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## From the Desk of the Residency Director

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR



### To Friends of the Department of Medicine

I am honored to be writing my first message for the Forum as the Residency Program Director. This journal, now in its 17th edition, continues to exemplify the dedication, inquisitiveness, passion and talent of our Internal Medicine residents.

It has been an exciting year of changes at Jefferson, which began with Dr. Gregory Kane being appointed Chair of the Department of Medicine. As a new Program Director I could not have asked for a leader who is more dedicated to the educational needs of the residents, and has such a keen understanding of the ever changing residency training environment. This year has also brought the continued growth of our primary care training program under the leadership of Dr. Jason Ojeda, and the implementation of geographic patient placement. These are just a few of the many innovations that have been made in order to ensure Jefferson continues to deliver exceptional patient care, while decreasing length of stay and shifting focus to the outpatient realm.

Under the leadership of the chief residents Evan Lapinsky, Jeffrey Marbach, Natalie Margules and Ruben Rhoades our residents have handled this time of flux with poise and their utmost dedication, ensuring the continued success of the program during this time of transition. It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to lead an amazing group of residents as they pursue their lifelong goal of becoming outstanding internal medicine physicians.

Again this year, the Forum demonstrates the remarkable contributions of our residents through the compassionate care of patients, as leaders in quality improvement and as artists and photographers. Congratulations to the Editors and all of the residents who contributed to another amazing edition of the Forum. And thank you to all of our generous donors that allow this great journal to be published year after year.

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