I am pleased to announce the addition of several physicians to Albany Medical Center. Each physician and his or her areas of expertise are profiled, and I encourage you to reach out to them regarding procedures or consultations.

Joining the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and serving as chief of the Division is Dr. Edward V. Bennett, Jr. Dr. Bennett joins a team of nationally recognized cardiac surgeons. His appointment will further strengthen our institution’s cardiac surgery program and expand the advanced procedures Albany Med offers. Also joining the Division within the Section of Thoracic Surgery is Dr. Charles Bakhos. Dr. Bakhos brings a unique set of surgical skills that include a wide range of minimally invasive thoracic procedures.

The Department of Neurology welcomes two outstanding physicians: general neurologist Dr. Mary Ann McKee and movement disorders specialist Dr. Adolfo Ramirez-Zamora. Both of these physicians will continue to fortify the excellence of our Neurosciences Institute and play a crucial role in helping patients with a wide range of neurological disorders and diseases.

Our adult infectious disease program grew with the addition of Dr. Shelley Gilroy, an HIV and AIDS expert who will see patients at our AIDS treatment center, and our pediatric infectious disease program welcomes Dr. Elizabeth Dufort. Also joining our Department of Pediatrics is Dr. James Horstmann who will tend to critically ill children in the PICU. Lastly, our Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine welcomes Dr. Chandra Jones. Her expertise includes the diagnosis and management of patients with high risk pregnancies. She also specializes in guiding patients with hypertensive disease and diabetes through their pregnancy.

These physicians and surgeons continue to reinforce our commitment to providing quality patient care, advancing medical education, pioneering biomedical research and serving you and your patients.

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As the region’s only academic medical center, we are leading the way in bringing new services, treatments and technology to you and your patients. Nothing is more important to us than delivering quality care and our record shows it. In recent months, several of our premier programs received national recognition for outstanding performance and overall commitment to quality. In addition to our cardiovascular services program—ranked a top 50 hospital in the nation by Thomson Reuters—our kidney transplant program was also ranked among the best in country.

Federal Government Recognizes Our Kidney Transplant Success
Albany Med’s kidney transplant program received a silver medal from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration (HHS/HRSA) for successful patient outcomes. Of 260 kidney transplant programs in the United States, Albany Med’s program was one of only six to receive this prestigious honor. The awards were based on patient and transplanted organ survival, deceased donor transplantation rates and waitlist mortality for patients on the transplant waiting list. Albany Medical Center has a 99 percent kidney transplant patient survival rate at one year, which is higher than the 96.9 percent national one-year survival rate. According to program director David Conti, MD, even more significant is Albany Med’s 94.66 percent kidney transplant survival at three years, compared to the national average of 84.28 percent.

The award also recognized Albany Med’s transplant program in the area of “waitlist mortality,” the number of patients who die waiting for a kidney transplant. Albany Med’s waitlist mortality is 3.2 percent, compared to 5.5 percent for New York State, and 4.6 percent nationwide.

Meeting National Accreditation Standards
The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy awarded Albany Med’s Digestive Disease Center a three-year accreditation for meeting high quality standards. The certification, which runs through 2013, recognizes the center for promoting quality and for its ongoing commitment to quality assurance, infection control and safety guidelines. Additionally, we recently received a three-year accreditation “with commendation” for our cancer program from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer.

It’s because of the hard work and dedication of our health care professionals across all of our programs that Albany Med stands to be a leader in quality care.

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