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Prestigious Medical Journal Adds Rajiv Datta, MD, to its Editorial Board

Oceanside, NY – Prominent surgical oncologist Rajiv Datta, MD, chair of the department of surgery and medical director of the Gertrude & Louis Feil Cancer Center at South Nassau Communities Hospital, has been appointed to the editorial board of *International Surgery*.

The official journal of the International College of Surgeons (ICS), *International Surgery* is a quarterly, peer reviewed journal, established in 1938. The ICS was founded in 1935 in Geneva, Switzerland, by Max Thorek, a Hungarian-born surgeon who practiced in Chicago, Ill. It is composed of approximately 8,000 general surgeons and surgical specialists from over 100 countries/regions.

In a letter dated May 6, 2013, announcing the appointment, Professor Christopher Chen, editor-in-chief of *International Surgery*, stated that in his opinion Dr. Datta earned a place as member of the editorial board as a result of his “exemplary performance” as a significant reviewer of the journal.

Dr. Datta’s exceptional skills are evidenced by his education and recognition in the field of surgery: he has the unusual distinction of holding three fellowships, as a fellow of the prestigious International College of Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Surgeons. Dr. Datta served as the president of the Nassau County Surgical Society in 2009.

A Castle Connolly Medical New York Metro Area Top Doctor for seven consecutive years, Dr. Datta’s areas of expertise include cancers of the colon/rectum, endocrine system, breast and head and neck; soft tissue sarcoma and melanoma; upper gastrointestinal and colorectal procedures; tracheal and esophageal surgeries and radio frequency ablation for liver tumors. Not only does he hold the aforementioned South Nassau titles, he is also director of its division of surgical oncology and head and neck surgery. Dr. Datta also is actively involved in numerous clinical trials that are both federally and privately funded.

A graduate of Grant Medical College in Bombay, India, he has trained at some of the most prestigious surgical oncology and head and neck surgery programs in the world, including Tata

Memorial Hospital, the largest cancer center in Asia; and England's Royal College of Surgeons, where he achieved Fellowship. Following his stay at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dr. Datta continued his training with a Research Fellowship at Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. This was followed by a rare opportunity for a dual Fellowship in head and neck oncology and surgical oncology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY. Dr. Datta is a resident of Muttontown, NY.

Under Dr. Datta's leadership, the Gertrude & Louis Feil Cancer Center has evolved into one of the Northeast corridor's premiere providers of compassionate advanced cancer care. The center is the only one on Long Island that is equipped with three of the most advanced and effective technologies used to treat and eradicate cancer: the Varian Novalis Tx™, da Vinci® Surgical System and Gamma Knife® Perfexion. It is a recipient of many prestigious honors and citations, including the American College of Surgeons Comprehensive Community Cancer Center and the Commission on Cancer Outstanding Achievement Award.

South Nassau Communities Hospital is one of the region's largest hospitals, with 435 beds, more than 1000 physicians and 3,000 employees. Located in Oceanside, NY, the hospital is an acute-care, not-for-profit teaching hospital that provides state-of-the-art care in cardiac, oncologic, orthopedic, bariatric, pain management, mental health and emergency services. In addition to its extensive outpatient specialty centers, South Nassau provides emergency and elective angioplasty and is the only hospital on Long Island with the Novalis Tx™ and Gamma Knife® Perfexion radiosurgery technologies. South Nassau is a designated Stroke Center by the New York State Department of Health and Comprehensive Community Cancer Center by the American College of Surgeons and is recognized as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. For more information, visit www.southnassau.org.