

the way White patients are treated for pain compared to Spanish- and Hmong-speaking patients.¹³ These papers provide examples of clinical and community settings that may benefit from policy change.

For those who wish to get involved in advocacy efforts, there are resources available locally, in specialty-specific arenas, and nationally. For example, the AMA has available curated resources for physician advocacy (www.ama-assn.org/health-care-advocacy), and the Wisconsin Medical Society (www.wismed.org/wisconsin/wismed/Advocacy/) and the Wisconsin Pharmacy Society (<https://www.pswi.org/Advocacy>) are two organizations that provide resources for those who wish to advocate on behalf of specific legislation. These are just a few resources and guides available to clinicians to help them learn about advocacy and find a venue for their advocacy goals.

If we wish to optimize health and health care for our patients beyond the clinic, work-

ing to impact policies that affect social determinants of health is a great place to start.

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Fahad Aziz, MD, named new *WMJ* Editor-in-Chief

The publishing board for the *Wisconsin Medical Journal* (*WMJ*) named Fahad Aziz, MD, FASN, Editor-in-Chief in June for a three-year term effectively immediately. Dr Aziz succeeds Sarina Schragger, MD, MS,



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who stepped down to assume the editorship of *Family Medicine*, the official journal of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine.

Doctor Aziz is an assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Nephrology at the University of Wisconsin (UW) School of Medicine and Public Health, where he also serves as director of the

nephrology fellowship program. He has extensive editorial experience, having authored and edited books, published over 70 peer-reviewed manuscripts and seven book chapters, and served as a peer reviewer for more than 10 academic journals. He is also a member of the editorial board of *Kidney360*, the official publication of the American Society of Nephrology.

“When faced with the challenging task of finding a replacement for Dr Schragger, the *WMJ* publishing board had the good fortune of interacting with Dr Aziz—an accomplished author, reviewer, and editorial board member,” said publishing board chair Jonathan Temte, MD, PhD, MS, associate dean for public health and community engagement at UW School of Medicine and Public Health. “We were also impressed with his vision for the *WMJ*—to produce cutting-edge research in all the fields of medicine, promote the success of medical trainees and young

professionals, and to extend knowledge and its applications beyond the boundaries of any institution. We are excited to welcome him to the *WMJ* team.”

A graduate of King Edward Medical College in Lahore, Pakistan, Dr Aziz completed his residency in internal medicine at Jersey City Medical Center, a fellowship in nephrology at the University of Missouri, and a fellowship in transplant nephrology at UW Hospital and Clinics. He is board certified in internal medicine and nephrology and is a member of the American College of Physicians, the American Society of Nephrology, and the American Society of Transplantation. As a medical educator, he has presented clinical research at national medical conferences and provided classroom instruction to physician assistant students and nephrology fellows, as well as continuing medical education presentations to clinicians.

Dr Schragger became *WMJ* editor-in-chief in 2020 and served as interim editor-in-chief in 2019. Prior to that, she was associate editor and a member of the *WMJ* editorial board for several years.

“Seamlessly filling the big shoes left by previous *WMJ* editor John Frey, III, MD, Dr Schragger skillfully guided the transition of *WMJ* from its home within the Wisconsin Medical Society to co-ownership by the Medical College of Wisconsin and the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, as well as the development of a successful special issue on the impact of race and racism on health,” said Dr Temte. “We wish her well in her new role—a wonderful professional opportunity for her—and we are grateful for her extraordinary service to *WMJ*.”

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