

News in Brief

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Wolfe-Harris Center at NHSU Submits \$2.4 Million Grant Proposal

The Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies at Northwestern Health Sciences University (NHSU) recently submitted a \$2.4 million grant proposal to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The proposed study on sciatica will be based on two previous pilot studies conducted at Northwestern, both of which were published in the *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics*.

The proposed trial, submitted in collaboration with Palmer College of Chiropractic, will examine the effectiveness of spinal manipulation versus self-care for chronic and subacute patients suffering from back-related leg pain. The grant, which could be approved by this fall, will study 192 patients over three years. Two-thirds of the participants would be treated at Northwestern, while the remaining third would be treated at Palmer.

According to Roni Evans, DC, dean of research, the Wolfe-Harris Center's history of successfully conducting randomized clinical trials complements Palmer's expertise in biomechanical research. Palmer's Office of Data Management will coordinate the data management and statistical analyses. If the proposal is accepted, recruitment for the study will begin in April 2007. Gert Bronfort, PhD, DC, research professor and associate vice president of research at Northwestern, will serve as the study's principal investigator.

Northwestern Receives \$500,000 Toward Building Expansion

William Harris, DC, has donated a \$500,000 challenge grant to Northwestern Health Sciences University (NHSU), bringing Dr. Harris's total giving to the university to \$1.7 million. The donation will be used toward the construction of a \$6.5 million addition to the university's existing building; the addition would be named the Wolfe-Harris Center for Excellence. A three-story addition with 16,000 square feet of space on each floor has been planned and would house the Greenawalt Library, the Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies, and patient care services for all of the programs. Northwestern's upcoming fundraising campaign, "Imagine Our Future," will launch publicly in 2007 and construction on the new facilities will begin that same year.

After the construction is completed, admissions will move into the space currently housing the research offices. Student affairs, alumni/career services, development, and continuing education would move into the existing Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies. The bookstore will move into the current library. A tiered classroom is planned for the space currently housing admissions and continuing education.

"We are grateful for Dr. Harris's support of the profession and of Northwestern," commented Alfred Traina, DC, president of Northwestern. "This donation goes a long way toward helping us fund construction of the addition."

The donation is not Dr. Harris's first to Northwestern. In the past, he has donated \$1 million toward the Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies and \$200,000 to fund a chair in business and practice management at the university.

Canadian Food Festival to Support Chiropractic Research

Visitors to the Canadian Chiropractic Convention in Vancouver, B.C., in November will walk away with a full belly thanks to the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. "A Taste of Canada," a food festival to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 17, will feature an array of foods from a diverse menu that will highlight cuisine from the region. The \$125 fee for the evening will benefit chiropractic education and research. DJ Patrick Mooney will be spinning music all night and caricaturist Ted Couling will be on hand to entertain attendees with his unique style. For more information, call (800) 669-2959, e-mail atasteofcanada@cmcc.ca, or visit the CMCC Web site at www.cmcc.ca.

National Student Receives \$2,500 George J. Goodheart Scholarship

The International College of Applied Kinesiology (ICAK) awarded the George J. Goodheart Scholarship to Amy Berglund, a student at National University of Health Sciences (NUHS), during homecoming festivities on June 24, 2006. Dr. Goodheart, a NUHS alumni and featured homecoming speaker, presented Amy with the certificate and scholarship funds.

Amy currently is the president of the AK Club at NUHS and has successfully completed a 100-hour ICAK-USA course of study. After graduation, she plans to work as an associate for two years with an AK doctor in the Chicago area and then become certified in AK.

Eventually, she hopes to move to her home state of Montana and start a private practice with an interest in working with the elderly.

In the 1960s, Dr. Goodheart developed applied kinesiology; the guiding principle of AK is that evaluation of normal and abnormal body function can be accomplished by using muscle tests. For more information, visit www.icakusa.com.

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