



Dear Einstein Community:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Sharon Rikin, M.D., M.S., as the inaugural associate dean for continuous quality improvement at Einstein. Dr. Rikin is a general internist and pediatrician and associate professor of medicine in the division of general internal medicine, who currently serves as director of ambulatory quality improvement in the department of medicine (DOM).

In her new role as associate dean, Dr. Rikin will support Einstein in all aspects of continuous quality improvement (CQI) related to accreditation requirements, the development of the College of Medicine's strategic plan, and other emerging quality improvement initiatives. Additionally, she will establish Einstein's standards for CQI, identify areas for improvement, ensure data are shared with relevant stakeholders, and support faculty, staff, and students to use data to inform key programs.



Dr. Rikin joined Montefiore Einstein in 2017 as director of ambulatory quality improvement in the DOM and will continue in this role. Dr. Rikin currently oversees the implementation of evidence-based medicine into clinical practice and collaborates with DOM physicians and multidisciplinary teams to create a culture focused on high-quality care. She is committed to improving health systems by making it easier for clinicians to deliver evidence-based care, particularly for communities impacted by health and social inequities.

Dr. Rikin's initiatives include improving access to specialty expertise with electronic consultations (e-consults), improving blood pressure control with the Remote Patient Monitoring Program for Hypertension, improving completion of colorectal cancer screening, implementing evidence-based care for patients with diabetic kidney disease, and judicious opioid prescribing. She is currently co-director of quality improvement professional development programs for faculty, residents, and fellows in the DOM.

Dr. Rikin graduated from Emory University with a degree in anthropology and completed medical school and then residency training in internal medicine and pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Following residency, she completed a general internal medicine fellowship at Columbia University Medical Center and received a Master of Science in epidemiology at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Rikin to her new role.

Warm Regards,



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