

July 2017

Congratulations Dr. Alfred J. Spiro!



After 51 year at Montefiore and over 30 years as Director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association Muscle Disease Clinic, Dr. Spiro retired June 30, 2017. A tree dedication ceremony was held May 25, 2017 outside of the Forchheimer Building. We wish Dr. Spiro a great new chapter in his life.



Exciting New Medical Treatments....

On June 22, 2017, our first patient with Duchenne's muscular dystrophy received his first infusion of Exondys -51 from **Dr. Leslie Delfiner**. Two more patients will be initiating this therapy within the next couple of weeks. Additionally, she is working tirelessly to make Spinraza (nusinersen) available for our patients with SMA.



Second Annual Neurocutaneous Event

Over 50 patients, family members and medical providers from CHAM enjoyed the Yankees versus Orioles game on Sunday, June 11, 2017. Event sponsors were the Children's Tumor Foundation, PitCCH In Foundation, Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance and the CHAM Neurology Department. The Neurocutaneous Center provides comprehensive care for patients with neurocutaneous disorders and is lead by **Dr. Fatema Malbari**.



Save the Date:

The **Dr. Isabelle Rapin** Memorial Ceremony is scheduled for:

November 3, 2017 9am to 12:30pm. Lubin Dining Hall
1300 Morris Park Ave, Bronx, NY.



International recognition at upcoming ILAE congress in Barcelona, Spain

Several members of our department will be presenting at the upcoming ILAE congress in Barcelona: **John McGinley, Jules Beal, Elissa Yozawitz, Aristeia Galanopoulou, Karen Ballaban-Gil, Rana Jehle, Sheryl Haut, and Solomon Moshé**



Montefiore at the Tri State Myasthenia Gravis Walk

Saturday June 10, 2017 was a great day of awareness, fundraising for important resources for those living with MG, and such great support in the MG community. **Dr. Leslie Delfiner** was there with her family showing her support.

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