

Letter from the Faculty Advisors,

As faculty advisors for Beyond the White Coat, we have had the privilege of watching the journal continue to grow in both its scope and its impact. What began as an opportunity to highlight the experiences and accomplishments of our students has evolved into an increasingly robust platform for scholarship and connection across our medical school community.

This issue represents an enormous undertaking by our student editorial team. In addition to the narratives, spotlights, and stories that have become an important part of Beyond the White Coat, the journal has expanded its emphasis on scientific scholarship through the inclusion of more original research, clinical case studies, and other scholarly work. This growth has required tremendous time, attention to detail, collaboration, and commitment from our students, and we are incredibly proud of what they have accomplished.

As the journal continues to develop, we are also working to broaden its reach beyond our campus and strengthen connections with our clinical partners. Our students learn, serve, and conduct research throughout the communities in which they train, and Beyond the White Coat provides an important opportunity to showcase the work occurring across those settings. These partnerships are an essential part of medical education and an important part of our shared commitment to advancing healthcare.

Looking ahead to the coming year, one of our priorities will be to further expand the scientific and scholarly content of the journal. We hope to provide even more opportunities for students, residents, faculty, and clinical partners to share original research, clinical cases, quality improvement initiatives, and other work that contributes to medicine and patient care.

We are tremendously grateful to the students who have dedicated countless hours to creating this issue, to the faculty and clinicians who have shared their work and mentorship, and to everyone who continues to support the growth of Beyond the White Coat. We look forward to seeing where the journal goes next and to continuing to build a publication that reflects the scholarship, service, creativity, and commitment of the WCOM community.

Sincerely,



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Case 1: B. Application of a thumb spica splint and repeat imaging in 2 weeks. The mechanism, radial-sided pain, anatomic snuffbox tenderness, and pain with axial loading are classic for an occult scaphoid fracture, which may not appear on the initial radiograph.

Case 2: A. Left lower lobe collapse. The postoperative setting, hypoxemia, decreased breath sounds/dullness at the left base, and especially the retrocardiac/posterior opacity on the lateral film support left lower lobe atelectasis/collapse.