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Dear Einstein Community:

It is with great sadness that I share with you news of the untimely passing of Dr. Norman Fleischer, professor emeritus of medicine, whose numerous roles at Einstein over 45 years and contributions to the field of diabetes research and treatment were celebrated this past November at a special symposium in his honor. He was a cherished colleague, mentor, and friend to many of us, and he has left us too soon.

I first met Norm through our connection with diabetes—he was at Einstein's NIDDK-funded Diabetes Center; I was Director of NIDDK. Norm was widely renowned for his expertise in the field, as well as for his reputation as the finest of clinicians. At NIDDK's meeting of Diabetes Center Directors from across the country, the respect shown by his colleagues made clear to me that he was a remarkable leader.

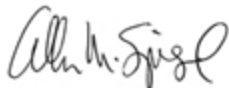
As some of you know, Norm first arrived in the Bronx in 1961 to complete his medical internship and residency at Bronx Municipal Hospital. He then returned to Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, where he'd earned his medical degree, for a fellowship in endocrinology and was on the faculty at Baylor College of Medicine before coming to Einstein in 1972. Three years later, he helped establish Einstein's diabetes center, which changed the face of diabetes research and treatment. Norm served as a researcher, mentor, administrator, and clinician, and built—nearly from the ground up—three world-class programs: a nationally ranked division of endocrinology; a faculty practice and service clinic in diabetes; and one of the first diabetes research centers in the United States.

Despite recently receiving emeritus status, Norm continued his involvement at Einstein, taking part in educational programs for students, residents, and endocrine fellows at Einstein and Montefiore. In the coming weeks, we plan to cut the ribbon on our newly named Norman Fleischer Diabetes Institute—an event we anticipated he would attend. I hope you will join us at the event and help honor his memory.

Norm's funeral will take place on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Riverside Memorial Chapel at 12:30 pm. The family will announce Shiva at the end of service.

Finally, I'd like to share [Dr. Yaron Tomer's](#) thoughts on Norm's passing, which are posted on the Department of Medicine's homepage.

Sincerely,



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