

## Appointments



### Saul N. Weingart, MD, PhD, named president of RIH, Hasbro

**SAUL N. WEINGART, MD, PhD**, has been named as the new president of Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital, which became effective February 1.

Dr. Weingart most recently served as chief medical officer and senior vice president of medical affairs for Tufts Medical Center and Tufts Children's Hospital in Boston, as well as Professor of Medicine, Public Health and Community Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine.

At Tufts, Dr. Weingart led the physician response to COVID-19, managed the hospital board of trustees' quality committee and annual goal-setting process, and oversaw the expansion of specialty pharmacy, palliative care, and addiction psychiatry programs. He also continued his clinical practice and mentored students, residents, fellows and faculty at the hospital.

Prior to Tufts, Dr. Weingart spent nine years at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as the vice president for Quality and Patient Safety, gaining experience as a patient safety executive and quality expert. He established himself as a national leader in patient safety, with his team winning millions of dollars in grant funding to support initiatives including novel quality metrics and research focused on medication safety.

Dr. Weingart has held many leadership roles, including as a board member at MIT Medical, and several board positions of the National Patient Safety Foundation. His honors include international lectureships, academic appointments, and the John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award. A general internist and former primary care physician, Dr. Weingart earned his MD from the University of Rochester and his and his PhD from Harvard University.

"We are very fortunate to have someone with this wealth of experience and expertise joining the team," said Lifespan Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Todd Conklin. "There are still multiple challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic, but the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine is offering a ray of hope, and I welcome Dr. Weingart's leadership as Lifespan focuses on delivering health with care in the post-COVID years to come." ❖



### Subhashini Ayloo, MD, to lead Brown Surgical Associates Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Surgery Division

Brown Surgical Associates recently announced **SUBHASHINI AYLOO, MD, MPH, FACS**, has joined the practice and will serve as the section chief for the Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery Division.

Dr. Ayloo, who also has a master's degree in Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago, focuses on transplantation, and complex HPB cancers in morbidly obese patients with minimally invasive techniques. She earned her medical degree and completed surgical residency from the Chicago Medical School/Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. She completed her first fellowship in minimally invasive surgery at SUNY/Upstate Medical University and a second fellowship in liver transplantation and hepatopancreaticobiliary surgery at Dalhousie University.

Dr. Ayloo has also held numerous academic, administrative, and clinical appointments before joining BSA. She is an active member of several surgical committees on national and international societies, including the American College of Surgeons and the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons. ❖



### Elias Hyams, MD, joins Brown Urology

**DR. ELIAS HYAMS** has joined Brown Urology; previously he was at Columbia University-Irving Medical Center where he was Associate Professor of Urology. While in New York, he was also the chief of urology at New York Presbyterian-Lawrence Hospital.

Dr. Hyams is a graduate of Yale University and earned his MD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia. He completed his urology residency at New York University - Langone Medical Center and subspecialty training in Endourology at The James Buchanan Brady Urological Institute at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.

"I joined Brown Urology to bring cutting edge and compassionate care to men with increased risk of prostate cancer, to use novel tools and shared decision-making to help identify dangerous prostate cancer early and intervene effectively while avoiding over-testing and over-treating those with lower risk," Dr. Hyams said. "I look forward to working with the multi-disciplinary team at the Cancer Center and within the Urology Department to keep men living longer and better." ❖

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**Diana Franchitto, HopeHealth President & CEO, named vice chair of National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation Board**

HopeHealth President and CEO **DIANA FRANCHITTO** has been named vice chair of the Board of Directors of the National Partner-

ship for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation (NPHI).

Franchitto was elected to a two-year term effective January 1, 2021. She had previously served as treasurer of the national not-for-profit dedicated to innovation and advancing best practices in improving the delivery of end-of-life care.

"I am honored to serve on the board in this new role," Franchitto said. "I look forward to continued collaboration with other mission-driven hospice leaders from across the country to provide the best care possible for people with serious illness and their families."

Franchitto has been a strong, leading voice in hospice, palliative and home care for over a decade. Franchitto became President & CEO of HopeHealth in 2008 and has overseen the organization's growth, partnership with many healthcare providers and academic institutions, and its expansion of services throughout Rhode Island and Massachusetts. HopeHealth is now one of New England's largest not-for-profit home care, hospice and palliative care organizations. ❖



**Megan Ranney, MD, named Associate Dean for Strategy and Innovation**

Dr. Ashish Jha, Dean of the Brown University School of Public Health, has announced that **MEGAN RANNEY, MD**, has agreed to serve as the School's Associate Dean for Strategy and Innovation. Dr. Ranney has served in an informal advising role

to the Dean for several months on many key initiatives critical to the School.

In her new role, Dr. Ranney's guidance and expertise will be formalized as they relate to the School's strategic governance and growth. Her initial focus will be on the School's strategy for portfolio expansion – Pandemic Preparedness and Response, Climate Change and Health, and AI and Digital Health – as well as on building strategic bridges and further connecting the School within the University.

A graduate of Harvard University, Dr. Ranney served as a Peace Corps Volunteer prior to attending medical school at Columbia University. She completed internship, residency, and chief residency in Emergency Medicine, as well as a fellowship in Injury Prevention Research and a Master of Public Health, at Brown University.

Dr. Ranney has held a secondary appointment in the Department of Health Services, Policy and Practice since 2013 and has been involved with the School as an educator, researcher, and mentor for the last decade. She will now formally join the Dean's leadership team, complementing her existing work in the Department of Emergency Medicine and as Director of the Brown-Lifespan Center for Digital Health. ❖