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TO: The Continuum Health Partners Community

FROM: Frank J. Cracolici
President, St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals

RE: **New Chairman for the Department of Medicine**

I am delighted to announce that **Bruce W. Polsky, MD**, who has been serving as Interim Chairman of the Department of Medicine at St. Luke's and Roosevelt since March 2008, has been named Chairman of the Department. It became clear during our search that the finest candidate for this critically important position was, indeed, right here among us.

Dr. Polsky joined St. Luke's-Roosevelt in 1998 as Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases, immediately raising the clinical profile of the Department of Medicine in this subspecialty. He was named Vice Chairman of the Department in 2000, and took over the chairmanship on an interim basis in March 2008 with the passing of his predecessor, Michael Lesch, MD. Dr. Polsky currently holds the academic title of Professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. In addition to serving as Chairman of Medicine, Dr. Polsky will continue to serve as Chief of Infectious Diseases while we conduct a search for his successor in that position.

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.

I know that all of you join me in welcoming Dr. Polsky to this new position.