BOOT CAMP 2015: A ROUSING SUCCESS

The event initiated seven years ago by Benjamin Walter, MD, as a daylong interactive retreat for people with Parkinson’s disease has grown into a highly anticipated annual gathering.

Kim Ganley, whose father suffers from Parkinson’s disease, was honored with a Champion Award at the Seventh Annual Northeast Ohio Parkinson’s Boot Camp for working with Dr. Walter, Director of Movement Disorders in the UH Neurological Institute, to develop this inspiring, free event. A capacity crowd of 850 filled the John S. Knight Center in Akron on Sept. 19 to learn exercise techniques and invigorating skills to help them manage their disease.

Ganley, a member of the UH Neurological Institute’s Board of Directors, was celebrated along with Brian Butler, RN, MSN, who hiked over 200 challenging miles of the Appalachian Trail upon his retirement from UH earlier this year to raise awareness of Parkinson’s disease. The U.S. Army veteran was diagnosed with Parkinson’s in 2012.

On behalf of the NI leadership, we would like to thank Mrs. Ganley for her philanthropy support of the Neurological Institute. Her donation will allow the Movement Disorders Center to continue to provide education and research to improve the lives of those who suffer from Parkinson’s disease.

Warren Selman, MD
Department Chairman, Neurological Surgery UHCMC
Neurosurgeon-in-Chief, UH Neurosurgery Director,
Neurological Institute, UHCMC

Anthony Furlan, MD
Department Chairman, Neurology UHCMC Co-Director,
Neurological Institute, UHCMC

Rebecca Kahl, MBA
Interim Director of Operations

Tracy Grushcow
Interim NI Practice Manager

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STAFF CHANGES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome our new NI Faculty Staff:

Aasef Shaikh, PhD, MD, Movement Disorder
Edwin Capulong, Director, Medical Spine
Betsy Garratt, DO, General Neurology, Neuromuscular, EMG
Alia Hdeib, MD, Spine and Spine Oncology

Please welcome our additional new NI Staff:

Erin Alson, RN to Dr. Jennifer Sweet
Antonio Constantini, RN NSU
Monique Donaldson, Doctor Secretary to Drs. Ashraf, Eccher and Baca Vaca
Cherea Humphrey, PAR I Bolwell 5
Jennifer Jochum, NP, Neuro & Neurosurgery, Brain Tumor
Alexa Lange, RN NSU
Kyna McKinney, RN NSU
Nora Marks – PAR I Risman
Tammy Parks-Edgerson, PARI, Bolwell 5
Amelia Pfaffel, RN NSU
Richard Pietrasz, RN NSU
Cecilia Redmond, RN NSU
McKenzie Richards, RN, NSU
Amy Rohlfing, RN NSU
Mariana Rokitska, RN NSU
Sara Stefancin, RN NSU
Lauri Talley, RN NSU
Krista Walker, PCCI, Bolwell 5
Erin Zinn, NP, Movement Disorders

PARKINSON’S DISEASE BOOT CAMP

Dr. Benjamin Walter and Ellen Walter, facilitated the day-long interactive retreat for people who live with Parkinson’s disease.

Kim Ganley and Brian Butler both received a 2015 Parkinson’s disease Champion Award for their support.
6TH ANNUAL SURGICAL TREATMENT OF THE CRANIOCERVICAL JUNCTION COURSE

The Department of Neurological Surgery hosted the 6th annual “Surgical Treatment of the Craniocephalic Junction” course here at UHCMC on September 2 – 3, 2015. Eighteen neurosurgery residents from different programs around the country attended the course which is organized by Dr. Nicholas Bambakidis. The two day course is an intensive, hands-on course in the surgical management of pathologies of the craniocephalic junction. The course was officially recognized by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons for the first time since the inception of the course.

Faculty included prominent Neurosurgeons from the Barrow Neurological Institute (Drs. Peter Nakaji, Peter Weisskopf and Joseph Zabramski), the University of Illinois Chicago (Sepideh Amin-Hanjani, M.D.), the University of Washington (Louis Kim, M.D.), Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center (David J. Hart, M.D.) and CCF (Dr. Michael Steinmetz). Our honored guest this year was Dr. Zoher Ghogawala, Chairman, Department of Neurosurgery at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center.

CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

University Hospitals Offers Leading Neurological Expertise Across 15 Centers of Excellence

At University Hospitals Neurological Institute, a team of nationally recognized experts deliver comprehensive, coordinated care for disorders of the brain and nervous system.

Recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of the finest neurology and neurosurgery programs in the country, UH Neurological Institute delivers innovative, integrated and individualized care to patients with diseases affecting the nervous system at convenient locations throughout northern Ohio.

With 15 centers of excellence, UH Neurological Institute delivers individualized treatment, innovative techniques and access to some of the most innovative research designed to advance the science of neurological medicine.

For example, we are the only U.S. hospital offering multiple hippocampus transections as a surgical solution to eliminate seizures and effectively cure epilepsy. Also, we were the first in the world to test diaphragm pacing stimulation.

This technique can slow the rate of breathing failure in patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Innovative, Integrated and Individualized Care for Patients with Neurological Disorders

University Hospitals Neurological Institute in Cleveland – the leading institute in Northeast Ohio – offers the full range of neurological and neurosurgical services at our primary location, UH Case Medical Center.

In addition, patients can be seen close to home at one of our many community medical and health centers.
AWARDS/ACREIDTATIONS

Congratulations! We are proud to announce that University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center has been approved for the Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke Bronze Quality Achievement award.

DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS EARNED

Congratulations to the following staff who have earned professional certifications:

Sarah Conley, RN, NSU earned her CCRN Certification

Linda Parker, CN, AEMU passed her Medical Surgical Certification

Tangela Peavy, ACN, AEMU passed her Medical Surgical Certification

Samantha Skinner RN, NSU earned her CCRN Certification

Pam Young, RN, NSU earned her CCRN Certification

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Appleby B: Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and other prion diseases, Grand Rounds, Department of Neuroscience, Indiana University, 9/16/2015

Poster presentation:


PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed journal:


NEW SERVICES

Anna Serels, MD, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Site Medical Director, UH Geauga Medical Center will begin offering PM & R at UH Geauga. This will be another valuable step toward our stroke patients’ rehabilitation. Her clinical and research interests are traumatic and nontraumatic brain injury, neuromuscular medicine and neurorehabilitation.

UH GEAUGA MEDICAL CENTER – TALK MORE PROGRAM

“Talk More” is a program designed to provide people with Aphasia the opportunity to continue working on speech and language after insurance benefits have been exhausted.

The initial program will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the UH Geauga Medical Center Main Lobby.

A stroke support group is held on the first Monday of each month. Having the support of others with the same condition can be empowering and help one deal with the issues that occur on a day-to-day basis. For more information on “Talk More” or on the Stroke Support groups, call (440) 285-6889.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SALLY S. MORLEY FUND

A generous gift $150,000 was received from Mr. John Morley of Cleveland Heights to establish the Sally S. Morley Memorial Glioblastoma Treatment Fund.

This fund was established in appreciation of the personalized and compassionate caregiving provided the Morley family by Dr. Lisa Rogers and the entire Neurological Institute Care Team. The fund will be used to support a clinical investigation led by Dr. Rogers to explore the impact of nutrition on the treatment of glioblastoma.”
EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES GRAND ROUNDS SCHEDULE

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

Oct. 5  
Bruce Gluckman, PhD, Associate Director, Penn State Center for Neural Engineering  
Associate Professor of Engineering Science, Penn State University  
**Topic:** Experimental Models of Sleep and Seizure

Oct. 12  
NO GRAND ROUNDS

Oct. 19  
TBA

Oct. 26  
TBA

**Neurology Grand Rounds Kulas Auditorium 8 a.m.**

Oct 2  
Thomas Brannagan, MD, Director, Peripheral Neuropathy Center, Co-Director, Electromyography Laboratory, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York Presbyterian Hospital  
**Topic:** Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy and other Immune-mediated demyelinating neuropathies.

Oct. 9  
TBA

Oct. 16  
Jonathan Haines, PhD, Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics Director, Institute for Computational Biology, CWRU School of Medicine  
**Topic:** TBA

Oct 23  
Niloy Bhadra, MD, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering, CWRU  
**Topic:** TBA

Oct. 30  
TBA

**Neuromuscular Grand Rounds – Lerner Tower 2nd Fl., Room 2060 9:30 a.m.**

Oct 2  
Thomas Brannagan, MD, Director, Peripheral Neuropathy Center, Co-Director, Electromyography Laboratory, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York Presbyterian Hospital  
**Topic:** Transthyretin Familial Amyloid Polyneuropathy
EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES GRAND ROUNDS SCHEDULE (cont’d from pg. 6)

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

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| Oct 28 | 7:15 a.m. Neurosurgery Clinical Conference<br>8:15 a.m. Skills Laboratory – Hemicraniotomy<br>4:00 p.m. Journal Club |}

**Pediatric Epilepsy Grand Rounds – RBC 8th Floor Conference Rm 11:00 a.m.,**  
*Each 4th Mon. of the month*  
Topic: Case Management

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  
Angel Warner, Pediatric Epilepsy Course 216-286-6562
NI SUPPORTED EVENTS - Mark your calendars!

4TH ANNUAL DAN AND LINDA ROCKER SILVERBERG HEAL THE HEALER SYMPOSIUM
Friday, October 16, 2015 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
700 Beta Banquet & Conference Center
700 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village, OH 44143

Physicians (MD and DO):
$155 before Tuesday, September 1 ($185 after)
Other health care providers, residents, students:
$95 before Tuesday, September 1 ($125 after)
Register online at casemed.case.edu/cme (Activities & Events) OR Call 216-983-1239 with form/credit card information.

2015 ROCK AND ROLL AT GATHERPALOOZA – The Gathering Place Benefit
Saturday, October 17, 2015
Gray’s Armory, 1234 Bolivar Road, Cleveland Heights, OH
General Admission $75.00 each; VIP Tickets $150 each 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Featuring local bands including our own Dr. Warren Selman and the Nerve Band
This event will support the free programs and services of The Gathering Place, a caring community providing support, education and empowerment to individuals and families touched by cancer. For more information and to purchase tickets visit: www.touchedbycancer.org/gatherpalooza

2015 COMICS FOR KIDS – LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE
Wednesday, October 21, 2015
Hilarities, 4th Street Theater (Inside of Pickwick and Frolic Restaurant and Club)
2035 E. 4th Street, Cleveland, OH
Featuring, Juanda Mayfield and Headliner Mike Cheselka
Tickets $40 – Call (216) 983-LAUGH
Cocktail Party 6 – 8 p. m. Appetizers, 50/50 Raffle, Cash Bar
All proceeds benefit Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital

SAVE THE DATE
2015 NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE STAR FEST – EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION
You and a guest are invited to attend the NI’s annual Star Fest event held at the Windows on the River on Friday, December 4, 2015 located at the Nautica Complex, 2000 Sycamore St, Cleveland, OH 44113
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
MEMBERS OF THE NI ARE OUT AND ABOUT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS

(L to R) Cat Harrigan, Bernie Harrigan, Bri Martinez, Dr. Krystal Tomei, Craig Anderson, Eleanor Geer, Dr. Greg Lakin, Margaret Lakin, and Morgan,

2015 Hydrocephalus WALK
Members of the Neurological Institute and their families participated in the 2015 Hydrocephalus Walk in Edgewater Park on Sunday, August 30th. The “Brainy Bunch” joined many patients and families in the rain whose lives are affected by hydrocephalus and raised $1,625.00 towards research for a cure. Stay tuned for more information about next year’s walk!

(L to R) Kelly Montgomery, Carol Gifford, Julie Fussner, Lois Hengenius and guest.

Cleveland Indian’s Strike Out Stroke Event
Members of the Neurological Institute participated in the Cleveland Indian’s Strike Out Stroke event on Sunday September 20th at Progressive Field. Strike Out Stroke is the nation’s leading community focused stroke symptom awareness initiative created to address the severe deficit in public awareness about the symptoms of stroke and urgency of immediate medical treatment.

The Cleveland Indian’s event was the last of 23 MLB events this year. Volunteers handed out magnets and koozies with the FAST message on them and spoke with many fans about stroke.
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2015 Cleveland Heart and Stroke Walk

Members of the Neurological Institute’ NSU staff members and their families participated in this year’s 2015 Cleveland Heart and Stroke Walk on Saturday, September 26th in downtown Cleveland.

Serena (Friend of Natalie Smith), Naomi Smith (daughter of Natalie Smith), Angela Webb CTA Lerner Tower 4, Jen Kidd AC N Lerner Tower 4, Natalie Smith AHN Lerner Tower 4, Lakishia Freeman CP Lerner Tower 4, Danielle Sindelar NM Lerner Tower 4, NSU, and EMU, Jenni Krafcik RN Lerner Tower 4, Chrissy Mirtell ACN Lerner Tower 4, Nicole Norris NP

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