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Dear Larner Community,

We are writing to inform you of a transition in leadership in the Department of Medicine that will begin later this year. E.L. Amidon Chair and Professor of Medicine Polly Parsons, M.D., who has guided the department since 2006, was today named the next President and CEO of the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM). Dr. Parsons will begin her new role part-time in July, while still retaining her duties as chair, and will fully transition to her new position with AAIM on October 1, 2022.

Dr. Parsons has contributed immeasurably to the growth and success of our institutions over the past 22 years. She came to the University of Vermont in 2000 as a Professor of Medicine and Director of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. In 2005 she became Interim Chair of Medicine, and in 2006 was named to the Amidon Chair. In addition to her accomplishments here at UVM, she has served many national organizations in her field, and is a past President of the American Thoracic Society and a fellow of the American College of Physicians, the latter of which awarded her a Mastership in 2021. Dr. Parsons is the author of more than 170 published articles, chapters, and reviews, and has edited 10 textbooks. Her National Institutes of Health (NIH) supported research focused on biomarkers in acute lung injury. She has served as a member of the NIH National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Scientific Advisory Council, and is the Scientific Council Director of the Parker B. Francis Fellowship Program of the Francis Family Foundation. In 2021 the American Thoracic Society awarded her the Edward Livingston Trudeau Medal, given by the society to those who have made "lifelong contributions to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of lung disease through leadership in research, education, or clinical care."

We will have more information in the coming months about interim leadership and the process of a national search. In the meantime, we extend our congratulations to Dr. Parsons, and wish her all the best in this next step in her distinguished career.

Sincerely,

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