Karen Ashe, MD, PhD - Neurology
Ashe gave an update on her research and findings and discussed the next steps in curing Alzheimer’s at the Weisman Art Museum on February 1.

Kathryn Cullen, MD - Psychiatry
Cullen was awarded a nearly $2 million R01 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

David Darrow, MD - Neurosurgery
Working 2 Walk 2016 Panel Discussion Spinal Cord Injury Research and Advocacy

Patricia Dickmann, MD - Psychiatry
Minnesota is mistaken in authorizing marijuana use for PTSD. Star Tribune

Miguel Fiol, MD - Neurology
Border wall order finds fear, welcome in Minnesota. Star Tribune

Miri Forbes, PhD - Psychiatry
Mature lovers draw on their life experiences to make them better partners. Daily Mail, The Sun UK, Asian Age, Health Newsline

Dorothy Hatsukami, PhD - Psychiatry
The truth about smoking. WebMD

Michael Howell, MD - Neurology
Lack of sleep compared to driving while intoxicated. KARE-TV

Molly Hubbard, MD - Neurosurgery
Impact on injury: five trends to watch. AANS Neurosurgeon

Brooks Jackson, MD, MBA - Medical School
Letter: University of Minnesota researchers tackle addiction science. Grand Forks Herald

Suma Jacob, MD, PhD - Psychiatry
Landmark autism study needs participants. KARE

Roger Kathol, MD - Psychiatry
Treatment of a mental health condition is essential. AJMC

Jerome Kroll, MD - Psychiatry
Donald Trump’s state of mind: should academics speak up? Times Higher Education

Ilo Leppik, MD - Neurology
Cannabis for canines: Minnesota doctor urges veterinary use of treatment newly legalized for humans. Duluth News Tribune, TND.com

Kelvin Lim, MD - Psychiatry
Driven to Discover: End Addiction

FDA approves large-scale trial of ecstasy for PTSD patients. KARE 11

Katharine Nelson, MD - Psychiatry
St. Paul’s new Break Room promises a smashing good time. Star Tribune

George Realmuto, MD - Psychiatry
Minnesota foster kids to get much-needed therapy under new state program. Star Tribune

Uzma Samadani, MD, PhD - Neurosurgery
Brain abnormalities linked to head impacts after just one season of high school football. Forbes

Clinical trial works to provide treatment for brain injuries. Minnesota Daily

HCMC doctor develops stimulation treatment for brain injuries, clinical trials underway. Fox 9

Serena Sherrell - Psychiatry
Psychiatry Medical Student Coordinator Serena Sherrell and the Department of Psychiatry education team recently received news their discussion group abstract, The Role of the Clerkship Team in Faculty Development, Recruitment and Retention: Programs in Transition has been accepted at the 43rd Annual Association of Directors of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry (ADMSEP) meeting in June.

Sheila Specker, MD - Psychiatry
Surgeon General seeks to tackle drugs, alcohol abuse. MPR

Scott Sponheim, PhD - Psychiatry
Could interactions between brain regions cause schizophrenia? Health Talk
**IRB expands to strengthen human research protections**

The U of M’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) plays an important role in ensuring that clinical research projects make the welfare of human participants a top priority. Recently, the IRB strengthened its capacity for protecting human research participants and upholding the ethical conduct of human research by expanding its membership’s size and range of expertise. [READ MORE.](#)

**U receives full reaccreditation for human research protection program**

The University of Minnesota has been fully reaccredited with special distinction by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, an independent, nonprofit organization that ensures research institutions meet rigorous standards for quality and protection. The reaccreditation comes as the University wraps up the initial implementation of significant improvements to its processes related to research involving human participants. [READ MORE.](#)

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**First Episode Psychosis (FEP) Prescriber Education Session**

**Date:** Thursday, February 16, 2017  
**Time:** 4:00-8:00 pm  
**Location:** Campus Club, Coffman Memorial Union  
**Cost:** $25.00, includes a light dinner  
**Presenter:** Delbert Robinson, MD

Following participation in this seminar, prescribers will be able to anticipate the response rates with antipsychotic treatment of a first episode of psychosis and how these differ from treatment of patients with multi-episode schizophrenia. They will also be able to describe how antipsychotic selection, antipsychotic dose ranges and treatment duration differ between treatment of first episode and multi-episode patients as well as describe the side effect patterns with treatment of first episode patients and provide recommended side effect monitoring.  
[Learn more and register.](#)

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**Fifteenth Annual NAMI Research Dinner**

**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017  
**Time:** 5:30-8:30 pm  
**Location:** Radisson Hotel Roseville, 2540 N. Cleveland Ave., Roseville, MN 55113

NAMI Minnesota and the University of Minnesota Department of Psychiatry will hold its 15th annual Research Dinner. New head of the U’s Dept. of Psychiatry Sophia Vinogradov, MD will be a featured speaker.  
Tickets are $45 for NAMI Minnesota members, $55 for non-members.  
More details: [Registration Flyer](#) or see [online registration](#).

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**NeuroSafe 2017**

**Time Out to Reflect on Quality & Safety in Neurosurgery**

**Date(s):** July 20-21, 2017  
**Location:** McNamara Alumni Center, University of Minnesota

This two-day symposium will provide access to national experts and organizations sharing strategies, studies and ideas via interactive case-based presentations, case reviews and discussions.  
This symposium is ideal for specialty physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, quality and safety professionals and others with a neurosurgery specialty interest. This includes professionals interested in offering patients the benefit of the most advanced quality & safety treatment options for neurosurgery care.  
[Learn more and register.](#)
Performance Appraisals must be fully completed by February 28, 2017.
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Dr. Waylon Montgomery, Chair, Department of Neurosurgery
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Keep this form with your other important tax information such as your W-2 and Form 1099. You will need the health insurance information on the form to complete your 2016 federal income tax return, although you do not need to attach the form to your return.

Other Tax Information You May Need

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