

## Major Curriculum Change Underway

### AMONG THE MANY EXCITING THINGS

happening at the Medical School is the significant transformation of our curriculum.

The multi-year project will result in a unique curriculum that produces physicians equipped to care for and improve the health of patients locally and globally, and lead and succeed as major players in our nation's health care system.

Science, medicine and health care have changed dramatically since many of us graduated. The new curriculum recognizes and addresses our dynamic environment with several major changes:

- Integration of clinical and scientific training so that students will gain hands-on experience from week one and foundational science will be taught in the clinical setting;
- More flexibility and customization for students so they have more time to focus on their particular interests and gain additional skills and expertise;
- Competency-based milestones for students that will ensure they have the skills necessary to function successfully on day one of residency; and
- Major emphasis on leadership skills – including teamwork, communication, change management and health systems management – to equip graduates for the leadership roles they will play in clinical practice, science, government and more.

We've already begun implementing some of these changes and will continue to roll out new components over the next few years. We expect all the improvements to roll out sequentially until 2020, when we will graduate the first class to experience the new curriculum in its entirety.

Why change, you may ask? The University of Michigan Medical School is highly ranked and attracts the brightest faculty and most promising students. Our graduates earn residency placements at the finest institutions in the country. But just think how much has changed and will continue to change. Our understanding of health and disease is increasing dramatically; new technologies are remaking diagnoses, therapeutic options, disease monitoring and patient communication; and, society and our nation's health system continue to demand more and more from physicians.

It is incumbent upon us to build a foundation that will support our graduates for the entirety of their medical careers. The time for the new foundation is now.

Sincerely,



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