

# Neurosurgery News

The Practice Newsletter for WSU Neurosurgery

June 2010: National Scoliosis Awareness Month

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We would like to send congratulations to our very own senior resident, Todd Francis and his wife Amy on the birth of their son

**Carter James Francis**

who was born on May 14th at weighed in at 7lbs., 4oz. Congrats to the Francis family!

## New Website for WSU Neurosurgery Goes Live

*Site shows marked improvements over previous incarnation.*

Recently, the hard work of individuals in our department and members of the Web and Digital Communications team from MSIS has finally seen fruition with the launch of the new departmental website.

The site, located at [www.neurosurgery.med.wayne.edu](http://www.neurosurgery.med.wayne.edu), provides upgrades in a variety of areas, such as:

- Easier navigation to find information and resources relevant to prospective patients and residents.
- More robust profiles for the members of our department, allowing for the full spectrum of their expertise and experience to be showcased.
- Better integration with our patient-based site, [www.upgneurosurgery.com](http://www.upgneurosurgery.com), which itself will undergo a “renovation” of its own in the near future.
- Graphic and cosmetic changes that are more professional and integrate better with the WSU School of Medicine’s overall image.



A representation of the almost complete new homepage for WSU Neurosurgery

Please take a look at the new site and let us know what you think; any ideas for additions, deletions, or changes are always welcomed. Send your suggestions to Brandon at [bjparker@med.wayne.edu](mailto:bjparker@med.wayne.edu)

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**The annual department picnic, which this year will be celebrating the graduation of Jay Jagannathan, will be held on 07.10.10.**

**The picnic will be in a new location this summer, so be sure to contact Nancy Triggs for information and to RSVP.**

## **Changes Coming to Neurosurgery**

Logos, Forms, and Servers, Oh My!

As you can probably tell from this issue, there are many changes that are happening around the hospital, the university, and in our department. We wanted to take a minute to go over these changes so you were fully aware of them and could make any necessary alterations to your normal work routine or procedures.

The first major change is that the Wayne State University Physician Group has a new set of logos for use. The new logos come in a variety of design and color schemes; a couple of representations are below:



**University  
Physician Group**

These new logos lead us right into our second new change in the department. We are currently in the process of determining which departmental materials currently have the old WSUPG logo and need to be converted to a version that contains the new logo. If you have any forms you use on a regular basis that has the old WSUPG logo and was created by our department, please send a copy of it to Brandon at [bjparker@med.wayne.edu](mailto:bjparker@med.wayne.edu) so he can create a revised version that contains the new logo.

Furthermore, if you have any other old forms that you feel could use some revision or redesign, please send them to Brandon as well, and he will attempt to create new and improved version for your use.

The third change coming to the department is that there is an effort concerning our network drives. Unfortunately, some of these drives are nearing their capacity of storage space. This can cause problems with performance and not provide space for essential research and clinical materials to be stored.

Therefore, in the coming weeks, efforts to reorganize, modify, and delete outdated and expired files from the network drives will be starting. Some files will be deleted, some will be moved to external storage, and others will be placed on the network drives in more accessible places and with more easily followed paths.

It may be necessary for each of us to take a look at our files or files we commonly work with on the servers at some point in the future. Brandon is overseeing this process and may be contacting you at some point to ask about files on the various servers. You may be asked to move certain files or be requested to keep them on external storage in lieu of the servers.

By undertaking these efforts, we will be assuring that these various, essential aspects of our department are running efficiently and effectively. Through our collaboration, these changes will be seamless and easy to finish.

Please contact Brandon or Patti if you have any other questions. Thanks!

## **Brain Food for the Month**

### **Obscure Michigan Summer Festivals**

**June 11-13: National Asparagus Festival: Oceana**

**June 12-13: Feast of the Strawberry Moon: Grand Haven**

**June 16-20: Sugar Festival: Sebewaing**

**June 23-27: Bay-Rama Fishfly Festival: New Baltimore**

**July 21-27: National Baby Food Festival: Fremont**

**July 22-25: Sunflower Festival: Mayville**

**July 23-25: Bologna Festival: Yale**

**July 29-August 1: Potato Festival: Munger**

**August 5-8: Pig Gig: Labadie**

**August 6-8: Swinging Bridge Festival: Croswell**

**August 7-8: Fish Sandwich Festival: Bay Port**

**August 13-15: Mint Festival: St. Johns**

**August 19-21: Ox Roast: DeWitt**

**August 20-22: Blueberry Festival: Montrose**

**August 20-22: Michigan Fiber Fair: Allegan**

**August 28-29: Dam Fest: Eaton Rapids**

## What's on Your Mind?

One of Our Fellow Department Members Taking Time to Give Back

This month in What's On Your Mind? we want to showcase one of our own engaging in something truly selfless and compassionate.

Cherie Matlock, one of our surgical schedulers, has recently begun taking walks during her lunch break. Now while this is commendable on a physical fitness level, it isn't exactly what we are talking about. What's so important is what Cherie and her co-walkers do while on their walk.

Calling themselves the "Sandwich Sisters," Cherie and her group walk a set route over 2 miles in length in less than a half hour. It may not sound like much, but when it's close to 90° out, this is no easy task. It's a quick way to get in some quality exercise in each and every day.

However, while walking, they also take time out to hand out lunches they have prepared themselves to those who look like they are in need. Everyone receives a brown bag lunch with a PB & J, some raisins, other food choices, and a small note from the Sandwich Sisters reminding them they are special and important as well. It's truly a selfless gesture, and one that many would omit or forget after time. The next time you see Cherie or the Sandwich Sisters, make sure to congratulate them on their job well done.

### Did you know?

Scoliosis is a spinal condition where the spine curves from side to side, often forming a "C" or "S" shape than the normal straight line.

Scoliosis can be present from birth or be brought on by other conditions. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.scoliosis.org/index.php>

### Neurosurgery and Facebook, Together at Last!

In addition to our new department website (see page 1 for more details), our department now has its own Facebook page. You can check it out at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Detroit-MI/Wayne-State-University-Neurosurgery/370816994525>

While the page is still in the beginning stages, there are big plans for the future. Some of these include:



Cherie and her friends out on their walk and distributing sandwiches.



The "Sandwich Sisters."

### Upcoming Dates of Interest:

- 06.05.10: World Environment Day**
- 06.10.10: Nursing Assistant Day**
- 06.14.10: Flag Day**
- 06.19.10: Juneteenth**
- 06.20.10: Father's Day**
- 06.21.10: First Day of Summer**
- 07.01.10: Canada Day**
- 07.04.10: US Independence Day**
- 07.30.10: System Administrator Appreciation Day**

- Providing a spot for events and departmental happenings to be listed for everyone to see.
- A forum for our residents to document and share their experiences with the rest of the department and medical students interested in joining our department.
- A way for members of the department, both past and present, to stay connected and interact.

If you are on Facebook, become a fan of the page today and let others know about the page as well. See you there!

**Congrats to John Steele III on the birth of his son, Noah Joshua Steele, who was born on 05.30.10. Noah was 7lbs., 8oz. and was 20 inches long. Congrats to the Steele family!**

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## **On the Brain for June**

Get to Know Our New Webpage

**As we all know by now, our department has a redesigned website. To help you find your way around it, we've designed this contest to help you discover all our website has to offer. Here are a series of questions about certain aspects of the website, answer them all to complete the contest.**

- 1.Which two of our physicians recently gave a talk at the Southfield Public Library?
- 2.What is CREST?
- 3.What is the mailing address for Dr. Conti's office?
- 4.What kind of degree does Patti Bekowies have, and what did she concentrate in?
- 5.Which one of our faculty members has lectured in Sri Lanka?
- 6.Which two years saw the highest number of residents graduating from our department?
- 7.One of our faculty members might be able to tell you what "Rock. Chalk. Jayhawk." means. Who would that be?
- 8.When are residency interviews going to take place in 2010?
- 9.Where was Dr. Gurdjian born?
- 10.When taking I-94 East to our Clinton Township clinic, what exit should you use?
- 11.How many beds are in the William R. Darmody Neurointensive Care Unit?
- 12.What five areas of neuroscience do our residents train in?
- 13.Who was the first person to complete a fellowship with our department?
- 14.Who should you contact if you have a question about the website?

**As always, the first person to provide a printed sheet of these questions with the correct answers to Brandon will win a prize.**

**Good luck!**