

BMC NAMES NEW CHIEF OF CARDIAC SURGERY



Karl Karlson, MD

A well-respected cardiothoracic surgeon from Connecticut has been named chief of Cardiac Surgery at Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) and Boston Medical Center (BMC). Previously affiliated with St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Karl Karlson, MD, joined the BMC/BUSM staff on May 1, 2011.

Dr. Karlson brings with him a wealth of clinical and administrative experience, as well as research interests that range from aortic root reconstruction and mitral valve repair to the development of cardiac programs in a managed care setting.

A graduate of Brown University, Dr. Karlson pursued a surgical internship, as well as a surgical residency, at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He continued his surgical training in Boston as chief resident at what is now Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. A fellowship in vascular surgery at Rush-Presbyterian – St. Luke’s Medical Center in Chicago, followed by a residency in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, also at Rush, completed this phase of his education.

During his surgical residency at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Karlson spent two years at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, as a clinical associate in surgery in the Clinic of Surgery.

Dr. Karlson has had a distinguished career in both the Boston and Hartford medical communities. Prior to his relocation to Hartford in 1997, he spent a decade with Overholt Cardiothoracic Surgical Associates and was on the staff of Harvard Medical School. Dr. Karlson joined Hartford’s Cardiac & Thoracic Surgical Associates in 1997, and in 2000, was appointed assistant clinical professor of surgery at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

At BMC, Dr. Karlson will be responsible for expanding the practice network and for program development. His special interests include aortic root and mitral valve surgery as well as the application of genes to enhance myocardial revascularization.

“We are delighted that Dr. Karlson will be heading up our cardiac surgery program,” said Kate Walsh, BMC president and CEO. “His expertise and leadership will guide us as we take the care we provide our patients to the next level.”

“Our students will benefit from the extensive teaching experience Dr. Karlson has to offer,” said Karen Antman, MD, Dean, BUSM and BU Medical Campus provost. “As a clinician and educator, Dr. Karlson is committed to training the next generation of physicians and surgeons.”

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