

**Beth Israel Deaconess
Medical Center**



Harvard Medical School

*Physician-in-Chief
Chairman, Department of Medicine*

Mark L. Zeidel, M.D.

*Herrman L. Blumgart
Professor of Medicine*

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
330 Brookline Avenue YA 419 • Boston, MA 02215 USA
617 667-5260 • FAX 617 667-4921
Internet: mzeidel@bidmc.harvard.edu

September 8, 2005

Michael A. Frohman, M.D.
SUNY at Stony Brook
BST-8, Room 101
Stony Brook, New York 11794

Dear Dr. Frohman:

I am writing to let you know of research opportunities that await graduates of your Medical Scientist Training Program in the Department of Medicine at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC). BIDMC has the fourth largest research program of any independent hospital in the U.S. Total research funding in the Department of Medicine was \$123,736,869 in FY2004 including \$89,363,173 in direct costs. Were we a university department of medicine, we would rank in the top 10 in the U.S. The research enterprise here is strong and growing.

The Beth Israel Hospital was always known as the "kinder, gentler Harvard," and we continue the tradition of superb teaching, close relationships between house officers and faculty and looking after one another. Over the past year we have built a new program to look after the interests of M.D./Ph.D. residents in our Internal Medicine Training Program. A committee of physician-scientists led by the Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine, Gordon Strewler, has taken charge of M.D./Ph.D. recruitment and career advising. We encourage short-tracking into the ABIM Research Pathway for all M.D./Ph.D.s who qualify based on clinical competency, and we are committed to finding outstanding fellowship and research opportunities, either here at BIDMC or elsewhere, for our residents.

We would like to get the word out to outstanding graduates of MSTP programs around the country about opportunities in this Department. We will give applicants the chance to meet outstanding physician-scientists in their own field when they interview, and we plan to offer a few outstanding applicants a package that includes both residency and fellowship training.

As the new Chairman of the Department of Medicine, I am fully committed to M.D./Ph.D. training and to building the Department from within. Please be assured that we will give close personal attention to any graduate of your training program who applies. I welcome any questions or thoughts you may have.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark L. Zeidel'.

Mark L. Zeidel, M.D.