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**Continuum Cancer Centers of New York and Beth Israel Medical Center
Welcome Prominent Oncology Surgeon to its Cancer Team**

***Dr. Steven T. Brower Named Vice Chairman of Surgery, Chief of Surgical Oncology and
Director of Strategic Planning and Extramural Affairs***

New York, NY – October 19, 2011 - Continuum Cancer Centers of New York (CCCNY) and Beth Israel Medical Center announced the appointment of nationally renowned oncology surgeon Steven T. Brower, MD, FACS, to fill several major positions with both organizations. At Beth Israel, Dr. Brower will serve as Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery and Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology. In addition, he will serve as Director of Strategic Planning and Extramural Affairs for CCCNY, which encompasses the cancer centers at all of the Continuum Health Partners hospitals, including Beth Israel and St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals.

Dr. Brower joins CCCNY and Beth Israel from Mercer University School of Medicine and Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia, where he had been serving as Chairman of the Department of Surgery. He also held the titles of Director of the Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute at Memorial Health University Medical Center and Senior Vice President for Oncology and Research, which is regarded the largest program of its' kind in southeast Georgia.

Prior to his work in Savannah, Dr. Brower held progressively responsible positions at Mount Sinai Medical Center and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, including tenure as Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology and the E.W. Friedman Endowed Professor in Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Brower's clinical expertise focuses on various forms of cancer, including carcinoid tumors, hepato-cellular carcinoma, and liver and pancreatic diseases. In addition, he leads major investigational initiatives in proteonomics, genomics, gastrointestinal cancers and clinical pathology research.

“Dr. Brower brings added depth and expertise to the already outstanding clinical services offered in surgical oncology here at Beth Israel,” said Martin S. Karpeh, Jr., MD, Chairman of the Department. “We are confident that under his leadership, the Division of Surgical Oncology will grow and continue to gain national recognition for its clinical and investigational work.”

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Dr. Brower received both his undergraduate and medical degrees from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo and completed a surgical internship and residency in general surgery at Boston University. Later, he completed a fellowship at the National Cancer Institute/ National Institutes of Health in Surgical Oncology and Biochemistry, and completed a clinical fellowship in the Department of Surgical Oncology at Boston University Medical Center under the auspices of the American Cancer Society.

“We are extremely delighted to have Dr. Brower join the CCCNY team as a clinical leader and a mentor,” said Louis B. Harrison, MD, Physician-in-Chief of CCCNY and Chairman of the Departments of Radiation Oncology at Beth Israel, St. Luke’s and Roosevelt. “Dr. Brower is one of the country’s leading surgical oncologists. His clinical expertise, as well as his vast administrative and program experience, makes him an outstanding addition to our institution.”

He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including being named Distinguished Clinical Cancer Scholar in the State of Georgia from 2003 to 2011. Dr. Brower also has served on a number of committees as a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology, the American College of Surgical Oncology Group (ACOSOG), and the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES), among others. This year in 2011, he has been recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who as the surgical oncology professional of the year.

In accepting his new appointment, Dr. Brower said: “I am delighted to join many outstanding colleagues who make up the cancer team at Beth Israel, St. Luke’s and Roosevelt and CCCNY. It is going to be extremely exciting to work with them to advance cancer care throughout the entire Continuum Health Partners network. And I am equally thrilled to be back in New York City, which is, indisputably, one of the world’s major centers of medical excellence.”

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