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**Subject:** On Behalf of Dean Page and Dr. Jason Sanders - Interim Chair, Department of Medicine  
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Dear Larner Community,

In April we shared the news that E.L. Amidon Chair and Professor of Medicine Polly Parsons, M.D., was named the next President and CEO of the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM). Dr. Parsons began her new role part-time this month while still retaining her duties as Chair, and will fully transition to her new position with AAIM on October 1, 2022.

Today we are pleased to announce that on October 1, 2022 Anne Dixon, MA, BM, BCh, Professor of Medicine, will assume the role of Interim Chair of the Department of Medicine while a national search is undertaken to identify the next Chair.

Dr. Dixon has been a member of the UVM faculty since 2001 and has served as director of the Vermont Lung Center since 2019, she previously served as the Vermont Lung Center's Director of Clinical Research for 20 years. In addition, she is chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and an attending physician at the UVM Medical Center.

A fellow of the American Thoracic Society, she has a national and international reputation for her clinical and research expertise in the areas of asthma and lung disease related to obesity and metabolic dysfunction. She has published more than 125 articles in top journals, has edited a book and 14 book chapters, and has had sustained impact in the field of asthma research. Her extramural funding includes two current MPI R01 grants.

She is a current and past member of several National Institutes of Health and Veterans' Affairs study sections, national guideline panels, and the American Lung Association's national Board of Directors.

In 2016, Dr. Dixon was recognized as the UVM Health Network Medical Group's Senior Investigator of the Year, in 2021 she received an American Thoracic Society Distinguished Achievement Award and was honored as our College's Research Laureate – the highest recognition for research accomplishment at our College. In 2021 Dr. Dixon was awarded the Champion of the Asthma & Allergy Community Award from the New England Chapter of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. In April of this year the UVM Graduate College named her as one of four 2022-2023 University Scholars.

Dr. Dixon received a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Cambridge, England, and her medical degree from the University of Oxford, England. She completed an internal medicine residency at Johns Hopkins University and a pulmonary and critical care fellowship at the University of Washington.

We are fortunate to have such an accomplished clinical and research leader to take the helm of the Department of Medicine and its breadth of faculty, staff, and learners. Please join us in congratulating and thanking Dr. Dixon, and supporting her service to our college and healthcare

delivery system.

Sincerely,

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Dean

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