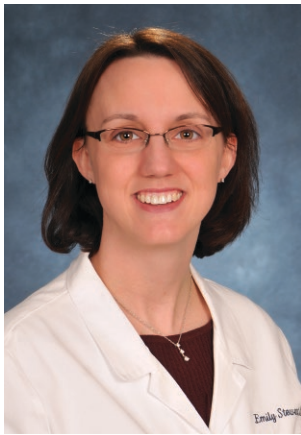


## FROM THE DESK OF THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR



### To Friends of the Department of Medicine

It has been another wonderful year in the Jefferson Internal Medicine Residency Program. Our program continues to train the best and brightest residents in the country. This publication is just one example of the passion, dedication and creativity our residents continue to provide to the Jefferson Community. The residents are not just outstanding clinicians but excel in all aspects of medicine including: research, humanities and medical education.

Like every year, this year has seen changes in our training model as health care delivery across the country continues to evolve. Besides being one of the worst winters on record with our hospital bursting at the seams with patients, we have also implemented a new training schedule called block scheduling. This schedule has allowed us, as a program, to address work compression in the hospital while prioritizing education in outpatient care delivery. The Graduate Medical Education office in conjunction with our residents and medicine faculty leadership is working to utilize the new EPIC EMR to optimize patient care handoffs to improve safety and communication. The residents are thought leaders in delivering outstanding care to our patients across the spectrum and continue to challenge all of us to provide quality, cost effective, safe care to our patients daily.

This journal, now in its 19<sup>th</sup> edition, continues to exemplify the perseverance, inquisitiveness, and talent of our Internal Medicine residents. Congratulations to the Editors and all of the residents who contributed to another amazing edition of the Forum. I hope you will enjoy reading it!

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