



*From the* OFFICE OF THE DEAN

**Dear Einstein Community:**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Marla J. Keller, M.D., as the interim senior associate dean for clinical and translational research at Einstein. Dr. Keller is a professor of medicine at Einstein and an infectious diseases physician at Montefiore, who currently serves as vice chair for research in the department of medicine (DOM) and director of the Harold and Muriel Block Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) at Einstein and Montefiore.

In her new role as interim senior associate dean, Dr. Keller will provide strategic leadership and vision in the organization and redesign of Einstein's clinical and translational research agenda, including the development of benchmarks and outcomes evaluation to advance the College of Medicine's and Montefiore Health System's research goals. She will facilitate clinical research-related relationships and partner with institution leaders to grow the clinical trial infrastructure.



Dr. Keller has enjoyed considerable success in numerous leadership positions as director of the Clinical Research Center for 11 years and associate director of the ICTR for 7 years. She was appointed ICTR director in 2021 and will continue in this role. She will also remain principal investigator (PI) of the \$30 million Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), recently awarded from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which funds the ICTR to further its vision of developing faster and better ways to bring scientific discoveries into real-world use and of advancing health equity.

As vice chair for research in the DOM, Dr. Keller oversaw a robust research portfolio of more than 100 PIs, \$66 million in NIH funding, and approximately 150 active clinical trials. In this role, she created a career development program for junior investigators in the department. Since 2016, 37 early-career scientists have secured K grants, with 43% of awardees successfully transitioning to research project (R) funding. She also co-founded the DOM Junior Faculty Mentoring Program and led the DOM COVID-19 Treatment Task Force.

Dr. Keller's research has focused on prevention of HIV in women using biomedical interventions, improving cervical cancer screening practices, and the treatment of

COVID-19. She is a member of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, HIV Medical Association, and NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel.

After earning an M.D. from New York University School of Medicine, Dr. Keller completed an internal medicine residency at Beth Israel Hospital and an infectious diseases fellowship at Beth Israel/Brigham & Women's Hospital combined program. She was recruited to Montefiore Einstein in 2007 after spending nine years on the faculty at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Keller on this important appointment.

**Warm Regards,**



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