



**Dr. Richard N. Fine to Step Down as Dean, School of Medicine**

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To: All Faculty and Staff

Dr. Richard N. Fine, Dean of the Stony Brook University School of Medicine since November 2005, has informed me that he has decided to step down from that role and return to practice medicine in his area of specialty, Pediatric Nephrology, and to spend more quality time with his family.

When Dr. Fine accepted the appointment as the School of Medicine Dean, he made it known to President Kenny that he intended to serve in the role for a period of three years. This period was extended when Dr. Kenny announced last year that she would retire from Stony Brook in June 2009. This leaves a void that will be challenging to fill with a person of equal caliber and dedication; I have requested that Dr. Fine remain Dean during the search for his replacement, and he has graciously agreed to do so, and a search committee will soon be appointed to assist in identifying a qualified replacement.

Dr. Fine is a nationally renowned pediatric nephrologist and Distinguished Service Professor. Under his leadership, the Stony Brook University School of Medicine has been on a trajectory to increase enrollment as part of its goal to help meet a growing need for physicians nationwide. Last year, the School of Medicine Class of 2012 enrolled as the largest incoming class ever when 124 men and women took the Hippocratic Oath. The School also opened a \$4 million state-of-the-art, 6,000 square-foot Clinical Skills Center (CSC), a state-of-the-art training center where medical students evaluate and diagnose patients through teaching modules that incorporate the use of actor patients and computerized mannequins that simulate disease. Built in the design of an actual clinic, the CSC uses a variety of real time, interactive clinical experiences to facilitate the development and measurement of clinical skills and professional competencies for students and practitioners of the healing arts.

During his academic career, Dr. Fine has been instrumental in adopting the emerging modalities of Dialysis and Renal Transplantation for pediatric patients and in establishing peritoneal dialysis as an alternative dialysis therapy for children with End-Stage Renal Disease (E.S.R.D.). He helped pioneer recombinant human growth hormone to treat children with chronic renal insufficiency and ESRD and the use of recombinant human Erythropoietin for anemic children undergoing dialysis. Dr. Fine has co-authored six textbooks dealing with Chronic Renal Insufficiency and ESRD in children, and is the Editor-In-Chief of Pediatric Transplantation.

Dr. Fine is Past President of the American Society of Transplantation, which is the largest organization of transplant professionals in North America, President of the International Pediatric Transplant Association, an organization he helped establish, and Vice-President-Treasurer of the North American Pediatric Transplant Cooperative Study. Dr. Fine was most recently awarded the Founders Award by the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology. A fellow of the American Board of Pediatrics and

Pediatric Nephrology, Dr. Fine has authored more than 250 peer-reviewed publications, edited eleven textbooks, and is currently editor-in-chief of Pediatric Transplantation.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Fine for his tireless efforts on behalf of Stony Brook University and continue to work with him as he fulfills his role as Dean while we search for his replacement.

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President