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Dear Larner Community,

Today begins a new fiscal year at the University, and with it comes the official formation of a new department, the Department of Emergency Medicine – the first new department at our College in a decade – and the appointment of Ramsey Herrington, M.D., as the department’s inaugural Chair.

Emergency Medicine had its beginnings here at UVM in the 1950 and 1960s and has functioned for nearly 50 years as a division of the Department of Surgery. Over the last half-century, Emergency Medicine has developed a body of research and instructional offerings that are recognized as belonging to a discrete academic field. This has long been recognized nationally and, until now, the Larner College of Medicine was one of very few allopathic medical schools in the country without an academic Department of Emergency Medicine. This May, the University’s Board of Trustees voted to approve our request to form this new department.

In addition to aligning our institution with the national standard, the formation of our new Department of Emergency Medicine puts us in a strong position to build on the progress made in this area at UVM and the UVM Health Network. Over the last five years, Emergency Medicine has doubled its faculty from 19 to 45, built a nationally competitive residency program, positioned academically focused faculty at affiliate hospitals across the University of Vermont Health Network, implemented high value care processes and technology, and greatly expanded funded research efforts.

This progress has been led most recently by Ramsey Herrington, M.D., and we are pleased that Dr. Herrington will continue his leadership as the inaugural Chair of the new department. He is appointed after an internal search chaired by Claude Nichols, M.D., Chair of the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation. An Associate Professor of Surgery, Dr. Herrington joined UVM in 2006. He has served as Division Chief of Emergency Medicine since 2017 and in 2021, he was appointed to become the inaugural Emergency Medicine Health Care Service Leader for the UVM Health Network. Under his leadership, the University of Vermont Medical Center successfully launched an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education-accredited residency in emergency medicine, graduating its first class of six residents in June.

Dr. Herrington is involved in ongoing research in numerous areas in his field and has published in such journals as the *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, *Respiratory Care*, and the *Journal of the American College of Emergency Physicians Open*. He has shown a strong commitment to teaching, having guided approximately 50 Larner medical students into Emergency Medicine residencies and careers, both here in Vermont and throughout the nation. Nationally, he serves the American Board of Emergency Medicine as an Oral Board Examiner, and he contributes time to the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine’s Equity and Inclusion and Emergency Department Administration and Clinical Operations committees. Among the awards he has received are the 2011 H. Gordon

Page Clinician of the Year Award, the 2016 John H. Davis Service Award, and the 2017 University of Vermont Medical Center Living the Leadership Philosophy Award. Dr. Herrington's longstanding commitment to advancing equity in his division was recognized with our college's 2020 Gender Equity Champion Award.

We want to thank Mitchell Norotsky, M.D., Chair of the Department of Surgery, and his entire department for their support of this important transition. We also thank Dr. Nichols and the search committee.

Please join us in celebrating the formal establishment of our newest department, congratulating Dr. Herrington on his appointment, and sending best wishes to all the members of the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Sincerely,

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