The Seventh Annual Neurosciences Research Day sponsored by the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation, Garson Fund is being held later this month by UH Case Medical Center and the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine to highlight the important work being done by residents and, fellows, and students. This event, held March 29 – 30, aims to facilitate connections and collaboration among basic and clinical neuroscience departments at CWRU’s medical school bringing together residents and fellows from child neurology, neurology, neurosurgery and psychiatry.

In a similar format to previous years, the program will consist of a poster session in the Wolstein Research Building lobby on Tuesday evening during cocktails from 5 – 7 p.m. Submitted abstracts will be pre-assigned for presentation either as a poster or a platform talk. A panel of judges will evaluate all presentations and select several for awards.

Henry Kaminski, MD, a former UH Case Medical Center resident and fellow in the Department of Neurology, as well as a graduate and former faculty member of CWRU, will be the Garson Fund keynote speaker. This visiting professor lecture, sponsored by Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation and the Garson Fund, takes place in Kulas Auditorium on the fifth floor of Lakeside at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Kaminski, a leading expert in the basic mechanisms and clinical management of myasthenia gravis, is currently Chairman of the Department of Neurology at George Washington University.

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Staff Changes and Special Announcements

New Hire

Shannon Asbury RN is joining the staff as a RN in the Pediatric Epilepsy Unit.

John Hampson is joining the staff as a Neuro Systems Engineer in Department of Neurology.

Sheneva Jones is joining the staff as a MA in the Department of Neurosurgery.

Maya Muhammad is joining the staff as an EEG Tech Trainee in Neurodiagnostic Labs.

Vincenta Upchurch is joining the staff as a MA in the Department of Neurology.

Rashana Upshaw is joining the staff as an EEG Tech Trainee in Neurodiagnostic Labs.

Service Awards

Tracy Grushcow, celebrating 10 years of service.

Erin Richards, celebrating 10 years of service.

Certification

Jessica Mathews RN, Pediatric Epilepsy Unit, passed her certification exam and is now a certified pediatric nurse (CPN).

Professional Award

Ronald G. Riechers, II, MD, Chief, Dept. of Neurology, Medical Director, Polytrauma Team, Cleveland VAMC was recently awarded the Crain's Cleveland Business Health Care Hero award for 2015 in the Physician category.
The Department of Neurological Surgery hosted Visiting Professor Beverly C. Walters, M.D., MSc, FRCSC, FACS, on January 27th. Dr. Walters is the Adjunct Professor of Surgery, Neurosurgery and the Director of Clinical Research at the University of Alabama at Birmingham as well as Professor of Neurosciences, VCU School of Medicine – Inova Campus in Falls Church, Virginia. She presented a lecture entitled, “Building a Fruitful Clinical Research Program for Neurosurgical Residents.” Dr. Walters is a neurosurgeon and clinical epidemiologist who is retired from a full time clinical practice in general neurosurgery to pursue her interest in applied evidence-based medicine.
PUBLICATIONS


CALL FOR PAPERS
Is there a clinical topic you feel is in need of greater attention? Would you like to inform your colleagues about your recent research or a unique case?

We are currently planning our 2016 issue of the Neurological Institute Journal. The NI’s primary areas of interest are stroke, functional and restorative neurosurgery, brain tumor, and epilepsy, although other topics may be considered for the journal. If you are interested in contributing an article and would like additional information and author instructions sent to you, please contact us by email, phone, or in person as soon as possible. Thank you.

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MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS
Marketing and Communications is seeking patient stories that highlight the great care we provide here in the Neurological Institute. If you have a patient story that you would like to share, please send it to the team members below:

Bryan Kokish, Director, Consumer Engagement,
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Tyler.Granger@UHhospitals.org

RECRUITMENT FOR A4 STUDY
Dr. Alan Lerner and the Brain Health & Memory Center research staff are still recruiting for the Alzheimer’s Disease prevention study known as the A4 Study. The study requires people aged 65-85 who do not have a diagnosis of AD but have concerns about their memory because a family member has dealt with Alzheimer’s disease or forgetfulness is worrying them. The national website is www.a4study.org.

An important element of recruitment for this study is to try to include people who often are not represented in research studies—African-Americans, Hispanics and as well as other populations. Studies have shown that African-Americans are twice as likely, and Hispanics 1.5 times as likely as Caucasians to be diagnosed with AD. Currently our enrollment has a good representation of Caucasian participants but we are interested in helping other at-risk populations, too.

If you, your patients or anyone you know might fit the description for study participants, please pass on this information. You can reach us 216-464-6208.

Thank you,
UH’s Brain Health & Memory Center Staff

“I CAN’T GET THAT SONG OUTTA MY HEAD”
Do you know why a song gets stuck in your head? Do you know what being a Cleveland sports fan is doing to your health? Do you know the 10 health screenings that every man should get? The answer to these questions and many others are contained in our free monthly "Better Living" e-newsletters. If you haven’t signed up for these yet, you’re really missing out. Sign Up Now.
### EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES GRAND ROUNDS SCHEDULE

#### Epilepsy Grand Rounds – Frohring Auditorium Room 105 in the Biomedical Research Building at CWRU 8 a.m.

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<td>David Auerbach, MD., Cardiovascular Research Institute Department of Pharmacology and Physiology, University of Rochester Medical Center, School of Medicine and Dentistry</td>
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<td>Electrical disturbances in the brain and heart in Long QT syndrome</td>
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<td>Joseph Tracy, PhD., Director of Neuropsychology Program, Thomas Jefferson, University and Medical College.</td>
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<td>Resting state functional connectivity: methods and clinical applications in epilepsy.</td>
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<td>Nancy Bass, MD, Program Director, Pediatric Epilepsy, Associate Professor, CWRU, UHCMC</td>
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<td>A. Bolu Ajiboye, PhD., Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, CWRU</td>
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<td>TJ McCallum, PhD., Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, CWRU</td>
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#### Neuromuscular Grand Rounds – Lerner Tower 2nd Fl., Room 2060 9:30 a.m.

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#### Neurosurgical Clinical Conference – Hanna House 5th Floor, Room 537 7:15 a.m.

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EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES GRAND ROUNDS SCHEDULE (cont’d from pg. 6)
If you have any questions regarding department Grand Rounds schedule, please contact:
Lois Hengenius, Neurosurgery Clinical Conference, 216 844-3472
Michelle Post, Epilepsy Grand Rounds, 216 844-1764
Roberta Phelps, Neuromuscular Grand Rounds, 216 844-4854
Kim Puskus, Neurology Grand Rounds, 844-3194

NEW GRANT FUNDING
An X02 grant by Dr. Stanton Gerson, Dr. Andrew Sloan & others titled "Evaluating microenvironment and immune response of MGMT targeted therapy with protection of hematopoietic progenitor cells (HPC) in the management of Glioblastoma (GBM)" was approved by NCI for conversion to a full U01 grant.

EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS
Andrew Sloan, MD, was appointed to the Editorial Board of AANS quarterly
Andrew Sloan, MD, was appointed as an editor for a special edition of AANS Neurosurgical Focus addressing the indications and outcomes of Laser Interstitial Thermotherapy (LITT)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS
Nicholas Bambakidis, MD was the Honored Guest and Visiting Professor at the University of Washington Department of Neurosurgery Microanastamosis Course and Lecture in Seattle, Washington January 30-31, as guest of Dr. Laligam Sekhar and Dr. Louis J. Kim. The Course and Lecture hosted neurosurgeons-in-training from the Pacific Northwest region and reviewed the latest techniques of Extracranial-Intracranial bypass operations and techniques.

Lisa Rogers, MD, is the Invited Presenter at UH Southwest General Hospital Grand Rounds on Friday March 4, 2016 at noon. Title: “Nonmetastatic neurological complications of cancer”
CENTER SPOTLIGHT – Meet the NI Brain Tumor & Neuro-Oncology Center

The Brain Tumor & Neuro-Oncology Center (BTNOC) is a multi-disciplinary team within the NI which works closely with colleagues throughout UH & SCC to optimize care for patients with tumors of the brain & spine. The BTNOC also has active programs in basic, translation and clinical research funded by the NCI, the State of Ohio, and industry. Landmark achievements include leadership of 4 national trials in the elite, NCI-funded Adult Brain Tumor Consortium (ABTC), NRG/RTOG early phase group, and Cancer Genome Atlas Project (TCGA); Development of Surgical Theatre, a surgical simulator; leadership in the only clinical trial of Laser interstitial thermotherapy (LITT) for gliomas; and the recent submission of the NI’s first NIH SPORE grant. BTNOC leaders also started and lead the Ohio Neuro-Oncology Consortium (OHNOC) as well as CBTRUS, the Central Brain Tumor Registry of the United States. Additional grants including a U-01 are in development.

Andrew Sloan, MD
Center Director

Alia Hdeib, MD

Alan Hoffer, MD

Lisa Rogers, DO

Warren Selman, MD

Jill Barnholtz-Sloan, Ph.D.

Eli Bar, Ph.D.

Amber Kerstetter-Fogle, Ph.D.

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CENTER SPOTLIGHT – Meet the NI Brain Health Center – (continued from page 8)

Jennifer Jochum, CNP
Amanda Kovats, RN
Sandy Pabellon, RN

Mary Mesi,
Administrative Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS JONATHAN PACE - OCR Short Course Championships in the Men's Competitive Division
Jonathan Pace, MD, Neurosurgery Residents has now been officially verified as a competitor for the 2016 OCR Short Course Championships in the Men’s Competitive Division on Friday, October 14, 2016 at Blue Mountains, Ontario, Canada! We’re excited to acknowledge that he will be joining the group for the premier of this all new distance as top athletes from across the globe compete for the first time on this fast-paced 3-kilometer course for the title of World Champion.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UH CONNOR INTEGRATIVE HEALTH NETWORK COURSES

Clean Eating Basics
In the workshop you will learn the basics of why it's crucial to make changes to your diet for optimal health and how to do it. UH Employees and volunteers $18.00; Public/Community members $20.00

**Tuesday, March 8, 2016; 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
25001 Emery Road, Building 25E
Warrensville Heights, OH  44128
First Floor Conference Room

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016; 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
Parma Health Education Center
7300 State Road, Cleveland, OH  44134
Classroom 10

Group Hypnotherapy
Hypnotherapy is an evidence-based therapy that is highly effective in creating positive thought and a sought-after change in behavior, whether that means stopping smoking, ending a habit of eating sugary foods, eliminating a phobia or addressing an addiction.

**Thursday, March 17, 2016**
Weight Loss Session - 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm
Smoking Cessation Session – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
UH Bedford Medical Center, Boardroom
44 Blaine Avenue
Bedford, OH  44146

**Thursday, March 31, 2016**
Weight Loss Session - 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm
Smoking Cessation Session – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
UH Avon Fitness Center, Conference Room
1997 Healthway Drive
Avon, OH  44011

ST. BALDRICK’S CWRU/UH SHAVE IT OFF EVENT

Dear Colleagues and Friends,
I am very excited to share that I will be joining a group of dedicated members of the NI team in the fight against Childhood Cancer. On March 18th, 2016 the Rainbow Brain Docs will be participating in the St. Baldrick’s CWRU/UH Shave it Off event for the second consecutive year. We will shave our heads in solidarity with the children who fight this terrible disease. This event has grown to enormous proportions and we are trying to do our small part as members of the Rainbow community.

We have set a lofty goal for fundraising this year and need your support to achieve it. With all of the NI behind us, I know we can reach our target of $10,000.00. Below you will find a link to our team's St. Baldrick’s Fund Raising page and I encourage all of you to consider a generous donation. St. Baldrick’s supports multiple grants right here at Rainbow, so we are essentially supporting our colleagues in the fight against Childhood Cancer. [https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/therainbowbraindocs](https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/therainbowbraindocs)

For anyone who is interested in joining our team and participating as a “Shavee”, we welcome you all – it truly is an amazing day at Rainbow. We also welcome everyone to join us on St. Baldrick’s in the Rainbow Performance Area to celebrate all those who will be “shaving it off” to fight cancer!!!! Thank you in advance for your support and generous contributions to this very important cause.

With Warmest Regards,
Warren Selman, MD, Chairman, Neurological Institute
SAVE THE DATE (continued from page 9)

National Doctor’s Day Breakfast Celebration
All NI Physicians, Residents and Fellows are invited to participate the NI’s National Doctor’s Day Breakfast on Wednesday, March 30th from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. on Hanna 5th Floor Lobby. Please stop by for breakfast and receive a special gift just for you!

National Doctor’s Day is held every year on March 30th in the United States. It is a day to celebrate the contribution of physicians who serve our country by caring for its citizens. The first Doctor’s Day observance was March 30, 1933 in Winder, GA. Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Charles B. Almond decided to set aside a day to honor physicians. On March 30, 1958, a Resolution commemorating Doctor’s Day was adopted by the United States House of Representative. In 1990, legislation was introduced in the House and Senate to establish a National Doctor’s Day. President George Bush signed S.J. RES #366 on October 30, 1990 designating March 30th as “National Doctor’s Day”.

March 14-20th Celebrate Brain Awareness.
Join the global campaign to increase public awareness of the progress and benefits of brain reach. Become a partner and organize an activity, or attend events in your area by searching the Brain Awareness Week (BAW) 2016 website.

CENTER OF MUSIC AND MEDICINE
You are invited to a Cello and Piano Concert, featuring Jonathan Lass MD, Cello and Jonathan Miller, MD, Piano, Seidman Cancer Center Lobby, Monday, April 18, 2016, 12:00 to 1:00 pm

NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE’S ANNUAL STROKE SCREENINGS,
May 5, 11, & 26, 2016, CMC Atrium – More information to come

NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE’S EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION
STAR Fest, December 9, 2016 Windows on the River
PATIENT EXPERIENCE FEEDBACK
Dear Dr. Sloan,
Just want to tell you how great I am feeling and want to thank you for performing my surgery. You and your team have given me a second chance!! This June I along with many friends and relatives will be participating in a 5 K run/walk to benefit the American Brain Tumor Association in Columbus. I will still be receiving chemo treatments at the time but I will be running the 5 k. – Submitted by a patient

11TH ANNUAL EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION’S WINTER WALK, JANUARY 30, 2016

Epilepsy Awareness Education Board display

Cleveland Brown’s Mascot, Adina Chirla, RN, Keionna Walker, RN and Kim Lonsdale, RN

Keionna Walker, RN and Chi Chi Nwanko, MD

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