

# New Leaders Named for Rusk and Cancer Institutes

## Dr. Flanagan Named Head of Rusk

**1** **STEVEN FLANAGAN, M.D.**, has been recruited as chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine and medical director of the Rusk Institute. Formerly vice chair for rehabilitation medicine and medical director of the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit at Mount Sinai Medical Center, he is internationally renowned in his field. Dr. Flanagan received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry–New Jersey Medical School in 1988 and completed his residency training at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, where he served as chief resident. There he led a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) program that has been designated a model system—one of only 16 of its kind in the country. He holds a major TBI grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research and is chairman of the Brain Injury Special Interest Group of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. ●



## Dr. Carroll to Lead Cancer Institute

**2** **WILLIAM L. CARROLL, M.D.**, the Julie and Edward J. Minskoff Professor of Pediatrics, has been appointed director of the NYU Cancer Institute after a brief tenure as acting director. He has also served as medical director of the Stephen D. Hassenfeld Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. Dr. Carroll earned his M.D. from the University of California, Irvine, and postdoctoral training in pediatric hematology/oncology at Stanford University Medical Center. He has attained international renown for using

genomics to study childhood tumors and developing new treatments, especially for the most common form of childhood cancer, acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). As chair of the Children's Oncology Group ALL Committee, he directs the largest clinical-trials network for children with cancer worldwide. Dr. Carroll has served as both a member and chair of the National Cancer Institute's Subcommittee A for Cancer Centers, giving him intimate knowledge of the components required for a world-class program. ●

## Dr. Evgeny A. Nudler Named First Julie Wilson Anderson Professor of Biochemistry

**3** **RECENTLY PROFILED** as one of *Crain's New York Business* magazine's "40 Under 40," Evgeny A. Nudler, Ph.D., has been named the inaugural Julie Wilson Anderson Professor of Biochemistry. The endowed professorship

was recently established with a gift from Dwight Anderson, newly elected member of the NYU Langone Medical Center Board of Trustees. Anderson is the founder and CEO of Ospraie Management, LLC, a commodities hedge-fund firm.

The chair is named for Mr. Anderson's wife, Julie, in honor of the birth last May of their second child at Tisch Hospital. Dr. Nudler began his cascade of seminal research discoveries while still a Ph.D. student and joined the NYU School of Medi-

cine at the age of 26, becoming the youngest full professor in the city. In 2002, he and his team of researchers discovered riboswitches—natural RNA sensors of small molecules that control numerous bacterial genes. RNA sensors are

now one of the fastest-growing areas in molecular biology. In 2006, he received the prestigious Director's Pioneer Award

from NIH, which supports "exceptionally creative scientists," and he has been applying that award to develop novel vaccines and antimicrobials. A martial arts student, he holds a black belt in Shorinji Kempo. ●



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