

WE OFTEN REFER TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MEDICAL

School as a research powerhouse, but what exactly does that mean? It means the faculty. The faculty “powerhouse” generates ideas, seeks to solve vexing scientific problems and in the true “This is Michigan” spirit, collaborates with colleagues here and around the globe with the view toward advancing knowledge and impacting human health.

In this issue, we get a look at how some of that research happens. Obesity — particularly childhood obesity — is a national health issue of great public concern. Researchers Julie and Carey Lumeng study this problem on different but complementary fronts: Julie on the population-level, trying to understand the behavioral aspects as well as the environmental and biological factors; Carey’s work asks the basic science question: Why is fat bad?

We also see how multidisciplinary collaborators work in teams to tackle some of the biggest challenges in the fight against cancer, resulting in 25 years of steady progress in understanding and treating the many forms of cancer.

The methods of our research are myriad, and they share the ultimate goal of improving the lives and health of patients, today and in future generations.

Sincerely,



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