

## **NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS – February, 2007**

### Carolyn M. Bennett, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Dr. Bennett has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics. She received her M.D. degree from New York University School of Medicine. She is board certified in general pediatrics and pediatric hematology/oncology. She will provide clinical service in the Pediatric/Hematology/Oncology/BMT at Egleston Children's Hospital.

### Kenneth L. Franco, M.D.

Associate Professor of Surgery

Dr. Franco has been recruited to Emory as Associate Professor of Surgery. He received his M.S. degree in Physiology and M.D. degree from Georgetown University. He completed a general surgery residency at Georgetown University Hospital and a cardiothoracic surgery residency at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. He was a cardiac surgical research fellow at Brigham and Women's Hospital and a fellow in cardiothoracic surgery at Georgetown University Hospital. Dr. Franco's broad training and experience will enable him to enhance and expand the clinical care and research efforts in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Grady Memorial Hospital.

### Louis O. Jeansonne, M.D.

Associate of Surgery

Dr. Jeansonne has been recruited to Emory as Associate in Surgery. He received his M.D. degree from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and completed a general surgery residency at the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham. He is presently engaged in a minimally invasive surgery fellowship at Emory.

### Nancy A. Louis, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Dr. Louis has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics. She received her M.D. degree from Duke University School of Medicine and a Clinical Effectiveness Certificate from Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Louis will conduct research and provide clinical services for the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine.

### Esteban E. Lugo, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

Dr. Lugo has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology. He received his M.D. degree from the Universidad Central de Venezuela, Luis Razetti Medical School and completed his residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He will provide service as a staff anesthesiologist at Emory University Hospital and Grady Memorial Hospital.

Rita Nahta, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Pharmacology

Dr. Nahta has been recruited to Emory as Assistant Professor of Pharmacology. She completed a Ph.D. degree focused on molecular cancer biology at Duke University School of Medicine and completed post-doctoral training at Harvard Medical School and M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. As a new Emory faculty member, Dr. Nahta will continue her studies in the fields of experimental therapeutics, specifically focusing on novel agents targeted against growth factor receptors in the HER and IGF-I signaling pathways, and will be based in the Winship Cancer Center.

Sharmila Thadani, M.D.

Instructor of Medicine

Dr. Thadani has been recruited to Emory as Instructor of Medicine. She received her M.D. degree from the University of Bombay, D.Y. Patil Medical College in India. Her post-graduate training includes an internal medicine residency at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Thadani is board certified in internal medicine. She will provide service at The Emory Clinic as a hospitalist.