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**BETH ISRAEL PRESIDENT NAMED ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST
INFLUENTIAL PHYSICIAN-EXECUTIVES**

***David J. Shulkin, MD, Among the Country's Top Physician Leaders, According to
Nationally Recognized Healthcare Publications***

David J. Shulkin, MD, has quickly made a name for himself among physician executives in the healthcare industry. Only three years into his tenure as President and Chief Executive Officer of Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City, Dr. Shulkin was named one of the nation's 50 most influential physician executives by *Modern Healthcare* and its sister publication, *Modern Physician*, two highly respected industry periodicals. He was the highest-ranked physician from the New York City area – and one of only two to make the final 50.

Dr. Shulkin finished 12th on the 2008 list, which included such other notable individuals as Julie Gerberding, MD, Director of the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, James Peake, MD, U.S. Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Elias Zerhouni, MD, Director of the National Institutes of Health, Michael Maves, MD, CEO of the American Medical Association, Andrew von Eschenbach, MD, Commissioner of the U.S. Food & Drug Administration, and fellow hospital CEOs Denis Cortese, MD, of the Mayo Clinic and Toby Cosgrove, MD of The Cleveland Clinic.

“I am deeply honored to be selected and to be included with so many other physicians whose institutions I greatly admire and whose work is truly inspiring,” he said. “Most importantly, I am so proud of what this recognition means for Beth Israel, for all of the members of the Beth Israel family, and for all of our patients. It is a tremendous boost of confidence for everyone.”

Earlier this year, the magazines conducted a readership survey to determine a list of 100 semi-finalists from more than 7,300 nominations. They then followed up with an online survey -- open to the general public as well as individuals in the healthcare industry -- to vote for the 50 finalists, with the final ranking determined by the number of votes received. The final list was published in the April 7 issue of *Modern Physician*