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There comes a time in the career evolution of those involved in research, where investigators move from exclusively leading their own studies, to where they have matured to mentor students and junior colleagues to successful completion of projects. This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes out to **Dr. Elisa Ruano Cea** on the occasion of her first senior author research paper. Dr. Ruano Cea is well known in the department as an educational powerhouse, having been instrumental in the development and rollout of competency-based medical education (CBME). In addition to her major roles in the pediatric residency training program as Assistant Program Director and CBME lead, she also commits substantial effort to medical education research. Dr. Ruano Cea mentored medical student

Alexandra Cohen in work culminating in a publication entitled, "Teaching Medical Students to Teach: A Narrative Review and Literature-Informed Recommendations for Student-as-Teacher Curricula". This paper was published in the journal *Academic Medicine* - one of top journals in the field of medical education! While supervising medical students and residents in research has many challenges, doing so is both satisfying and inspiring. Research supervisors must initiate trainees to the new 'language' of their topic, help them understand a variety of research methods (and theories), teach them to communicate their findings, and, perhaps most importantly, support them through to completion of the work. It takes the collective effort of a strong team to get work published in such a highly ranked journal. Congratulations Alexandra Cohen, Yvonne Steinert, and Elisa Ruano Cea for this work!

We are fortunate to have Dr. Ruano Cea leading important educational research in our department and are indebted to her for her exceptional work with the Residency Program, particularly for her leadership around the transition to Competence By Design. Recognizing she is balancing that with a busy clinical workload, and a young family, makes her research accomplishments all the more impressive!

Please take a moment to thank your mentors or reach out to your mentees to see how they are doing in these unprecedented times! Have a great weekend everyone.

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