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The project will provide residents and faculty with curricular opportunities and professional development activities to learn more about the social and moral determinants of health (SMDH), initially derived from IHI President Donald Berwick's July 2020 [editorial](#) in *JAMA*. GME and APRH anticipate increases in resident and faculty knowledge about SMDH and positive impacts on patient health, and a wellness benefit as well, observed in improved wellness and meaning-in-work ratings. GME will be sharing outcomes from this project in the months to come.

Second, I'm happy to report that the [Dept. of Dermatology](#) has received ACGME approval of a new MOHS (Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology) Fellowship, to begin this summer. The 1-year fellowship will take place at Toledo Clinic Facial Plastics & Dermatology in Ohio. Since after 2025 the American Board of Dermatology will end one of two pathways for micrographic dermatologic surgery subspecialty certification -- attestation of knowledge gained during and after a residency -- the number of new MOHS surgeons is expected to decrease. This fact, in combination with increasing prevalence of newly diagnosed skin cancer cases, means that just when the demand for

dermatological surgeons is intensifying, the availability of such providers will be declining. The Dept. of Dermatology initiated the MOHS Fellowship with the Toledo Clinic in order to ensure the proper treatment of patients' dermatological illnesses in the decades to come. I want to commend Program Director Steve Daveluy for his foresight in taking action to address this gap and his efforts to expand the WSUSOM's graduate medical training in a key dermatologic specialty.

Third, I'd like to note again GME's engagement with [Marvin](#), a confidential teletherapy resource, is growing to take advantage of their interactive webinars on a variety of topics. Last November, Marvin conducted a resident-only webinar on "Healthy Boundaries for Improved Self-Care: A Wellness Seminar for Medical Residents," the first of three to be held across 2023-24. The second webinar will be held during the regularly scheduled DART [Developing Active Resident Teachers] session on Wednesday, March 13, from 9-11 am, on "Positive Psychology and Wellbeing." This webinar will explore options for integrating the principles of positive psychology into one's life to create greater satisfaction and meaning in work. The third webinar will be held during the annual Professional Development Symposium, sponsored by the Resident Council, on Tuesday, April 16, in the evening. Information on how to register for these Marvin events will be emailed to all programs shortly. I encourage our readers to consider taking advantage of wellness and mental health resources offered by our institution and nationally, not just Marvin but also WSU's [Employee Assistance Program/Ulliance](#),

[Warriors Strong Together](#), and the ACGME's [AWARE](#) program.

Once again, I'm pleased to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our residents, faculty, and staff to the highest standards of professionalism and patient care.

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