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Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Louis B. Rice, MD, as chief of medicine at Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital, and as chair of the department of medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. As chair of medicine he will serve the needs of Lifespan, the Medical School and also be the executive chair of medicine at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, the Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center and at Women & Infants Hospital.

Dr. Rice, who will be president of University Medicine Inc., is an international authority on antimicrobial resistance in bacteria. He comes to Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital and Alpert Medical School from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio, where he serves as professor of medicine, and chief of medical service at the Cleveland VA Medical Center, as well as vice chairman of the department of medicine at the University Hospitals of Cleveland.

He served as the chair of the National Institutes of Health study section on drug discovery and mechanisms of antimicrobial resistance; was named the Inpatient Teacher of the Year at University Hospitals and Cleveland VA Medical Center; received the Kaiser-Permanente Award for Teaching Excellence; and served as the keynote speaker at the 46th Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. His research interests include understanding the mechanisms of antibiotic resistance in bacteria; preventing hospital infections; and developing antibiotic usage strategies that will minimize the emergence and spread of antibiotic resistance.

Dr. Rice will be a tremendous asset to our hospitals and medical school; his appointment is another important step in raising the national profiles of Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital and Alpert Medical School. He will join Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital and the Alpert Medical School on September 7, 2010.

We will be making this announcement public tomorrow, but wanted to share this exciting news with staff first.

We would also like to thank Lance Dworkin, MD, for his service as interim chief of the department of medicine and for his continued commitment to his colleagues and our patients. Dr. Dworkin is a vital member of our clinical team, and has done a superb job leading the department.

Sincerely yours,

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