

## FROM THE EDITOR

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# AUTUMN LEAVES

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*"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."*

—Albert Camus

It's autumn again! SGIM Regions are gearing up for their individual meetings, workshop requests for the national meeting have just passed, and we are lining up our abstract and clinical vignette submissions. The fall season has always been a busy time for our Division. In addition to working on our contributions to SGIM and other society meetings, our division members are submitting grants, rolling out new curricula, and getting ready for another residency recruitment season. This month's issue features an article by Dr. Christina Mosher and her colleagues on their #ProudtobeGIM efforts at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. As you know, the #ProudtobeGIM program encourages medical students and residents to pursue GIM as a career. Guides and resources are provided through SGIM that help educators communicate what it means to be a general internist through local events and educational activities. As in many other Divisions, DGIM faculty members at the Zucker School of Medicine have also diligently worked to accurately reflect the day-to-day activities of general internists, including both the interesting and routine aspects to our residents and students. We have seen some fruits of our efforts with an increase in the number of residents graduating to generalist careers and in several cases pursuing academic jobs in the way of fellowships and faculty positions. Getting the word out is important

work, and the #ProudtobeGIM campaign helps us have an accurate and coherent message. We, as members of this organization, need to all be active in this role.

Dr. Giselle Corbie-Smith, SGIM president, continues the dialogue about the SGIM Mission and Vision by discussing the organizational core competencies needed for SGIM to achieve its strategic goals. She encourages members to share their views and ideas, taken from their diverse experiences and roles, so that we have a robust framework to move forward. Please heed her call.

This month's *Forum* also has a variety of articles dealing with important clinical, policy, and educational efforts by our members. One particular piece deals with the MOC process for ABIM. Dr. Deborah Kwolek, chair of the SGIM MOC taskforce, reports on a recent meeting hosted by the ABIM to discuss the MOC process. The article nicely outlines the current methods for continued board certification and the rationale behind it. In addition, we present an interesting perspective piece on the use of standardized patients by Joseph deBettencourt, a current second-year medical student at Rush Medical College who has the unique perspective of having been a standardized patient. A couple of articles on health IT and another thought provoking and informative Morning Report should hold us until December.

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