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UHF Honors Parker Jewish Institute's Chief Medical Officer Igor Israel, MD, as a Quality Improvement Champion

4th Annual Tribute to Excellence in health Care Held in Person for First Time since 2019

New Hyde Park, New York, May 9, 2022 – Parker Jewish Institute is proud to announce that Chief Medical Officer Igor Israel, MD, was honored today by United Hospital Fund as a Quality Improvement Champion. Dr. Israel recognized for his efforts to improve quality of care, patient safety, and the patient experience at Parker.

The fourth annual Tribute to Excellence in Health Care event was held in person at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York City, after two years of virtual events due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dave A. Chokshi, MD, former Commissioner at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, gave the keynote address.

Dr. Israel and his fellow honorees—physicians, nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists and a broad range of other health care workers—were each selected by a senior executive at their institution. They represent New York City, as well as Long Island, Westchester, the Hudson Valley, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, and were drawn from hospital systems, long-term care facilities, home care organizations, independent practice associations, federally qualified health centers, medical groups, and behavioral health organizations.

“Today’s celebration of health care excellence is part of UHF’s broader work to build an effective and equitable health care system,” said UHF president Anthony Shih, MD, in his opening remarks. “We have some of the best health care institutions in the world, many represented in this room, but we all recognize that we must relentlessly continue to improve quality.” The tribute was created to recognize and nourish this essential work, he said.

“Parker Jewish Institute is so proud of Dr. Israel, whose guidance, expertise and empathy complement our mission at Parker, where team members are inspired every day to provide

top-quality health care with dignity and compassion to our residents and patients,” said Michael N. Rosenblut, Parker’s President and CEO.

“I am honored to be recognized by the United Hospital Fund as a Quality Improvement Champion along with my esteemed peers in health care,” Dr. Israel said. “Together, we are making a difference in the region.”

Cary A. Kravet, a UHF board member and trustee of Northwell Health, was the event chair, and TD Bank was the Lead Sponsor of the Tribute.

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About The Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation

The Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation is headquartered in New Hyde Park, New York. The facility is a leading provider of Short Term Rehabilitation and Long Term Care. At the forefront of innovation in patient-centered health care and technology, the Institute is a leader in teaching and geriatric research. Parker Jewish Institute features its own medical department, and is nationally renowned as a skilled nursing facility, as well as a provider of community-based health care, encompassing Home Health Care, Medical House Calls, Palliative Care and Hospice. Parker’s Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands aims to improve the quality of life for family caregivers of older adult loved ones by engaging the broader community to provide assistance and respite services.

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