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**To Friends of the Department of Medicine**

The past year has been the most trying many of us have faced as physicians. Despite the challenges, I leave this academic year with hope and gratitude for the future of medicine. The exceptional altruism and dedication portrayed by our colleagues both within and outside the Department of Medicine made this year possible. I've been overwhelmed by the collegiality and dedication of all our colleagues, but specifically our residents. Despite the challenges, they have risen to every encounter with grace and poise working alongside faculty to support the Jefferson mission: We Improve Lives. In the midst of the chaos, our residents have still completed research, quality improvement projects and contributed to the humanities. This publication is just one example of the passion, dedication and creativity our residents continue to provide to the Jefferson Community. As we hope to enter a post pandemic world in the coming academic year, rest assured we have trained the strongest, most dedicated, compassionate physicians yet.

This journal, now in its 22<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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