

A Message from Lee Goldman, M.D.

This issue of *todate* marks a pivotal milestone-- only five years into Columbia University Medical Center's *Defining the Future* campaign, we have crossed \$1 billion in gifts and pledges thanks to the more than 56,000 donors who have made a solid investment in the future of Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC). I am grateful to all of you who have contributed to our success. Your generosity continues to make a significant impact on the Medical Center and on the future of medicine. I especially want to thank our campaign chairman, P. Roy Vagelos, M.D., P&S '54, for his ongoing leadership and resolute dedication, and our campaign co-chairs and loyal friends, Herbert and Florence Irving, whose outstanding generosity and commitment over the years is unsurpassed.

This issue of *todate* pays tribute to Angelica Berrie and the Russell Berrie Foundation. Their recent commitment of \$21 million to the Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center is a wonderful tribute to the legacy of Russell Berrie and will help realize his vision of transforming diabetes care and advancing diabetes research.

Recognizing the magnitude of nursing in patient care, Barbara and Donald Jonas have launched the Jonas Nursing Scholars Program to address the need for skilled nurses in our nation. The Jonas Scholars will play a crucial role in educating talented nurse scholars and preparing them to provide comprehensive nursing care within an evolving healthcare system.

Our faculty, staff and friends are enthusiastically supporting and acknowledging Columbia's outstanding physicians and alumni who are making a major difference in their lives. Patients and friends of Henry S. (Harry) Lodge, M.D., P&S '85, are providing needed scholarship support, while showing their appreciation for a fine and caring physician, by establishing the Henry S. Lodge, M.D. Scholarship Fund.

Their efforts and yours are producing tangible results. For the first time in the history of P&S, almost every single basic and clinical department has an endowed professorship for its chair. During this fiscal year alone, we added 16 new endowed professorships, bringing our total number to 200. Our donors are not only creating a legacy by honoring and linking their names to Columbia's remarkable faculty; but also are empowering the world's best physicians and scientists to do their greatest work.

I look forward to continuing our successful momentum and to working together to raise the funds we need to fulfill our educational, research, and clinical missions. The campaign will provide the means to ensure our global leadership across all of our missions. Together, we will make great strides as one of the nation's premier centers for superb, patient-centered healthcare, groundbreaking bench-to-bedside research, and outstanding medical education.



Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Goldman".

Lee Goldman, M.D.

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Henry S. Lodge, M.D. Scholarship Recognizes Outstanding P&S Faculty Member

At a time when medical education is more costly than ever, a number of patients, friends and colleagues of Henry S. Lodge, M.D. are providing crucial scholarship support to P&S students, while paying tribute to a beloved Columbia physician and faculty member. The Henry S. Lodge, M.D. Scholarship Fund at Columbia's College of Physicians & Surgeons has been established in honor of Dr. Lodge, one of Columbia's outstanding physicians and an esteemed alumnus (P&S '85). A pre-eminent primary care internist and assistant clinical professor specializing in general medicine, Dr. Lodge is highly regarded as one of the best doctors in New York and the nation in internal medicine.



Henry S. Lodge, M.D. "This fund is a fitting and tangible way to honor a remarkable physician while investing in our academically gifted students," said Lee Goldman, M.D., executive vice president for Health and Biomedical Sciences and dean of the Faculties of Health Sciences and Medicine. "Harry Lodge is one of Columbia's finest physicians. He continues to have a profound impact on his patients, and the entire Columbia community. This new scholarship will provide the funds needed to recruit and retain promising young minds and give them a degree of security so that, ultimately, they will have the chance to follow in Dr. Lodge's footsteps." To date, more than \$500,000 has been raised toward the Fund's million dollar-plus goal.

The scholarship comes at an important time, with students facing a variety of financial challenges: interest rates on non-Columbia loans have doubled during the past two years and surveys indicate that the cost of attending medical school is the primary reason why otherwise qualified students choose not to pursue medicine. Additionally, the prospect of enormous debt at graduation—estimated at \$140,000 by the Association of American Medical Colleges, an increase of eight percent over last year—often leads students to choose a medical specialty based not on their true interests, but on income potential. This incentive can leave important fields of medicine such as primary care with a shortage of needed clinicians, researchers and teachers. A recent study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* reveals that only two percent of almost 1,200 fourth-year students surveyed plan to work in primary care internal medicine, a nine percent decline from a similar 1990 survey.

"Many medical students who start out with an interest in primary care would be wonderful at it, and have deeply satisfying careers in it," said Dr. Lodge. "Unfortunately, fewer and fewer are going into primary care, simply because they cannot afford to. And the same is true of careers in research, public health, and caring for the under-served. Unfortunately, the finances of our educational system are putting increasing strains on the noblest and best use of the next generation of doctors, and we will all pay the price. Scholarships are an important part of letting our most talented young men and women pursue their own highest calling within the profession, and I am deeply honored to have this scholarship established in my name."

Dr. Lodge has co-authored numerous works on aging, including the best-selling *Younger Next Year*, a work that addresses health and aging concerns for men over 50, as well as the follow-up, *Younger Next Year for Women*. He heads a medical practice in Manhattan.

For information on supporting the Henry S. Lodge, M.D. Scholarship Fund at P&S, contact Director of Development Carol Bullen at 212-342-0198.