We are delighted to announce the appointment of Emad Eskandar, MD, MBA, as Professor and University Chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at Montefiore and Einstein, effective February 1, 2018. Dr. Eskandar will also assume the Jeffrey Bergstein endowed chair in Neurosurgery at Einstein. He will succeed Dr. Eugene Flamm to whom we express our gratitude for his leadership of the department over many years.

Dr. Eskandar is a world-renowned neurosurgeon. He is an expert in the management of brain tumors, epilepsy, trigeminal neuralgia and Parkinson Disease. He has written extensively on topics such as brain-mapping for neurosurgical procedures, microvascular decompression for facial pain, and deep brain stimulation for movement disorders. Dr. Eskandar has published over 185 peer-reviewed papers, many of which are in prominent journals such as *Nature*, *Nature Medicine*, *The Journal of Neuroscience* and the *Journal of Neurosurgery*.

In addition, Dr. Eskandar is an accomplished scientist, and leads an active research laboratory investigating the neural basis of learning, motivation and impulsivity. He has had federal support for his research for many years, and is principal investigator on multiple NIH-funded grants.

Dr. Eskandar currently serves as Professor of Neurosurgery at Harvard Medical School, as well as Director of Functional Neurosurgery and Director of Neurosurgery Residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He is also the Charles Anthony Pappas endowed chair of neurosurgery at Harvard. He has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the Grass Neuroscience Fellowship, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Physician Scientist Early Career Award, the Klingenstein Award in Neuroscience and the Dana Foundation Award in Neuroscience. He was also awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award from Harvard Medical School. He is a prominent neurosurgical leader, and is the current President of the American Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.

Dr. Eskandar received his BA *summa cum laude* in Chemistry from the University of Nebraska, his MD *Alpha Omega Alpha* from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and his MBA from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He completed internship, residency and fellowship at Harvard-Massachusetts General Hospital, where he stayed on as a faculty member. He rose quickly through the ranks and became a full professor at Harvard Medical School on a fast track.

In his new role as Chair, Dr. Eskandar will work with other distinguished faculty members at Montefiore-Einstein to deploy cutting-edge technologies, provide state-of-the-art treatments, and deliver comprehensive care for the full spectrum of neurosurgical disorders. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Eskandar and his family to our Montefiore-Einstein family.