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Message from the Chair

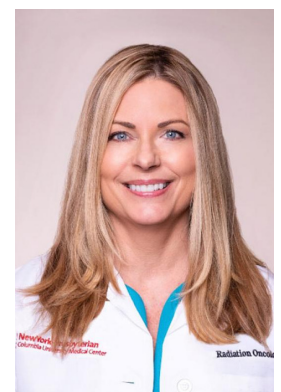
I am delighted to present our inaugural bi-annual newsletter for the Department of Radiation Oncology at Columbia University. We've had an extraordinary 2023, marked by a multitude of achievements to take pride in and celebrate. Our department underwent a comprehensive 14-month renovation of both the office and clinic space, and we are eager to showcase our revitalized look through a few images.

Over the past year, we commemorated the distinguished career of our esteemed Dr. Tom Hei with a Retirement Symposium Event, featuring many of his lifelong colleagues as internal and external speakers. Additionally, we also bid farewell to our beloved Debbie Taborn and Maria Perez, who collectively contributed nearly 70 years of service to our department. We extend our best wishes to them as they embark on their well-deserved retirement.

As we welcome new members to our Radiation Oncology Department and the Center of Radiological Research, we also take a moment to acknowledge the remarkable accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and residents. We are proud to highlight the department's substantial presence at ASTRO and Radiation Research 2023, where our faculty and residents contributed to nearly 50 talks, posters, and moderation sessions.

Looking ahead, our department will be actively seeking a \$2 million-dollar multi-year endowment to establish an Adaptive Radiation Center of Excellence. This center will aim to harness its resources to launch a cutting-edge research program and to establish an expansive educational platform. We will also begin a philanthropic campaign to support new laboratory space.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and I welcome your feedback on topics you would like us to cover in the future. Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful Holiday Season, with hopes for a healthy and prosperous New Year in 2024.

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