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## ASTRO selects neurosurgeon as 2009 honorary member

Fairfax, Va., July 21, 2009 – The American Society for Radiation Oncology has selected world-renowned neurosurgeon Philip H. Gutin, M.D., as its Honorary Member for 2009. Dr. Gutin will be honored at the Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, during ASTRO’s 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Gutin has devoted his career to scientific and clinical investigations of the treatment of brain tumors and has collaborated with many of the world’s leading radiation oncologists and radiation biologists in advancing this practice. He has been an Associate Member of ASTRO for 28 years.

He is the chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery and the Fred Lebow Chair in Neuro-Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and professor of Neurological Surgery at Cornell University’s Weill Medical College in New York. He previously held leadership positions at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco.

Dr. Gutin has also had leadership roles in several of the nation’s top medical organizations, including the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, the American College of Surgeons, and the Neurosurgical Society of America. He has published close to 200 articles in peer-reviewed journals, co-authored two textbooks on radiation injury to the nervous system and the diagnosis and treatment of intracranial tumors, respectively, and has made innumerable presentations at medical meetings throughout his career.

“Dr. Gutin has played a critical role in advancing the role of multidisciplinary care and specifically of the use of radiation to treat and cure patients with brain tumors,” Patricia Eifel, M.D., FASTRO, ASTRO chairman and a professor of radiation oncology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, said. “I am honored to be able to recognize him for the extraordinary work he has done in his career and to welcome him as our honorary member.”

ASTRO Honorary Membership is the highest honor the Society bestows on distinguished cancer researchers and leaders in disciplines other than radiation oncology, radiation physics or radiobiology.

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For a picture of Dr. Gutin, contact the ASTRO Communications Department at 1-800-962-7876 or [communications@astro.org](mailto:communications@astro.org).

For more information on ASTRO's 51st Annual Meeting in Chicago, visit [www.astro.org/Meetings/AnnualMeetings](http://www.astro.org/Meetings/AnnualMeetings). Learn more about radiation therapy treatment options at [www.rtanswers.org](http://www.rtanswers.org).

*ASTRO is the largest radiation oncology society in the world, with more than 10,000 members who specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. As the leading organization in radiation oncology, biology and physics, the Society is dedicated to improving patient care through education, clinical practice, advancement of science and advocacy. For more information on radiation therapy, visit [www.rtanswers.org](http://www.rtanswers.org). To learn more about ASTRO, visit [www.astro.org](http://www.astro.org).*

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