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**Beth Israel Medical Center's Director of Infection Control Named  
Infection Prevention Champion for 2008**

*Brian Koll, M.D., Honored by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and  
Epidemiology's Greater New York Chapter*

New York, NY (November 24, 2008) Beth Israel Medical Center is proud to announce that Brian Koll, epidemiologist and Director of Infection Control at the hospital, has been selected by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology's (APIC) Greater New York chapter as their Infection Prevention Champion for 2008.

This distinction is awarded annually to the individual whose contributions to infection prevention activities and accomplishments in reducing risks to patients exemplify the APIC mission of protecting patients. APIC Greater NY has more than 200 members representing health care facilities, consultants and industry in the Greater Metropolitan area.

Dr. Koll is being recognized for the leadership role during the Central Line Associated Bateria initiative undertaken by the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) and the United Hospital Fund (UHF). Many APIC Greater NY members participated in the collaborative and found Dr. Koll to be knowledgeable, respectful of all disciplines on the health care team and practical in his approach to problems.

Upon hearing of this honor David J. Shulkin, M.D., President of Beth Israel Medical Center said, "Dr. Koll is a physician who is held in high esteem by fellow physicians and staff and inspires those who look to him for guidance. His efforts to reduce infection and therefore increase patient safety are exemplary of Beth Israel's commitment to provide the highest quality of care with compassion and concern for patient well-being."

Dr. Koll will receive the award at the APIC meeting at Lennox Hill Hospital on December 18, 2008 at 2:30pm.

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