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**BRUCE W. POLSKY, MD, NAMED CHAIRMAN OF MEDICINE  
AT ST. LUKE'S & ROOSEVELT HOSPITALS**

*Internationally renowned infectious disease expert to head hospital center's largest clinical department*

**New York, NY – November 2, 2009** – Bruce W. Polsky, MD, who has served as Interim Chairman for the Department of Medicine at St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals since March 2008, has been named the department's permanent chairman. Dr. Polsky became the interim chairman after the passing of his predecessor, Michael Lesch, MD. In addition to serving as Chairman of Medicine, Dr. Polsky will continue to serve as Chief of Infectious Diseases, a position he has held since 1998, while a search is conducted for his replacement in that position.

“We look forward to Dr. Polsky leading the Department of Medicine as we face the many health care challenges which lie before us on a regional and national level,” said Frank Cracolici, President of St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals. “We are extremely confident in his ability to lead this important clinical department.”

When Dr. Polsky joined St. Luke's-Roosevelt in 1998 as the Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases, he immediately elevated the clinical profile of the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Department of Medicine in this subspecialty. Dr. Polsky currently holds the academic title of Professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

"I am delighted to have been asked to lead the Department of Medicine at St. Luke's & Roosevelt Hospitals and look forward to working with my colleagues to strengthen our department in order to meet our mission of providing outstanding care to our patients," said Dr. Polsky. "Striving for excellence will be paramount to furthering our clinical research, improving our understanding and treatment of disease, and providing a superior education to the next generation of physicians."

Prior to joining St. Luke's-Roosevelt, Dr. Polsky built an international reputation as an expert in infectious diseases at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, where he also held the academic title of Associate Professor of Medicine at Cornell University Medical College. An alumnus of the University of Michigan, Dr. Polsky earned his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine. He served his internship and residency at Montefiore Medical Center and completed a three-year clinical and research fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering.

A member of numerous medical societies in his field of specialty, Dr. Polsky has published over 200 peer-reviewed book chapters, research studies, clinical abstracts and professional journal articles, and has served as a principal investigator or co-investigator on numerous grants, research studies and protocols, including those funded by the National Institutes of Health.

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