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GME welcomed an incoming class of 47 interns this past June during our virtual **New Resident Orientation**, a group that included 6 residents in the MIDOCS-supported Family Medicine-Underserved Track and the Preventive Medicine program. [MIDOCS](#) is a program designed to create a pipeline for physicians committed to providing primary care in rural and underserved areas of Michigan. Nearly half of our residents attended US medical schools, and ten are graduates of medical schools located in our state. A specially noteworthy feature of the Orientation was an exceptional 30-minute presentation by Thaer Ahmad, MD, now at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Chicago, on his experiences providing “Medical Care in a War Zone.”

We’re now halfway through our annual **OSCE/OSHE training**, with interns and rising PGY2s in all programs participating in 4 simulated-patient encounters held at the WSU School of Medicine’s Kado Clinical Skills Center as a means to assess their clinical communication skills and gauge improvement from the first year of training to the second. One case is conducted as a telehealth encounter, and 2 of the 4 cases address health disparities and cultural competency, reflecting WSUSOM’s commitment to making health equity training an integral component of residency education. For 2024, GME instituted an important innovation for the OSCEs: our [Dermatology](#) and [Urology](#) programs developed specialty cases for their resident learners, so

that they could benefit from value-added exercises in patient communication that involved diagnoses in their specific area of training (e.g., the management of pain from chronic skin conditions or metastatic bladder cancer).

I remain continually impressed by our programs' range and quality of accomplishments, and I look forward to additional productive collaborations with program leadership and residents on all components of our educational mission.

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