

## **Robert Marion, M.D.**

Robert Marion, professor of pediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology and women's health at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University and the Ruth L. Gottesman Professor of Developmental Pediatrics at Einstein, is the director of the Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center and the University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at the Rose F. Kennedy Center. He is chief of the divisions of genetics and of development medicine at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore and director of the Center for Congenital Disorders. In addition, he is director of genetics at Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla, New York and an adjunct member of the faculty of the Joan Marks Program in Human Genetics at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY.

A 1979 graduate of Einstein, Dr. Marion did his internship in pediatrics at the Boston Floating Hospital, Tufts-New England Medical Center, and then returned to Einstein affiliated hospitals for his residency in pediatrics and fellowship in medical genetics. He has been a faculty member at Einstein since 1984. From 2002 until 2007, he served as co-director of medical student education for Einstein's department of pediatrics. In June 2008, he became chair of Einstein's committee on admissions.

Dr. Marion's clinical and research interests include the natural history and genetic basis of multiple malformation syndromes. At Blythedale, he has served as medical director of the Einstein/ Montefiore Spina Bifida Clinic for 20 years, and is the founder and medical director of Montefiore's Williams Syndrome Center, and helped organize the Montefiore/Einstein Centers for Cardiogenetics, Neurofibromatosis and Autism. He has published extensively in the medical literature in these areas, and, in addition, is the author of seven books including *The Intern Blues*, *The Boy Who Felt No Pain* (winner of a Christopher Award), *Learning to Play God* and *Genetics Round: A Doctor's Life in the Field that Revolutionized Medicine*, which will be published by Kaplan in October 2009.

Dr. Marion's efforts as a teacher have received recognition numerous times. He is the recipient of AECOM's Samuel Rosen Award for Excellence in Medical Student Teaching (selected by the medical students) and the Alumni Association's Lifetime Service Award. He is also the winner of the Lewis Fraad Award for Residency Education and the Obrinsky Award for excellence in medical student teaching in the department of pediatrics.

A resident of Westchester County, he lives with his wife, Beth Schoenbrun, a teacher at Scarsdale High School, and is the father of three children.