

# Dr. Golfinos Named Chairman of Neurosurgery

**JOHN G. GOLFINOS, M.D.**, associate professor of neurosurgery and otolaryngology, has been appointed chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery. A faculty member since 1995, Dr. Golfinos is widely known for his expertise in multimodal treatment of acoustic neuromas, brain tumors, skull base tumors, and neurofibromatosis, as well as for his research on diagnostics and therapeutic outcomes. In 1997, he collaborated with colleagues in the Department of Radiation Oncology to establish New York's first Gamma Knife facility for the minimally invasive



treatment of brain tumors, and in 2008, he cofounded the highly regarded Neurofibromatosis Center at NYU Langone Medical Center. He also launched neurosurgical clinical trials in conjunction with colleagues in neuroradiology, neurooncology, and radiation oncology, and has worked closely with our Cancer Center oncologists to treat metastatic brain tumors.

His appointment comes at a particularly exciting time for neurosurgery at the Medical Center. Dr. Golfinos will oversee creation of a new multidisciplinary Brain Tumor Center for adults and children, as well as a significant expansion of expertise in cerebrovascular and endovascular surgery and complex spinal procedures. The Department of Neurosurgery also plans to increase the number of residents and intensify research into brain tumors and other areas, such as epilepsy.

Dr. Golfinos graduated from Princeton University and received his M.D. from Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons. He completed his residency and chief residency in neurosurgery, as well as a fellowship in molecular biology research, at the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix. Coeditor of the textbook *Head Injury*, he has appeared regularly in Castle Connolly's "Top Doctors" rankings over the past decade and, in 2008, was featured both in *New York* magazine's Best Doctor issue and in Castle Connolly's latest edition of *America's Top Doctors for Cancer*. ●

# Dr. Zuckerman and Dr. Bernstein Chosen to Lead Their Professional Societies

● **JOSEPH D. ZUCKERMAN, M.D.**, Walter A. L. Thompson Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, was elected president of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) at its annual meeting in Las Vegas earlier this year. An academy member since 1992, Dr. Zuckerman has served as chairman of its Surgical Skills Committee and its Council on Education, and most recently, as the group's vice president.

With 24,000 members, the AAOS is the world's largest and most prestigious asso-

ciation of musculoskeletal specialists. "I am honored to assume the leadership position of this great organization," said Dr. Zuckerman. "In my upcoming year as president, I have chosen to expand the area of practice management, because I feel it is so centrally important to every one of our members—particularly in these challenging times." He also plans to concentrate on the issues of emergency care, diversity in orthopaedics, and advocacy and funding for orthopaedic research.

Dr. Zuckerman is an internationally recognized expert on shoulder surgery

and hip and knee replacement. A graduate of Cornell University and the Medical College of Wisconsin, he completed his residency at the University of Washington, followed by fellowships at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital and at the Mayo Clinic as a visiting clinician in shoulder surgery. In 2002, Dr. Zuckerman received the Clinical Research Award from the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF). He is



also a five-time winner of the Teacher of the Year Award from the residents at NYUHJD. ●

● **CAROLA A. BERNSTEIN, M.D.**, associate professor of psychiatry, vice chairwoman for education in the Department of Psychiatry, and associate dean for graduate medical education, has been elected president of the 38,000-member American Psychiatric Association (APA). Previously, she served as the organization's vice president as well as in other posts.

"I've been involved with the APA since I was a resident," says Dr.

Bernstein, "and I'm excited at the opportunity to lead the group at such a challenging time." Her priorities include helping the APA maintain its relevance in the face of a changing clinical landscape, and representing psychiatry in the upcoming debate over national healthcare.

Dr. Bernstein received her M.D. from Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, followed by an internship at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Medical Center in New York and psychiatric residency training at Columbia University, the New York State Psychiatric Institute, and Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. While she maintains a small clinical practice, Dr. Bernstein's focus



since joining the NYU faculty in 1993 has been on education, both within her department and in her role as associate dean overseeing NYU Langone's many residency and fellowship programs. For the past five years, she has also chaired the Dean's Council on Women, which promotes mentoring and professional development programs for NYU's female medical students and faculty. ●

## Drs. Aifantis and Dasen Receive HHMI Appointments

● **IANNIS AIFANTIS, PH.D., AND JEREMY S. DASEN, PH.D.**, were named Early Career Scientists by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) under its new initiative to establish and develop unique research programs. Dr. Aifantis is associate professor of pathology and codirector of the Cancer Stem Cell Program at the Cancer Institute at NYU Langone Medical Center, and Dr. Dasen is assistant professor of physiology and neuroscience. They were among 50 of the nation's top scientists who were selected by the HHMI for this new program.

Dr. Aifantis investigates T-cell acute lymphocytic leukemia, a common form of leukemia in children, and Dr. Dasen studies the molecular code that helps developing motor neurons in the spinal cord connect with the muscles they control. Both will receive a six-year appointment to the HHMI and funding to further explore their areas of research. HHMI will provide each researcher with his full salary, benefits, and a research budget of \$1.5 million over six years.

"The entire NYU Langone Medical Center community is proud of the groundbreaking work being conducted by Dr. Aifantis and Dr. Dasen, and we congratulate them on their selection as HHMI Early Career Scientists," said Robert I. Grossman, M.D., Dean and CEO of NYU Langone Medical Center. "These awards are recognition of the immense talent of these two scientists and the importance of the work that they are pursuing."



Dr. Aifantis



Dr. Dasen

## Dr. Hayes to Head Epidemiology Division

strategies based on risk profiling, early detection, and behavioral changes.

Prior to joining NYU Langone Medical Center, Dr. Hayes worked for the National Cancer Institute (NCI), most recently as senior investigator in the division of cancer epidemiology and genetics. During his nearly 25-year career at NCI, he published over 250 scientific articles and served as lead researcher for U.S. and international regulatory bodies evaluating the hazards of workplace exposure to benzene, formaldehyde, chromium, and other chemicals.

Dr. Hayes received his D.D.S. degree from Columbia University and taught epidemiology and public health at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry before getting his Ph.D. in epidemiology at Johns Hopkins. He is a recipient of the Alice Hamilton Science Award for Occupational Safety and Health, as well as NCI and National Institutes of Health Merit Awards and the NCI Mentor of Merit Award. An epidemiology consultant for Cancer Care Ontario and the American Cancer Society, he also serves on the editorial boards of the *American Journal of Epidemiology*, *Cancer Causes and Control*, and the *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*. ●



**RICHARD B. HAYES, D.D.S., PH.D.**, has been named director of the division of epidemiology in the Department of Environmental Medicine and associate director for population sciences of The Cancer Institute. In his new post, Dr. Hayes will work to develop a comprehensive research program for cancer prevention—an agenda that will include implementing prevention

## Kimmel Stem Cell Center Gets \$5 Million in Grants

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE stem cell researchers received over \$5 million in awards from New York State earlier this year as part of \$101.8 million in new state funding for stem cell studies. In all, 97 investigators and nine institutions received awards.

The NYU scientists, whose departmental affiliations range from cell biology to pharmacology and pediatrics, will work under the auspices of the Helen L. and Martin S. Kimmel Center for Stem Cell Biology. The center, led by director Ruth Lehmann, Ph.D., the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Professor of Cell Biology, was established in 2005 to study basic stem cell biology in animal models, with the goal of developing insights that can be translated to human stem cell research on novel therapies for a wide range of diseases. Its multidisciplinary framework crosses departmental and programmatic boundaries to link individual scientists and labs. ●

### The NYU Grant Recipients Are

ERIKA BACH, PH.D., assistant professor of pharmacology

LISA DAILEY, PH.D., assistant professor of microbiology

RAMANUJ DASGUPTA, PH.D., assistant professor of pharmacology

GORDON FISHELL, PH.D., professor of cell biology

GLENN FISHMAN, M.D., the William Goldring Professor of Medicine and professor of physiology and neuroscience and pharmacology

EVA HERNANDO-MONGE, PH.D., assistant professor of pathology

DAVID LEVY, PH.D., the Dr. Louis A. Schneider Professor of Molecular Pathology and professor of microbiology

JEREMY NANCE, PH.D., assistant professor of cell biology

E. JANE HUBBARD, PH.D., associate professor of pathology

LOUIS TERRACIO, PH.D., professor of pediatrics and professor of basic sciences, NYU College of Dentistry