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## Sewit Teckie, MD Joins NYC Health + Hospitals as System Chief of Radiation Oncology



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### **In addition to creating the best experience for patients across the system, Dr. Teckie will serve as Director of Head-and-Neck Radiation Oncology at NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County**

NYC Health + Hospitals has announced the appointment of Sewit Teckie, MD as System Chief of Radiation Oncology. In this newly created role, Dr. Teckie will share best practices and expertise with her oncology peers across the health system to expand cancer care. Her goal is to build cancer programs that are equitable, giving patients access to high-quality, comprehensive cancer care right in their neighborhood. She will also be focusing on head-and-neck cancers as Director of Head-and-Neck Radiation Oncology at NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County. Dr. Teckie is nationally recognized for her clinical and research expertise. She is on the Editorial Board of several publications including the International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics. She is widely published in the fields of head-and-neck cancer and digital health technology. Dr. Teckie joined the health system in February.

Dr. Teckie was born in Africa and grew up in Yonkers. She attended Harvard College and Harvard Medical School. She completed residency at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, where she was also selected Chief Resident. She then practiced at Northwell Health where she developed an expertise in head-and-neck cancer and was promoted to Associate Professor. She will receive her MBA from Columbia University this spring.

"I am honored to be taking on this new role as System Chief of Radiation Oncology for NYC Health + Hospitals and Director of Head and Neck Radiation Oncology at NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County. This health care system is an essential part of our city and it is a privilege to be able to serve the people of New York in this position," said Dr. Teckie. "I look forward to collaborating with the cancer teams throughout our system to deliver high-quality cancer care and expertise to our patients. I am proud to work alongside the thousands of dedicated, mission-driven staff who make up NYC Health + Hospitals."

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Teckie to the NYC Health + Hospitals community. Her clinical and research expertise in head-and-neck radiation oncology will help us advance our mission to give patients the best chance at a long, healthy life no matter their degree of malignancy," said NYC Health + Hospitals President and CEO Mitchell Katz, MD. "She is dedicated to innovation in care, has an outstanding track record as a mentor, and radiation oncology will thrive under her leadership."

"Dr. Teckie's extraordinary work and commitment to providing state-of-the-art head and neck radiation oncology services will add to our ability to expand the full scope of the cancer care provided across our system," said NYC Health + Hospitals Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Machel Allen, MD. "She is a highly-skilled and caring physician, and we're delighted to have her on our team."

"Dr. Teckie is a wonderful clinician and effective, inspirational leader. Her commitment to patients' well-being and quality of life is at the center of her clinical work and research program. At the same time, she has a very large-scale view as an expert in managing health care systems," said International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics Editor-in-Chief Sue S. Yom, MD, PhD. "We are always exceptionally gratified to see one of our talented editors at the Red Journal ascend to a premier national role. Dr. Teckie has already made stellar contributions to scientific advancement, dissemination, and education in our field of radiation oncology, and we are excited to see how she will bring all of those skills to bear in leading the radiation oncology physicians at NYC Health + Hospitals."

"NYC Health + Hospitals is a longstanding and highly valued partner of the American Cancer Society. Now more than ever it is important that we have exemplary health leaders as we continue to face challenges to cancer screening with the ongoing threat of COVID-19," said American Cancer Society, Cancer Control Strategic Partnerships Manager Barbara Messeder. "We congratulate Dr. Sewit Teckie on her new role and look forward to working together to improve cancer screening rates, access to care for all patients and health equity in the NYC metro area."

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