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2011 Department Directory



Dear Colleagues,

Now is a time of extraordinary possibility in the field of eye disease research and treatment. The Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at Montefiore continues to distinguish itself both regionally and nationally as a leader in comprehensive, state-of-the-art eye care services. Our partnership with Albert Einstein College of Medicine creates fertile ground for translational research and for advancing the field of eye care, all of which better positions us to meet the growing demand for eye care services.

Our department has many reasons to be proud about our past and optimistic about the future. I'm honored to take a moment to share with you some of our department's remarkable accomplishments. The Research to Prevent Blindness Foundation recently gave us an unrestricted, annual perpetual grant award, ranking us now among the best eye research institutions in the nation, as well as among other hospitals in New York City.

We recently received the Humanitarian Award from the Lions Club International Foundation for our efforts to eradicate blindness throughout the Bronx and the greater New York metropolitan region. The Lions Club also bestowed upon me the honorable title of Melvin Jones Humanitarian fellow, for which I am very grateful. Our success in research and community outreach attracts the next generation of physicians who are eager to train at Montefiore.

This directory provides you with an overview of our department, as well as an insight into the talented physicians I am proud to call my colleagues. You will also see that despite recent changes to our name and look, our core mission remains unchanged—to ensure that everyone in the Bronx, as well as those who travel from farther away for our expertise—receive the highest quality care delivered efficiently and compassionately.

Sincerely,



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Professor and Chairman

Paul Henkind Chair

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Areas of Expertise: Treatment of complicated corneal and inflammatory eye disease; advanced cataract and anterior segment surgery, including Descemet's Stripping Automated Endothelial Keratoplasty (DSAEK)

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Montefiore, the University Hospital and Academic Medical Center for Albert Einstein College of Medicine, ranks among the top 1 percent of all U.S. hospitals for investments in medical innovation and technology. These investments allow Montefiore to provide compassionate, personalized care and the most positive outcomes for patients and their families in New York, the tri-state area and beyond. With advanced specialty programs, including cardiology and cardiac surgery, cancer care, children's health, tissue and organ transplantation, women's health, surgery and the surgical subspecialties, Montefiore offers a full range of services from prevention to today's most complex procedures.

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