

Neurosurgery News

The Practice Newsletter for WSU Neurosurgery

August 2010: Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month

There's a new type of contest this month, check it out on page 4...

WSUPG Neurosurgery Gains Another Physician

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A Contest, as Always

Information about a department softball game is coming soon, but if you are interested in playing or attending, please contact Patti to let her know.

The game should be sometime in August; hope to see you all there!

Jay Jagannathan makes the move from resident to faculty.

After spending the last year with us as chief resident in the department, Jay Jagannathan has decided to stay with Neurosurgery. As of July 1st, Dr. Jagannathan is our newest faculty member and physician within our group. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge, experience, and skill to our practice.

Starting his education at the California Institute of Technology, Dr. Jagannathan quickly moved onto medical school at the University of Maryland. Gaining distinction from the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society, Dr. Jagannathan didn't move far for his next opportunity to further his medical education and career.



As a both an intern in general surgery and resident in neurosurgery at the University of Virginia, Dr. Jagannathan began to hone his expertise in the same skills and techniques he provides for patients today. Taking not only the time to learn neurosurgery, Dr. Jagannathan also completed training programs in neuro-oncology, radiosurgery, spine, and also spent time in New Zealand learning neurosurgical techniques and procedures. And if this wasn't enough, Dr. Jagannathan also found time to coauthor over 50 peer-reviewed articles in this period,

publishing in journals such as *Neurosurgery*, *Neurosurgical: FOCUS*, *Surgical Neurology*, *Spine*, and the *Journal of Neurosurgery*.

Dr. Jagannathan's next move was to join us here at Wayne State, where he spent a year as our chief resident, further increasing his neurosurgical knowledge. After his recent graduation, he welcomed the opportunity to join our clinical faculty ranks and provide his great wealth of knowledge to future generations of neurosurgical residents. Please congratulate and welcome Dr. Jagannathan on this next step in his career.

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It's coming....we really mean it this time.

The Neurosurgery Bean Dip-Off 2010

Arriving in a conference room near you in the very near future.....

Another Summer, Another Group of Fantastic Students

Our group of students again provides an invaluable service over their break.

As the summer months have come and are now on their retreat towards autumn, they leave with them a few certainties. One is that it will begin to get cooler and the nights will grow longer. The other is that another successful summer was spent here in Neurosurgery by a group of dedicated summer students. These students worked on a variety of projects to assist our department in various and invaluable ways.

Our eight students this summer were:

- **Kaitlin Arnold, Michigan State University**
- **Zack Bekowies, University of Michigan**
- **Wynne Daywalt, Central Michigan University**
 - **Jamie Ding, Princeton University**
 - **Kelsey Flynn, Northeastern University**
 - **Alex Jones, Michigan State University**
- **Marciela Lewis, Wayne State University**
 - **Brian Like, Boston College**
 - **Brad VandeVusse, Hope College**

The projects the students worked on while here were varied and numerous. One of the main tasks was to work on scanning our medical charts so they could be sent off-site to conserve space. This summer, the students scanned over 4,000 charts and merged over 8,000 documents.

Moreover, just like last summer, it's been reported that the students have been performing this task with alarmingly amazing accuracy. This attention to detail is essential for a project of this type and our summer students handled it with the greatest of ease.

The work of our summer students does not stop there, however. Another interesting project that our students engaged in involved our resident alumni and their associated files. Our students undertook the arduous task of scanning the photographs of each of our resident alumni, which are currently found in our UHC offices. Additionally, the students also undertook more scanning by creating digital versions of resident portfolios. This work should make it easier in the future to access and use these files, and create additional open space in our offices.

So, as autumn approaches, so does the end of our time with another group of great summer student workers. They, as always, have provided invaluable and important work that does much for the success of our department. Thanks summer students!



Two of our summer students, Wynne Daywalt and Brian Like, got a chance to visit the operating room before their summer work was over with the department and see some of our neurosurgeons at work up close and personal.

Brain Food for the Month

Obscure Michigan Laws

State of Michigan: You cannot be drunk on a train.

Birmingham: You may not throw rotten soap into the street.

Detroit: You may not loiter in the city morgue.

Clawson: Throwing of snowballs is illegal.

Grosse Pointe: You are not allowed to disrupt church with laughter.

Livonia: You may not send a postcard that will annoy someone.

Mt. Clemens: Businesses are not allowed to be open on Sundays.

Warren: You may not throw a corpse into the street.

What's on Your Mind?

Another Wonderful Department Picnic

The annual department picnic was held on July 10th at the George Osius Park in Grosse Pointe Shores. Held every year to celebrate the graduation of our residents, the guest of honor is our newest faculty member, Jay Jagannathan. While the location may have been new this year, the good times had by all were the same as they have always been.

While the weather may have been a little warm, there were enough cool beverages and treats to keep everyone comfortable and in good spirits. Family members and department members were seen enjoying swimming and other outdoor activities, and others were seen having a good time with some conversation in the sun (or shade) and listening to jovial music that the DJ was playing. The wide selection of food was also a hit, and created many a full stomach by the end of the day.

Celebrations for Dr. Jagannathan were great as well; many a funny moment was shared by our residents and faculty, and many a heartfelt sentiment was shared as well. We congratulate Dr. Jagannathan on his graduation and entrance into the ranks of our esteemed physicians. Here's looking forward to next year's celebration!



Above: Our faculty and residents join together to celebrate Dr. Jagannathan's graduation.

Below: Brandon makes a new friend.

Did you know?

Spinal Muscular Atrophy is motor neuron disease that affects approximately 1 out of 6000 infants every year.

The neurons of the voluntary muscles are affected, making it hard for those affected to eat, walk, or even breathe. More information can be found at:

<http://www.fsma.org/Home/>

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

08.11.10 - 09.09.10: Ramadan
08.13.10: Only Friday the 13th of 2010
09.06.10: Labor Day
09.08.10: Rosh Hashanah
09.10.10: Eid-al-Fitr
09.11.10: Patriot Day
09.17.10: Yom Kippur
09.22.10: Autumnal Equinox

Another Addition to Our Neurosurgical Faculty

In addition to Dr. Jagannathan in our cover story, we have another addition to the ranks of our esteemed and skilled physicians. Asad Mazhari has joined our practice, providing another skilled and talented neurosurgeon that our patients can go to for complete, compassionate care.

Dr. Mazhari has extensive training in medicine and the neurosciences, studying at both Harvard and Georgetown. He has also spent time at Kashani Hospital in Iran

and at the University of Texas in Houston.

Dr. Mazhari has also published in a variety of journals and has taught previously at universities in both Iran and the United States. He is skilled in general and clinical neurosurgery.

Please be sure to welcome Dr. Mazhari the next time you see him in our offices. He is a welcome addition to our team.

Have you become a fan of the Department's Facebook page yet? If not, do so here:

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

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On the Brain for August

A Neurosurgical Mad Lib

Fill out the appropriate areas in the following tale of intrigue and excitement.

One day, Dr. _____ (1) was walking along a path that was found in _____ (2). Why Dr. _____ (1) was walking on the path was anybody's idea, but it certainly seemed like they were headed towards _____ (3). To save time, while Dr. _____ (1) was walking, they were also _____ (4) to make sure they were ready for the _____ (5) that was sure to be at _____ (3). Being one of the world's foremost experts on _____ (6), Dr. _____ (1) had no fear while walking and _____ (4) on the way to _____ (3).

However, not all was as _____ (7) as Dr. _____ (1) thought. Waiting in the _____ (8) next to the path, Dr. _____ (9) was hiding. Dr. _____ (9) was _____ (10) because Dr. _____ (1) had _____ (11) their _____ (12) one day after clinic, and this had made Dr. _____ (9) very _____ (13). Instead of just _____ (14) another _____ (12), Dr. _____ (9) had decided revenge in the form of _____ (15) was the best way to deal with the situation. _____ (5) or not, they were determined to follow Dr. _____ (1) to _____ (3), and to make sure that the _____ (16) needed for vengeance did not _____ (17) before they made it to _____ (3).

Suddenly, _____ (18) appeared, and they did not look _____ (19). In fact, they resembled a _____ (20) caught in a _____ (21). _____ (18) jumped out into the path and exclaimed, " _____ (1) fearful and respond, " _____ (23) Which of course, caused Dr. _____ (9) to run away and hide in the nearest _____ (24).

After all was said and done, Dr. _____ (1) finally made it to _____ (3). Once there, Dr. _____ (1) _____ (25) the _____ (26) brought along for the trip, and turned for home. However, before leaving, Dr. _____ (1) exclaimed, " _____ (27) Indeed.

(1): Surname of one of our doctors.

(2): A location.

(3): Another location.

(4): A verb ending in -ing.

(5): An event.

(6): A skill.

(7): An adjective.

(8): A noun.

(9): Surname of another one of our doctors.

(10): An adjective.

(11): A verb in the past tense.

(12): A noun.

(13): An adjective.

(14): A verb ending in -ing.

(15): An action.

(16): A type of food.

(17): An action.

(18): Another department member.

(19): An adjective.

(20): An animal.

(21): A location.

(22): A memorable movie quote.

(23): Another movie quote.

(24): A store you would find in a mall.

(25): A verb in the past tense.

(26): A noun.

(27): Title of a Christmas carol.



**Last Month's Winner:
Marilyn Rutkowski!**

All completed entries should be given to Brandon. They will all be judged, and the one deemed the most original and entertaining will win.

Good luck!