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Facility Guidelines Institute Appoints Neil Halpern to Board of Directors

ST. LOUIS – The Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) is pleased to announce the appointment of Neil A. Halpern, MD, MCCM, FACP, FCCP, to its board of directors. Dr. Halpern is Chief of Critical Care Medicine and Medical Director of Respiratory Therapy at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Professor of Medicine and Anesthesiology at Weill Cornell Medical College, both in New York City.

“Dr. Halpern brings to the FGI board an enthusiasm and appreciation of the built environment’s role in successful health care delivery, as well as significant clinical expertise as a practitioner, educator, and manager,” said Kurt A. Rockstroh, FAIA, FACHA, president of FGI.

Dr. Halpern is a member of the editorial boards of *Critical Care Medicine* and *CHEST* and a prolific author, clinical researcher, and speaker specializing in innovations in ICU design, advanced ICU informatics, use and cost of critical care in America, integration of advance practice providers in critical care, and point-of-care testing. He is an adviser to several ICU informatics and point-of-care testing companies; a member of the board of directors of the HealthCare Chaplaincy Network in New York; and president of Critical Care Designs, an ICU design and management consultancy. His 20-bed adult medical-surgical ICU received the 2009 ICU Design Citation award, given to an in-service critical care unit that successfully combines “humanitarian delivery of critical care” and functional design.

Regarding his new role, Dr. Halpern said, “I see my participation on the board of FGI as an opportunity to realize my goals of impacting the built environment— especially the ICU and hospital wards—through the enhancement of the FGI *Guidelines* publications.”

During his tenure on the FGI board, Dr. Halpern hopes to bring greater focus to informatics as an integral component of managing the health care environment—one that is ubiquitous in every aspect of care whether the patient is at home, in an operating room, or in an ICU.

“I have spent years designing ICUs, writing about and speaking about ICU design,” said Dr. Halpern. “I look at joining the FGI board as a culmination of my efforts where I will hopefully be able to positively impact a great number of health care environments, patients, and families.”

About the Facility Guidelines Institute

Founded in 1998, the Facility Guidelines Institute is a not-for-profit corporation founded to provide leadership and continuity to the *Guidelines for Design and Construction* revision process. FGI functions as the coordinating entity for development of the *Guidelines* series of documents using a multidisciplinary, consensus-based process and for provision of ancillary services that encourage and improve their application and use. FGI invests revenue derived from sales of the *Guidelines* to fund research and the activities of the next revision cycle.

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