future takes us! We recently received our match list and have another talented crop of incoming interns, many from the region, but also with California, Michigan, Texas and North and South Carolina among the states represented. I am extremely proud to be a part of the Jefferson family and I hope to help our residency program continue its upward trajectory, striving for the best educational experience we can provide!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gretchen Diemer".

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