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Beth Israel's Division of Digestive Diseases Appoints Two Key Prominent Physicians

Dr. David Hudesman and Dr. Gil Ascunce bring a wealth of GI experience in the areas of inflammatory bowel disease as well as endoscopy and pancreatic cancer

New York, NY - August 2, 2011 – Beth Israel Medical Center in New York has announced that David Hudesman, M.D. and Gil Ascunce, M.D. have joined the globally recognized Division of Digestive Diseases. With a broad background specifically in the clinical areas of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, Dr. Hudesman's immediate goal is to create an Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center at the hospital. Dr. Ascunce, who comes to Beth Israel with an expertise in interventional endoscopy, earned his American Board of Internal Medicine certification in Gastroenterology last year.

"I am very pleased to announce that Dr. David Hudesman and Dr. Gil Ascunce have joined the Division of Digestive Diseases as they bring new talents to the full-time faculty," said David L. Carr-Locke, MD, Chief of the Division of Digestive Diseases at Beth Israel Medical Center. "Dr. Hudesman's education and background in the diagnosis and treatment of inflammatory bowel disease is a major addition to the department. Dr. Ascunce has expertise in endoscopic ultrasound and ERCP and will be expanding the advanced endoscopy services."

Dr. Hudesman earned his medical degree from UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School in 2005 and completed his residency in internal medicine in 2008 at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. He then completed his fellowship in gastroenterology and hepatology at Beth Israel. Dr. Hudesman is board certified in internal medicine and is member of the faculty of the Division of Digestive Diseases, specializing in inflammatory bowel disease.

Dr. Ascunce earned his M.D. from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 2004, graduating with honors and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at New York

Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center, where he was elected to be the Assistant Chief Resident. Dr. Ascunce earned his American Board of Internal Medicine certification in Internal Medicine in 2007 and then went on to complete a fellowship in Gastroenterology at the University of Miami. He returned to New York to do his fellowship in Advanced Endoscopy at Beth Israel.

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