From the Desk of Steven L. Strongwater, M.D. Chief Executive Officer, Stony Brook University Medical Center

I am pleased to announce that our new outpatient imaging facility known as The Imaging Center at Stony Brook University Medical Center has officially opened its doors for business. The Imaging Center is located on East Campus, west of the Medical Center buildings in the newly constructed outpatient building adjacent to the Ambulatory Surgery Center. The opening of The Imaging Center is the first in the succession of outpatient services that will be relocated to this beautiful, modern new building.

Over the next few weeks, the new site will become home to the Pain Management Center, the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Care Center and the Stony Brook University Outpatient Cancer Center (including pediatric oncology, medical oncology and surgical oncology). Notification will take place as each program becomes available and open to the public.

About The Imaging Center
The Imaging Center, equipped with the most advanced diagnostic tools available, offers a full range of diagnostic services, from standard medical x-ray to highly sophisticated positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT) scan.

Advanced imaging services offered in The Imaging Center include:

- 64-slice computed tomography (CT)
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- DEXA scan (bone mineral/density scan)
- Positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT)
- Radiographic/fluoroscopy
- Ultrasound
- Breast imaging

Insurance
Most insurance plans are accepted at The Imaging Center; for more information call 631.638.2121.

Appointments
To schedule an appointment at The Imaging Center, call 631.638.2121. Walk-ins are welcome for patients with a prescription for a standard medical x-ray study.

Edmund D. Pellegrino Road
It is also my pleasure to inform you that the roadway to the new outpatient facility and Ambulatory Surgery Center will be called "Edmund D. Pellegrino Road." Edmund Pellegrino, M.D., was the first Vice President for the Stony Brook University Health Sciences Center and first Dean, School of Medicine. Dr.
Pellegrino set the course of our institution along its road to
greatness, launching thousands of doctors upon their medical
careers and to this day continues to impart to students and
physicians a reverence for humanity and a commitment to ethics in
the practice of medicine.

The official street/mailing address for The Imaging Center is:

The Imaging Center
Stony Brook University Hospital
3 Edmund D. Pellegrino Road
Stony Brook NY 11794-9462
631.638.2121

With the official name designation of the roadway to the new
outpatient facility comes a new address for the Ambulatory Surgery
Center. The new official address for the ASC is:

Ambulatory Surgery Center
Stony Brook University Hospital
1 Edmund D. Pellegrino Road
Stony Brook NY 11794-9440
To all faculty and staff:

Dear Colleagues:

I would like to take a moment to send my thanks to the almost 1,000 supporters who have generously pledged their donations to the 2007 Stony Brook Cares campaign.

The solicitation portion of this campaign runs through tomorrow, October 31, but the Stony Brook Cares program will continue to accept donations and payroll deduction forms through the end of the year. There is still time to make a donation to the charity of your choice.

Whether you choose to support a charitable organization from the Stony Brook campus, in the community, across the nation, or around the world, the Stony Brook Cares campaign makes it easy for you to help, near and far. I sincerely hope that you will give careful consideration to participate in this year's campaign.

To find out more information, contact your area captain or Lorraine Rubino at 444-1785 or Lorraine.Rubino@stonybrook.edu. You may also visit www.stonybrook.edu/sb/stonybrookcares for more information on how to give which also includes a list of charities.

Stony Brook Cares
Give Because You Care

Richard N. Fine, MD
Dean, School of Medicine
To: Faculty, Staff and Students

All are welcome to attend a free MRSA Public Education Forum at the Charles B. Wang Center at Stony Brook University on Monday, November 19 from 5 pm - 7 pm hosted by Stony Brook University Medical Center. Presenters include Pediatric Infectious Disease specialist, Sharon Nachman, M.D., Adult Infectious Disease specialist, Susan V. Donelan, M.D., Jorge L. Benach, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Infectious Diseases, and a representative from Suffolk County Department of Health Services. Our experts will provide the most up to date information and respond to frequently asked questions about drug resistant staphylococcal infections. Free parking is offered for forum attendees in the Administration over-flow parking lot. Seating is limited; registration is recommended. For more information go to http://www.StonyBrookMedicalCenter.org. Pre-registration is available through Stony Brook University Medical Center HealthConnect at 444-4000.
To All Faculty and Staff:

It is with deep sadness to inform you that Richard M. Kalish, MD, PhD passed away last evening. Dr. Kalish had been a member of the Department of Dermatology of Stony Brook University since 1991 and Professor and Acting Chairman of the Department of Dermatology since 2003.

Services for Dr. Kalish are today at 2:00pm at the Star of David Memorial Chapel, 1236 Wellwood Avenue, West Babylon, telephone: 631-454-9600.

Directions:
From LIE heading Eastbound (from Queens or NYC):
Take LIE to Exit 49 South. Exit but do not turn. Stay straight and ride the service road for three lights to Pinelawn Road. Turn right on to Pinelawn Rd. Take about 3 ½ miles. Landmark is LIRR Railroad Tracks. Our Chapel is approx 3/4 of a mile passed the railroad tracks on left. Note: Pinelawn Road becomes Wellwood Ave after railroad tracks.

From LIE heading Westbound (from Eastern Long Island)
Exit 50 Bagatelle Road. At exit, do not turn. Ride service road to second light which is Half Hollow Road. Turn left on to Half Hollow Road. Continue to end which is Pinelawn Road. Turn left on to Pinelawn Rd. Continue south on Pinelawn about two miles. Go over railroad tracks. Chapel is 3/4 mile past railroad tracks on left. Note Pinelawn Road becomes Wellwood Ave after railroad tracks.

From Southern State heading East:
Take to Exit 35 which is Wellwood Ave. Exit and bear right following signs to Pinelawn Cemeteries. Stay on Wellwood Ave. Chapel is 6/10 mile ahead on the right immediately after Michael's Florist.

Southern State heading West:
Take Exit 35 Wellwood Ave. At exit (light), turn left onto Wellwood Ave heading North. Chapel is ½ mile on right immediately after Michael's Florist.

1236 Wellwood Ave
W. Babylon, NY 11704
(631) 454-9600

Richard N. Fine, MD
Dean, School of Medicine
TO: All Stony Brook University Faculty and Staff

FROM: Steven L. Strongwater, M. D., CEO, Stony Brook University Medical Center (SBUMC)

I wanted to let you know in advance that Newsday is working on a story involving organ donation and attempting to seek information about a specific matter at SBUMC. The reporter has received information from the family of a former patient, and Newsday has asked us for details. We have respected the privacy of our patients and declined any comments about specific patients. We have been told that the story is scheduled to run this Sunday, March 30.

As everyone working in the medical profession understands, as an institution we are morally, ethically and legally bound to protect patient privacy. We are doing all that we can to provide information that promotes accuracy and balance to this story, within those privacy boundaries. While fully respecting the privacy of our patients, we have provided a great deal of general information about the high caliber of programs and services provided at SBUMC.

Dr. William Greene, the Medical Center's Chief Quality Officer, met with the reporter personally. As you would expect, many of the questions asked were about a specific matter, the type that state and federal patient privacy laws preclude us from answering. Dr. Greene, while fully respecting patient privacy, offered Newsday general information that we can share, specifically focusing on the fact that every matter that involves organ donations or transplantation at SBUMC is handled according to the guidelines of UNOS (United Network for Organ Sharing), which has federal authority over organ donation and transplantation in the U.S., and New York Organ Donor Network, the local authority over organ donation as designated by UNOS. The guidelines for donation and transplantation issued by NYODN and UNOS are developed by medical experts and are the accepted standard of practice for all hospitals in the U.S.

We cannot predict what the story will actually cover. Our hope is that the story is responsible and balanced. It is also important to remember that throughout the past years, Newsday has done many positive stories about SBUMC’s lifesaving procedures, cutting edge research and community involvement.

I want to assure you that we have taken all possible steps to make sure Newsday has positive information and data for the story, and we certainly have much good news to share, including the fact that our transplantation program, which was inaugurated in 1981, recently completed the 1,000-th kidney transplant.

Whatever the outcome of this specific story, we will continue to provide the life-saving, compassionate care for which we are known by many. We have made a difference in the lives of many and can take...
pride in all we do in striving to provide the highest quality care for our patients.

Steven L. Strongwater, M. D.
CEO, Stony Brook University Medical Center
To All Faculty and Staff:

Dear Member of the Stony Brook University Community:

As a member of the Stony Brook University Community, you can provide a unique perspective of Stony Brook University Hospital and the services we provide to Long Islanders. I am therefore extremely interested in your opinions and impressions of Stony Brook University Hospital and the services we offer.

We are conducting an Internet survey of Stony Brook University staff. We are asking that you give no more than 10 minutes of your time to communicate your impressions of Stony Brook University Hospital and other regional hospitals. All information you provide will be kept confidential. Only your overall impressions and collective recommendations will be shared with University Hospital staff.

To access our survey, click on the link below:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=sTWVOTp3Zh1mbGWFKBFQw_3d_3d

Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to learning from your comments.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Strongwater
Chief Executive Officer
Stony Brook University Hospital
To All Faculty and Staff:

We are pleased to announce the launch of Stony Brook University Medical Center's new branding/advertising campaign on September 14, 2008, which positions us as the premier academic medical center in Suffolk County. Ads will begin to appear in local newspapers and magazines, on Cable television in Suffolk County, in select movie theatres, at Long Island Railroad platforms, and on-line. You can read more about the campaign in upcoming issues of our internal newsletters, Happenings and Lifelines.

In addition, we invite you to attend one of these brief sessions to hear more about the campaign and to preview the actual television spots and print ads.

Thursday, September 11
5:00 - 5:30 pm
Health Sciences Center, Level 2, Lecture Hall 1

Friday, September 12
12 noon - 12:30 pm
Wang Center Theatre

Friday, September 12
3:00 - 3:30 pm
Technology Park Coffee Shop, 31 Research Way

We look forward to hearing your comments and feedback as the campaign moves forward.

Regards,

Dr. Steven L. Strongwater, CEO, Stony Brook University Hospital

Dr. Richard N. Fine, Dean, School of Medicine
To All Faculty, Staff and Students:

As part of our continuing efforts to improve our community's health, Stony Brook University Hospital is hosting an event to keep unused household medications out of the water supply. We would like to understand what our SBU community's habits are with regard to medication disposal, and gauge your interest in future medication take back programs. Please go the following link and complete the survey on medication disposal habits. There are 12 questions on the survey, and it should only take 2 minutes to complete. Thank you for your time and participation. Your input is very valuable to us.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=8GLDns_2fB40z7B_2btQeUGX_2fw_3d_3d

Our partners for this effort are Stony Brook University, Suffolk County Legislator Lynne Nowick, Assemblyman Steven Englebright, Suffolk County Department of Health, NY Sea Grant, Long Island Sound Study, and Triumvirate Environmental, Inc.

Thank you,

Steven L. Strongwater, MD
Chief Executive Officer
Stony Brook University Hospital
To: All Faculty and Staff

Empire BlueCross, a health insurer owned by for-profit insurance company WellPoint, Inc., is negotiating a new contract with Stony Brook University Hospital. Empire BlueCross may soon issue a letter to its members that may state that after July 31, it will not cover non-emergency services provided at the Hospital unless the member has out-of-network (non-network) benefits.

Stony Brook is working diligently to develop a new agreement with Empire BlueCross that will support our mission to provide access to high-quality care and our ability to expand and improve patient services in our community. The current contract, which determines how much and under what terms Empire BlueCross reimburses the Hospital for providing services to its members, is set to expire on July 31, 2009. For many months, we have engaged in serious and detailed discussions over terms and reimbursement rates in our effort to reach a fair and reasonable agreement, and we will continue to do so until the termination date.

Members should be able to secure out-of-network (non-network) coverage details from their health benefits office or directly from their health insurer. For New York State employees, details are available on the NYSHIP Web site at http://www.cs.state.ny.us/ebd/welcome/actlogin.cfm
For Research Foundation employees, details may be accessed at http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/Admin/HRSForms.nsf/pub/HRSD0038/$FILE/HRSD0038.pdf

Here are some important facts you should know about contract negotiations:

Services Offered at the Hospital Are Not Funded by Taxpayers
Although Stony Brook University Hospital is under the auspices of the State University of New York system, Hospital services and patient care are not subsidized by the State of New York. Limited support is received by the Hospital mainly for malpractice coverage and costs of statewide collective bargaining increases and fringe benefits. Any shortfall from a contract with Empire BlueCross would have to be absorbed as a loss or made up through additional revenue sources, not taxpayer dollars.

The Hospital Must Avoid a Shortfall During these Difficult Economic Times
WellPoint, Inc., the nation's largest health insurer and the parent company of Empire BlueCross, is asking Stony Brook University Hospital, a not-for-profit institution, to accept a contract that may result in its providing millions of dollars in services for which it will not be reimbursed. It is the Hospital's fiduciary responsibility to negotiate a contract that prevents that kind of shortfall.
The Hospital Is Eager to Complete a New Contract

We are extremely motivated to reach an agreement. Forty percent of our managed care admissions and 43 percent of our managed care outpatient visits are covered by Empire BlueCross. If Empire BlueCross does not agree to cover basic costs for Hospital services, tens of thousands of patients will be affected. The Hospital has yet to receive a proposal from Empire BlueCross that fully covers the cost of providing care to its members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the information hotline at (631) 444-4392 between 8:30 am and 6:00 pm, or visit www.StonyBrookMedicalCenter.org for the most current information.

We thank you for your continued support of Stony Brook University Hospital.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Strongwater, MD
Chief Executive Officer
Stony Brook University Hospital
To: The Stony Brook University Campus Community

I wanted to provide you with an update regarding contract negotiations between Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH) and Empire BlueCross BlueShield (BlueCross).

We are encouraged that SBUH and BlueCross have come to an understanding in principle for a new contract. In fact, BlueCross has taken it a step further and issued a press release* on Friday, July 24, stating that we have "reached a 'multi-year' agreement for a new contract, effective August 1, 2009."

We look forward to signing a contract that includes those terms with which all parties agree. We anticipate a final agreement will be signed before the expiration date, which is July 31, and if we don't sign a contract by then, BlueCross has indicated that it will provide an extension and members may continue to receive care at SBUH. We will keep you apprised of any developments via a special section on the homepage of our Web site -- http://www.stonybrookmedicalcenter.org. If we can help you with any additional information, please feel free to contact the SBUH internal Information Hotline at (631) 444-4392.

* Press release issued by Empire on Friday, July 24, 2009:

Empire BlueCross BlueShield And Stony Brook University Hospital Reach New Multi-year Agreement

New York, July 24, 2009 - Empire BlueCross BlueShield and Stony Brook Hospital on Long Island announced today that they have reached agreement for a new contract, effective August 1, 2009. Under the multi-year agreement, Empire members will continue to have access to Stony Brook Hospital as in-network.

"We are pleased to extend the long-standing relationship we have with Stony Brook," noted Mark Wagar, president and CEO, Empire BlueCross BlueShield. "Empire is proud to continue supporting a hospital that has established itself as an asset to the community and a respected partner in providing both quality and affordable care."

Stony Brook University Hospital remains "in-network" and no action is required by Empire members to continue receiving services at their facilities. Members with questions about their plan or coverage can contact their specific member service representative at the number on their ID card. General information can be found at http://www.empireblue.com.
To All Faculty, Staff, and Students

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and I invite you to join me and thousands of local residents on Sunday, October 4 (Registration at 8:30 am; Start at 9:30 am) at the 16th Annual Walk for Beauty, Walk for Life. This Walk raises crucial funds for breast and prostate cancer research right here at Stony Brook University Medical Center, and also provides wigs and prostheses for women who are uninsured/underinsured. Please click on the link below for a registration brochure. Thank you for your support and I'll see you on Sunday!

http://www.stonybrookmedicalcenter.org/walkforbeauty

Steven L. Strongwater, MD
Chief Executive Officer
Stony Brook University Hospital
Subject: You're Invited to the Launch of a New Initiative for Pediatric Services
To All Faculty and Staff:

Dear Stony Brook Community,

I am happy to announce today that SBUMC will continue its pursuit of excellence in children's health services with the launch and creation of The Stony Brook Long Island Children's Hospital. Stony Brook Children's will build on our strong foundation in pediatric services and will be dedicated to help fill the unmet healthcare needs of the children in Suffolk County and the region.

Please join us at 11AM on June 30th, 2010 when we will gather in the hospital lobby to formally launch The Stony Brook Long Island Children's Hospital, the only academic facility of its kind in Suffolk County. Initially, Stony Brook Children's will be located within Stony Brook University Hospital as we work toward constructing a new facility.

We are already a major force in providing quality children's healthcare services in the region. More than 7,000 children are admitted to SBUMC every year. We operate 100 pediatric beds with a full-time faculty of more than 100 pediatric providers in 30 different specialties and more than 200 voluntary pediatric faculty. In the last three years alone, we have made major investments in children's health services, including the recruitment of more than 40 new faculty members in 19 different specialties, the opening of the new newborn nursery in 2009, and the establishment of the pediatric emergency department in March of this year.

Next year, we will complete the construction of the most advanced Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in New York State, joining our existing specialized children's services, including the Regional Perinatal Center, the National Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis Center, the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Program, the Pediatric Cardiology Program, Pediatric HIV and AIDS Center, Cystic Fibrosis Center and the Cody Center for Autism and Development Disabilities. Stony Brook Children's will further enhance pediatric medicine through targeted faculty recruitments and expanded clinical programs and research capabilities.

Yet, even with all of this, the vulnerable pediatric population of Suffolk children is still significantly underserved. The nearest dedicated children's facility is many miles away, inconvenient to many Suffolk residents. And, in some circumstances, the distance alone can lead to life-threatening situations. With Stony Brook Children's, SBUMC is committed to overcoming these barriers and addressing the healthcare needs of our children here and throughout the region.

With today's launch, we will continue to grow our children's health
programs and work toward the development of state-of-the-art inpatient facilities meeting the medical and emotional needs of the children and families of Suffolk County. Our aim is to offer best practices in diagnosis and healing, becoming a national destination for doctors, nurses and researchers seeking new ways of treating persistent and emerging threats to children's health.

In addition to the establishment of Stony Brook Children's, it is with great pride I also announce the appointment of Margaret M. McGovern, MD, PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, as the first Physician-in-Chief of Stony Brook Children's. Dr. McGovern will dually serve as Chairman of Pediatrics in the School of Medicine as well as Physician-in-Chief for Stony Brook Children's.

Please join us in celebrating the launch of Stony Brook Long Island Children's Hospital.

Steven L. Strongwater, MD
Chief Executive Officer
To: "Torre,F.Jason" <FTORRE@NOTES.CC.SUNYSB.EDU>
cc
bcc
Subject: Join Us Nov. 1 - GI Celebration
Commemorate the opening of our Cerebrovascular Center, part of the Institute for Advanced Neurosciences. The Cerebrovascular Center is a comprehensive clinical and research center for the diagnosis and treatment of acute stroke, brain aneurysms, atherosclerosis, AVMs, and blood vessel disorders of the brain and spine.

Friday, December 17 ★ Begins at noon
Stony Brook University Medical Center Lobby
RSVP at (631) 444-4000 ★ Light refreshments

LEARN about our advanced diagnostic, treatment, research, and training capabilities, and our state-of-the-art facilities.
- Three latest generation Siemens biplane angiography suites are equipped with high resolution and exquisitely sensitive flat panel technology.
- A pioneering neuroendovascular simulator will serve as a teaching and research tool in a separate research angiography suite that is equipped with the Siemens Artis zeego® angiography system. The Artis zeego® employs advanced robotic technology to provide virtually unrestricted positioning capabilities and is the first on the East Coast to be used for research and teaching.
- A new video integration system and conference room will allow for the most sophisticated training and education available in a university-based academic medical center.

MEET the people behind the Center:
- Henry Woo, MD, Director, Cerebrovascular Center
- David Fiorella, MD, PhD, Co-Director, Cerebrovascular Center
- B. Barry Lieber, PhD, Director, Cerebrovascular Center for Research
- Raphael Davis, MD, Chairman, Department of Neurological Surgery, and Co-Director, Institute for Advanced Neurosciences
An Invitation from:
Kenneth Kaushansky, MD, MACP, Senior Vice President, Health Sciences and Dean, School of Medicine
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Subject: Join Us at the Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony of the New Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Labor & Delivery Suite

GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY
Tuesday, August 2 • 2 pm to 4 pm
Stony Brook University Medical Center Lobby

OPEN HOUSE AND TOURS FOR EMPLOYEES
Tuesday, August 2 • 7 am to 9 am

OPEN HOUSE AND TOURS FOR PHYSICIANS
Wednesday, August 3 • 7 am to 8 am or 5 pm to 7 pm

Our Regional Perinatal Center provides expert care for mothers-to-be and their newborns, including postpartum care that is individualized to address both patient and family needs. Women with high-risk pregnancies come to our Center for the most advanced mother/baby care available. For babies born prematurely or with complications, our Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit serves as the region’s only center, offering highly specialized services and the most advanced technology.

We have recently renovated to expand capabilities, advance patient care and help to provide families with a more private and soothing healing environment.

Join us at a Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, tour the facility, and learn how these improvements can benefit our community.

• All mother and baby services in one convenient location
• Family-focused surroundings
• The first all-private-room NICU in New York State
• Increased capacity in the NICU—from 40 to 46 beds
• A new Labor & Delivery Suite with 10 labor and delivery rooms with private baths, private recovery rooms and three state-of-the-art operating rooms

**TO RSVP, CALL (631) 444-4000.**

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Dear Friends,

I am writing to let you know that Dr. Steven Strongwater will be leaving Stony Brook University Hospital, on November 15, 2011.

Steve has helped Stony Brook grow in size, stature and excellence during his near five years here. He established a pathway to become a world-class institution by focusing on clinical quality and patient safety. During a time of tremendous budgetary uncertainty, Steve led the effort that in 2008 brought Stony Brook University Hospital a four-star overall quality rating on the University Hospital Consortium Quality and Accountability scale. During his tenure here the hospital grew from 504 licensed beds to our current complement of 591 licensed beds, and from a budget of $689M to $901M. Steve oversaw the recent major modernization of the hospital, with new emergency facilities including a soon to be opened expanded Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program, revamped operating rooms, a new neonatal ICU and birthing center, and a makeover of the south side of the hospital, for which we were recently voted the third most beautiful hospital in the country. And to better prepare for Health Care Reform, Steve has championed the creation of a physician delivery network strategy to employ community physicians. He also championed the smoke free campus, modernized our technological infrastructure enabling programs like surgical robotics, interventional stroke and non-interventional coronary angiography. During Steve's tenure Stony Brook University Hospital has received numerous awards, including a Most Wired Hospital award, a Pinnacle Award from the Hospital Association of New York, a National Patient Safety Award from the National Association of Public Hospitals, a Consumer First Choice Award from the National Research Corporation, Niagara Quality Coalition Award, and the first in the nation memorandum of agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency to Go Green.

To help Stony Brook Medicine continue to grow and excel, I will immediately begin a national search for a new leader of University Hospital. During the transition, I have asked Fred Sganga, Executive Director of the Long Island State Veterans Home at Stony Brook, to serve as the interim CEO of University Hospital. Fred is an ideal person to serve in this role. He brings 27 years of experience as a healthcare executive, 10 of which have been spent on our campus. Prior to his arrival at Stony Brook, Fred served as the CEO of Bergen Regional Medical Center, an 1185 Bed Medical Center in Northern New Jersey. Many of you also know that Fred served as Interim CEO of our Medical Center back in 2006. Fred has an outstanding record of achieving success through leadership, team building, reengineering, analytical problems solving and constant, clear communication to all levels of an organization. Fred is committed to assisting us during this critical time of transition. I would ask that all of you do your best, and then some, to ensure that Fred will maintain the positive
momentum that is occurring at Stony Brook University Hospital.

Please join me in thanking Steve for his outstanding service to Stony Brook University Hospital, and in thanking Fred for again stepping in to help us with transitioning to a healthy and productive future.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Kaushansky, MD
Senior Vice President for the Health Sciences
Dean, School of Medicine
Stony Brook University
Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce Yusuf Hannun, MD, who has been recruited to Stony Brook University to serve as our new Cancer Center Director. Yusuf was chosen from an incredible field of applicants drawn from around the nation, and was clearly the top of our top candidates. Yusuf will also be appointed Professor of Medicine, joining us March 1, 2012.

Yusuf comes to Stony Brook from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), where he served as Professor of Medicine and of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, also serving as the Ralph Hirschmann Chair of Biochemistry, Director of the Division of Basic Sciences, Associate Dean for Research, and as Deputy Director of the Hollings Cancer Center. Yusuf has seen the creation of a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated Cancer Center from its inception, and I have every confidence he will lead our Cancer Center to new heights.

Yusuf received his MD with Distinction from the American University in Beirut, Lebanon, remained at American University to perform an internship and residency in Internal Medicine, and then immigrated to the United States to serve a fellowship in Hematology and Oncology at Duke University. Yusuf performed post-doctoral training at Duke with Professor Robert Bell, and then joined the faculty at Duke, rising rapidly through the ranks to become the Wayne Rundles Professor of Medicine. In 1998, Yusuf moved to South Carolina as Chair of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and then became Deputy Director of the Cancer Center ten years ago. During that time the MUSC Cancer Center underwent a remarkable transformation, becoming one of only approximately 60 NCI-designated Cancer Centers in the nation. Yusuf's leadership, scientific taste and hard work were essential in this process. A friend and colleague of mine at MUSC called Yusuf "the real deal."

Yusuf has made a huge mark on the science of medicine. His work focuses on the lipid mediators of cancer cell signaling, studies that have also impacted other biomedical disciplines including neurobiology, inflammation, and metabolism. He discovered the signaling functions of the class of lipids known as the sphingolipids. His group investigates the physiological and pathological roles played by these unusual molecules with names such as sphingomyelin, sphingosine, and ceramide, substances that are only fat soluble and hence very difficult to study. Yet, with his development of new analytical techniques, Yusuf and his colleagues have discovered vital roles for these molecules. His work is highly supported by the National Institutes of Health; he currently leads three NCI R01 awards, holds an NIH Merit Award, is PI of a program project grant and is co-Investigator on a lipid signaling core grant. During his career, Yusuf has contributed to over 460 scholarly
Yusuf has also made an impact on science through education; over his career he has mentored 40 post-doctoral fellows and 20 PhD students. In recognition of his accomplishments, Yusuf has been elected to a number of prestigious societies, including the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians, and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was recently awarded the prestigious Avanti Award for Lipid Research from the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

From the foregoing, it should be clear that Yusuf has made seminal impacts on scientific research, higher education and administrative processes. Virtually every endeavor he begins, Yusuf completes with great success. I hope you will join me in welcoming Dr. Yusuf Hannun to Stony Brook and to the Cancer Center, as we watch with marvel as he directs our clinical, educational and research missions for patients with cancer.

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Dear Friends,

It is my greatest pleasure to welcome to Stony Brook Medicine Dr. L. Reuven Pasternak, who will serve as Vice President for Health Systems and Chief Executive Officer of the Stony Brook University Hospital. A native of Hempstead, New York, and Stockbridge, Massachusetts, Reuven comes to Stony Brook following an extensive national search for our new CEO, having served for the past 4 years as CEO of the Inova Fairfax Hospital Campus in Falls Church, Virginia, and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs for the health system. There was little doubt amongst our search committee members that Reuven was simply outstanding, and that every one of his academic and management experiences to date prepared him extremely well for the challenges and opportunities here at Stony Brook University. Many thanks to the many members of our search committee; your efforts and deliberations were impressive and the result outstanding. Reuven will be joining us September 1st, 2012 at the latest.

Reuven received his medical training at the Duke University School of Medicine, and, following his internship in Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota, completed his residency in Pediatrics and Community Medicine at the University of North Carolina. He then performed a fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he also completed a residency in Anesthesiology. During his training Reuven also received a Masters of Public Health at the University of North Carolina and, later in his career, a Masters of Business Administration from Loyola College of Maryland. Reuven spent the majority of his academic career at Johns Hopkins, in the Departments of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, where he was Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, and the Departments of Pediatrics and Health Care Policy and Management, rising through the academic ranks and achieving tenure at Hopkins. During this time Reuven had a large number of academic and administrative roles. In addition to delivering outstanding clinical care to patients in the operating suites and critical care units, and penning numerous scholarly articles on preoperative and postoperative patient care and predictors of outcome, Reuven served as Medical Director of the Same Day Care Center, of the Same Day Surgery Programs and of the Ambulatory Surgery Programs, and as Director of the Division of Ambulatory Anesthesia. Reuven then moved to the Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital campus to serve as Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology, President of the Hospital Medical Board, and served in a number of posts, including President of the 350-member Johns Hopkins Bayview Physicians, ultimately becoming Vice Dean for the campus and School of Medicine, co-leading the integration of the two faculty practice plans at Hopkins into the 1700 physician Clinical Practice Association. During his time at Hopkins Reuven was also in the U.S. Naval Medical Corps reserves, serving on active duty during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, retiring with the rank of
Commander in 1998.

In 2005, Reuven moved to the Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, employing both his medical and business skills to serve as Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of a healthcare system consisting of eight hospitals and a 200-physician primary care system, with annual revenues of approximately $1.5 billion. In Cincinnati, Reuven had responsibility for clinical service lines, quality and safety services, risk management, medical staff coordination, graduate medical education, and ambulatory care systems. In early 2008, Reuven became CEO of the Inova Fairfax Hospital and Campus, including the Heart and Vascular Institute, Children's Hospital, Women's Hospital, and Adult Medical-Surgical facility totaling 900 beds with 5500 employees, leading an incredibly effective and profitable organization. He also served as Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Inova, a system of hospitals and ambulatory medical facilities with revenues of approximately $2.4 billion, leading the academic programs and cultivating academic connections to several medical schools and the National Institutes of Health. He was appointed Adjunct Professor of Anesthesiology in the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine with a joint academic appointment at Johns Hopkins. He is also currently serving on the Advisory Committee for the Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health. Based on the development of these educational programs within a private hospital system, it is clear that Reuven Pasternak is an academic at heart, and it was a return to a truly academic healthcare environment, and our potential for greatness in all three academic missions, that prompted Reuven to enthusiastically accept my offer to move to Stony Brook. Reuven also noted the welcoming culture of collaboration and commitment to a community of discovery and innovation as the basis for his move to Stony Brook.

Reuven's wife, Nancy is a native of White Plains, New York, completed clinical training as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and then moved on to senior administrative positions in nursing, home care and other activities at Johns Hopkins and Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She currently is a consultant based in northern Virginia and looks forward to bringing her experience and expertise to the region. They have three sons: Andrew, an intelligence and news analyst in northern Virginia, Rob, a musician in New York City, and Jordan, an engineering student at Union College.

Within Stony Brook Medicine Reuven will serve as Vice President for Health Systems (VPHS), reporting to me as the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences (SVPHS), and as CEO of Stony Brook University Hospital, reporting to the Governing Body through the SVPHS. The former role is newly defined; the VPHS will help me in developing a Long Island-wide network of facilities that deliver world-class academic health care to the citizens of New York. As CEO, Reuven will work with Dr. Peggy McGovern, in her role as head of the Clinical Practice Management Plan, in better coordinating our facilities, staff and physicians in our drive towards epitomizing patient-centered academic healthcare. He will work with Department Chairs in the School of Medicine in coordinating and enhancing the operations of the medical center and individual practices, as well as meshing our educational goals and programs into the fabric of Stony Brook Medicine. Reuven will work with Dr. Basil Rigas, in his role as Dean for Clinical Affairs, in providing strategic and operational leadership to clinical growth opportunities, crafting sustainable operational changes and one culture across all entities that will
endure in a reformed health care market. And he will work with me as Dean of the School of Medicine and the Deans of Dental Medicine, Health Technology and Management, Nursing and Social Welfare in developing plans for the education of students, residents, and medical and nursing staff on issues associated with health care delivery systems, strategies, and policy.

It is clear that Reuven's intelligence, skills and experiences fit Stony Brook Medicine like a proverbial glove, and that he is excited to become one of its captains.

"I am excited to be coming to Stony Brook Medicine at this unique time in its history. The collegiality of the staff and the sense of commitment to the mission of extraordinary care, discovery and teaching was a constant reminder of what is best in academic medicine. During the course of my meetings with members of the Stony Brook community I felt an immediate comfort with the culture and sense that I was already "home." As we continue through a time of dramatic change in all aspects of medical care and systems, I look forward to working with colleagues to expand Stony Brook Medicine's leadership on a regional, national and international basis."

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Reuven Pasternak to Stony Brook Medicine and Stony Brook University!

I would also be quite remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to publically thank Fred Sganga for his outstanding effort as our interim CEO. Fred's devotion to Stony Brook Medicine is matched only by his devotion to our patients, and his serving them and us so well over the past 8 plus months has been vital in our ongoing efforts at being the best healthcare organization in New York. So if you see Fred please stop him and say "Thanks," especially this week as we are being visited by The Joint Commission, as part of our approximate every third year hospital reaccreditation!