



May-June 2022 Residency Times **From Your DIO**

As the pandemic began to wind down, our clinical partners, faculty, resident trainees, and administrative staff continued to exhibit the highest standards of professionalism and dedication to achieving the best in clinical education and patient care. Once again, Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital (APRH) residents' active engagement in quality improvement and patient safety research was a standout. GME collaborated with the Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, and Transitional Year programs at APRH to hold the 11th Annual [QI Research Day](#) on May 10 as a virtual event, attended by more than 75 people. In the spring, our residents' award-winning research was showcased in local conferences such as Southeast Michigan Center for Medical Education's QIPS Summit and Research Forum as well as state and national meetings such as SGIM, ACP-Michigan, ATS, and CHEST. Our residents and faculty were also active participants in the 6th Annual WSUSOM Dept. of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences [Research Day](#), held on April 21.

The Resident Council sponsored a very successful virtual [Annual Professional Development Symposium](#) on April 12. The topic was "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Becoming a Catalyst for Change." Speakers included **Herman Gray**, MD, Chair of Pediatrics in WSUSOM, and **Donovan Roy**, EdD, vice dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the WSUSOM. There were more than 80 attendees, including current residents and program leadership, core faculty, incoming interns, and

WSUSOM faculty. This event constituted 2 hours of implicit bias training now mandated by the state of Michigan for all healthcare providers.

In May, GME announced the winner of the first annual [Peter Svider Memorial Resident Scholarship Award](#), Dermatology resident **Mehdi Farshchian**. This award was established in honor of the scholarly achievements, clinical excellence, and exceptional collegiality of an Otolaryngology residency program alumnus who died in 2021. Going forward, the Svider Award will provide GME and program leadership with an opportunity to publicly commend a resident whose research productivity epitomizes the ideals of graduate medical training.

We will welcome an incoming class of 42 interns via a virtual **New Resident Orientation** to be held on June 28, including 3 residents in the MIDOCS-supported Family Medicine-Urban Track and 2 residents in the MIDOCS-supported Preventive Medicine program. MIDOCS is designed to create a pipeline for physicians committed to providing primary care in rural and underserved areas of our state.

The Orientation will include a brief introduction to “the GME World,” together with brief overviews of wellness, professionalism, communication skills, and health equity. A Resource & Knowledge Bazaar with relevant information pertaining to WSU HR/Benefits, WSU Wellness Warriors, Shiffman Medical Library, and Ulliance/Employee Assistance Program, among others, will be available via Canvas during the Orientation. Also in the works: An in-person social event at the Garden Bowl in Detroit.

During July and August, GME will return to conducting its annual **OSCE training** face to face, with new residents participating in 4 simulated-patient encounters as a means to assess and improve their clinical communication skills. Going forward, GME will conduct 1 of every 4 cases as a telehealth exercise, given the increasing importance of this mode of healthcare delivery.

In addition, 2 of the 4 OSCE cases will address **health disparities** and cultural competency, reflecting WSUSOM's commitment to making health equity training an integral component of residency education. I encourage all residency program leadership to explore additional options for implementing health disparities training in their programs, albeit in accord with the opportunities and requirements specific to their specialty. GME maintains a set of recommendations, suggested components, and comprehensive resources on the HD Canvas site. In August, GME will sponsor a virtual diversity symposium for the benefit of students in both US and international medical schools who may be interested in learning more about our residency programs; individual programs may subsequently sponsor their own diversity recruitment events.

I am proud of GME and our programs' accomplishments, and I look forward to ongoing productive collaborations with program leadership and residents on all components of our educational mission.

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