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Beth Israel Appoints New Prominent Thoracic Hematologist/Oncologist

New York, NY – March 15, 2010 - Beth Israel Medical Center has announced the appointment of Benjamin Levy, MD to the clinical staff in the Division of Hematology/Oncology for Continuum Cancer Centers of New York (CCCNY). Dr. Levy specializes in all areas of oncology, with an emphasis in thoracic malignancies as well as management of solid tumors and benign hematology disorders.

As a new attending physician at Beth Israel, Dr. Levy will focus on thoracic oncology. His current interest is the comprehensive clinical care and research development for patients with lung cancer. Working closely with thoracic surgeons, pulmonologists, and radiation oncologists, Dr. Levy's goal will establish innovative clinical trials for patients with lung cancer.

“It is a pleasure to welcome Dr. Levy to Beth Israel and Continuum,” said Louis B. Harrison, MD, Director of Continuum Cancer Centers of New York at Beth Israel Medical Center and St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York. His knowledge and expertise will add tremendously to our thoracic program.”

As patients live longer and develop lung cancer later in life, Dr. Levy believes that there should be particular attention devoted to targeted, less toxic treatments to improve survival but limit potentially harmful side effects of therapy. At Beth Israel, Dr. Levy already has initiated two clinical trials.

Dr. Levy earned his medical degree at the Medical College of Georgia in 1998. He went on to complete an internal medicine residency at Georgetown University Hospital and subsequently a hematology/oncology fellowship at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. While at Weill Cornell, Dr. Levy received both

the Department of Medicine Research Fellow of the Year Award and the 2009 American Society of Clinical Oncology Young Investigator Award for his clinical research in prostate cancer.