

Rutgers Doctors Show Dedication to Education

Department of Neurosurgery Offers Comprehensive Course in Neuroscience

By Chirag Gandhi, M.D.

Education is one of the key missions for the Department of Neurological Surgery at Rutgers University - The New Jersey Medical School. Our annual symposium on May 10, 2014 entitled "A Comprehensive Neurological Update for the Acute and Ambulatory Care Provider" featured department faculty and other experts in clinical neuroscience from across the state of New Jersey. The goal of this dual-tracked event was to present healthcare providers with both a review of commonly encountered neurological diseases as well as an update on the state-of-the-art in Neurological Surgery. The course was very well-attended by physicians, nursing staff, and medical students from across the country. The next course will be held in May 2015.



**A Comprehensive
Neurological
Update for
Acute and
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Care Providers**
*State-of-the-Art
Strategies for
Improving Patient Care*

A CME Certified Activity

**Saturday, May 10, 2014
8:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

Delta Dental Education Conference Center
Rutgers School of Dental Medicine
50 12th Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103

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SNIS presents
**Stroke Summit 2014:
Excellence in Patient Care**

The Cerebrovascular Center at the New Jersey Medical School has been chosen as the co-host of a CME-accredited regional symposium sponsored by the Society for Neurointerventional Surgery.

Dr. Chirag Gandhi will be the primary speaker at the Stroke Summit 2014: Excellence in Patient Care on June 17th, 2014. The event will discuss the recent international stroke trials and the state-of-the-treatment options available for patients with acute strokes.

At the Stroke Summit 2014: Excellence in Patient Care, Dr. Chirag Gandhi will review recent trials and discuss with participants the trials' relevancy to stroke treatment and management, as well as optimal management of stroke patients.

(contributed by Chirag Gandhi, M.D.)

NINJ News

- Dr. Antonios Mammis represented the Rutgers Deep Brain Stimulation program at the Deep Brain Society of NY meeting, held on May 28, 2014 at The Modern, NYC.
- Dr. Robert F. Heary and Dr. Stella Elkabes led the Reynolds Family Spinal Cord Injury Research Symposium on May 7th, 2014
- The Department of Neurological Surgery celebrated the graduation of chief residents Pinakin Jethwa, M.D., and James Barrese, M.D., on May 3rd, 2014, at The Majestic, NYC.
- Dr. Paul Singh will be joining the NINJ Cerebrovascular team, specializing in interventional neurology and stroke care
- NINJ is now accepting patients at our Montclair, NJ offices: call 973-972-2323 for appointments
- Parkinson's Disease and Essential Tremor Support group to be held on Monday July 7th, 2014 from 9am—10am, at 90 Bergen Street, Suite 8100, Newark NJ 07103, Conference Room. Please RSVP with Margaret Mantz, AP-N at mantzma@uhnj.org or 973-972-4089

Meet Dr. Charles Prestigiacomo

As Chairman and Director of the Neurological Surgery Residency Program, Dr. Prestigiacomo leads the Department of Neurological Surgery at New Jersey Medical School. He also directs the Cerebrovascular Center in the Department of Neurological Surgery at The University Hospital.



Dr. Prestigiacomo is renowned for his specialty in cerebrovascular microsurgery (aneurysms, AVM, cavernous malformation, carotid endarterectomy and bypass), endovascular surgery for the treatment of all brain, spinal cord and head/neck pathology (aneurysms, AVM, stroke, tumor, vessel occlusion) and stereotactic radiosurgery for vascular lesions. His research has included topics such as the outcomes in subarachnoid hemorrhage, mechanisms of cerebral vasospasm, decision analysis and biophysics of aneurysm formation.

During his residency, Dr. Prestigiacomo became interested in the various aspects of cerebrovascular disease. This interest led him to spend one year on the Interventional Neuroradiology/Endovascular Service at Columbia-Presbyterian, studying the numerous techniques by which cerebrovascular disease could be treated from within the vessels of the brain and spinal cord.

After completing his residency in 2000, Dr. Prestigiacomo sought further subspecialized training in Neurointerventional Radiology/Endovascular Surgery at Beth Israel Medical Center. During this time, he continued to develop the necessary endovascular skills for the treatment of diseases of the brain and spinal cord as well as the head and neck. ■

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