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**DR. BRIAN KOLL OF BETH ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER AWARDED APIC'S  
"HERO IN INFECTION PREVENTION" FOR 2010**

*Hospital's Medical Director for Infection Control and Chief of Epidemiology Recognized  
for His Commitment and Contribution to Significantly Prevent Infection*

**New York, NY – November 5, 2009** – Brian S. Koll, MD, Medical Director for Infection Control and Chief of Epidemiology at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, has been selected the 2010 "Hero in Infection Prevention" Award recipient by The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC), a 12,000 member non-profit organization whose mission is to improve health and patient safety by reducing risks of infection and other adverse outcomes.

"Although Dr. Koll is the most deserving recipient of this most important and prestigious award, it is Beth Israel and its' patients who truly are the beneficiaries of his excellent efforts," said Harris M. Nagler, MD, FACS, Interim President of Beth Israel. "Dr. Koll's ongoing work to set national standards in drastically reduce hospital-borne infections is supported by his lengthy experience in the fields of epidemiology and infection control, and his particular work in finding ways to battle multi-drug resistant bacteria."

Dr. Koll is only one of twelve recipients of this national award from APIC for 2010. In 2005, the organization established the Heroes of Infection Prevention Award to celebrate the accomplishments of "unsung heroes on the frontline" of infection prevention. The award recognizes APIC members who work tirelessly to reduce infection, raise awareness, and improve the health and well-being of patients, healthcare workers and the public.

"I am extremely honored and deeply humbled to be one of the national recipients of this very prestigious for 2010," said Dr. Koll. "The ever-changing field of epidemiology and infection control presents many challenges – but also opportunities to partake in new studies and methodologies that can be very beneficial to our patients".

Dr. Koll's primary duties at Beth Israel are focused in the Department of Infection Control, where surveillance is conducted to prevent health care-associated infections. Dr. Koll also is an attending physician in the Division of Infectious Diseases. Dr. Koll earned his medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine in 1986 and served his residency at Beth Israel (1987 – 1990) and a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (1990 – 1993).

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