

FROM THE EDITOR

# LEADERSHIP, COGNITIVE CARE, AND RAPID RESPONSE TO DISASTER: IT'S WHAT WE DO

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A few weeks before the SGIM2018 National Meeting, I received a paper copy of the program in the mail and reviewed the many offerings and activities awaiting me in Denver. The Program and the subsequent meeting was the culmination of vision, hard work, and execution. This issue of *Forum* comes on the heels of that meeting. Although our official “Meeting”-themed issue comes out this summer, I see no reason to wait until then to bask in the meeting glory just a little bit. What amazes me about the National Meeting is the ability of the Program Committee to take a concept or theme for the meeting and, over the course of the year, put together the symphony that we experienced last month. Kudos to Dr. Lipika Samal and Dr. Saul Blecker and to the entire Program Committee for a job well done.

This is a special issue of *Forum* as it is Dr. Giselle Corbie-Smith's first issue as President of SGIM. With that goes a special thanks to outgoing president Dr. Tom Gallagher for a great year of leadership and insightful columns. Tom used his background in quality and patient safety to infuse related principles, such as communication and transparency, in his approach to leadership and his *Forum* columns. Likewise, Giselle introduces her framework in her first *Forum* column to move our Society forward in the year ahead. As one of her duties

as President of SGIM, Giselle introduces her vision and her theme for the SGIM2019 meeting.

This issue of *Forum* also discusses in several articles the concept of internists as cognitive specialists. Richard Kravitz asked the question of whether the cognitive specialist was dead in 2008 and answers it 10 years later in Flashback40. John Goodson brings us up to date on SGIM's role in the Cognitive Care Alliance, and how it is working to influence how the cognitive work that we do can be fairly compensated.

The issue rounds out nicely with a piece from Dr. Meredith Niess and her colleagues who, in the face of a natural disaster, mobilized a response to help victims from the Puerto Rican community affected by Hurricane Maria. Their rapid response approach is a model for how communities and health care institutions should be working in the face of such events.

Finally, opiates are again a topic of a *Forum* article, even after our featured articles in February 2018. Dr. Jennifer Smith and her colleagues describe the role that an interprofessional care team can play to manage medication use and impact the current epidemic. One thing that I have realized is that one issue is not going to be enough to cover this topic. Look to future *Forum* issues for more articles and ideas on how SGIM members are approaching this major healthcare epidemic.

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