

The Academic Mission at Lahey

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A commitment to education and scholarship in the pursuit of clinical excellence has always been part of our core identity at Lahey. When Frank Lahey founded The Clinic in 1923, he and the other founders quickly demonstrated that commitment. Within a year, they began publishing articles in the *Surgical Clinics of North America*. As The Clinic grew, physicians were recruited who demonstrated a similar passion as leaders in clinical education and healthcare innovation. This ultimately led to the creation of *The Lahey Clinic Bulletin* in 1938, which remained in publication until 1983.

Shortly we will reaffirm that commitment to scholarship as we launch *The Lahey Journal*, an on-line open access peer-reviewed journal highlighting work conducted here at Lahey. Several articles in this inaugural issue celebrate the rich history of The Clinic and members of the professional staff.

At this significant moment in our history as we prepare to celebrate our 100th anniversary and reflect on the many achievements at Lahey, we also look forward and reaffirm our commitment to education. We have signed a master affiliation agreement to partner with UMass-Chan Medical School, to establish a regional medical school, to be named UMass Chan-Lahey. This is tremendously exciting. UMass Chan and Lahey bring together complementary strengths in medical education, along with a shared vision and forward thinking commitment on how best to educate the next generation of caregivers in service of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This new relationship will feature a “Lahey track,” which will be dedicated to teaching interdisciplinary team care, leadership, quality and

safety, and health services delivery science, along with more traditional aspects of medical education.

Over the past 3 years, we have lived through the most challenging time in healthcare in over a century. We have faced a global pandemic that initially overwhelmed our healthcare delivery system at a time of significant social unrest. Our caregivers grappled with an unprecedented demand for clinical care, often with inadequate resources and staffing, and yet rose to the occasion by providing high-quality, empathic care to our patients including the launch of innovative technological solutions to connect patients with their physicians. Like so many institutions across the country, these issues have resulted in significant and formidable financial challenges, which may take years to overcome.

And yet through all this, we at Lahey have remained steadfast in our commitment to clinical excellence, scholarship, and education. The values placed on patient safety, just culture, embracing diversity, and the tireless pursuit of innovative solutions will be the hallmarks of a vibrant academic medical center taking on the current challenges in healthcare. This new beginning with the launch of the *Lahey Journal* is testament to that commitment.

On the eve of our Centennial anniversary in 2023 and soon to welcome a new President, Dr. Susan Moffatt-Bruce, Lahey's dedication to our academic mission remains strong and is growing. It is on this foundation of academic excellence that we continue to provide the highest quality care to our patients. It has been my privilege to serve the organization in these challenging times.