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To: WSU Board of Trustees
From: Gregory Toussaint, M.D., Interim Dean
Subject: Department of Neurology Name Change

Neurology was originally a division within the BSOM Department of Internal Medicine. In the Summer of 2023, the Department of Neurology was established independent of the Department of Internal Medicine with Dr. Bryan Ludwig as the inaugural chair.

The Premier Health Clinical Neurosciences Institute (CNSI) supports and houses the WSU neurology residency and has rapidly grown to include Neuroscience related fellowships. With this expansion, Dr. Ludwig proposed a name change to the Department of Clinical Neurosciences. This more appropriately characterizes the broad range of specialties represented by CNSI faculty and providers that includes not just neurology, but neurosurgery, physical medicine and rehabilitation, pain management, and neuropsychology.

Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine already has an academic Department of Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology (NCBP). Use of the descriptor “clinical” will distinguish between the two departments.

In line with University level procedures for changing a department name, the following have occurred:

- Department approval of name change
- BSOM Executive Committee approval
- Survey of BSOM faculty
- WSU Faculty Senate approval
- Provost approval

All entities have supported the initiative to change the name from Department of Neurology to the Department of Clinical Neurosciences. Final approval rests with the WSU Board of Trustees.