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CUMC TEACHER OF THE YEAR TO LECTURE AT MSIH

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The Medical School for International Health (MSIH) will host a guest lecture by Columbia University Professor Noel Ira Robin, M.D. at Soroka University Medical Center on Monday, February 11, 2008. Dr. Robin will speak directly to MSIH students regarding his research on hypothyroidism, the body's insufficient production of the thyroid hormone. He will also discuss the adrenal cortex, which produces corticosteroid hormones and helps mediate the body's stress level.

The MSIH is a collaboration of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel and Columbia University Medical Center. The school offers a M.D. degree to students interested in careers in global health and provides innovative learning tools such as modules, medical training in developing countries, and access to experts working in the emerging field of global health. In many developing regions of the world, iodine deficiency is the most common cause of hypothyroidism. Dr. Robin will provide expertise in diagnosing and treating patients in areas of limited resources and medical care.

Dr. Robin serves as professor of Clinical Medicine and Associate Dean at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons (P&S) and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, the leading professional organization for internal medicine. He is the Chairman for the Department of Medicine for Stamford Hospital in Connecticut, which is one of Columbia University's affiliated teaching hospitals. Previously, Dr. Robin was the Assistant Director of Medicine at Cambridge Hospital in Massachusetts and the Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard University. At Stamford Hospital, Robin was the Physician-in-Chief and Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program and has previously served as the Professor of Medicine at New York Medical College.

Dr. Robin was recently named "Teacher of the Year" from the 2008 graduating class at Columbia University's P&S. He has received awards for teaching excellence, including the P&S "Teacher of the Year" in 2000 and the Charles W. Bohmfalk Award for "Excellence in Clinical Teaching" in 2006. He received his undergraduate degree from Hofstra University and his M.D. from Downstate Medical Center in New York. He completed residency training in Internal Medicine at Long Island Jewish Hospital in New York and finished his Endocrinology Fellowship at Harvard Medical School and Boston's Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

The Medical School for International Health is a collaborative initiative between Ben-Gurion University and Columbia University to advance global health medical education. It is the only four-year American style medical school in the world that incorporates international health in all four years of medical study and culminates with a required international health clerkship. The MSIH integrates international health training through a year long course for first-year students, modules on topics such as *Nutrition in the Developing World*, *Infectious and Tropical Diseases*, and *Global Health and Environment*, and a required clerkship in an international clinical setting.

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