New Program at Brain Aneurysm Center Improves Access to Experts

Treating aneurysms and highly complicated cases is the work of the new UW Medicine Brain Aneurysm Center led by Louis Kim, MD, chief of neurological surgery at Harborview Medical Center. Dr. Kim and fellow neurological surgeons Michael Levitt, MD, and Laligam Sekhar, MD, are the primary surgeons providing care for the Center’s patients. They work with a large and expert multidisciplinary team supporting the best patient outcomes. This program seeks to improve access to the team of expert brain aneurysm surgeons. To refer your patients, use the new online referral form.

UW Medicine Scientists Publish Study on Neuron Functioning

Emerging lines of evidence suggest that human brain disorders may have cell type-specific etiologies. UW Medicine research scientists Nikolai C. H. Dembrow, PhD, and...
William Spain, MD, of the Department of Neurology and Epilepsy Center of Excellence, recently published in Cell Reports their findings on neuromodulation and dendritic integration in the neocortex. LEARN MORE >

Five-site Treatment Study on Adult Hydrocephalus Clinical Research Network
The evaluation and treatment of idiopathic normal pressure hydrocephalus comes under scrutiny by UW Medicine neurologist and lead author Michael A. Williams, MD, in the Journal of Neurosurgery. With collaborators in the Adult Hydrocephalus Clinical Research Network, they find it safe and effective. READ MORE >

Post-Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Study Examines Persistence and Severity of Symptoms
TRACK-TBI investigators, including UW Medicine’s research scientists Joan Machamer, PhD, department of rehabilitation medicine, Nancy Temkin, PhD, and Jason Barber, MS, department of neurosurgery, authored a study published in the Journal of Neurotrauma on the severity of symptoms experienced by patients with traumatic brain injury from across 18 Level I trauma centers. Harborview Medical Center, an integral part of UW Medicine and one of the country’s premier trauma centers, was a proud participant. The study showed that persistent symptoms were common out at least a year after TBI. READ MORE >

In the News
- The UW Medicine Multiple Sclerosis Center celebrated its 10-year anniversary and has been awarded the “Partners in MS Care” designation from the National MS Society for the highest level of comprehensive care.
- Cyrus Zabetian, MD, has been awarded over $1.2 million in funding for his study “Genetic Movement Disorders: Etiologies and Pathogeneses” which identifies the molecular etiologies of genetic movement disorders.
- Jeffrey Ojemann, MD, has received an $8 million dollar grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) of the National Institutes of Health for his proposal “Motor Recovery through Plasticity-Inducing Cortical Stimulation.” His work continues as part of a multidisciplinary neuromodulation collaboration at the University of Washington.
- Research scientist Lila Faulhaber studied neurologic toxicity following chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy in a recently published study in Brain Communications.

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