

New Vice Chair for Education: Christopher Smith, MD

We are delighted to announce that as of July 1, **Christopher Smith, MD**, has assumed the role of **Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Medicine**. A consummate teacher and devoted mentor, he has strengthened our residency over his years as Program Director and Associate Program Director, and will now shepherd our core educational mission across the Department.

Dr. Smith is a general internist in the **Division of General Medicine**, Primary Care Physician in HealthCare Associates, and an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He received a BS degree in biology with presidential honors from Loyola University and his MD degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. He completed a residency in internal medicine at BIDMC and subsequently served as Chief Medical Resident. He also completed the Rabkin Fellowship in Medical Education through the Shapiro Institute for Education and Research.

Prior to becoming Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency and Associate Vice Chair for Education for the Department of Medicine, Dr. Smith held several educational roles including as the Co-Director of the Rabkin Fellowship in Medical Education and Director of the Clinician Educator Track for residents.

For the last nine years, Dr. Smith has served as Associate Vice Chair for Education and Director of our Internal Medicine Residency Program, and for the twelve years prior as an Associate Program Director and Firm Chief. Chris has continued to develop, and markedly enhanced, the culture of expert, compassionate patient care coupled with innovative, individualized and comprehensive education that makes our training program so special. His guidance of our training programs through the waves of COVID outbreaks was also truly outstanding,

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Dr. Smith assumes the Vice Chair role from Dr. Eileen Reynolds, who is a national leader in education and has served as Vice Chair since 2014 and for 13 years prior to that Program Director for the Residency. Dr. Reynolds has been a highly respected voice, a thoughtful mentor, innovative educator, and a fierce advocate for all learners and she has made countless contributions to medical education at BIDMC. She has mentored and developed an amazing group of educators, whose innovative work puts us at the forefront of medical education nationally. We are enormously grateful for all she has done during her tenure.

Dr. Smith will also continue to lead the Residency as we conduct our nationwide search for a new Program Director. Given the national prominence of our residency program, we have engaged a search firm, AMN, to identify outstanding candidates, knowing we are fortunate to have a wealth of exceptional educators within our Department, and the best candidate could certainly be within our own outstanding leaders.

Please take the opportunity to congratulate Chris on his new role and Eileen for her outstanding tenure and service as Vice Chair. We are lucky to have their leadership across education in our Department, and look forward to seeing all Chris will accomplish as Vice Chair!