

## From Your DIO (continued)

GME has been sending you weekly and then biweekly emails with informational updates, policy changes, and resources related to the COVID-19 pandemic (and subsequently posted on the [New Innovations](#) Notice Board), but I would like to highlight in particular the ACGME's **COVID-19 FAQ page**, found [here](#), and the AAMC's **Physicians' Resource Hub**, found [here](#). Please contact the GME office to address other questions or concerns you may have.

I commend all our residents once again for your tireless hard work and commitment to high-quality patient care, but I would repeat the core requirement of medical professionalism, that you attend to your own physical and mental health during this time as well. You will find many wellness and well-being resources listed on our emails and archived in New Innovations. WSUGME's Wellness Initiative is more relevant than ever; I urge residents to detail their perspectives and experiences on the surveys disseminated by the ACGME and the WSUGME office.

At the end of this month, we will be welcoming our new 2020-21 resident cohort. Starting a residency at any time is a challenge, but particularly so given the current circumstances. I encourage current trainees to extend to these new physicians all the assistance they may need in making this transition, sharing your clinical experiences in the emergent realities of treating infectious disease and helping them meet the demands of exceptional patient care.

A number of residents and faculty mentors have initiated quality improvement projects informed by the etiology of COVID-19 (see the compendium of QI Research Day abstracts [here](#)). GME can provide resources, both methodological and financial, to help foster these initiatives, including our [Seed Grant program](#).

I will close this message by including a brief communication from **Sheryl Wissman, MD**, Chief Medical Officer, Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital, MI:

*Thank you to the COVID-19 TEAM at Ascension Providence Rochester in this unprecedented crisis! You are all exceptional leaders, sharing the latest updates regarding testing, PPE, treatments, and ICU care, with amazing clinical acumen. You are trusted liaisons for families and caregivers for our very ill patients and have worked tirelessly with our Advanced Practice Professionals, Pulmonary/Critical Care and Infectious Disease Specialists and our Clinical Faculty and Pharmacy teams. Senior leadership is so thankful to have all of you as part of our Ascension Family.*

I fully share Dr. Wissman's admiration and appreciation of your dedication!

Tsveti Markova, MD, FAAFP

*Pictured in the photo:*

Awesome Humans hard at work: Our ICU team at APRH! (From left to right: Padmini Goel, Tanya Salimnia, Victoria Gonzalez, Daymon Peterson, Ahmad Ghabsha (ICU Attending), Laith Al-Janabi, Bernadette Schmidt, Ian Ross (ICU Pharmacist), Verisha Khanam, and Jurgena Tusha.