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Dear Program Directors:

The members of the Review Committee for Internal Medicine want to extend our deepest gratitude to all of you during this unprecedented event and time.

We appreciate your heroic efforts in mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing your commitment to graduate medical education. As there has never been a model or footprint on how to deliver education during a worldwide pandemic, it is clear you have stepped in quickly, graciously, and with great enthusiasm to ensure that graduate medical education continues.

We also want to thank you for protecting your patients and your residents and fellows. The altruism you display in your role as the Virtuous Physician is truly remarkable. You have demonstrated bravery and strength at a time where leadership is critical.

We understand the challenges and risks you have encountered, as well as those of your colleagues, your residents and fellows, and your patients, and wish constantly for your well-being.

Please, as clinical demands increase, we encourage you to visit the ACGME's COVID-19 web pages, [acgme.org/COVID-19](https://www.acgme.org/COVID-19), for guidance on the extent to which program requirements should be complied with amidst the pandemic and its disruption. Among other resources, these pages describe three stages of GME and the flexibility associated with each. The overarching message is that the ACGME trusts designated institutional officials, program directors, and faculty members to make the changes necessary to care for patients during this crisis.

Please, if you cannot find the guidance or assurance you need through the website information, then of course contact any of the staff. They are here to help. Stay well and take good care of yourselves.

THANK YOU,



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