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DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY NEWSLETTER

Department News

A Few Notes From Dr. Holtzman:

It has been a busy time lately with the holidays and the interview season.

I want to thank all the adult and pediatric Neurology faculty as well as all the residents for assisting in the

process of interviewing adult Neurology, pediatric Neurology, and physical medicine and rehabilitation residency

candidates over the last 2 months. We have interviewed many outstanding applicants. A particular thanks to

Abdul Nassief, Brad Schlaggar, and Oksana Volshcheyn, the residency program directors. Of note is that our new

Clinical site at Barnes Jewish West County hospital will open as of 2/1/08. Faculty and staff at the Memory and Aging

Project will be there 3 days per week and adult and pediatric Neurology clinics will be there 2 days a week.

Finally, it looks like the closing of highway 40 hasn't had a major impact yet as many have adapted to adapted

routes and alternate times for commuting. We all hope this continues to go well.

Happy New year to everyone.

Neuro-Oncology-

David Gutmann, MD, PhD

Dr. Gutmann was featured in the article below in the St. Louis Post Dispatch recently. Please click on the title to read the full article.

["Doctor Stresses Team Approach to Treatment"](#)

You won't find a "poster child" for neurofibromatosis — no identifiable face for the genetic disorder, called NF, that is more widespread than cystic fibrosis, hereditary muscular dystrophy and Huntington's disease combined, Dr. David Gutmann says.

Click here to read the article accompanying Dr. Gutmann's interview.

["Mom Finds Family Order Despite a Scary Disorder"](#)

The most common telltale signs of NF are skin discolorations, called cafe-au-lait spots, which cause no medical problems. One in every 3,000 people has a form of the disorder; it has no cure.

New Grant:

NIH, "Regulation and Role of mTOR in Neurofibromin Growth Control", 2008-2011

New Award:

Award for Excellence in Pediatric Basic/Translational Research, Society for Neuro-Oncology, 2007

Neuro-Immunology

Anne Cross, MD-

Congratulations to Laura Piccio MD PhD, Fellow of the National MS Society.

Dr. Piccio was one of the finalists for best poster award at ECTRIMS 2007 in Prague in October.

(ECTRIMS is the European Committee for Treatment and Research in MS).

The title of her poster was: "Expression of a membrane-bound and a soluble form of TREM-2 in the CNS: association with multiple sclerosis"

Movement Disorders-

Joel Perlmutter, MD

Congratulations to Meghan Campbell, Ph.D.

Dr. Campbell is an NIH Postdoctoral Fellow mentored by Tamara Hershey, Ph.D.

Dr. Campbell won the Society for Neuroscience Post-doctoral Travel Award Winner for 2007 and the Women in Neuroscience Travel Award Winner for 2007.

Dr. Campbell's work focused on the development of a new method to precisely identify the anatomical site of the active contacts used for deep brain stimulation of the subthalamic nucleus in people with Parkinson disease.

Congratulations also to Susan Criswell, M.D.

Dr. Criswell was awarded a K12 award to use MRI and PET neuroimaging techniques to investigate the brain effects of exposure to long term welding.

This study will be done in conjunction with Dr. Brad Racette's research investigating the relationship between welding and the development of parkinsonism.

Adult Epilepsy

Edward R. Hogan, MD

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Dario Beltran to the Epilepsy section.

Dr. Beltran has joined the epilepsy section as the epilepsy fellow for the 2007-2008 academic year. Dr. Beltran came to the program after completing his neurology residency at University of Texas-Southwestern, and completing a year of clinical neurophysiology training at Saint Louis University.

Stroke-

Jin-Moo Lee, MD, PhD

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Sushant Kale who will be joining us as a Stroke Fellow in July, 2008, after completing his neurology residency at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine.

Dr. Kale also earned an MPH from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2004. We look forward to working with him.

Department News Continued...

Several members of the Stroke Section have received honors and awards:

Dr. Allyson Zazulia received the Second Year Distinguished Service Teach Award for teaching excellence in her second year Neurology course.

Dr. Abdullah Nassief will receive the Distinguished Educator/Mentor Awards for housestaff teaching/mentoring on January 23 at an awards assembly immediately following the Dean's State of the Medical School address. Please join us in congratulating Drs. Zazulia and Nassief!

ADRC-
John Morris, MD

Notables:

Randall Bateman, MD, received a 2007 Alzheimer's Research Forum Award.

David Carr, MD, was awarded the Medical Director Leadership Regional Award for Health-South Rehabilitation in November 2007.

Youngjee Choi received the Antonette Frances Dames Award in Cell Biology and Physiology to "stimulate productive scholarship" for an essay entitled, "Tackling Two Epidemics in One."

James Galvin, MD, MPH, received a 2007 Alzheimer's Research Forum Award.

Nupur Ghoshal, MD, PhD, secured a T32 award from the Department of Neurology to support her postdoctoral fellowship.

David Holtzman, MD, gave a special presentation at the November 2007 Society for Neuroscience meeting entitled, "The Neurobiology of apoE: Potential role in CNS disorders and Alzheimer's disease. In December, he also gave the keynote address at the 7th Eibsee meeting in Germany on the cellular and molecular mechanism of AD.

Keoni Kauwe, MS, received an Outstanding Presentation award at the Human Genome Variation and Complex Genome Analysis Meeting in Spain this September, as well as the Poletsky Award in November

John Olney, MD, received the Washington University Second Century Award in September 2007.

Peggy Perkinson, PhD, was an invited partici-

Congratulations!

Abdullah M. Nassief, M.D.
Assistant Professor of
Neurology

Dr. Nassief has been chosen to receive the WUSM 2008 Distinguished Educator/Mentor Award for House Staff Teaching.

The award ceremony will take place on Wednesday, January 23 at 5:00 p.m. at the Eric P. Newman Education Center (EPNEC) immediately after the Dean's State of the School Address. Invitations will be sent soon.

This is a very competitive award given once a year to exceptional mentors.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Nassief on this prestigious honor!!

part in the NAFKI's Future of Human Health-span Conference aimed at fostering interdisciplinary research on longevity and healthy aging.

Joseph L. Price, PhD, received the Washington University Distinguished Educator Award for Graduate Student Teaching.

Consuelo Hopkins Wilkins, MD, received the Washington University Distinguished Community Service Award.

Jeff Zacks, PhD, was elected to the Governing Board of the Psychonomic Society for a term beginning in January 2008.

Events:

**"Life, Death and the Renewal of the Neuron:
The Leap from Bench to Bedside"**

**A symposium in honor of Eugene M. Johnson, Jr., Ph.D., Professor of Neurology, and
Molecular Biology and Pharmacology**

**Friday, February 29, 2008
8:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**Eric P. Newman Education Center
Washington University School of Medicine**

**For more information and to register, please
visit [http://](http://alzheimer.wustl.edu/Education/JohnsonSymposium/)**

**alzheimer.wustl.edu/Education/
JohnsonSymposium/**

Registration is Free!

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Business Office
Tom Giandinoto

Information Regarding Referring Physicians

CMS has issued a mandate that all claims are to be filed with each individual providers NPI number by May 23, 2008. The mandate includes referring physicians. What this means for Neurology providers is that if we don't have an NPI number for our referring physicians, our claims won't be filed which also means *payment to our physicians will be delayed.*

As of March 2008, any active referring physician listed in our IDX dictionary without an NPI will be deactivated. We're currently working with PBS to clean up the referring dictionary by calling each Neurology referring physician (that we don't have an NPI for) to verify if he's still in practice and if the address and phone numbers are correct; we're also requesting the NPI.

I'm asking for *everyone's* help on this issue –

If you have a referring physician on the line, ask for the NPI. You can send me the information and I'll make sure it's entered in IDX.

If you schedule an appointment with a referring physician that has a "zz" in front of the name, this means the provider has been deactivated in IDX. Verify the referring while you're scheduling the appt (whether it's the referring office or if it's the patient). *Make every possible effort to remove the "zz'd" provider from the ADF.*

Be sure to enter the correct referring on the ADF.

For any referring physicians NOT in IDX, utilize the "Referring NID Information" form to request that he/she be added.

I appreciate your assistance and please contact me with any questions.

Thank You,
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HIPAA

When a patient or patient representative requests a copy of their own record, **they must fill out a WU HIPAA approved form.**

ONLY Neurology Record Custodians can release the "designated record set". If you have any questions, contact the Neurology Department HIPAA Privacy Liaison.

The **Designated Record Set** refers to medical records and billing records that are used to make decisions about individuals and are maintained by or for a Health Care Provider. It also means the enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record systems maintained by or for a Health Plan. The term record means any item, collection, or grouping of information that includes Protected Health Information and is maintained, collected, used, or disseminated by or for a Covered Entity such as Washington Uni-

versity.

Access can only be granted to PHI contained in the **Designated Record Set**, which is **limited to** the following:

1. Face Sheet
2. Physician Orders
3. Vital Sign Work Sheet
4. Admission, Progress and Discharge Notes
5. History and Physical
6. Nurses and Other Ancillary Provider Notes
7. Radiology Reports
8. Pathology, Laboratory and Other Ancillary Reports
9. Operative Reports
10. Discharge Summary
11. Consultation Reports or Notes
12. Treatment Record, ex: Problem or Medication Lists or Plan of Care

If any of the above information has been obtained from a referring physician or primary care physi-

cian and is contained in the CORRESPONDENCE SECTION of the patient's chart, IT IS NOT part of the Designated Record Set.

If the physician uses records obtained from an outside source as part of their decision making, the records are part of his/her record and should be filed in the chart as part of the WU physician's record and it is part of the designated record set.

Thank you,
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You can also look at our HIPAA policies and procedures at <http://hipaa.wustl.edu>
Click on Approved Procedures to look at Neurology Procedures

Touchworks (Allscripts)

Michelle Aubuchon has created a Touchworks page on Neurology's website. If you go to our homepage at <http://www.neuro.wustl.edu> you can access the "Department only" information. Select the Touchworks icon to access:

The Touchworks security form: This form must be filled out electronically and sent to me for approval. Please save the form to your desktop, edit and save the form as the name of the person who needs access to Touchworks. Email the completed form to me at moores@neuro.wustl.edu.

E-NEWS: A quick link to all the E-NEWS items for Touchworks but you must click on the word **Allscripts**.

Touchworks training manuals: Touchworks training manual (general), RX (medications only), Tasking, Results (verify results only)

Referring physician form: The information in Touchworks note TO/CC: section is pulled from IDX's 123 dictionary.* If you save a note and try to key in a physician in the TO/CC: section and their name does not display it is because their name is not in the IDX 123 dictionary. If you encounter a physician's name that is not in IDX's 123 dictionary, there is no fax number or the fax number is incorrect this is the form you need to complete and send to Jack Federhoffer. The directions are on the bottom of the form.

*If the structured note group is set up to accept information in the TO/CC section, you can use this

function. If the structured note group you use is not set up to use the TO/CC: section, you will not be able to select how the note can be sent to the provider selected. If this happens to you and you DO wish to use the TO/CC: please contact me and I will request the group template be edited so you can use this valuable function.

If you have any suggestions to improve or add to the Touchworks (Allscripts) section of the Neurology website, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you have any questions about Touchworks (Allscripts), please do not hesitate to contact me.

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EDUCATION

Resident Updates—
Carol Lane—

Neurology Residency Coordinator

It's been somewhat quiet and slow with the residency other than, WOW!! We have had a total of 416 people apply to the residency this year!! Great job to everyone involved in continuing to make the Neurology residency program such a successful training course!!

Medical Student Updates—

Pre-Clinical Neurological Education
Allyson Zazulia, MD—

The WUMS II Diseases of the Nervous System course and the Neurology Patient Sessions are just about to start. The course schedule is posted on the department website ([click here](#))—

feel free to drop in on any lecture of interest to you. If you are on 11400/11500, at SLCH, or at RISL on a Tuesday afternoon between now and mid March, you will be seeing second year medical students interviewing patients—please be welcoming to them! And thank you to all the faculty, fellows, and residents who will be volunteering their time for these activities.

GRANTS

John Cirrito
NIH – K01
“Effect of Human AD Brain-Derived Aβ Species
on Synaptic Function”
8/1/2007-4/30/2012

Anne Cross
National MS Society
“Directional Diffusivity as a Window into the Patho-
genesis of MS”
10/1/2007-9/30/2010

Anne Cross
Barnes Jewish Hospital Foundation
“Caloric Restriction in an Animal Model of MS”
10/1/2007-9/30/2008

Anne Cross
Barnes Jewish Hospital Foundation
“Equipment to Replace Scintillation Counter”
10/1/2007-9/30/2008

Jin-Moo Lee
Barnes Jewish Hospital Foundation
“Lillian Strauss Fund”

10/1/2007-9/30/2008

Joel Perlmutter
American Parkinson Disease Association
Advanced Center for Parkinson Research – Re-
newal
9/1/2007-8/31/2012

Allison Wright-Willis
American Parkinson Disease Association
“Exposure & the Risk of PD: A Community Health
Study
Using Geographical Information Systems”
9/1/2007-8/31/2008

Kelvin Yamada
NIH – R21
“Synaptic Alterations after Hypoglycemic Seizures”
9/30/2007-8/31/2009

Grant information provided by the Neurology Busi-
ness office.

Thanks so much to Marianne Blankenship for
providing this information!

Wash U Updates

Need help efficiently using Becker Library re-
sources? The Becker Library Liaison Program
partners specific departments with a librarian. For
neurology, this librarian is Will Olmstadt.

Will is happy to help the neurology department.
For example, he can demonstrate how to:

- Use Becker Library resources effectively for patient care and research
 - Locate Becker Library resources to help prepare grants and reports
- Create alerts from the literature on topics of interest

Please feel free to contact him at:

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We still do not have a clean report on anniversary dates for the department. We greatly apologize for the discrepancies and are actively pursuing a solution to the problem. We will be sure to get the anniversary dates posted on the online Newsletter as soon as possible and are working to prevent future complications.

Thank you so much for your patience with this issue!

Marianne Blankenship
and
Laura Colvin



Dear Neurology Faculty, Fellows, Residents and Staff—

As always we are pleased to hear so many positive comments following the distribution of the previous newsletters and welcome further comments and suggestions for future issues.
Thank you so much.

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