



December 8, 2008

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to inform Lifespan, its affiliate hospitals, and the Brown community that Robert B. Klein, MD has been appointed pediatrician-in-chief and medical director for Hasbro Children's Hospital and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, effective December 8, 2008

Dr. Klein joined Hasbro Children's Hospital and the faculty at Brown in 2001 to develop the programs of the Asthma and Allergy Center. Since February 2008, he has served as interim pediatrician-in-chief and medical director of the hospital, as well as interim chair of the department of pediatrics at the Alpert Medical School.

Dr. Klein has more than 30 years of experience in the areas of pediatric asthma, allergy, and immunology, and has been a principal investigator and co-investigator on NIH-funded research grants, conducting research in the area of asthma and allergies for 25 years.

As pediatrician-in-chief, Dr. Klein will lead Hasbro Children's clinical programs, which include the pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic, the Pediatric Heart Center, the Center for Pediatric Imaging, and centers of excellence such as the Asthma and Allergy Center, the Children's Neurodevelopment Center, and the Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology. In addition, he will continue to serve as director of the Asthma and Allergy Center.

In his capacity as chair, Dr. Klein will lead academic programs at the hospitals, facilitate undergraduate and graduate programs for medical students and residents, and will oversee plans for pediatric inpatient and ambulatory services, advancement of research programs and faculty recruitment. He will also lead academic programs at Memorial Hospital and Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island.

Dr. Klein brings the strong clinical leadership expertise required to guide Hasbro Children's Hospital and Alpert Medical School successfully into the future.

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

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Babineau, MD
President and CEO, Rhode Island Hospital

Edward J. Wing, MD
Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences