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Dear Larner Community,

We are writing to inform you of the beginning of a process of leadership transition in the Department of Family Medicine. Thomas Peterson, M.D., who has led the department as chair and physician leader for 12 years, has announced his intention in one year from now to retire in April of 2023.

Next year we will celebrate Dr. Peterson's many important contributions to the College, Medical Group and Health Network. Dr. Peterson first came to UVM in 1983 as a resident, and joined the UVM faculty in 1986, rising to full professor in 2002. He has served in the role of chair for 16 years, beginning in an interim role in 2006. In 2010, he was named chair and physician leader, and his accomplishments were recognized in 2020 when he was named the inaugural Morris Goldman '29 MD '32 Professor of Family Medicine. Since 2017, he has served as Chair of the Board of the University of Vermont Health Network Medical Group. Dr. Peterson is looking forward to actively continuing his leadership roles over the next year, with a focus on Medical Group governance and High Value Care implementation in primary care.

We will be starting a national search, with the plan to have the next Family Medicine leader in place for transition in one year. Further information on the process for the search will be provided in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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