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**Re: Appointment of Nancy L. Sicotte, MD, Chair, Department of Neurology**

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After a comprehensive national search, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Nancy L. Sicotte, MD, as Chair of the Department of Neurology. This important leadership appointment reflects Dr. Sicotte's valued contributions to Cedars-Sinai's growing neuroscience enterprise and her distinguished record for advancing clinical care, physician education and pioneering research of novel therapies for multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Sicotte will be named the Women's Guild Distinguished Chair in Neurology and maintain her roles as Director of the Multiple Sclerosis Program and Professor of Neurology.

Dr. Sicotte is an internationally recognized leader in her field and a prolific author and lecturer, having presented at dozens of conferences and seminars in the U.S. and abroad. The recipient of important honors and teaching awards, her research has focused on developing informative imaging outcome measures of novel therapies as well as measures of disease progression, depression and cognitive dysfunction in multiple sclerosis. She is board-certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and is a fellow of the American Academy of Neurology.

Dr. Sicotte has been instrumental in establishing important education programs for residents and fellows at Cedars-Sinai. She was Founding Director of the Neurology Residency Program and the Neuroimmunology Fellowship Program as well as Founding Site Director of the Medical Student Neurology Clerkship.

In her role as Chair, Dr. Sicotte will lead strategic direction of clinical, operational, academic and research programs in the Department of Neurology. She will focus on attracting, mentoring and promoting translational and clinical neuroscientists while supporting excellence in education, research and patient care. She will lead the delivery of high-quality patient care within the Department of Neurology and work collaboratively with other departments and service lines to integrate and coordinate services across Cedars-Sinai.

Dr. Sicotte earned her medical degree from the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine, where she was ranked first in her class. She completed her Neurology residency and a fellowship in Neuroimaging at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine. She recently joined the National Medical Advisory Board of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and has been a volunteer physician at the Venice Family Clinic for two decades.

We thank Paul W. Noble, MD, Chair of the Department of Medicine and Director of the Women's Guild Lung Institute, for leading the successful search. Dr. Sicotte will assume her new position on May 15. Please join us in congratulating her on this exciting achievement.