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**INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED EXPERT IN THE SURGICAL
TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY AND OTHER MOVEMENT DISORDERS
JOINS CONTINUUM HEALTH PARTNERS**

*Robert R. Goodman, MD, PhD, Named Chairman of Neurosurgery Departments at
Beth Israel Medical Center and St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals*

NEW YORK, NY, January 27, 2011 - - Internationally renowned neurosurgeon and researcher Robert R. Goodman, MD, PhD, a leading authority on the surgical treatment of epilepsy and movement disorders, has been appointed Chairman of the Departments of Neurosurgery for Beth Israel Medical Center and St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals, all members of the Continuum Health Partners network.

"We are very fortunate to welcome Dr. Goodman to the Continuum clinical faculty to fill these incredibly important leadership positions," said Stanley Brezenoff, President and Chief Executive Officer of Continuum. "His clinical work and research in the surgical treatment of neurological disorders has led to significant clinical advancements. He will add tremendous depth to an already outstanding team of neuroscience experts practicing at the Continuum hospitals."

Dr. Goodman centers his clinical work on the surgical management of epilepsy, movement disorders (including Parkinson's disease, Essential Tremor and Dystonia), brain tumors, trigeminal neuralgia, hemifacial spasm and hydrocephalus, while his research focuses on developing novel treatments and surgical techniques that improve patient outcomes. These include the use of Gamma Knife radiosurgery to treat temporal lobe epilepsy and implantable brain stimulation devices for the treatment of medically refractory epilepsy and movement disorders. His current research is funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and through partnerships with private industry.

"Continuum's excellent reputation in the fields of neurosurgery, endovascular surgery and neurology all contribute to a multi-disciplinary team approach necessary to provide the highest quality neurosurgical outcomes," said Dr. Goodman. "It is one of the motivating factors to joining Continuum. I especially look forward to collaborating with my many colleagues who, like me, focus on the care of individuals with epilepsy and movement disorders."

An author of over 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts, book chapters and case reports, Dr. Goodman has been published in many peer-reviewed journals, including *Science*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*,

Brain Research, The Journal of Neuroscience, Epilepsia, Neurology, The Journal of Clinical Neurochemistry and *The European Journal of Neurology*. He has presented his research at the leading medical conferences both in the United States and around the world. Dr. Goodman also belongs to numerous medical and surgical societies and professional associations such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and the American Epilepsy Society.

Prior to his appointment at Continuum, Dr. Goodman served as senior attending physician on the neurosurgical faculty at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center and Associate Professor of Clinical Neurological Surgery at Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons. Dr. Goodman will continue to maintain his academic appointment at Columbia, for which St. Luke's and Roosevelt serve as teaching affiliates.

Dr. Goodman received his MD and PhD degrees from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He completed a general surgery internship at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, did a post-doctoral laboratory research fellowship in Neurology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and completed a neurological surgery residency at Columbia's Neurological Institute. He was a Visiting Fellow in Epilepsy Surgery at The Montreal Neurological Institute for Epilepsy Surgery.

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