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From the Desk of the Residency Program Director

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FROM THE DESK OF THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR

To the Friends of the Department of Medicine:

"The only thing that is constant is change."

What a year we have had! From new time slots for morning report, patient surges in the hospital, moving the fellowship match to December and the addition of Dim Sum Fridays, things are in a constant state of flux. The hallmark of a Jefferson resident is the ability to evolve and adapt to the circumstances while continuing to think of further changes to benefit our patients, colleagues and ourselves. I cannot contain the pride I have in our residents and what they can achieve. With more changes on the way with the Next Accreditation System from the ACGME, launching the Milestones evaluations and potential changes in health care delivery as Obamacare gets fully implemented, it is more important than ever to have a spirit of innovation! It helps that we are led by the Fantastic Four—Christopher Henry, Tasha Kouvatso, Sanjay Linganna and Michael Tobin. Our chiefs are tireless advocates for education and are creative problem solvers and have achieved many things in their short tenure! I am so grateful for their efforts and have had an amazing time working with them!

You will also notice some changes to the Forum this year. In addition to the research abstracts, case reports, artwork and photography, you will notice some new additions—medical app review and patient safety projects are among the selected pieces included. The Editors, in the spirit of change and evolution, have identified these areas as being useful, informative and necessary to the way we will practice medicine now and in the future. Congratulations to the Editors and all the contributors for another amazing edition! And thank you to all our contributors—without you, the Forum would not exist!

Enjoy this edition of the Jefferson Forum!

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

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