



## Emergency Medical Associates Now Provides Emergency Department Management Services at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

**Newark, NJ June 17, 2014** – Emergency Medical Associates (EMA) recently contracted with Newark (N.J.) Beth Israel Medical Center to provide emergency department management services.

A member of Barnabas Health system, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is a 673-bed regional teaching hospital. It has been named one of the nation's top 50 hospitals for specialty care in cardiology and heart surgery for the third consecutive year by U.S. News & World Report. It is one of only two hospitals in New Jersey that performs heart transplants and is the only hospital in New Jersey certified to perform lung transplants.

With the addition of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center (NBMIC), Emergency Medical Associates now provides emergency department staffing and managing services to the entire Barnabas Health system. NBMIC, as part of its Children's Hospital of New Jersey, has a Pediatric Emergency Department and one of the state's few Geriatric Emergency Departments – the Donald M. Payne, Sr. Geriatric Emergency Department – which also will be staffed by EMA.

"Emergency Medical Associates has been partnering with the Barnabas Health system since 1978 and we are pleased to see that relationship continue to flourish," said Raymond Iannaccone, MD, FACEP, president and chief executive officer of EMA. "The energy and diversity of the communities that Newark Beth Israel serves, coupled with its emergency medicine residency and fellowship training programs, provides a unique practice location and a culture of learning and growth for our providers. It's an exciting time in the medical center's history, and we are proud to be a part of it."

"As an emergency room physician, I know first-hand the critical care it takes and experience needed to provide the best in emergency care," said John A. Brennan, MD, MPH, president and chief executive officer of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey and executive vice president of Barnabas Health. "We look forward to partnering with Emergency Medical Associates to provide the very best in emergency care."

The Lester M. Bornstein Department of Emergency Medicine at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is staffed by board-certified emergency physicians and nurses treating approximately 90,000 patients annually. It is fully equipped to handle all medical, surgical and psychiatric emergencies. The emergency department also offers state-of-the-art pediatric emergency services with a separate waiting area and board-certified pediatric emergency specialists; an onsite Crisis Center to handle all psychiatric emergencies; a referral center for victims of rape and sexual assault; a FastTrak area for the treatment of minor emergencies; and a fully equipped, state-of-the-art resuscitation room to treat acute traumatic and cardiac emergencies. The department operates an emergency medicine residency program which is dually accredited by Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), in addition to two ACGME-accredited fellowship programs in EMS and pediatric emergency medicine.

Emergency Medical Associates began staffing the emergency department May 1, 2014. Eric J. Wasserman, MD, FACEP, serves as the Emergency Department Medical Director.

Dr. Wasserman is a graduate of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. He completed his emergency medicine residency training at Mount Sinai, where he was chief resident. Dr. Wasserman was the residency site director at Mount Sinai School of Medicine before becoming associate director of emergency medicine at Jersey City (N.J.) Medical Center. In July 2008, Dr. Wasserman joined Emergency Medical Associates as director of medical education before accepting the position of vice chairman and medical director of the emergency department at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in February 2010.

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