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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to inform Lifespan, its affiliated hospitals, and the Brown community that James M. Gilchrist, MD, has been appointed interim chair of the Department of Neurology at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and interim chief of the department of neurology at Rhode Island Hospital, effective July 1, 2009. Dr. Gilchrist will succeed Donald Easton, MD, who will step down at the end of June. Dr. Easton has skillfully led the Department of Neurology at Brown since 1986. He was neurologist-in-chief at Rhode Island Hospital since 1986 and neurologist-in-chief at Women & Infants Hospital since 1992.

Dr. Gilchrist came to Providence in 1987, joining the faculty at Brown in the Department of Medicine and at Rhode Island Hospital as a staff neurologist. He is a graduate of the Loyola-Stritch School of Medicine. Dr. Gilchrist completed his postgraduate training at Northwestern University, Medical College of Virginia, and Duke University. He is the recipient of numerous honors, including *Best Doctors in America* and *Who's Who in Medical Science Education*.

In his capacity as chair, Dr. Gilchrist will lead academic programs at the hospital, facilitate undergraduate and graduate programs for medical students and residents, and oversee details in the Department of Neurology.

As interim chief of the Department of Neurology, Dr. Gilchrist will lead Rhode Island Hospital's clinical programs, direct patient care, and oversee all neurology staff to ensure a high-quality patient experience.

Dr. Gilchrist brings the strong clinical leadership expertise required to guide Alpert Medical School and Rhode Island Hospital successfully into the future.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Gilchrist and wishing him the best.

Sincerely,

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