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**White Plains, NY – October 27, 2015** – On Wednesday, November 4, Heidi Spitz, Psy.D., the Director of Outpatient Neuropsychology at Burke Rehabilitation Center will be discussing the importance of neuropsychology in rehabilitation as part of the final installment of Burke’s Legacy Lobby Lecture series.

The Legacy Lobby Lecture series is an exclusive monthly talk featuring key influencers and notable speakers. The event is in conjunction with Burke’s year-long centennial celebration in 2015.

As Director of Outpatient Neuropsychology at Burke, Dr. Spitz works closely with other disciplines to ensure effective and comprehensive intervention following injury. Cognitive issues in people with brain injury typically include problems with attention, memory, processing speed and problem-solving abilities. Other challenges include irritability, impulsivity, depression, anxiety, and difficulty with emotional control. Dr. Spitz oversees customized rehabilitation and long term interventions in order to optimize the person’s outcome.

In her talk, which will focus on the important of neuro rehab in a patient’s rehabilitation journey after a brain injury, Dr. Spitz will be joined by several current and former patients who will provide their personal perspectives.

The lecture will take place in front of Burke’s Centennial Lobby Display, which showcases the history of Burke from its founding in 1915 up through today. Included in the exhibit are original McKim, Mead & White blueprints, medical equipment and artifacts, as well as some of the technology being utilized at Burke today, such as a 3-D printer to make
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The exhibit, which will be on display until December 1st, is free and open to the public.

The November 4 lecture will be held from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m in the lobby of Wood Pavilion (building # 7) at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, 785 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains, N.Y. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so please RSVP by calling (914) 597-2848. For more information on upcoming Centennial events, visit Burke’s centennial micro site at www.burke.org/100 years.

About Burke Rehabilitation Hospital
Burke Rehabilitation Hospital is a private, not-for-profit, acute rehabilitation hospital. Founded in 1915, it is the only hospital in Westchester County dedicated solely to rehabilitation medicine. Burke offers both inpatient and outpatient programs for those who have experienced a disabling illness, traumatic injury or joint replacement surgery. The hospital is part of Burke Rehabilitation Center, which also includes Burke Medical Research Institute and Burke’s Outpatient Division. Burke’s world-renowned doctors and therapists provide state-of-the-art treatment while its research scientists explore the frontiers of neurological and rehabilitation medicine. All share the Burke mission to ensure that every patient makes the fullest possible recovery from illness or injury regardless of their ability to pay. For additional information on Burke Rehabilitation Center, please visit www.burke.org.

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