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Dear Larner Community,

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Rebecca A. Aslakson, M.D., Ph.D., as the next Chair of our Department of Anesthesiology.

Dr. Aslakson comes to us from the Stanford University School of Medicine, where since 2018 she has been an Associate Professor in both the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative, and Pain Medicine and the Department of Primary Care and Population Health in its Palliative Care Section; she was recently promoted to full Professor, effective August 1. In 2019, she was appointed Division Chief of Adult Critical Care Medicine in the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative, and Pain Medicine at Stanford. She is also a member of both the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics and the Stanford Cancer Center.

Prior to coming to Stanford, Dr. Aslakson was on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and was part of the Core Faculty of the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality in Baltimore, Maryland. Her extensive research has focused on the delivery of effective and equitable palliative care, and she has published widely, with over 80 peer-reviewed publications. She is a Fellow of both the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) and the American College of Critical Care Medicine. Among her national-level awards are 2015 Early Career Investigator Award from the AAHPM and the 2014 Presidential Scholar Award from the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

Dr. Aslakson received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and completed an anesthesiology residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and a surgical critical care fellowship at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. She earned a M.Sci. degree from the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland, and received her Ph.D. in Clinical Investigations from The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

We would like to thank the members of the search committee, led by Drs. Norotsky and Dixon for their tireless work and engagement of stakeholders over nearly the past two years. And very special thanks to Dr. Melissa Davidson, who since September of 2020, has served as Interim Chair, in addition to her roles as Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education at our College of Medicine and Designated Institutional Official at the UVM Medical Center.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Aslakson when she begins her new position here on September 1, 2022.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Page, M.D.  
Dean

Jason Sanders, M.D., M.B.A.

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