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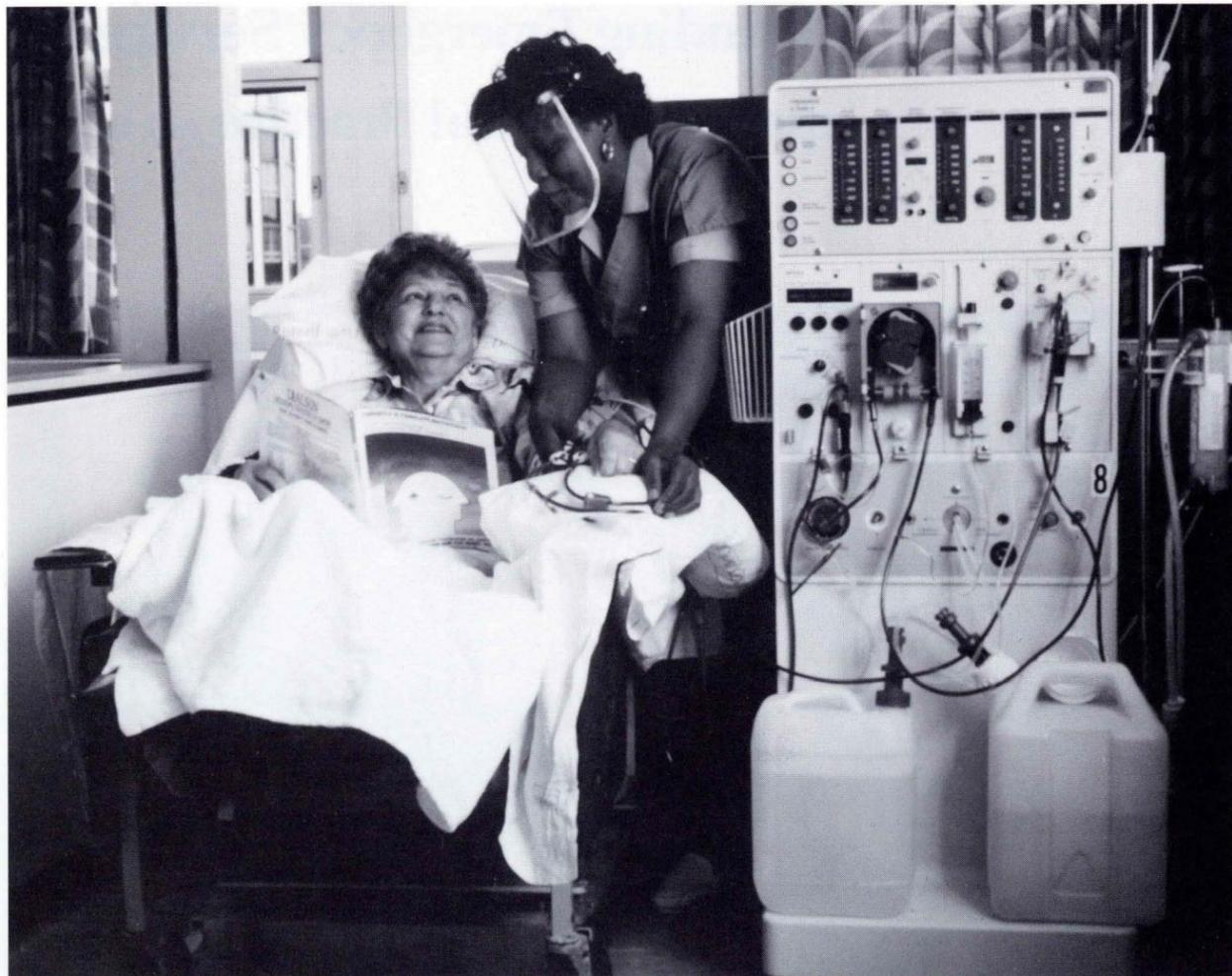
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Beth Israel Leads in the Development of Innovative Dialysis Treatments



Jane Thorton, R.N., assistant head nurse, dialysis unit, reviews information about dialysis with a patient.

Beth Israel's expanding program in kidney dialysis treatment reflects the Medical Center's commitment to major advances in hemodialysis and ambulatory dialysis, innovative research and comprehensive dialysis services.

"Our goal is to establish the most progressive hemodialysis program in New York," said Nathan Levin, M.D., who joined Beth Israel as chief of nephrology and hypertension in November 1988. A nationally renowned expert in kidney disease and renal dialysis, he was formerly head of the division of nephrology and hypertension at

Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI. He currently serves as president of the Renal Physicians Association.

Dr. Levin's goals for the division are being accomplished in part through the acquisition of the latest technology to reduce patient hemodialysis treatment time (during three weekly sessions) from four hours to two and a half hours with improved efficacy, he said.

More blood is processed in less time through the use of a new type of dialysis machine and improved high-flux membranes that are more efficient at cleaning out wastes.

"The goal is to remove toxic substances that build up in the blood and may not be removed by the conventional dialysis membranes," Dr. Levin said.

New Methods Improve Treatment

Another time-saving measure for dialysis patients is the application of urea kinetics. It involves the use of computers to prescribe how much dialysis is necessary by measuring various chemical substances, particularly urea (the end product of protein that is broken

down by the body and excreted in urine) that is in the body at various times before, during and after dialysis. "Urea is an important indicator of the poisons produced by the body," Dr. Levin said. "When it is removed, other harmful substances are removed with it."

"Urea kinetics helps us to measure the actual amount of time each patient needs for dialysis rather than dialyzing each patient for the standard four hours," said Alan Dubrow, M.D., physician-in-charge of the dialysis unit.

The nephrology/hypertension division also recently launched an ambulatory peritoneal dialysis program. In this procedure, a sterile fluid containing salts and glucose is pulled by gravity into the peritoneal space (located between the inner and outer layers of the sac lining the abdominal wall) through a catheter implanted in the patient's abdomen. As the patient goes about normal activities, waste products seep from the abdomen into the fluid that, in turn, passes

out through the catheter into a bag. After a few hours, the patient drains the catheter and adds clean solution. The procedure is repeated three to four times a day.

Peritoneal dialysis benefits both the patient and the hospital, since it frees the patient from the rigors and inconveniences of traditional hemodialysis, Dr. Levin said. It also allows the hospital to provide hemodialysis treatment to more patients for whom the ambulatory procedure is ineffective or unsuitable.

Advances in Research

Three major research projects that are under way in the division could improve hemodialysis significantly for patients.

One study, part of a national clinical trial, involves the use of a thermoregulatory device to reduce the incidence of low blood pressure during hemodialysis. In some cases, blood returning from the dialysis unit is too warm, so that the patient's blood vessels dilate,

resulting in low blood pressure, which in kidney dialysis patients can result in shock, stroke and even heart attack. The thermoregulatory device will help adjust the temperature of the dialysate (the fluid in the hemodialysis process) to cool the blood as it returns.

Another research project, hemodiafiltration, pulls from the bloodstream a far larger amount of water than is usually removed during dialysis. This volume of fluid contains large molecules of toxic compounds, many of which are not removed by ordinary dialysis, but which are removed by the kidney in healthy patients. The water is then replaced with a solution containing a number of substances the body requires. "Instead of cleaning the fluid, we replace it," explained Philip Klein, M.D., staff physician. The remaining water in the bloodstream is cleansed by traditional dialysis.

Because hemodiafiltration simulates more closely the functioning of the normal, healthy kidney than

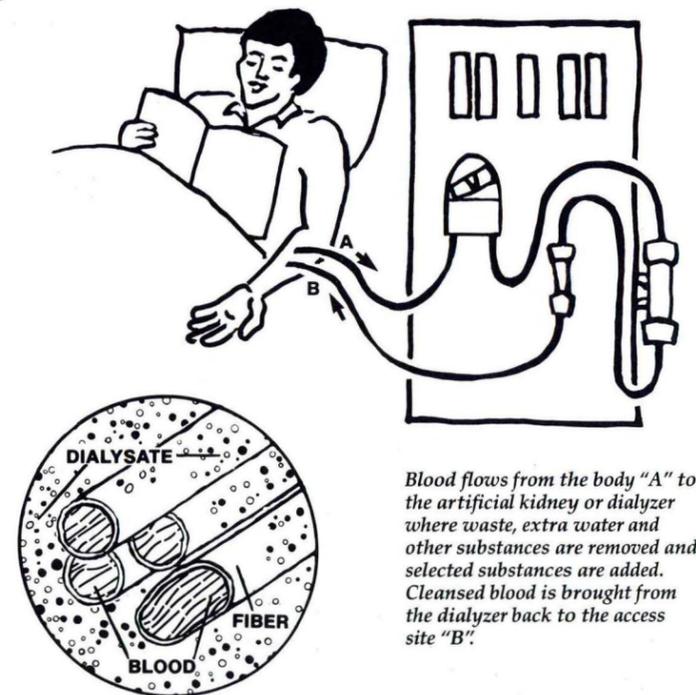
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How Hemodialysis Works

Hemodialysis acts as an artificial kidney. The hemodialysis machine performs three basic functions:

- removes from the blood excess water that has accumulated from fluid and food since the last dialysis session;
- removes waste products from the bloodstream, and
- adds to the bloodstream selected substances such as calcium and bicarbonate that are deficient in many patients with kidney disease.

In hemodialysis, the patient's blood is pumped through thousands of hollow fibers. These fibers are made of a permeable membrane. A fluid—the dialysate—that contains the beneficial chemicals bathes the outside of the fibers. (See illustration right.) Poisons concentrated in the blood flow through the membrane into the dialysate, while the chemicals in the dialysate flow across the membrane into the blood.



Blood flows from the body "A" to the artificial kidney or dialyzer where waste, extra water and other substances are removed and selected substances are added. Cleansed blood is brought from the dialyzer back to the access site "B".

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traditional dialysis does, patients who are dialyzed with it feel considerably better after treatment. It is being carried out at only one other medical center in the United States.

The third research project, being conducted as part of an FDA approval study, involves the development of a new generation of hemodialysis machine that will considerably automate the process of dialysis. Beth Israel is one of only two medical centers in the country participating in this innovative project.

The new machine will be more attuned to patients' specific dialysis needs and provide for smoother, more comfortable dialysis sessions. "It will be more responsive to the individual patient's blood circulation and will be far more automated than existing units," said Dr. Levin. As planned, it will monitor the patient's body chemistry and fluid loss during dialysis and automatically, rather than manually, adjust the blood flow and modify the concentration of chemicals in the dialysate until normal levels are achieved.

Raphael Recanati, an international businessman and philanthropist and an honorary trustee of Beth Israel, recently established the Recanati Fellowship Fund for research in nephrology.

Improved technology, compassionate patient care and dynamic research work in tandem at Beth Israel to contribute to the Medical Center's leading position in dialysis treatment.

The Dialysis Health Care Team

While great strides in dialysis technology are under way at Beth Israel, the caregivers play a vital role. Nurses, nutritionists and social workers all are involved with educating and counseling dialysis patients. In addition, technicians are crucial to assuring that the equipment functions properly.

Nephrologists (internal medicine specialists with expertise in

diseases of the kidney) also collaborate closely with other subspecialists, including cardiologists, endocrinologists, infectious disease specialists and rheumatologists. "The medical expertise of Beth Israel allows for a coordinated, multidisciplinary study into the wide variety of diseases and disorders to which dialysis patients are more susceptible," Dr. Levin said.



Members of the nephrology care team (rear, l. to r.): Tyrone Cepeda, chief technician; Morris Schoeneman, M.D., pediatric nephrologist; Fran Silverstein, C.S.W., social work coordinator; Althea Alto, R.N., nursing care coordinator; (front, l. to r.): Rosanne Chidylo, R.D., renal nutritionist; Savino DeBenedetto, R.N., C.A.P.D. clinician, and Alan Dubrow, M.D., physician-in-charge, dialysis unit.

New Dialysis Program Planned for Doctors Hospital Division

The New York State Department of Health has approved Beth Israel's Certificate of Need (CON) application to establish 24 chronic dialysis stations at its Doctors Hospital Division. Beth Israel filed the CON after the State Department of

Health identified the need for additional dialysis stations in Manhattan. The Doctors Hospital dialysis unit, presently under construction, will provide the latest technology in an environment designed to maximize patient comfort.

"The unit at Doctors will be state-of-the-art," said Dr. Levin. Plans are also being developed to expand the acute-care dialysis facilities at Doctors Hospital.

David B. Kriser Bequest Names Expanding Emergency Services



David B. Kriser, vice chairman, Beth Israel Board of Trustees

David B. Kriser, vice chairman of the Beth Israel Board of Trustees, has made a \$3 million irrevocable bequest to the Medical Center. In recognition of Mr. Kriser's extraordinary philanthropic support, the David B. Kriser Division of Emergency Medical Services was named in his honor.

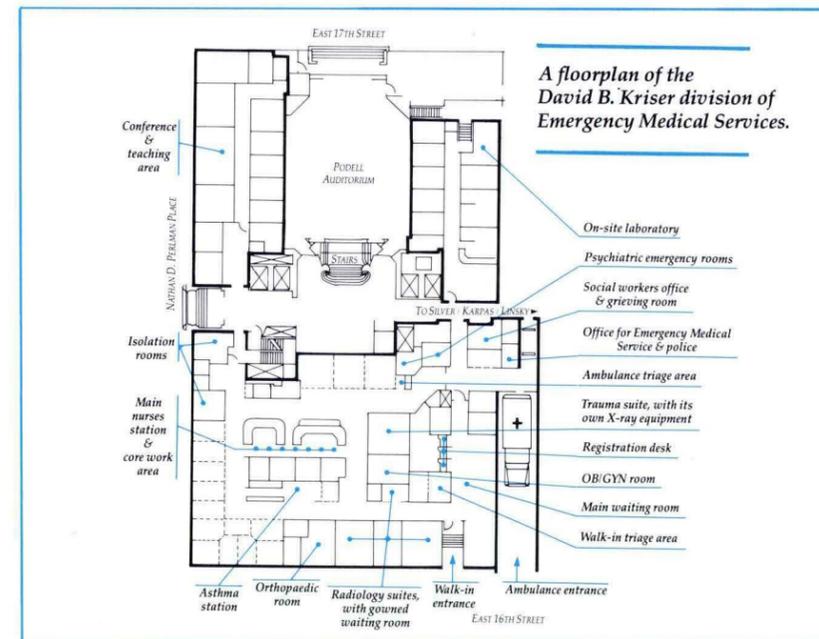
"I am delighted to support Beth Israel as it continues to provide the best possible emergency care at a time when New York desperately needs increased emergency services," said Mr. Kriser.

A Beth Israel Trustee since 1964, Mr. Kriser has given approximately \$5 million to the Medical Center, including gifts that have named the psychiatric day treatment program and the lung cancer center, whose

advisory committee he chairs.

"David B. Kriser has again demonstrated his outstanding commitment to Beth Israel and to the people of New York. We gratefully acknowledge his generosity, which will be of enormous benefit to the communities that we serve," said Morton P. Hyman, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

In September 1989 former Mayor Edward I. Koch presented Mr. Kriser with a certificate of appreciation from the city "in recognition of his generosity and tireless devotion to New York City's hospitals and his good deeds and unselfish actions which have made a significant contribution to improving the medical care and treatment of people of our city."



Major Renovations Under Way

Beth Israel's division of Emergency Medical Services is currently undergoing a major renovation to more than double its size and to enhance greatly its technical and support systems.

Construction plans call for the division to expand by 120 percent, covering most of the ground floor of the Dazian Pavilion. The expansion will allow the department to handle its current 60,000 annual visits more effectively and expeditiously, as well as to provide the capacity to meet future demands. The new emergency department will feature a large number of specialty treatment areas, including:

- 19 centrally monitored treatment stations;
- two X-ray rooms;
- a trauma resuscitation room with overhead X-ray capacity;
- an asthma treatment area;
- isolation rooms for immunocompromised patients;
- obstetrical/gynecological rooms;
- otolaryngology and ophthalmology areas;
- an orthopaedic room;
- video-monitored psychiatric rooms;
- pediatric treatment rooms;
- increased access for the handicapped, and
- increased ambulance bay capacity.

RESEARCH UPDATE:

Neonatologists Study Treatments for Drug-Addicted Infants

Research at Beth Israel into the effects of maternal drug use on the fetus and newborn is leading to improved understanding of this growing national problem and spurring hope for enhancing treatments for chemically dependent infants.

"Each year we see about 80 to 100 babies whose mothers have used drugs during pregnancy—about two percent of the babies born here," said Stephen R. Kandall, M.D., chief of the division of neonatology, who has studied more than 1,000 such cases over the past 17 years. The infants are considered at high risk and generally require acute care and three to four weeks of hospitalization.

Methadone Tempers Effects of Heroin

The good news overall, Dr. Kandall said, is that "with time, babies born to mothers maintained on methadone appear to be normal developmentally." In contrast, adverse effects of alcohol on the fetus are permanent, while long-term effects of cocaine are unclear since the cocaine epidemic and especially the widespread use of "crack" are only a few years old in New York City.

Dr. Kandall's studies of heroin-addicted mothers and their babies have shown that the drug adversely affects fetal growth, as measured by birth weight. In addition, fetal head growth is below average, indicating impaired brain development. Dr. Kandall pointed out, however, that other detrimental influences, such as poor nutrition and inadequate prenatal care, can also contribute to these problems.

Heroin-addicted pregnant women who are treated with methadone, a synthetic drug that blocks an addict's cravings without providing heroin's high and lows, have babies who are only slightly below normal weight, he noted. "Heroin



Stephen R. Kandall, M.D., chief, neonatology, directs research on the effects of maternal drug use on the fetus and newborn.

reduces the number of cells in a baby's organs, but methadone seems to reverse heroin's effect and normalize organ cell number," he said.

The babies born to heroin addicts or to mothers in methadone treatment programs usually undergo drug withdrawal and are at increased risk for seizures and sudden infant death syndrome. "In withdrawal, these babies exhibit tense muscles, irritability, jitteriness and an unusual high-pitched cry," said Evelyn Johnson, R.N., nursing supervisor in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).

Other Harmful Substances

Dr. Kandall's studies show that cocaine abuse during pregnancy also reduces the baby's birth

weight and head circumference, and produces abnormal neurologic symptoms and brain-wave patterns. Furthermore, studies indicate that alcohol abuse during pregnancy can result in severe effects on fetal development, including mental retardation and heart and craniofacial abnormalities. "Neurological development is poor in these infants because alcohol affects nerve cell migration in pregnancy," Dr. Kandall said.

Neurobehavioral Testing

The most effective current treatment for these infants is paregoric, a substitute opiate that controls withdrawal symptoms. The paregoric dose is gradually reduced and finally eliminated over a two- to three-week period.

Dr. Kandall's team in the NICU, led by Tatiana Doberczak, M.D., assistant chief, neonatology, plans to conduct neurobehavioral testing on infants in withdrawal as part of research to evaluate treatment methods. The testing, which is also being conducted by Julie Topsis, M.D., and Aimee Telsey, M.D., staff neonatologists, will involve recording the infants' cries on videotape, studying their neurologic development and investigating the use of acupressure to alleviate symptoms.

The acupressure study is based on clinical experience with acupuncture to treat addiction syndromes in adults at other institutions. In the acupressure study, small steel balls will be taped on the babies' earlobes and stimulated gently several times a day. This pressure may induce the production of endorphins, brain chemicals that are thought to act as natural painkillers, said Dr. Kandall.

Since drugs such as heroin affect development of brain centers that control breathing, Dr. Kandall's researchers will also study respiratory patterns in drug-exposed babies.

Reorganized Ophthalmology Provides Diverse Services

From delicate pediatric eye surgery, to the treatment of retinal infections in AIDS patients, to the fitting of contact lenses, Beth Israel's reorganized ophthalmology department provides a variety of services to patients throughout the Medical Center.

Regionalization of Services

To ensure Beth Israel patients access to a broad spectrum of clinical, surgical and consultative services and to reduce duplication of services, ophthalmology underwent substantial organizational restructuring in 1988.

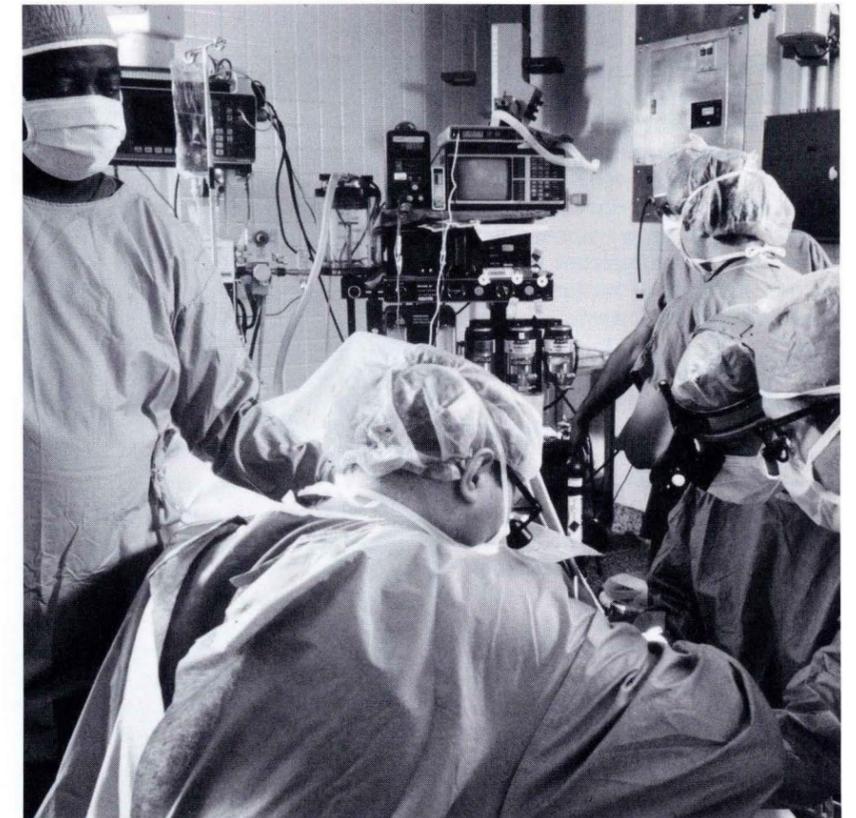
According to an agreement between Beth Israel and its neighbor, the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, adult ambulatory services are now being provided by the Infirmary's clinics. Also as a result of the reorganization, Beth Israel staff ophthalmologists perform most elective, adult surgical procedures at either the Infirmary or at Beth Israel's Doctors Hospital Division. Subsequently, much of the ophthalmic operating room and laser equipment was moved from Beth Israel to Doctors, where the surgical caseload has steadily increased.

"The regionalization of services has provided us with a tremendous opportunity to develop specialty services and to expand our outpatient programs to new audiences," said H. Jay Wisnicki, M.D., acting director of the department. "Ophthalmology continues to play a vital role in the Beth Israel Health Care System."

Comprehensive Care

Many ophthalmic services are still available at the Medical Center's main campus. "Our primary goal remains to provide comprehensive care and responsive consultative services," said Dr. Wisnicki.

One area of expertise is adult and pediatric surgery for strabis-



H. Jay Wisnicki, M.D., right, and ophthalmology residents perform strabismus surgery on a pediatric patient.

mus, a condition in which the eyes are misaligned and focus in different directions. The surgical procedure involves suturing the muscles surrounding the eye and shifting the eye into a normal position, Dr. Wisnicki said.

Another major emphasis is the treatment of pediatric eye disorders. Together with two ophthalmology residents—one from New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, the other from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine—Dr. Wisnicki screens premature infants in the neonatal intensive care unit for retinopathy of prematurity, a disease causing vision loss and severe impairment.

The department also provides consultation and treatment services for AIDS patients with cytomegalovirus and other retinal infections, as well as coverage for

the Medical Center's emergency room.

Service Through Private Practice

Private ophthalmology practices, located both on 11 Dazian (the 11 Dazian practice will move to 5 Fierman in early 1990) and at New York HealthCare, provide general ophthalmology care for medical and surgical diseases of the eye and specialized outpatient services, including:

- pediatric vision screenings;
- treatment of adult strabismus through eye exercises and use of prism glasses, and
- contact lenses exams and fitting.

For more information on ophthalmology services or to request a patient consultation, call ext. 2695.

Legal Department Provides Counsel on Many Difficult Issues

Over the past decade, as the law has played a greater role in medicine, the need for sound legal advice has grown throughout the entire health care industry. Beth Israel's legal department represents the Medical Center on a wide array of legal issues, ranging from patient care and regulatory matters to real estate and corporate law.

Advisors in a Changing System

"The law has intruded into the traditional areas of medical and ethical decision making that were once solely the domain of physicians and families," said Kathryn C. Meyer, Esq., senior vice president for legal affairs and a health care attorney for 14 years. She cited as examples new state laws that address the confidentiality of AIDS information and a new law concerning "do not resuscitate" (DNR) orders. "With the passage of the DNR law, we had to develop a comprehensive, institution-wide DNR policy to assure that Beth Israel physicians comply with the law," said Ms. Meyer, a graduate of Brown University and Yale Law School. A recent decision by the New York State Court of Appeals—New York's highest court—describes in great detail the kind of evidence necessary before treatment can be terminated for patients unable to act on their own behalf.

In another area, New York State laws implemented in 1986 require court hearings to medicate a psychiatric patient against his or her objection and to hospitalize or to continue to hospitalize involuntarily psychiatric patients who are a danger to themselves or others. (This is known as civil commitment.)

"Initially the courts permitted psychiatrists to testify on behalf of hospitals in these matters without



Representing Beth Israel on a wide range of legal issues are Kathryn C. Meyer, Esq. (front), senior vice president for legal affairs and general counsel; Jill E. Clayton, Esq. (center), associate general counsel, and Deborah Korzenik, Esq., assistant general counsel.

legal representation," said Jill E. Clayton, Esq., associate general counsel. "But because the courts now want attorneys there as well," said the Harvard University and Yale Law School graduate, "these cases have become a major source of activity for us."

The AIDS crisis has created an entire set of legal issues that often involve the implementation of new policies, Ms. Meyer said. Patient confidentiality, informed consent for new treatments, discrimination and issues involving health care workers are among the areas of legal concern regarding AIDS.

Protecting Rights

Despite the popular view that health care attorneys work almost exclusively on malpractice litigation, Beth Israel's attorneys spend only a small percentage of their time on these cases, retaining outside law firms to handle them. The bulk of the work for Beth Israel's legal staff involves helping to devise policies and to assure that the Medical Center complies with national, state and local laws. Contract drafting and interpretation and issues relating to the medical staff and personnel also make up a significant portion of the department's activity.

Protecting the confidentiality of

patients who are enrolled in the Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program (MMTP) is another responsibility for the department. "The hospital gets numerous subpoenas for patient records, and we fight these, when appropriate, in order to protect the patients' rights," said Ms. Meyer.

Beth Israel's attorneys help influence and formulate legal policy on a local and national level through service on professional committees of legal organizations and umbrella groups. For example, Ms. Meyer has served as chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on AIDS of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; she currently serves on the Legal Advisory and Government Affairs Committees of the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) and is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Hospital Attorneys. She is coauthor of a book on health care law published by Mathew Bender and has presented or taught more than 25 lectures and classes on health care law for professional and consumer groups. Ms. Clayton currently serves on the Committee on Medicine and Law of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and has lectured to a variety of professional groups and audiences.

Attorneys Volunteer Services for AIDS Patients

A group of volunteer attorneys from the Manhattan law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison have agreed to provide free legal services to indigent AIDS patients at Beth Israel. The program was coordinated through the efforts of the legal department and Volunteers of Legal Service, Inc., a Manhattan-based organization that works to increase the quantity

and variety of *pro bono* legal services available to New York City's poor. The attorneys will help many of Beth Israel's AIDS patients with a full range of issues that those facing death must address, such as guardianship of children, wills, living wills and powers of attorney. Jack O'Neil, Esq., a partner in Paul, Weiss's trust and estates department, heads the project.

While many attorneys are attracted to large law firms and corporate law departments, working for a major medical center has its special set of rewards.

"We are involved in maintaining excellence in medical care," said Deborah Korzenik, Esq., assistant general counsel and an alumna of Harvard University and New York University School of Law. "That has an impact on people's lives."

"We work every day on issues and problems that raise important policy and ethical questions," added Ms. Clayton. "The work is enjoyable, interesting and challenging."

Counselors to the Medical Center

The legal department, staffed by three full-time attorneys and assisted by several law firms, is involved in a broad range of Medical Center activity, such as

- writing and reviewing contracts and affiliation agreements;
- managing the legal issues relating to Beth Israel's growing corporate structure, real estate holdings and regulatory matters;
- advising and working with the Medical Board;
- protecting patient confidentiality;
- assuring that informed consent is properly obtained from patients;
- managing litigation;
- providing advice to the development department concerning fund-raising, and
- advising physicians, health care workers and administrators about sensitive patient care, regulatory and labor issues.



Beth Israel trustee Monte M. Hurowitz and his wife, Susie, chairmen of the Centennial ball, with their children, Steven (far left), Stephanie (center), and Richard (far right).



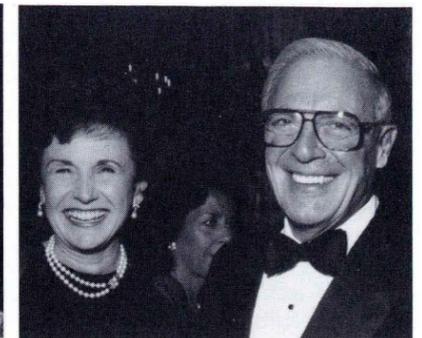
Guests at the Centennial ball dance to the music of the Hank Lane orchestra.



Morton P. Hyman, chairman, Board of Trustees, and wife, Chris, with Raphael Recanati, Beth Israel honorary trustee.



Robert G. Newman, M.D., Beth Israel president, and wife, Seiko.

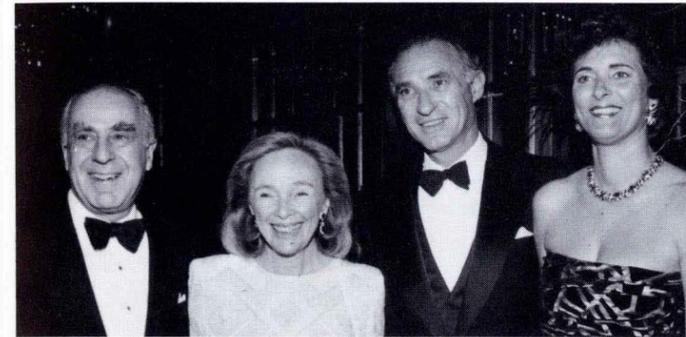


Beth Israel trustees, Suzanne T. Karpas and husband, Irving D. Karpas, Jr., chairman of the Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing.

Waldorf Gala Launches Beth Israel Centennial

Beth Israel inaugurated the celebration of its Centennial with a grand and elegant ball at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Sunday, November 12, 1989.

Chaired by Susie and Monte M. Hurowitz, the black-tie event was attended by more than 1,000 Beth Israel supporters. It raised \$1 million for the Medical Center.



Centennial ball chairmen Monte M. and Susie Hurowitz with Armand Lindenbaum, Beth Israel trustee, and wife, Jean.



Erika Friedman and Ira Friedman, M.D., attending, surgery, with Ray Trussell, M.D., former general director of Beth Israel and honorary trustee, and wife, Beth Davis Trussell, M.D.



Joseph Litwins, M.D., Beth Israel's longest practicing physician, and Robert G. Newman, M.D., Beth Israel president, flank the Centennial birthday cake with Bobbie Abrams, chairman, Centennial Committee, and vice chairman, Board of Trustees, and Morton P. Hyman, chairman, Board of Trustees.



Samuel Hausman, chairman emeritus, Board of Trustees, and wife, Vera.



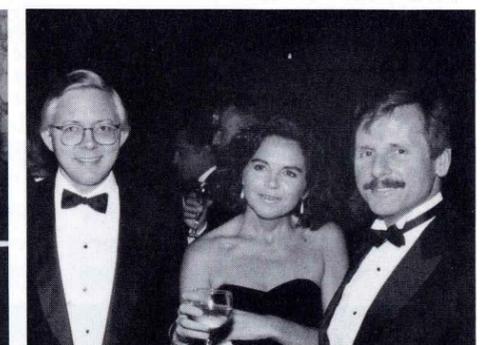
Beth Israel benefactor Rachel Sussman and Jane Blumenfeld, vice president, development.



Thomas Killip, M.D., executive vice president for medical affairs; Elliott Blumenthal, M.D., acting director, obstetrics and gynecology, and wife, Julia.



David B. Kriser, vice chairman, Board of Trustees; Shirley Wald and Admiral Samuel S. Wald, honorary trustee.



Anthony Pramberger, director, pharmacy services; Lorraine Ryan, assistant vice president for risk management and regulatory affairs, and Peter Kelly, executive vice president, operations.



Herbert M. Singer, Esq., president emeritus, Board of Trustees, and wife, Nell.



Bobbie Abrams, Centennial chairman; Carol Green Nash, honorary trustee, and her mother, Madelyn Phillips.



Morton I. Davidson, M.D., president, Medical Board, and wife, Alice, cochairmen of the Doctors Committee of the Centennial Ball, with daughter, Victoria.



Thomas J. Hayes, executive vice president, corporate affairs, and wife, Constance.



Trustee David J. Stern and wife, Dianne.

Beth Israel to Establish Cross-Cultural Medical Services With Japanese Insurance Leader

Beth Israel and The Tokio Marine and Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. have announced a program to establish a variety of cross-cultural medical services and educational programs to benefit both the Japanese and U.S. communities.

Prompted by the unprecedented growth of trade and travel between the United States and Japan, the program will be supported by a gift of \$1 million from Tokio Marine, one of the world's largest insurance companies.

Reaching Out to Japanese in New York

Beth Israel will establish medical services responsive to the health care needs of the approximately 40,000 Japanese citizens living in the New York metropolitan area and the nearly half-million Japanese tourists who visit the area each year. Initially, a bilingual, multidisciplinary medical practice will be created at Beth Israel's New York HealthCare facility at 55 East 34th Street, between Park and Madison

Avenues. Plans also call for emergency medical coverage to be available on a 7-day-a-week, 24-hour basis through the Beth Israel Health Care System.

Robert G. Newman, M.D., Beth Israel president, said that "the new services will provide care modeled after Japanese medical protocols, including an emphasis on preventive medicine and the extensive

annual examination which is standard practice in Japan."

The program will benefit from the technical and the financial support of Tokio Marine, which is providing consultation through its subsidiary, Tokio Marine Medical Services Company. With branch offices in 34 countries and a major insurance program to cover Japanese overseas travelers, Tokio Marine has direct experience in helping to provide access to medical services on a global basis, Dr. Newman added.



Robert G. Newman, M.D., Beth Israel president (right), with Morihisa Miyakawa, executive vice president, Tokio Marine Management, Inc., and U.S. manager for the Tokio Marine and Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., at Beth Israel's Japanese health care practice.

Harris M. Nagler, M.D., Appointed Director of Urology

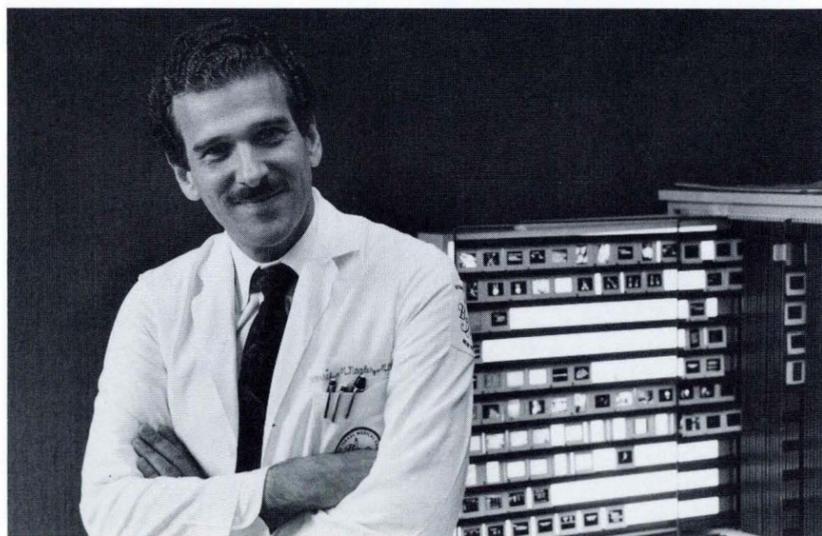
Harris M. Nagler, M.D., a nationally recognized expert in male infertility and sexual dysfunction, was

appointed director of the department of urology in July 1989. At that time urology returned to full

departmental status.

Dr. Nagler, who also serves as professor of urology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, was previously director of the New York Male Reproductive Center at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and associate professor of urology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

A graduate of The Hackley School, Union College and the Temple University School of Medicine, Dr. Nagler is a member of a variety of professional societies, including the Society of Reproductive Surgeons. Additionally, he is a member of the Council of Infertility/Impotence and Incontinence of the National Kidney Foundation. He is a member of the editorial boards of the *Journal of Andrology*, *Investigative Urology*/*Journal of Urology* and *Molecular Andrology*.



Harris M. Nagler, M.D., director, urology

PHILLIPS BETH ISRAEL SCHOOL OF NURSING: Educating a Diverse Group of Students

What motivates an individual to choose a career in nursing? For students at the Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing, it is a genuine desire to work directly with people in a caring environment.

The students are a diverse group ranging in age, nationality and professional background. In addition to "traditional" 18- to 19-year-old students, the student body includes a 61-year-old woman who began classes in the fall of 1989. There are also experienced nurses from Ireland, Poland, Russia and Scotland who have practiced overseas and are now taking courses at the School in preparation for the New York State licensing exam.

Nursing also attracts people making a career change. "The profession has become the second career of choice for many students, including former lawyers, social workers, filmmakers and dancers," said Henni Bitter, R.N., M.S.N., the School's recruitment counselor.

Applications for admission to the class of 1991 have increased from last year by over 30 percent. Heightened media attention to the nursing profession and encouragement to enter the field from secondary school educators and

guidance counselors have been especially important factors, said Bernice Pass-Stern, M.Ed., registrar and chairperson of the admissions committee.

"A nationwide demand for nurses, the profession's job security, competitive salaries and growth opportunities make nursing a particularly attractive profession," said Julianne Hart, Ph.D., R.N., dean of the School.

Training in a First-Rate Medical Center

The Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing offers its students a two-year Associate in Applied Science in Nursing degree in a hospital-based program. Sixty credits earned at the School can be credited toward a Bachelor of Science degree through an affiliation with Pace University.

The strong connection between the School and Beth Israel Medical Center provides 765 hours of clinical experience for each student— invaluable hands-on training that prepares students for the challenges ahead. Learning opportunities in laboratory settings using diversified training modalities,



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including videotapes and computers, are also available.

Another nexus between the two institutions is the extern program, in which students work during the summer at Beth Israel, assisting nurses with admission and discharge of patients and in taking patients' vital signs.

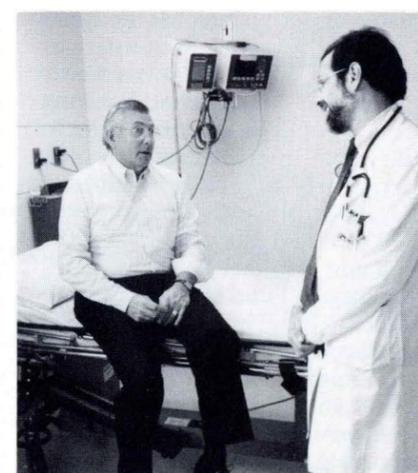
Adina Goldson, an extern, is enthusiastic about the program. "It gives me a chance to familiarize myself with the realities of an acute-care setting and provides me with hands-on experience assisting professional nurses," she said.

For more information about the Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing or to obtain an application for admission, call the office of student services at (212) 614-6104.

Doctors Hospital Emergency Service Becomes 911 Receiving Site

In response to appeals from both New York City and New York State Department of Health officials, Beth Israel's Doctors Hospital Division became a 911 receiving hospital for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS). EMS, under the auspices of the Health and Hospitals Corporation, is the principal provider of emergency medical and ambulance service for New York City.

During the summer of 1988, New York State Health Commissioner David Axelrod, M.D., and former Mayor Edward I. Koch urged every New York City hospital that was not a 911 EMS facility to initiate the qualifying steps necessary to help relieve overcrowding in existing



A patient and physician at the Doctors Hospital emergency room, now a 911 receiving facility.

911 receiving departments. Doctors Hospital underwent a satisfactory site inspection and received its 911 designation in February 1989.

"It is imperative that all hospitals work together to address the city-wide shortage of emergency facilities," said Robert G. Newman, M.D., president of Beth Israel and Doctors Hospital. "Doctors Hospital's outstanding emergency room facilities and experienced staff make it an ideal 911 receiver."

The emergency room at Doctors Hospital includes six treatment rooms, and its convenient location in the hospital provides easy access to immediate radiologic and lab services.

Six New Trustees Welcomed to Board



Richard Harriton

Harvey M. Krueger, Esq.

Andrew Levy

Raphael Recanati

Ira S. Rimerman

John Wolff

Beth Israel welcomed six new members to its Board of Trustees, announced Morton P. Hyman, chairman of the Board:

Richard Harriton is senior managing director and head of correspondent clearing at Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. He also serves on the Board of Directors of its parent company, The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. Previously, he served as president of First Wall Street Settlement, the clearing arm of Loeb Rhoades & Co., Inc. He participates actively with UJA-Federation and is a member of its Wall Street Planning Group. A graduate of New York University, Mr. Harriton resides in Manhattan with his wife, Arlene. They have a son and daughter.

Harvey M. Krueger, Esq., has been a managing director of Shearson Lehman Hutton, Inc., since 1984. He is a director of Automatic Data Processing Inc.; R. G. Barry Corp.; Club Med, Inc., and Ampal-American Israel Corporation. Mr. Krueger received his B.A. degree from Columbia College and his LL.B. degree from Columbia University School of Law. He is active in several philanthropic activities and currently serves as chairman of the Board of Governors of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Mr. Krueger resides in Manhattan with his wife, Connie. They have two daughters.

Andrew Levy, a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, is a partner in the New York law firm of Schulte Roth & Zabel, specializing in real estate, real estate finance and corporate law. He has been an executive board member of the New York chapter of the American Jewish Committee since 1984 and previously served on the boards of the Los Angeles and District of Columbia chapters. Mr. Levy and his wife, the actress Tovah Feldshuh, live in Manhattan with their children, G. Brandon, 6, and Amanda, 2.

Raphael Recanati, international businessman and philanthropist, has been named an honorary trustee of Beth Israel. Mr. Recanati is actively involved with interests in banking, shipping, investments and finance. Mr. Recanati has long been a generous contributor to charitable institutions in Israel, particularly to medical facilities. His major philanthropic support of Beth Israel has established the Dina and Raphael Recanati Medical Research Fund for investigative studies in brain endocrinology and the Dina and Raphael Recanati Cardiology Research Fund. Most recently, he established the Recanati Fellowship Fund for research in nephrology. Mr. Recanati resides in New York and in Israel with his wife, Dina, a noted sculptor.

Ira S. Rimerman is the group executive for administration at Citicorp/Citibank. His prior assignment was heading up Citibank's U.S. Card Products Group, the largest issuer of credit cards in the nation. He also serves on the Policy Committee of the bank. Mr. Rimerman has been with Citibank since 1971 in various executive positions. Mr. Rimerman received his undergraduate degree in industrial engineering from Syracuse University and a professional degree in engineering from Columbia. He is on the Board of Trustees of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York for which he is also treasurer. Mr. Rimerman is the father of three daughters.

John Wolff serves as both general partner with CEW Partners, an investment holding company, and director of Lechters, a retail housewares chain. He is on the Board of the Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric Center and has been elected as its next president. He is also a member of the Communal Planning Board of UJA-Federation. Mr. Wolff's wife, Nancy, a director of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, is involved with UJA-Federation activities. The Wolffs have three children: Jacob, 7, Sarah, 4, and Matthew, 3 months.

Faculty and Staff Notes

Karlis Adamsons, M.D., consultant, obstetrics and gynecology, spoke at the Third European Conference on Perinatal Hypertension in Perugia, Italy, March 29-31, 1989. At the International Postgraduate Course on Perinatology in Erice, Sicily, held April 2-8, 1989, he delivered the opening lecture, "Unresolved Problems in Perinatal Medicine," and three presentations, "Hypothesis of the Origins of Toxemia," "Use of Albumin in the Expectant Management of Severe Pre-eclampsia" and "The Use of Negative Inotropic Drugs in the Management of Perinatal Hypertension."

Adrian Aldea, M.D., attending, obstetrics and gynecology, was elected a life member of the Medical Society of the State of New York.

Edward Anselm, M.D., director, employee health service, was elected chairman of the Greater New York Directors of Hospital Employee Health Service. He also spoke on "The Role of Physicians and Dentists in a Smoke-Free Environment" at the New York Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Deborah Axelrod, M.D., assistant, surgery, wrote two chapters, "Management of the Swollen Extremity" and "Care of Local Wound Infection and Necrosis of Breast, Head and Neck Tumors," in *Manual of Oncologic Therapeutics 1989/1990*, published by J. B. Lippincott Company.

Isaac Azar, M.D., associate director, anesthesiology, was a host at the 43rd Post-

graduate Assembly in Anesthesiology sponsored by the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists (NYSSA). Dr. Azar also spoke on "Neuromuscular Blockers" at the meeting.

Jane G. Blumenfeld, vice president, development, was elected a vice president of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE), in charge of programs. She also has been reappointed as a member of the National Association for Hospital Development for a fourth term.

Charlotte Colp, M.D., associate attending, pulmonary division, medicine, addressed the European College of Chest Physicians on "Ondine's Curse," in Dublin, Ireland, in July 1988, and coauthored "Ondine's Curse Revisited," which was published in the *New York State Journal of Medicine*, April 1989. She also presented a study of "Asthma in Puerto Ricans at Beth Israel" to the American College of Chest Physicians in Anaheim, CA, in October 1988.

John P. Cox, associate director, operations, was appointed to the Committee on Goals of The American Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

Simeon David, M.D., director, pediatric ambulatory services, spoke on child abuse at Maimonides Medical Center's pediatrics postgraduate program on January 17, 1989, and at the New York Foundling Hospital on March 21, 1989.

Franklin Z. Davidson, M.D., attending, medicine, was

elected a governor of the American College of Gastroenterology.

Morton I. Davidson, M.D., president, Medical Board, and attending in medicine, traveled to Chicago in March 1989 with Irene McEachen, M.S., M.Ed., R.N., vice president, Nursing, and Robert G. Newman, M.D., president, to meet with national advisory committee members of a \$26.8 million national program, "Strengthening Hospital Nursing: A Program to Improve Patient Care." The meeting was instrumental in helping Beth Israel secure a planning grant to participate in the program.

Leonard Davis, M.D., associate director, rehabilitation medicine, coauthored "Burnout in Rehabilitation Medicine" in the *American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, December 1988.

Tatiana M. Doberczak, M.D., assistant chief, neonatology, lectured on "The Effects of Cocaine on the Neonatal Central Nervous System" at a meeting of the Philadelphia Perinatal Society in April 1989. She also presented a paper on sonograms of cocaine-exposed infants at the National Society for Pediatric Research meeting in Washington, DC, in May 1989. Dr. Doberczak was recently elected to the New York Pediatric Society.

Todd Feinberg, M.D., physician-in-charge, Neurobehavior Center, presented a paper on the "Behavioral Manifestations of Right Hemisphere Stroke" at the American Academy of Neurology in Chicago.

Steven J. Feldstein, M.D., clinical instructor, anesthesiology, spoke on "Anesthesia Management of the Patient with Valvular Heart Disease" at the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists 43rd Postgraduate Assembly in Anesthesiology held in December 1989 at the New York Hilton.

Bonita Franklin, M.D., assistant attending, pediatric endocrinology, pediatrics, was elected to the New York Pediatric Society, where she also presented a paper on "Cushing's Disease in a Seven-year-old Boy." She spoke on Cushing's disease at grand rounds at St. Vincent's Hospital on April 11, 1989.

Jules D. Gordon, M.D., F.A.C.S., associate attending, surgery, was honored by the Supreme Court of New York on March 14, 1989, with a certificate of appointment for services given to the Physician Member Medical Malpractice Panel.

Ira A. Gould, M.D., attending, pulmonary division, medicine, spoke on "Pulmonary Silicosis and Silica-Related Diseases in the Sandhogs of New York State" at the Medical and Surgical Problems in Workers' Compensation Symposium, sponsored by the American Society of Legal and Industrial Medicine.

Alex M. Greenberg, D.D.S., assistant, dentistry, was a faculty member for lecture and laboratory instruction in the use of plates and screws for facial bone reconstruction in trauma, tumor and orthognathic surgery at the Northwestern Univer-

sity-sponsored Swiss Association for the Study of Internal Fixation (AO/ASIF) maxillofacial course in June 1989. In 1988 Dr. Greenberg was an AO/ASIF maxillofacial fellow at the University of Basel, Switzerland.

Jack Greenberg, M.D., assistant, ophthalmology, spoke about cataract surgery at the Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Information Center.

Navah Harlow, director, patient representatives, addressed a senior citizens group at the Mid-Town Emmanuel Y on "Patients' Rights and Responsibilities" in March 1989. She was also named a distinguished member of the AHA National Society of Patient Representatives at their Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ. She conducted a workshop entitled "Essentials of Patient Representation" at the conference.

Pauline G. Hecht, M.D., associate attending, surgery, presented a paper entitled "The Growing Importance of In-Situ Carcinoma of the Breast" at the International Association for Breast Cancer Research meeting in Tel Aviv, Israel, on March 5, 1989.

Robert Heideberger, technical director, pulmonary medicine, participated in the New York City Respiratory Therapy Managers Meeting held in Queens on March 31, 1989. The event was coordinated by **Eileen Bahl**, assistant director of the pulmonary division.

Judith Hertanu, M.D., attending, rehabilitation medicine, received a one-year special appointment (September 1988 to September 1989) as program coordinator of the Scientific Committee of the American Academy of Physical Medi-

cine and Rehabilitation. She also coauthored an abstract entitled "Electromyography Findings in an Atypical Case of Guillain-Barre Syndrome" for poster presentation at the Annual Convention of the Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation held in San Antonio, TX, on November 5, 1989.

Saul Hoffman, M.D., attending, surgery, presented a videotape on new methods of breast reconstruction at the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery meeting held in Orlando, FL, on April 10, 1989. He also was a member of the faculty of a postgraduate course in surgical diseases of the breast at the 1989 clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons in Atlanta in October.

Bernard Kabakow, M.D., F.A.C.P., attending, medicine, and vice president of the Medical Board, along with other Beth Israel physicians, participated in the Biennial International Breast Cancer Research Conference sponsored by Tel Aviv University in Israel from March 5-9, 1989. Dr. Kabakow delivered a plenary lecture on "Characterization and Follow-up of Breast Cancer Disease." He also presented with **Richard Hirschman, M.D.**, **Mitchel R. Drucker, M.D.**, and **Ada Chabon, M.D.**, a paper on "Tamoxifen-Associated Endometrial Carcinoma."

Stephen R. Kandall, M.D., chief, neonatology, was appointed chairman of the Committee on Fetus and Newborn, District 2 of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) covering New York State. In that capacity, he also serves as liaison to the New York State Perinatal Association. Dr. Kandall was also appointed to the

Editorial Board of the *AAP Perinatal Section News*, a national newsletter. He represented the AAP in his address to the Brooklyn Perinatal Society in June. Dr. Kandall also organized and moderated a teaching day for pediatricians and nurses at West Point in June 1989. He addressed the Nassau County Health Department nurses on neonatal drug dependency in May 1989 and coauthored a presentation on sonograms of

drug-exposed infants at the National Society for Pediatric Research meeting in Washington, DC, in May 1989. Dr. Kandall coauthored a paper on esophageal perforation to be published in *Anesthesia and Analgesia*.

Mark G. Lazansky, M.D., attending, orthopaedic surgery, received an appointment to the Board of Councilors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic

Surgeons. He was also elected president of the New York State Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Erwin Lear, M.D., director, anesthesiology, was one of the hosts at the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists 43rd Postgraduate Assembly in Anesthesiology. He also presented mini-workshops on "Peer Review and Quality Management" and "Anesthesia Accidents—Causes and Preventive

Measures" at the Postgraduate Assembly.

Nathan W. Levin, M.D., chief, nephrology and hypertension, spoke at the Second International Symposium on Renal Disease and Transplantation in Blacks and Other Minorities in Arlington, VA, in March 1989. The symposium was sponsored by Howard University. Dr. Levin also spoke on "Vanguards in Dialysis—Pros and Cons of Rapid Dial-

ysis" at the American Society for Artificial Organs 35th Annual Meeting in May. He also spoke about patient rehabilitation at the Renal Physicians Association, of which he serves as president, in October in San Diego, CA. He spoke about "Dialysis in the Year 2000—How Will They Be Dialyzed?" at the National Kidney Foundation's annual meeting and about "Risks and Problems in High Efficiency Hemodialysis" at the American Society of Nephrologists annual meeting. Both meetings were held in Washington, DC, in December 1989.

Frank W. Lopez, vice president, the Robert L. Ginsberg Department of Public Affairs and Marketing, was elected president of the Healthcare Public Relations and Marketing Society of Greater New York, 1989-1990. He also was appointed chairman, newsletter committee, of the American Society of Hospital Marketing and Public Relations.

Howard Maker, M.D., associate director, neurology, wrote "Actions of Nicotine on Accumbens Dopamine and Attenuation With Repeated Administration" in the *European Journal of Pharmacology*, vol. 160, January 1989.

Irene McEachen, M.S., M.Ed., R.N., vice president of nursing, testified on H-1 visas and the use of foreign nurses to address the nursing shortage before the Immigration, Refugees and International Law Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee in June 1989. Those who testified represented labor, hospitals and governmental agencies. Mrs. McEachen was also appointed to the advisory council of the New York Health Careers Center, Inc.,

a subsidiary of Greater New York Hospital Association.

Donna Mildvan, M.D., chief, infectious diseases, gave the keynote address at "Coping With AIDS: The Personal Concerns of Patients and Care Providers" on April 29, 1989, sponsored by the American Medical Student Association AIDS Task Force and the Office of Continuing Education, SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse. Dr. Mildvan presented her AZT—alpha-interferon study at the AIDS Clinical Trials conference held in November 1989 in Bethesda, MD. In January 1990 she moderated a symposium for physicians, "Zidovudine and Alpha-Interferon—Implications for Clinical Use" at the Loews Summit Hotel in New York.

Elizabeth Muss, M.D., assistant attending, cardiology, lectured to public and private high schools on coronary artery disease and preventive medicine. She lectured on coronary artery disease at the Skidmore College alumni weekend, June 1989; at the Dalton School, and at the New York Council for Jewish Women.

Harris M. Nagler, M.D., director, urology, spoke on "New Techniques in Diagnosis of Infertility," at the American College of Surgeons annual meeting in October 1989. He also spoke on "The Impact of Other Specialties on Urology Practice" at the Society of University Urologists meeting in Atlanta, GA, in October 1989. Dr. Nagler was invited to be the guest lecturer at the Brazilian Urologic Association meeting in November 1989. He was a member of the postgraduate course faculty and moderator for several sessions of the American Fertility Society



Faculty Practice Suite Opens

Beth Israel's new faculty practice suite, located on the ground floor of Fierman Hall (317 East 17th Street), includes two waiting rooms (one pictured at left), three consultation rooms, ten examination rooms, two nursing stations, a laboratory/blood drawing station and a manager's office. The new suites, designed to make the facility feel private and nonclinical and be as architecturally and medically efficient as possible, replace various private practice rooms that have been scattered throughout the Medical Center.

BI Says Thank You to 1989 Heart Award Winners

Beth Israel honored winners of the 1989 Fall Heart Awards at a ceremony on October 23, 1989. Pictured (rear, l. to r.): Kathleen Morrissey, New York HealthCare; Joan Oliva, disbursements; Angel Davila, pharmacy; Sherry Williams, food service; David Crimmins, infection control; Elaine Simon, R.N., nursing; Hindy Bernstein, administration; and (front, left to right) Ann Brosnan, telecommunications; Laurie Speer, R.N., nursing, and Elaine Johnson, radiology.



annual meeting in San Francisco in November 1989. Dr. Nagler is currently chairman of the Male Reproduction/Urology program for the Society. He also served on the postgraduate faculty on infertility for the American Urologic Association conference in Washington, DC, in December 1989.

Robert G. Newman, M.D., president of Beth Israel, was appointed chairman-elect by the Board of Trustees of the Hospital Association of New York State (HANYS) for 1990. In April, Dr. Newman spoke about the "Pharmacologic Rationale for Methadone Treatment" at both the German/American Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ, and at pediatric grand rounds at Rhode Island Hospital. In May, Dr. Newman traveled to Japan for meetings with Yoshihiko Inomata, general manager of The Tokio Marine and Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. His meetings with Mr. Inomata led to the establishment of the Japanese Medical Practice at New York HealthCare.

Stuart Nichols, M.D., associate chief, medical and psychiatric services, methadone maintenance, was appointed to the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (Committee on Human Sexuality). He has been elected chairman of the Commission on AIDS of the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Nichols was the invited speaker at the Taylor-Manor Hospital Conference: Psychiatry 1989, where he spoke on the topic, "AIDS and the Future of Psychiatry." His article, "Developing Strategies for AIDS Prevention: Research With Black and Hispanic Drug Users," was published in *Public Health Reports*, January 1989. Dr. Nichols spoke on "Psychiatric Aspects of AIDS" at the

University of Texas's Grand Rounds Conference in Galveston, in March 1989.

Peter Notaro, D.D.S., associate attending, endodontics, presented an all-day course in endodontics at the First District Dental Society in New York City in June 1989. His article, "External Root Resorption, Fact or Fancy," appeared in *Journal of Endodontics*, May 1989.

Deborah Orr, Ph.D., fellow, consultation-liaison psychiatry, won first prize from the Society for Liaison Psychiatry for best research paper.

Bernice Pass-Stern, registrar, Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing, addressed the second annual Regional Emergency Services Council of New York City's Basic Cardiac Life Support Instructor Trainer Seminar on "Media, Communications and Learning Techniques" at New York Hospital on May 6, 1989.

Ellen H. Poisson, D.L.S., has been elected chair-elect of the New York/New Jersey Chapter of the Medical Library Association from November 1990 to November 1991.

Douglas Rait, Ph.D., director, family studies unit and family therapy training program, psychiatry, authored "A Family-Systems Approach to the Patient With Cancer" in *Cancer Investigation*, July 1989. Dr. Rait presented his citation paper on "Perceptions of Family Functioning and Psychosocial Adjustment Among Cancer Survivors" at the Tenth Annual Scientific Sessions of the Society for Behavioral Medicine in San Francisco in March 1989. He also presented "Unfinished Business: Issues in the Survival of Young Adult Bone Marrow Transplant Patients" to the psychiatry

service in the department of neurology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in May 1989. Dr. Rait spoke on "Working With the Multiproblem Family: Concepts, Assessment and Treatment" at a workshop presented at the Family Institute of Family Service Centers in Florida, May 1989. Dr. Rait taught a course "Approaching the Cancer Patient With a Family-Systems Approach," at St. Petersburg Junior College, FL, in May.

Abraham Schlossman, M.D., F.A.C.S., consultant, ophthalmology, was guest of honor at the Second International Course on Practical Management of Nystagmus and Strabismus in Mexico City in November. At the course, he presented "History of Nystagmus," "Latent and Acquired Head Turn in Nystagmus," "Strabismus in Patients Over Age 60" (Irene Magramm, M.D., coauthor), "Intermittent Ex-

otropia" and "Diplopia in Comitant Strabismus" (Elizabeth M. Naidu, C.O., co-author).

Tikko Sirisha Rani, M.D., assistant attending, rehabilitation medicine, wrote "Spastic Paraparesis and Demyelination in AIDS Patients," in *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, September 1988.

Henry Resnick, R.Ph., associate director, pharmacy, wrote "Using the Pharmacy Handbook as a Self-Assessment Tool," published in the *New York State Journal of Pharmacy*, vol. 9, no. 1, 1989.

Richard N. Rosenthal, M.D., chief, psychiatric substance abuse service, psychiatry, was appointed a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and was elected to the Executive Council of the New York District Branch, American Psychiatric Association. In February, he was the grand rounds speaker on "Differential Diagnosis

of the Mentally Ill Chemical Abuser" at the Manhattan Psychiatric Center. In March, Dr. Rosenthal was the keynote speaker on "Acute Care for the Dually Diagnosed Client" at the Psychiatric Emergency Service Conference sponsored by the Philadelphia Office of Mental Health.

James M. Rubin, M.D., chief, clinical immunology and allergy, wrote a guest editorial in the November 1989 issue of *Immunology Allergy Practice* entitled "Continuing Medical Education at Beth Israel Medical Center."

Alan Schwimmer, D.D.S., associate director, dentistry, spoke at the conference, Rigid Internal Fixation in Maxillofacial Trauma, in Tel Aviv, Israel. He also contributed "Management of Mandibular Fractures" to *Modern Techniques in Surgery* (M. Nussbaum, M.D., editor).

David Seyburn, M.D., assistant attending, pulmonary, was appointed a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians.

Carol Sherman, R.D., director, food service, published "Dealing With the Challenge of AIDS" in *Topics in Clinical Nutrition*, January 1989.

Glenn Sherman, director, materials management, became a "certified senior" in The American Society for Hospital Materials Management of the American Hospital Association.

Stefanie Steel, director, planned giving, development, gave a presentation on "How to Stay Sane While Wearing Multiple Hats," at the American Association of Medical Colleges meeting in April 1989.

Gladys Strain, M.D., research nutritionist, medi-

cine, participated in the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Biological Sciences held in New Orleans, LA. She coauthored a paper on "Adolescent Iodine Status in Guatemala," which was a collaborative project with the Institute of Nutrition for Central America and Panama and Amherst College.

Somasundaram Thiagarajah, M.D., associate attending, anesthesiology, lectured on "Electrophysiology Monitoring in the Operating Room" at the department of anesthesia at St. Joseph Hospital in Paterson, NJ, November 16, 1989. Dr. Thiagarajah spoke on "Anesthesiology for Carotid Endarterectomy: How to Monitor and Maintain Cerebral Circulation" and "Monitoring and Managing Increased Intracranial Pressure in the Operating Room," at the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists 43rd Postgraduate Assembly in Anesthesiology held in December 1989 at the New York Hilton.

Harold L. Trigg, M.D., physician and former chief of medical and psychiatric services, Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program, received the Northeast Regional Methadone Coalition's Nyswander-Dole Award for New York State at the Coalition's annual conference in Newport, RI, in December 1989. Presented by Vincent Dole, M.D., the award recognizes Dr. Trigg's lifelong commitment to methadone treatment and advocacy.

Joel J. Wallack, M.D., chief, consultation-liaison psychiatry, chaired a workshop on AIDS education at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco in May 1989.

His paper, "AIDS Anxiety Among Health Care Professionals," was published in *Hospital and Community Psychiatry*, May 1989.

Arnold Winston, M.D., director, psychiatry, and **Michael Laikin, M.D.**, assistant attending, psychiatry, were invited to Norway to give a comprehensive course in short-term dynamic psychotherapy at the University of Trondheim, March 4-12, 1989. During this time, Dr. Winston gave the Ostmarka Lecture as the visiting professor of psychiatry. In addition, Drs. Winston and Laikin gave a seminar in Supportive Psychotherapy at the University of Oslo. Dr. Winston also spoke on "Brief Dynamic Psychotherapy—Process and Outcome" at grand rounds at the Manhattan Psychiatric Center on April 14, 1989.

H. Jay Wisnicki, M.D., acting director, ophthalmol-

ogy, coauthored "Changes in the Refractive Error of 94 Spectacle-treated Patients With Acquired Accommodative Esotropia," in *Binocular Vision*, vol. 4, 1989. Dr. Wisnicki copresented "Enhancement of Foveal Entopic Phenomena for the Assessment of Macular Function Behind Cataracts," at the 48th Clinical Meeting of the Residents Association of the Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital and University in Baltimore. He also presented research with Bari Brandt, M.D., a resident from Mount Sinai, on "Computer-Administered Ocular Torsion Testing" at this meeting. Dr. Wisnicki spoke on "Case Presentations in Pediatric Ophthalmology" at pediatric grand rounds at Beth Israel in April. He was initiated as a Fellow of both the American College of Surgeons and the New York Academy of Medicine.



Beth Israel Cosponsors Medical Ethics Conference
In September 1989, Beth Israel cosponsored in Stockholm, Sweden, the Third International Congress on Ethics in Medicine with Sweden's Karolinska Institute and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel. Pictured with Bobbie Abrams, vice chairman of Beth Israel's Board of Trustees (second from right), are the Congress's cochairmen (l. to r.): Elliot Leiter, M.D., attending in urology at Beth Israel; Bengt Jansson, M.D., of the Karolinska Institute, and Shimon Glick, M.D., of Ben-Gurion University.



Negotiations With 1199 Result in New Three-Year Contracts
Beth Israel President Robert G. Newman, M.D. (right), and Dennis Rivera, president of Local 1199 of the Drug, Hospital and Health Care Employees Union, at a press conference to announce a new three-year contract for Beth Israel's nursing staff. Beth Israel and the union also negotiated a new three-year contract for its service employees.

(Faculty and Staff Notes continued)

Bhadrasain Vikram, M.D., director, radiation oncology, was elected vice president of the New York Cancer Society for 1989-1990 and is the visiting professor at Roger Williams General Hospital at Brown University in Providence, RI. He also presented a paper on "Accelerated Radiation Therapy in Malignant Glioma" at the Radiation Research Society.

Arthur Zanko, administrator, methadone maintenance, was elected vice chairperson of the Committee of Methadone Program

Administrators (COMPA), an organization representing treatment programs throughout New York State on issues of program expansion, regulatory change, innovative treatment approaches and funding.

David S. Zimmon, M.D., attending, medicine, lectured on "Recent Advances in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy," to the 37th annual meeting of the Japanese Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy in Nagoya City, Japan, by satellite transmission from the AT&T Studio in New York, in May 1989.

Front Cover: Nathan Levin, M.D., chief of the division of nephrology and hypertension, with a kidney dialysis patient. Dr. Levin directs Beth Israel's hemodialysis and ambulatory dialysis programs and related research.

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