

Letter from the Editors

Dear reader,

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

The *UMJM* is a student-run journal both written and edited by medical students that resurfaced at the University of Manitoba in 2017. Founders, Dr. Emma Avery and Dr. Graham McLeod, had a goal to provide medical students, particularly within Manitoba, an outlet to share scholarly writing related to current topics in medicine. Over the past 3 years of publishing we have been fortunate enough to watch the journal grow and evolve. Along with Anirudh Agarwal, our talented Chief Editor of Design and IT, we are the last three remaining members of the original team formed in 2017. Since then, our editorial team has continued to expand into a diverse group of students in their first three years of medical school. We owe an immense gratitude to the students, faculty and staff who have made valuable contributions to editing, formatting, designing and promoting the journal. Furthermore we would like to extend our thanks to all the contributing authors and students who submitted their work this past year to UMJM and allowed us to continue to publish strong pieces about a variety of topics relevant to medicine in 2020.

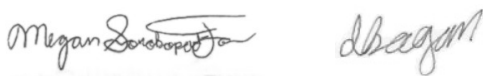
2020 has been a challenging year for everyone, including the UMJM. We unfortunately were not able to meet in person as an editorial team and turned to online communication. Due to an uncertainty about the workload and stressors affecting physicians we made the difficult decision to publish without expert/faculty reviewers this year as we have had in the past. A special thank you again to the student editorial team for the extra work they put into Volume 3 given these circumstances.

Volume 3 includes incredible artistic works, and tackles important topics in medical education, medical technology, and the interaction between the humanities and medicine. Current issues in Canadian health care are explored, including incorporating the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action into Indigenous health care and how to challenge the heteropatriarchal ideologies that are present in health care today. Other pieces explore new technologies in medicine and draw a connection between Leonardo da Vinci and the modern physician.

We are excited to see what the future holds for the UMJM moving forward through the next school year and current pandemic. A lot has changed during 2020, but the importance of exploring and sharing ideas in medicine continues to be vitally important. We hope that by engaging with the UMJM you are exposed to new ideas, opinions and topics in medicine that you may not otherwise have come across.

On behalf of the entire team at UMJM, we hope you truly enjoy our third volume.

Happy reading! Keep well!



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