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Beth Israel Appoints New Division Chief of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine

New York, NY - Beth Israel Medical Center has announced the appointment of Phillip H. Factor, DO, FCCP, as the hospital's new Chief of the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine.

Board-certified in internal, pulmonary and critical care medicine, Dr. Factor served as Director of Medical Critical Care at New York Presbyterian Hospital since 2003 prior to joining the Beth Israel staff. He also served as Medical Director of the ICU at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago from 1997 to 1999 and later, the Head of the Section of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare in Chicago from 2001 to 2003 where he was also the Medical Director of the Department of Respiratory Therapy.

“We are very excited and proud that Dr. Factor has joined Beth Israel as the new Division Chief of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine”, said Dr. Henry Bodenheimer, Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Beth Israel Medical Center. “Dr. Factor brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise to the leadership of clinical care areas which are of the highest importance to our Medical Center”.

In 2001, Dr. Factor released a book, *Gene Therapy for Acute and Acquired Diseases*, one of the first on gene therapy for acute and acquired diseases which was also intended to serve as a glimpse into the future. He looked at selected examples of ongoing studies in molecular genetics that have the potential to evolve into human therapies for acute illnesses. In the book, Dr. Factor suggested that human gene therapy trials for these conditions will be forthcoming in the near future, leading to previously unimaginable therapies.

An alumnus of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Factor completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago, and a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine

at the University of Chicago. As an Associate Professor of Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago and at Columbia University in New York, Dr. Factor was awarded multiple research grants from the National Institutes of Health to study the role of lung epithelial Beta2-adrenergic and adenosine receptors in the injured lung as well as the influences of traffic-related pollutants on airway beta2-adrenergic receptors.

“I look forward to further developing Beth Israel’s ICU as a clinical center of excellence where patients can receive cutting-edge therapies and where we can maintain a high level of patient and family satisfaction,” said Dr. Factor, adding that “this also is an exciting time for the field of pulmonary and critical care as there is much research needed in the emerging fields of critical illness and pulmonary medicine.”

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