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Tuesday, June 25, 2024
The Imagine More DINNER
Benefiting the Medical College of Wisconsin Neuroscience Research Center

5:00 pm
CHECK-IN AND WELCOME RECEPTION

6:00 pm
DINNER AND PROGRAM
• Welcome Remarks
• Imagine More Award for Research
• Neuro Hero Award
• Keynote Address: Enhancing Stroke Recovery Through Research - Jeffrey Binder, MD
• Paddle Raise

8:00 pm
CLOSING REMARKS
Imagine Changing Lives

We know the talented, caring professionals at the Medical College of Wisconsin’s Neuroscience Research Center help make a meaningful difference in the lives of people facing incredible challenges. We are proud to support their important work and appreciate you joining us for the 2024 Imagine More Dinner.

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About Us

The Neuroscience Research Center stands as a distinguished national leader in basic and translational neuroscience research. Through a collaborative programmatic plan and commitment to strengthening neuroscience research, the Neuroscience Research Center greatly enhances and differentiates clinical care at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin, offering hope to patients and families affected by diseases and injuries of the brain and spinal cord.

The center is comprised of over 150 faculty neuroscientists who, under the guidance of founding Director Cecilia J. Hillard, PhD, a professor of pharmacology and toxicology, collectively strive to achieve new heights in neuroscience research.

With your generous support, the Neuroscience Research Center is committed to advancing our understanding of a wide range of psychological and neurological diseases and disorders – from Alzheimer’s disease and addiction to epilepsy and stroke. We believe that, together, we can shape the future of patient care and foster a brighter tomorrow for everyone.
Sara Pillay, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Neurology and specializes in understanding language reorganization after stroke in patients with aphasia using neuropsychological data, neuroimaging, and electrical stimulation techniques.

The winning proposal submitted by Dr. Pillay, “Establishing an AI-based foundation for remote automated speech and language therapy in aphasia,” seeks to develop an Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered technology that can decode spoken speech in aphasia and provide immediate feedback without the need for a live person present.

In addition, she has interest in developing and testing language paradigms for use during intraoperative electrical stimulation mapping and electrocorticography. Her work has been presented at several national and international conferences, and published in peer-reviewed professional journals. She is currently a co-investigator in the Language Imaging Laboratory and a member of the Southeastern Wisconsin Stroke Rehabilitation Center.
On behalf of the Neuroscience Research Center Board, we extend our warmest congratulations to Cecilia Hillard on being named this year’s Neuro Hero. Your selfless dedication and unwavering commitment to advancing neuroscience research have inspired us all and brought hope to countless patients and their families. Your visionary leadership has elevated the Neuroscience Research Center to new heights, and your passion for unraveling the complexities of the human brain and nervous system drives our mission forward.

Cece, you are our Neuro Hero, and we look forward to continuing this journey with you. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition and thank you for your lifelong commitment to improving the lives of so many. Your work stands tall as a beacon of hope and progress.
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Director of Language Imaging Laboratory, Department of Neurology

Faculty Speaker

Dr. Jeffrey Binder, MD, is an internationally acclaimed neurologist and cognitive neuroscientist renowned for his groundbreaking research on brain language processing and the effects of brain damage resulting in aphasia. As a Professor of Neurology at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) and Director of Research at the WE Energies Center for Aphasia Research and Recovery, Dr. Binder has authored over 200 influential studies and secured numerous NIH grants, significantly advancing cognitive neuroscience. He earned his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and specializes in the treatment and prevention of stroke, seamlessly blending clinical expertise with pioneering research to transform patient care and recovery.
Ann and Warren Pierson are proud to support the Neuroscience Research Center, the Wisconsin Institute of Neuroscience (WINS) and the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Together let’s research more, discover more, heal more and IMAGINE MORE - thank you for joining us!

Imagine a day when we need not fear for a family member losing their mind or memory before our very eyes. Imagine if we, ourselves, did not have to anxiously age for fear of losing our own minds due to early onset Alzheimer’s.

Imagine if our families did not have to fear adolescent depression that can have terrible and sometimes fatal consequences.

Imagine a day when we do not have to deal with the demon called addiction, which has the power to ruin and ravage families and relationships. Imagine finding a cure for stroke, the leading cause of disability in the United States.

The researchers, scientists and doctors in the Neuroscience Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin are our instruments to change these imaginations into realities. Their time and talent are not enough.

We need to IMAGINE MORE

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Excerpt from Benjamin Wagner’s remarks at the 2014 Neuroscience Park Dinner
Habush Habush & Rottier S.C. is honored to be an annual sponsor of the Imagine More Dinner. We proudly support the Medical College of Wisconsin’s talented researchers and clinicians.

Congratulations to the Imagine More Award recipient Dr. Sara Pillay, and the Neuro Hero Award recipient Dr. Cecilia Hillard.

The Wigdale Family Foundation proudly supports the Neuroscience Research Center and the Medical College of Wisconsin. Our wish is to keep memories, both past and present, alive.

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