

Letter from the Editors

Dear reader,

We are pleased to welcome you to the second volume of the *University of Manitoba Journal of Medicine (UMJM)*.

UMJM is student-run, expert-reviewed periodical with a twofold mandate — to provide a forum for medical students across Canada to develop their ideas through scholarly writing, and to encourage us all to engage with current topics in medicine. Launching *UMJM* has been a fun and exciting challenge over the last three years. With this second volume we were delighted to receive twice the amount of submissions as for our first volume; meanwhile, our editorial team has also nearly doubled in size. We owe our extreme gratitude to all reviewers, supporters, and University of Manitoba faculty and staff whose invaluable contributions have helped support and advance *UMJM*. We further owe our deepest thanks to all contributing authors, the enthusiasm and dedication of whom has made *UMJM* possible.

The theme for volume 2, issue 1 is “*The Future of Medicine*.” We chose this theme to highlight the rapid evolution that is occurring across the field of medicine, and in hopes to promote a definite optimism for the future. To these ends we present work exploring a diverse scope of topics in the future of medicine.

Articles found in this issue address several pertinent topics relating to medical education, healthcare policy, interprofessional collaboration, and the expanding scope of technology in healthcare. How should medical schools of the future evaluate their student doctors? Can mainstream medicine productively interface with increasing Canadian pursuit of complementary and alternative medicine? What will be the future of human physicians in a healthcare system increasingly augmented with artificially intelligent medical technology? These questions and many more are tackled head-on by the authors of this volume.

Amidst exciting advances in healthcare policy and medical technology, the future also calls for increased humanism in medicine. As scientific and technological advances increase the complexity of healthcare, providers must be increasingly deliberate to maintain artistic and humanistic aspects of care, protecting space for human connection. The humanities and the arts are some of the best ways to foster humanism in medicine. To this end we are pleased to present two reflective artistic pieces in this volume, which come in addition to the superb cover art provided by Frances Eichorn. We look forward to further expanding the artistic and reflective elements in future volumes of *UMJM*.

We are excited for what the future of medicine may bring, and we are thrilled to include you in these exciting conversations. On behalf of the whole team at *UMJM*, we hope you will enjoy this second volume.

Happy reading!



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