

# Neurosurgery News

The Practice Newsletter for WSU Neurosurgery

May 2011: Stroke 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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## Employee Appreciation Luncheon

On behalf of our faculty, a big thank you to all our employees for your hard work and devotion towards our patients and their care.

We hope you enjoyed your luncheon on April 27th, and that the movie tickets will provide an enjoyable night out.

## Harper Hospital Ranked #2 In Detroit

*Royal Oak Beaumont #1; Neurosurgery highest-ranked specialty at HUH*

US News & World Report has ranked hospitals again in 2011, and again, Harper University Hospital and our Neurosurgery Department has come out near the top.

Although Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak was ranked #1 for the metro Detroit region, Harper University Hospital was given the #2 slot, and our Neurosurgery service was ranked as the best of its kind in the region as well. This follows the trend that HUH and Neurosurgery have maintained the last few years.

Delving into the survey, HUH scored high in all areas of patient satisfaction, and extremely well with physician courtesy and patient communication. Neurosurgery itself ranked the highest in patient safety, survival rates, its level of technology, and the number of inpatient services available. This led to a ranking, like last year, as the #2 program in the state, behind the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers.

To see either the regional rankings or the complete list by specialty, click on either of the emblems below:



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# EMR is coming to Neurosurgery! We have a planned “Go Live” date of June 20, 2011. Further details will be forthcoming.

## Neuroendovascular News and Notes

Here's some recent updates from our neuroendovascular branch, and Drs. Narayanan and Xavier:

- Dr. Xavier was elected to the Executive Committee of the Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology (SVIN), and will serve as the Treasurer for SVIN.
- Speaking of SVIN, both Drs. Xavier and Narayanan will be heading up the Membership Task Force of SVIN.
- Dr. Xavier has been invited to present *Highlights of the Interventional Section* at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) in Honolulu, HI.
- Dr. Xavier has also been asked to speak at the annual meeting of the Indian Stroke Association and at the Delhi course on Neuro-Intervention.
- Dr. Narayanan was an invited speaker at the AAN meeting, and presented: *When prevention fails: acute treatment for large-vessel occlusions*. Furthermore, she has been invited to monitor interventional neurology oral abstracts for the AAN.
- Dr. Narayanan was also selected as a member of the Standards and Guidelines committee for the Society of Neurointerventional Surgery.

- Dr. Narayanan is also a member of the editorial board for the *Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Diseases*.

More tidbits of information about our physicians will be coming in upcoming newsletters. Good job, Drs. Narayanan and Xavier!

## Recent Spine Cadaver Course



Our Neurosurgery residents recently had an excellent education opportunity, as they took part in a spine cadaver course sponsored by Synthes Spine on May 7th. Our own Drs. Hazem Eltahawy and Jay Jagannathan facilitated the course, along with Dr. Rahul Vaidya from the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

The course objectives were to review basic and master spinal instrumentation techniques for the cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine. The AM courses concentrated on the cervical spine, whereas the PM courses dealt with the thoracic and lumbar spine.

Opportunities such as these help further the educational efforts that our department holds as paramount, and as one of the cornerstones of our foundation. For more information on any educational efforts within the department, contact Nancy Triggs.

## Brain Food for the Month

### *Obscure and Pointless World Records*

Longest Tennis Marathon: 31 hours, 35 minutes, 30 seconds.

Eggs Broken With Head in One Minute: 103.

Sweetcorn Kernels Eaten with a Toothpick in Three Minutes: 185.

Most Basketballs Spun Simultaneously: 28.

Hours Spent Consecutively Bowling: 125.

Fastest Mile Run While Balancing an Egg on a Spoon: 10 minutes, 45 seconds.

Most T-Shirts Worn at One Time: 121.

World's Longest Eyebrow: 3.5 inches long.

Largest Collection of “Do Not Disturb” Hotel Signs: 8,888.

Biggest Hamburger in the World: 185.6 pounds (served at Mallie's in Southgate, Michigan for \$399)

## Did You Know?

May is stroke awareness month. Being a neurosurgical clinic, we all know about the distress and pain stroke can bring to an individual and their families.

If you would like more information about how to document how each and every one of us can help fight against stroke, visit the National Stroke Association at:

<http://www.stroke.org/site/PageServer?pagename=awareness>

For tips on how to recognize a stroke, visit:

[http://www.strokeassociation.org/STROKEORG/Warning-Signs/Warning-Signs\\_UCM\\_308528\\_SubHomePage.jsp](http://www.strokeassociation.org/STROKEORG/Warning-Signs/Warning-Signs_UCM_308528_SubHomePage.jsp)

## Upcoming Dates of Interest:

05.12.11	Nurses Day
05.21.11	Armed Forces Day
05.23.11	Victoria Day
05.30.11	Memorial Day
06.08.11	Shavou'ot
06.14.11	Flag Day
06.19.11	Father's Day
06.19.11	Juneteenth
06.21.11	First Day of Summer

## What's on Your Mind?

*An Extra-Large Pistons Extravaganza!*

As you know, our modus operandi here in *What's On Your Mind?* is to report on special things that our co-workers engage in on our time off or while we spend time at the DMC. We also like to engage in reporting on the winner of our contest from the previous newsletter.

This month, we definitely have a report on our most recent winner, Karine Hootman, and the great prize she received for "cracking the code" in last month's newsletter.

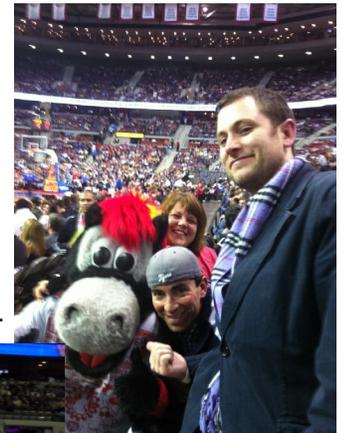
Karine and Brandon attended a Detroit Pistons game on March 26th, due to the gracious generosity of Dr. Jagannathan. The Indiana Pacers were the opponent, but the fun times started way before the opening tip. Dr. Jagannathan was courteous enough to provide club access for the entire party, and a delicious and filling dinner was had by all.

Most people would be happy with just a great dinner, but the evening just continued to get bet-

ter as the group made their way to their seats. Not only had Dr. Jagannathan given everyone their fill of alfredo pasta and steak au poivre, but he also provided a fantastic view of the game in some truly remarkable seats. Only a few rows away from the action, you can tell from the photos littered around this story how close everyone really was. It really gave a new

perspective on the game and how dynamic and fast-paced it really is.

When it was all said and done, the Pistons won, 100-88, capping off a perfect evening at the Palace of Auburn Hills. So, what's the moral of this story? Enter the newsletter contests! You might just find yourself courtside and enjoying a great game with some great co-workers.



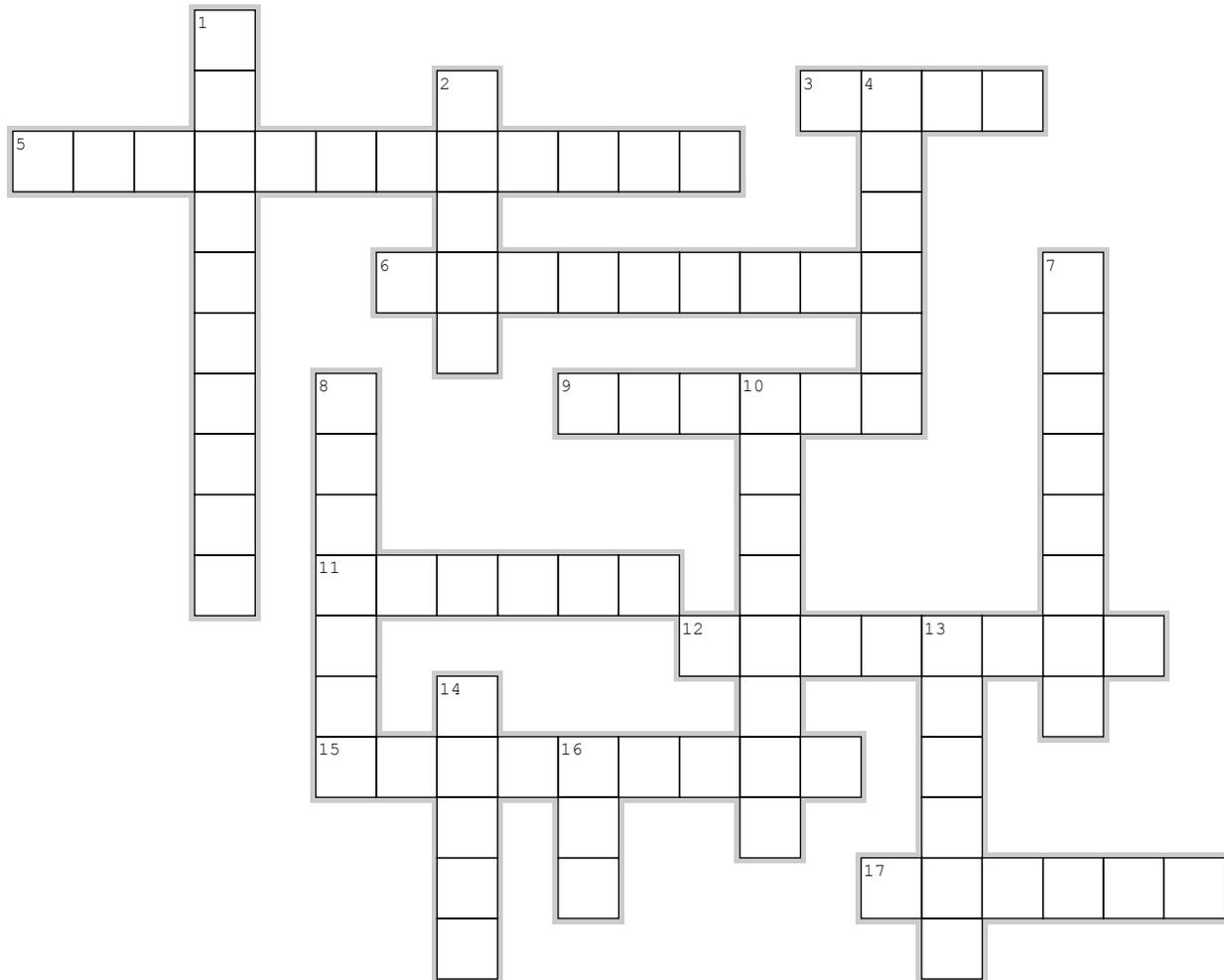
Have you become a fan of the Department's Facebook page yet? If not, do so here:

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

# On the Brain for May

Back to the Crosswords, I Say!

It's a backwards sort of puzzle....trust me on this one.



EclipseCrossword.com

## Across

3. \_\_\_\_\_ KAYNROH
5. WEHTTAM \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ IRAHZAM
9. YCNAN \_\_\_\_\_
11. PEEDNAS \_\_\_\_\_
12. YDNAS \_\_\_\_\_
15. ARDNAS \_\_\_\_\_
17. \_\_\_\_\_ REIVAX

## Down

1. ILARUM \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ YWAHATLE
4. EITAK \_\_\_\_\_
7. ELLEINAD \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_ RAMUKDNUN
10. DALHARP \_\_\_\_\_
13. AHSEINOD \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_ ITNOC
16. \_\_\_\_\_ NAHTANNAGAJ

You know the drill by now. First one to hand this to Brandon, and have everything correct, will win a prize.