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THE ADDICTION INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK AT ST. LUKE'S-ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL
ACHIEVES ACCREDITATION "FIRST"

American Board of Addiction Medicine Approves Fellowship in Addiction Medicine Program - One of the First of its Kind in the United States

New York, NY (April 13, 2011) The Addiction Institute of New York (AINY) at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan has received the American Board of Addiction Medicine's (ABAM) first training program accreditation for its Fellowship in Addiction Medicine Program – a one year program offering qualified physicians training to evaluate and treat people with substance abuse disorders, behavioral addictions and co-occurring psychiatric disorders.

“This accreditation gives national recognition to the extraordinary work being done at the Addiction Institute,” said Petros Levounis, M.D., Director of AINY. “We are delighted and honored to be one of the first 10 programs in the country to be accredited.”

Addiction Medicine fellows will primarily serve on AINY's detoxification unit and train in behavior modification techniques, motivational interviewing, 12-step facilitation and psychopharmacology specifically designed for this patient population. They will also have full access to the entire range of AINY's teaching services. These include: inpatient facilities for detoxification and rehabilitation; a residential halfway house; specialized outpatient programs like their nationally acclaimed Crystal Methamphetamine Project for gay men; a buprenorphine induction stabilization and maintenance center; a day program and school for addicted adolescents; and a consultation service for patients in medical and surgical units.

“The program strives to provide an understanding of the nature of addiction on psychological, physiological and social bases, and to train physicians in current pharmacological and psychosocial therapeutic modalities of addiction treatment, while providing opportunities for teaching and original research,” added Dr. Levounis.

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AINY is a world-renowned center for state-of-the-art addiction treatments, research and education. It is the largest comprehensive treatment center in New York City specializing in the treatment of substance use, behavioral addictions and other co-occurring psychiatric disorders.

“The Addiction Institute has a history rich in accomplishments and innovations in the development of the best treatments for people who struggle with alcohol, heroin, cocaine, nicotine and other addictions,” said Frank J. Cracolici, President of St. Luke’s and Roosevelt Hospitals. “Thanks to the ABAM’s approval for a fellowship program, our efforts will continue with a new crop of physicians who will learn from these lessons and build upon them in the future.”

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