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Dear Colleagues, Residents, Fellows, and Students:

The University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga (UTCOMC) is committed to promote physician and trainee well-being and engagement. This issue is of a high priority for us, and we have partnered with our affiliate hospital, Erlanger Health System (EHS), in this endeavor. With the assistance of the Well-Being Task Force, which draws on the experience and participation from the UTCOMC Graduate Medical Education (GME) leadership, the Erlanger Chief Medical Officer, Erlanger Chief Nursing Executive, Chief of Staff, and a champion from most departments, we have initiated a program which is dedicated to:

- Understanding and promoting physician and trainee engagement and well-being
- Providing resources for physicians and trainees that help them promote their own well-being
- Discovering personal and organizational approaches to prevent and address physician and trainee distress
- Creating a workplace culture that is energy replenishing

Well-Being Task Force

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Sincerely,



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