



The Department of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery is pleased to announce the appointment of

Joseph DeRose, MD

**Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery
and Co-Director TAVR Program
Montefiore Medical Center**

**Associate Professor
Albert Einstein College of Medicine**

Joseph DeRose, MD, Director, Adult Cardiac Surgery, Weiler Hospital, Director, Minimally Invasive and Robotic Cardiac Surgery, has been named Chief of the new Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, in the Department of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery. A superb surgeon who specializes in minimally invasive surgical approaches, including robotics, Dr. DeRose will work to ensure that the cardiac and thoracic programs in the Department are continuing to build on their legacies of outstanding surgical results, world class care, and innovation.

"Dr. DeRose is an outstanding leader who inspires our doctors, nurses and the entire team. I am very pleased to have him directing our efforts in cardiac and thoracic surgery," says Robert E. Michler, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery, and Professor and Chairman of the Department of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery. "As healthcare becomes more structured and complicated, our approach and management of our surgical programs need to evolve, too. Dr. DeRose has the clinical skills, leadership and familiarity with Montefiore and Einstein to take our cardiothoracic surgery program to new heights of excellence."

"I have watched how Montefiore and the field of surgery have both evolved," says Dr. DeRose. "Now, in this new role as Division Chief, I can support the Department of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery by helping to establish novel programs for the 21st Century. We have world-class physicians who regularly lecture nationally and internationally, and lead the way both clinically and academically. We're a nationally recognized Department and academic medical center that remains intimately involved in the care of patients. This is what makes us different from other sites in New York."

In thoracic surgery, Dr. DeRose's clinical goals will focus on developing a thoracic robotic surgery program which will benefit patients with lung cancer, and building a minimally invasive esophageal program to treat conditions such as cancer and reflux. In cardiovascular care, Dr. DeRose and his team are looking to expand programs in ECMO

(extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) for acute lung and acute heart failure, and cultivate a new program that focuses on aortic surgery, which will build on Montefiore's efforts in using the groundbreaking new therapy for less invasive transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) for patients with severe aortic stenosis.

In addition, Dr. DeRose has served as Co-Director of the TAVR program at the Montefiore Einstein Center for Heart and Vascular Care, and is also an Associate Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. A gifted researcher, he has published several articles in leading peer-reviewed journals, and will continue studying robotic coronary bypass grafting, which involves operating on the heart while it is still beating. Dr. DeRose is also a member of several national professional organizations, including the American Association for Thoracic Surgery; the Society of Thoracic Surgery; the American College of Surgeons; New York State Thoracic Society; the International Society for Minimally Invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery; and New York Academy of Medicine.

After earning his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1993, Dr. DeRose completed a general surgery residency at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. He remained at Columbia to complete fellowships in cardiovascular research and cardiothoracic surgery. He completed post-graduate fellowships in LVAD/transplant and robotic/cardiac surgery. Prior to serving at Montefiore, he was Director of Robotics and an Assistant Chief of Cardiac Surgery at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York. He joined Montefiore in 2006 as Director of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Cardiac Surgery.

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