

**Dear College of Medicine and Penn State Health communities,**

We are pleased to share an exciting development that reflects our ongoing and expanded commitment to improving population health outcomes, reducing health disparities and fostering meaningful partnerships between Penn State Health, Penn State College of Medicine and the communities we serve, while continuing to invest in the growth and success of our learners and employees who make this work possible. In recognition of the expanded scope of this important work and to strengthen alignment across our integrated academic health system and our community, we are introducing the Office of Health Advancement and Community Engagement.

This new office integrates the Penn State Health and College of Medicine Offices of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging into a unified structure. To become Pennsylvania's most trusted and visionary leader in advancing health and empowering communities, we must promote lasting, system-level change through community health, bold innovation in medical education and trailblazing research.



The name Health Advancement and Community Engagement reflects both the work we do within our organizations and our broader engagement with the diverse communities we serve. A new website is currently under construction which will host [materials and resources](#) needed to advance health equity across our academic health system and throughout our region.

We are pleased to announce Inginia Genao, MD, as our inaugural vice dean and vice president of this new team. She is a proven leader who brings an accomplished record of groundbreaking health and community partnerships. We are fortunate to have Dr. Genao bring this enhanced vision to life.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Genao to this important role and in supporting the Office of Health Advancement and Community Engagement as we continue to strive for meaningful impact and inclusive excellence.

Sincerely,

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