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Hebrew SeniorLife's Douglas Kiel Named Full Professor at Harvard Medical School

Becomes the Fourth Geriatrician to Attain Title at HMS

BOSTON—Douglas P. Kiel, M.D., M.P.H., a geriatrician at Hebrew SeniorLife and director of medical research at the Institute for Aging Research, has been named a full professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, becoming the fourth geriatrician to attain this prestigious faculty rank at the school.

“This is a significant achievement, not only for Doug, but also for Hebrew SeniorLife and the field of geriatric medicine,” says Lewis A. Lipsitz, M.D., vice president for academic medicine at HSL and director of the Institute for Aging Research. “Not only does it show the quality and international reputation of Dr. Kiel’s research, teaching and clinical work, but it also signifies the importance Harvard places on geriatrics as a medical specialty.”

Dr. Kiel joins Dr. Lipsitz and Sharon K. Inouye, M.D., director of the Aging Brain Center at the Institute for Aging Research, as geriatricians who have been named full professors at HMS. The other full-professor geriatrician is former Aetna chairman John W. Rowe, M.D., the first director of the HMS Division on Aging.

At Harvard Medical School, Dr. Kiel participates in the Patient-Doctor II course for first-year medical students, serves as an attending physician for third-year students in the medical clerkship program at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and mentors second- and third-year geriatrics fellows in the HMS Division on Aging, as well as several postdoctoral fellows.

As co-director of the Institute’s Musculoskeletal Research Program, Dr. Kiel focuses his studies on osteoporosis and related fractures, including nutritional factors, genetics and frailty, and is the principal investigator of the Framingham Osteoporosis Study.

Dr. Kiel is a graduate of Duke University and the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. He joined the HMS faculty as an assistant professor in 1993 and was named an associate professor in 1999. He joined HSL and the Institute for Aging Research faculty in 1992, after serving as co-director of the Rhode Island Hospital Osteoporosis Research and Bone Densitometry Unit.

A resident of Medfield, Dr. Kiel serves on the Council of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research and is associate editor of its peer-reviewed journal, the *Journal of Bone and Mineral Research*.

Harvard Medical School, founded in 1782, is the third oldest medical school in the United States, with a large and distinguished faculty supporting its mission of education, research and clinical care.



Scientists at the Institute for Aging Research of Hebrew SeniorLife seek to transform the human experience of aging by conducting research that will ensure a life of health, dignity and productivity into advanced age. The Institute carries out rigorous medical and social studies that discover the mechanisms of age-related disease and disability; lead to the prevention, treatment and cure of disease; advance the standard of care for older people; and inform public decision-making.

Founded in 1903, Hebrew SeniorLife, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, is a nonprofit, non-sectarian organization devoted to innovative research, health care, education and housing that improves the lives of seniors.

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