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*From the* OFFICE OF THE DEAN



**Dear Einstein Community:**

I am writing today to share some very sad news: Dr. Paul Frenette, a member of our faculty since 2010, passed away peacefully last night surrounded by his loved ones, his wife, Nadine, and his children, Clara and Alberic. While his professional and scientific contributions to Einstein and elsewhere are notable, many of us will remember Paul for his sincere kindness, quiet humor, sharp mind, and gracious spirit.

Originally from Quebec City, Canada, Paul received his M.D. from Laval University in Quebec and completed his residency at Montreal General Hospital, McGill University. He moved to Boston in 1991, where he completed fellowship training in hematology-oncology at New England Medical Center, Tufts University and research training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard Medical School. In 1998, he joined the faculty of Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

A highly respected scientist, beloved mentor, and cherished colleague, Paul brought so much to Einstein during his time here. He was recruited to the College of Medicine in 2010 to become the founding director and chair of the Ruth L. and David S. Gottesman Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Research. In that role, he recruited several key investigators and created a premier stem cell research institute.

Paul was also the author of groundbreaking studies on the stem cell microenvironment, sickle cell disease, and prostate cancer. He was a brilliant and tremendously creative scientist who made significant contributions to medicine. His lab identified critical mechanisms underlying sickle cell-mediated vascular occlusion, described the bone marrow stem cell niche, and discovered that the nervous system regulates hematopoietic stem cell trafficking as well as prostate cancer progression.



Paul was an elected member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians. He served on the editorial boards of *Blood* and *The Journal of Clinical Investigation*, on the Medical Advisory Board of the New York Stem Cell Foundation, as chair of the scientific committee on thrombosis and vascular biology of the American Society of Hematology, and on multiple panels at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

This is, of course, just a short summary of Paul's many contributions; we will post a longer feature to the Einstein website in the coming days, where you can learn more about his work and impact on the College of Medicine and his fields of research.

Paul's family will hold a private service in Quebec, Canada. For those of you who wish to make a contribution in Paul's name, his family plans to establish a fund in his memory at Einstein. We are also planning a tribute to Paul and his contributions to the College of Medicine and to the wider scientific community. We will share details for both once they are finalized.

Paul will be deeply missed. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Nadine, Clara and Alberic, and to his close colleagues and many friends.

**Sincerely,**

**Gordon F. Tomaselli, M.D.**

**The Marilyn and Stanley M. Katz Dean**

*Albert Einstein College of Medicine*

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