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**DR. ISAAC SCHIFF'S BIOSKETCH**

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Isaac Schiff, M.D., Chief of the Vincent Obstetrics and Gynecology Service at the Massachusetts General Hospital, is one of the world's leading experts on menopause. His earlier studies of the menopausal process have resulted in therapies routinely used in managing its symptoms.

Dr. Schiff is Chief of the third largest admitting Service at the Massachusetts General Hospital, second only to Medicine and Surgery. As Chief, he re-introduced Obstetrics to the Massachusetts General Hospital which has had a major influence on the growth of the institution.

Under Dr. Schiff's leadership, the Department recruited Dr. Jonathan Tilly to head the Vincent Center for Reproductive Biology. Dr. Schiff obtained the funding for the space for Dr. Tilly's laboratory. One of Dr. Tilly's seminal discoveries suggests that the ovaries of mice continue to produce eggs [*Nature*, 2004] and the germline stem cells may reside in the bone marrow [*Cell*, 2005].

Among Dr. Schiff's many contributions to the field of menopause and women's health are the following:

- Author of the book, *Menopause*, and when written it was the most comprehensive up-to-date information to help a woman understand the stage of life and make the right treatment choice and cope effectively.
- Chairman of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Managing Menopause* magazine, a publication of ACOG.
- Editor-in-Chief of the journal, *Menopause*, ranked among the top 10 journals in the field for its influence on physicians. It also is the number one ranked journal in OB/GYN by Journal Citation Reports 2001, which reviews journals most referenced by professionals.

- Chairman of the Task Force on Hormone Replacement Therapy for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the group that will be making recommendations to physicians throughout the country on the future use of Hormone Therapy.
- Recipient of the 2002 Dean's Award for the support and advancement of women faculty presented by the Harvard Medical School Joint Committee on the Status of Women.
- Past Chairman, Diversity Committee, Harvard Medical School.
- Past President, North American Menopause Society
- Member and former Chairman, Massachusetts General Hospital Executive Committee on Teaching and Education
- Past President, Obstetrical Society of Boston