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**BETH ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER NAMES NEW CHIEF OF ITS  
NATIONALLY RENOWNED COMPREHENSIVE BREAST SERVICE**

*Appointment of Susan K. Boolbol, MD Coincides With the Recruitment of  
Laurie Kirstein, MD to the Breast Surgery Faculty*

**New York, NY – January 28, 2009** – Susan K. Boolbol, MD, a nationally recognized surgeon and breast cancer researcher, has been named the new Chief of the Appel-Venet Comprehensive Breast Service at Beth Israel Medical Center, a key component of the Continuum Cancer Centers of New York.

A practicing surgeon since 2001, Dr. Boolbol attended medical school at George Washington University in Washington, DC, and completed her general surgery residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital. Following her post-graduate training, Dr. Boolbol completed a fellowship in breast surgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. At Beth Israel, Dr. Boolbol also serves as Director of the breast surgery fellowship program and has a very successful clinical practice which is devoted to the treatment of both benign and malignant breast disease.

“We are delighted that Dr. Boolbol has agreed to take on the overall responsibilities as our new Chief of breast surgery,” said Louis B. Harrison, Clinical Director of Continuum Cancer Centers of New York and Chairman of the Charles and Bernice Blitman Department of Radiation Oncology at Beth Israel. “Dr. Boolbol has demonstrated outstanding leadership during her tenure at Beth Israel while, at the same time, implementing new treatments to help diagnose and treat breast disease. She has the kind of vision, energy and commitment needed to lead the Appel-Venet Breast Service to the next level.”

Laurie Kirstein, MD, who was recently recruited to join Dr. Boolbol's surgical team, joins Beth Israel after serving as a member of the medical staff at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and an Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Dr. Kirstein received her medical degree from the State University of New York Health Science Center. Following a general surgery residency at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine-Montefiore Medical Center, she completed a breast surgical oncology fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Kirstein's clinical practice focuses on breast cancer, breast disease and patients at high risk for developing breast cancer.

“Dr. Kirstein is an impeccably well-trained surgeon who brings a wealth of experience to Beth Israel,” said Martin S. Karpeh, Jr., MD, Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Beth Israel. “In addition to her experience in breast surgery, her strong interests in breast conservation along with her expertise in minimally invasive oncoplastic reconstruction are great assets to our program – and most especially, to our patients.”

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