

The Neurosurgery News

WSU Neurosurgery's Practice Newsletter

September 2011: National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

The Neurosurgery News is looking for stories about our team members for upcoming issues.

This means you! If you have a unique talent or participate in something unique or different, let us know. We will be sure to feature you soon!

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Meet Our Newest Team Member, Dr. Tsappidi

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Lots of....Changes?

Kickball Is Coming Back....Or Maybe It's Softball This Time

We had so much fun the last time, we are going to do it again!

Be prepared to head over to Tolan Playfield sometime in the near future to take part in a great department event.

Stayed tuned for more information.

WSUPG Neurosurgery #1 in the State

US News and World Report puts neuroscience programs at the top spot for 2011-2012; Harper Hospital scores highly as well.

As we know, *US News & World Report* compiles a list of the best hospitals, and specialty services found at those hospitals, once a year. We also know that both our department, and our hospital have fared well in the past. The magazine has released its rankings for 2011-2012 recently, and the question to be asked is: How high do we rank this year.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, the answer is that we are back on top. After a brief slide to the #2 neurosurgery service in Michigan, the 2011-2012 rankings have us back at #1. Our neuroscience programs, which include neurosurgery and neurology, were placed in the rankings ahead of programs at institutions such as The University of Michigan and Beaumont. Additionally, the neuroscience programs were ranked #26 nationally, ahead of similar departments at The University of Alabama (#32), Yale (#39), or Ohio State (#45).

Harper University Hospital also found itself with a high ranking, being noted as the #2 hospital overall in the Metro Detroit region, trailing only the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers. This is truly a great job done by us and everyone at Harper. Congratulations!

[Our specialty ranking of #26 nationally can be seen here.](#)

[Harper University Hospital's ranking of #2 in the state is here.](#)

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Dr. Samuel Tsappidi Joins Department

Helps bolster growing neuroendovascular service.



On August 1st, our growing department grew even more with the addition of Dr. Samuel Tsappidi to our faculty.

Dr. Tsappidi has medical training at Emory University in Atlanta, including an internship in Internal Medicine and a residency in Neurology. These were followed by fellowships in Vascular Neurology under Dr. Marc Chimowitz, Neuro-Critical Care under Dr. Owen Samuels, and Interventional Neuroradiology fellowship under Dr. Jacques E Dion.

He further gained experience in comprehensive clinical evaluation and management of Acute Stroke patients, including provision of intensive Care services for Neurologic and Neurosurgical patients, as well as endovascular skills in brain, spine, head and neck conditions.

Dr. Tsappidi's current interests include endovascular techniques in acute stroke, brain aneurysms, vascular malformations of the

brain and spine, as well as narrowed cervical and cerebral vasculature. He is also interested in multimodality monitoring for cerebral blood flow by intracranial probes in vasospasm as well as acute stroke patients.

We are happy to have Dr. Tsappidi as part of our team, and look forward to welcoming him to Detroit. Say hello the next time you see him!

Upcoming Neurosurgery Events

Both academic and social events coming soon.

While we usually give you a list of upcoming dates and holidays that might be important for everyone to know, we also wanted to take a minute to let you know about upcoming department events as well:

- 09.13.11: Spine Journal Club**
- 09.16.11: Neurosurgery Interest Group**
- 11.02.11, 11.16.11, 12.07.11: Resident Applicant Interviews**
- 12.10.11: Annual Holiday Party**

Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

Other News and Notes

Alix Chrumka is a college student that will be shadowing our physicians for the next couple of weeks. Alix is attending Stanford University on a rowing scholarship. Please make sure to make her feel at home during her time with us in Neurosurgery. Welcome Alix!



Wynne Daywalt, one of our regular "summer student" employees, has embarked on a journey to fulfill a year-long commitment to teach English in Shanghai, China. If you would like to read more about her adventures, you can follow her travel blog at:

[Jamie and Wynne's China Adventures!](#)

Bon voyage, Wynne!

Brain Food for the Month

The Most Expensive Foods in the World

10. Fugu Fish: \$55 - \$135 / pound
9. Wagyu Beef: \$100 - \$150 / pound
8. Jamón Ibérico de Bellota: \$85 - \$180 / pound
7. Matsutake Mushrooms: \$90 - \$905 / pound
6. Kopi Luwak Coffee: \$120 - \$600 / pound
5. La Bonnotte Potato: \$135 - \$322 / pound
4. Saffron: \$500 - \$5,000 / pound
- 3. Bird's Nest Soup: \$910 - \$4,535 / pound**
- 2. White Truffles: \$1,360 - \$4,200 / pound**
- 1. Almas Caviar: \$8,400 - \$15,500 / pound**

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Did You Know?

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer amongst men in the United States.

Over 32,000 men in the United States die from prostate cancer each year, and over 200,000 men are diagnosed with the disease in the same time period.

However, with early detection, prostate cancer is one of the most treatable and survivable forms of cancer, with five and ten year survival rates over 98%

For more information about how you can help prevent prostate cancer through early detection efforts, click the banner below:



Upcoming Dates of Interest:

09.05.11	Labor Day
09.11.11	Grandparents Day
09.11.11	Patriot Day
09.17.11	Constitution Day
09.21.11	International Day of Peace
09.23.11	Autumnal Equinox
09.29.11	Rosh Hashanah Begins
10.03.11	Child Health Day
10.08.11	Yom Kippur
10.08.11	National Children's Day
10.10.11	Columbus Day
10.10.11	Thanksgiving (Canada)
10.13.11	Sukkot
10.15.11	Sweetest Day
10.16.11	National Boss' Day
10.23.11	Mother-in-Law Day
10.24.11	United Nations Day
10.31.11	Halloween

What's on Your Mind?

Our Winning Short Story

We definitely have some creative individuals here in Neurosurgery. Although that may not come as a surprise to some of you, the three stories we received for our last contest were nothing short of hilarious and imaginative. Our panel of judges definitely had their work cut out for them in choosing a winner.

However, they did come to a decision, choosing from the three stories (which were all credited to "Anonymous" during the judging period), and the story from Dr. Narayanan was chosen as the champion of creative fiction for 2011. Her story, which hit all the checkpoints for the contest, is as follows:

It was a busy Thursday morning at the Harper Professional Building, Suite #925. Dr. Szerlip had managed to squeeze in an appointment for his pygmy hippopotamus. The animal, he felt, was more churlish than usual. In the last 48 hours, it had snapped at his son, chewed through his charts, emptied his fridge of V8s, and was eyeing his freshly hung certificates with unnatural zest. It also appeared to be coming down with a respiratory infection. As Thelma approached the creature to take its temperature, the hippo let out a snort, releasing chartreuse-colored fluid over her gloves, and bolted into the next room. She managed to get the necessary samples, though. "Houston, we have a problem," she said. "Your hippo is pregnant."

Great job Dr. Narayanan! With this win, she has tied Dave Thompson as the only two-time winners of newsletter contests. If you are looking to join this esteemed group of champions, you can start your quest towards glory by looking at this month's contest and entering your submissions as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing all of your entries soon.

**Have you become a fan of the Department's Facebook page yet? If not, do so here:
<http://www.facebook.com/wsuneurosurgery>**

On the Brain for September

This One Is All Visual

Keep your eyes peeled this issue....

Plainly put, there are nine differences to this issue than the last issue.

By differences, we **DON'T** mean the following:

Articles or titles to articles.

Usual changes, such as the date, or the volume numbers.

Other than that, nine things are presented differently in this issue than usually seen in the *Neurosurgery News*.

Some of them are very obvious.
A few of them are quite obscure.
One is practically impossible to notice.

Think you can find them all?
Well, get to it!

If you need a reminder on what last month's issue looked like, you can find a link to it here:

http://neurosurgery.med.wayne.edu/pdfs/the_neurosurgery_news_vol_3_num_4.pdf

The first person to provide Brandon with all 9 changes will be deemed the winner. In the event no one gets all 9 changes, the person with the highest total of correctly listed changes will be deemed the winner. Good luck!