



FROM THE EDITOR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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As we enter 2020, *SGIM Forum* continues to present a varied and outstanding collection of articles relevant to general internists whether they be clinicians, educators, researchers, or any combination. Eric Rosenberg starts us off with highlights of the upcoming national meeting in Birmingham. It's a testimony to the hard work and ingenuity of the program Chairs and Planning Committee to consistently come up with a rich meeting agenda and program every year that is innovative and diverse. The 2020 meeting theme is "Just Care: Addressing the Social Determinants for Better Health." SGIM President Karen DeSalvo continues, as she has all year, to make us aware of the importance of the social determinants of health. She reminds us of the need to unite with non-medical partners and accept being "the spoke to a partners hub." In addition, Joseph Truglio and his colleagues describe the use of "anti-racist" techniques in selecting applicants for residency programs.

This past year, *Forum* editors solicited articles for theme issues on topics such as gun violence and point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS). We plan future issues

focused on the social determinants of health to coincide with the national meeting as well as on provider burn-out for later in the year. These calls for papers have been very successful, and we are thankful for that. One of this month's articles narrowly missed our POCUS theme issue in December. Noelle Northcutt and colleagues report on a faculty development training program for POCUS in a busy underserved setting.

This month also features a letter from David Himmelstein and a response from Jade Bedell and Adam Block on their piece "Medicare for All 2020" published in the September 2019 *Forum*.¹ Both parties add further thoughtful commentaries regarding this important issue.

Cheers!

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