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ST. LUKE'S AND ROOSEVELT HOSPITALS STRENGTHEN THEIR HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY DIVISION WITH TWO HIGHLY RESPECTED APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Janice Dutcher and Dr. Peter Wiernik Bring Years of Experience to the Hospital

New York, NY - March 8, 2011 – St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals and Continuum Cancer Centers of New York have announced the addition of two very prominent physicians to its already well-rounded hematology/oncology team, Dr. Janice Dutcher and Dr. Peter Wiernik.

Janice P. Dutcher, MD, board-certified in medical oncology and internal medicine and Chair of the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group's Renal Cell Cancer Subcommittee, has been named Director of Immunotherapy in the Division of Hematology/Oncology at St. Luke's and Roosevelt. She also is an attending physician with the Hematology/Oncology Division in the Department of Medicine at the hospitals. Dr. Dutcher also sits on the Editorial Board of *Kidney Cancer Journal* and is one of the country's leading researchers in renal cell cancer and melanoma.

"Dr. Dutcher's years of knowledge in medical oncology, renal cell cancer, melanoma and immunotherapy in cancer makes her a wonderful addition to our staff," says Michael L. Grossbard, MD, Chief of the Division of Hematology-Oncology at both St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals and Beth Israel Medical Center in New York. "In addition to her responsibilities, she will establish an immunotherapy program, beginning with high-dose Interleukin-2."

Prior to joining the hospital, Dr. Dutcher was the Associate Director of Cancer Center Clinical Affairs at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center in the Bronx, and then continuing in this capacity at Montefiore Medical Center – North Division until last year. She is a past member of the American Board of Internal Medicine's Medical Oncology Board Certification Committee and a past Chair of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Oncology Drug Advisory Committee. Dr. Dutcher has headed numerous research protocols, new drug development and has hundreds of presentations, abstracts, journal articles and book chapters.

After receiving her medical degree from University of California-Davis, Dr. Dutcher completed a medical internship and residency at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago, and an oncology fellowship at the National Cancer Institute (Baltimore Cancer Research Program). Dr. Dutcher was a professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and at New York Medical College.

Peter H. Wiernik, MD, comes to St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals as Director of the Leukemia Program in the Division of Hematology/Oncology. He also is an attending physician with the Division of Hematology/Oncology and in the Department of Medicine at the hospitals. Dr. Wiernik is currently Co-Chief Editor of *Medical Oncology Journal* and Consulting Editor for the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

Prior to joining St. Luke's and Roosevelt, Dr. Wiernik was Director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Montefiore Medical Center – North Division and Professor of Medicine and Radiation Oncology at New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY and at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx. He also has served on the writing committee for the board examination in medical oncology from 1981 to 1987. He has authored hundreds of abstracts, journal articles and book reviews, and was elected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation in 1978.

Dr. Wiernik is and has been a member of numerous professional societies, national committees and has lectured extensively. He is a former gold medal recipient from the American Radium Society in 1996 and from the First Polish Oncology Congress in 2002. Dr. Wiernik is a former chair of the Adult Leukemia Committee of Cancer and Leukemia Group B from 1976 to 1982 and of the Leukemia Committee of the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group from 1989 to 1993. Both groups are national clinical trials groups sponsored by the National Cancer Institute. He has edited 14 books, including, "Neoplastic Diseases of the Blood" (4th Edition), whereby Dr. Wiernik served as Chief Editor. Dr. Wiernik received a Doctor Honoris Causa degree from the University of the Republic, Montevideo, Uruguay in 1982 and was the recipient of the Celgene Career Achievement Award for Clinical Research in Hematology in 2009.

"Dr. Wiernik brings a wealth of knowledge from the field of acute and chronic leukemia and familial hematologic malignancies to the hospital," said Dr. Grossbard. "His area of clinical research into these areas makes Dr. Wiernik a major addition to our oncology division."

Dr. Wiernik earned his medical degree from the University of Virginia. He completed his residency in medicine at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital and Johns Hopkins Hospital, followed by a fellowship in medical oncology at the National Cancer Institute.

