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## **THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY INDIANA CHAPTER ANNOUNCES THREE NEW APPOINTMENTS TO ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### ***Three Community Leaders Join Local Board***

**November 22, 2011** - The Indiana Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is pleased to announce that it has appointed three community leaders to serve on its Board of Trustees. Together, Chris Yeakey, Jose M. Azar, M.D. and S. Eric Rubenstein, M.D. provide years of valuable medical, philanthropic, community outreach and leadership experience to the board.

Mr. Yeakey is currently the Vice President of Asset Management at Duke Realty Corporation. Mr. Yeakey brings to the board strong connections to the commercial real estate community, a close personal connection to our mission and vast knowledge of working with non-profit boards. In addition, Mr. Yeakey has previously been involved with the LLS's Light The Night Walk and passionately continues to advocate for the involvement of his peers in this event.

Dr. Azar is Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at IU School of Medicine in the Division of Hematology/Oncology. His research interest is in novel drug development for non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Hodgkin lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia through translational research bridging basic science and clinical trials. Together, with our Patients Services Manager, Dr. Azar started a support group for patients with chronic leukemia & slow growing lymphoma.

Dr. Rubenstein is a specialist in hematology and oncology with Indiana Oncology Hematology Consultants, a specialty medical practice associated with St. Francis Medical Group. Dr. Rubenstein has recently focused on a clinical trial for patients with acute myeloid leukemia that was funded in part by LLS. Dr. Rubenstein has a strong interest in LLS research funding programs and advocacy for patients as he sees firsthand the financial trials many patients endure.

Both Dr. Azar and Dr. Rubenstein bring a greater understanding of the medical treatments of blood cancers and the clinical trials available, as well as provide great insight into supporting patients and their journey through treatment.

"The Indiana Chapter is excited to welcome Mr. Yeakey, Dr. Azar and Dr. Rubenstein as new board members. By engaging new leaders, we can further our mission and broaden our reach to provide support and raise funds throughout Indiana," said Amy Kwas, Executive Director of the LLS Indiana Chapter.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society®, headquartered in White Plains, NY, is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. The LLS mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Since its founding in 1949, LLS has invested more than \$814 million in research, approximately \$76.6 in fiscal year 2011 alone. LLS has a network of in 59 chapters throughout the United States and Canada. For additional information, please contact LLS at (800) 955-4572 or visit [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org).