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## For Immediate Release

### **‘FELLOW’ DOCTORS TO HELP THEIR PEERS FIND FELLOWSHIPS AT OVERLOOK FAIR**

**MORRISTOWN, NJ OCTOBER 29, 2007** – Internal medicine residents at Overlook Hospital who are beginning the lengthy and competitive process of acquiring fellowships will be able to draw from the experience of current fellows at the second annual Fellowship Fair on November 1, 2007, at Overlook’s Wallace Auditorium.

The Fellowship Fair, sponsored by Atlantic Health’s Morristown Memorial Hospital and Overlook Hospital, was designed to expose residents from Overlook Hospital and Morristown Memorial Hospital to fellowship opportunities at other hospitals, as well as provide them with guidance from current fellows from other hospitals who can impart their experiences with the application process and the programs themselves.

Residents will be able to explore specialties including cardiology, gastroenterology, infectious disease, pulmonary, critical care, nephrology, endocrinology, rheumatology, geriatrics and hematology/oncology. Fellowship directors from other institutions will be at the fair to provide information on their programs.

After becoming a resident, physicians can pursue fellowships that allow them to get more training for a period of 1-4 years. Increasingly, this training has focused on specialties, such as pediatrics, orthopedics, neurology or emergency medicine. Many of these specialties have qualifying board exams that allow fellows to become board-certified specialists.

The process of applying for fellowships begins in November, with residents interviewing at participating institutions around January. After residents are matched by computer to available fellowships, the fellowship programs themselves typically do not begin until the following year, in this case, 2009.

“Finding a place among the limited number of fellowships available can be somewhat daunting for any internal medicine resident,” said Gina LaCapra, MD, FACP, Associate program director of internal medicine residency at Overlook Hospital. “The Fellowship Fair gives them the advantage of learning from the experience of others and helps them navigate their way into a fellowship.”

The keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Conrad Fischer, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine, State University of New York’s Downstate Health Sciences Center at Brooklyn. Dr. Fischer is the author of Kaplan Medical’s Internal Medicine Board Review Course, the most comprehensive preparation course for the American Board of Internal Medicine’s Certification.

Dr. Fischer received a bachelor’s degree from SUNY/New Paltz and his doctorate from SUNY/Albany Medical College. He

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completed his internship and his residency at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital, Columbia University. Dr. Fischer completed his own fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

The annual Fellowship Fair will be held from 5:00 to 9:00pm on Nov. 1 at the Wallace Auditorium, Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Avenue, Summit, NJ. For more information or directions, visit [atlanticealth.org](http://atlanticealth.org).

### **About Overlook Hospital**

*Part of Atlantic Health, [atlanticealth.org](http://atlanticealth.org), Overlook Hospital is a 504-bed not-for-profit community teaching hospital located in Summit, NJ with more than 1,200 attending physicians. Overlook provides adult and pediatric emergency care, with specialties in emergency cardiac angioplasty and stroke response. Overlook's Neuroscience Institute is the State's leader in stroke and brain tumor treatments as the primary provider of the revolutionary Merci® Retriever and CyberKnife®. Overlook Hospital is the first State-designated Comprehensive Stroke Center, and has a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence, a Minimally Invasive Surgery Program, and Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center. Other areas of expertise include dedicated centers for women's health, concussion management, epilepsy, memory disorders and brain tumors, pain management, diabetes, wound healing and hyperbaric medicine. Overlook offers state-of-the-art maternity and baby services, with private, customized care and a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit staffed with the largest pediatric surgery group in New Jersey.*

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