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Island Healthcare Team Launches Nation's Only Walk-In Neuroscience Center for Head, Neck and Back Injuries

Early Diagnosis for Headaches, Concussion and Other Neurological Pain WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

With back pain the second most common reason people visit a doctor, Staten Islanders need more responsive specialized neurological care. Concussions, both on and off the field are up, especially during football season, where multiple and repeat injuries are becoming all too common. In response, State and Federal legislators are now calling for new concussion protocols. Despite this increased need, the wait to see an experienced neurologist or neurosurgeon is often extensive, and can lead to almost unbearable pain and/or inability to perform even the simplest daily tasks. Staten Islanders faced with what is the nation's longest daily commute (which often exacerbates back and neck pain), now have a new alternative to the emergency room or long waits for specialist appointments.

Neuroscience Associates of New York, a division of Healthcare Associates in Medicine, P.C. is now **providing a solution in the form of a new service, the Neuroscience Walk-In Center**. Located at 3311 Hylan Boulevard, neuroscience walk-in services are available for head, neck and back pain and injury, including suspected concussions. **The first of its kind in the country**, the Neuroscience Walk-In Center addresses a community need with an innovative caring model, similar to the successful Orthopedic Walk-In Center launched by Healthcare Associates in May 2013 next door at 3333 Hylan Boulevard. "Patients wanted an alternative to long uncomfortable waits in over-crowded hospital emergency rooms. We're excited to offer a new approach to these problems with the addition of our new Neuroscience Walk-In Center. We are equipped to potentially offer some immediate answers and possible relief," explains Dr. Glenn D. Babus, D.O., President of Healthcare Associates, PC.

Clinical specialists in neuroscience (experts on the brain, nervous system, and spine) examine patients, provide referrals for diagnostic testing if needed, and assess injuries and conditions for further testing and/or treatment. Patients are evaluated and treated on the spot if possible, though many neurological problems require further evaluation to determine the right course of treatment. Dr. Babus explains, "We see everything from headaches and minor concussions, to sore or stiff necks and backs – many are not serious and can be easily treated, but others require more extensive evaluation before treatment can begin. For those patients, the Walk-In is a great first step to getting them on the road to diagnosis and treatment."

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Adults and children over the age of five are seen by an experienced team, overseen by our Board Certified neurologists, neurosurgeons and pain management physicians. If needed, pain-relieving interventions severe headaches can be offered, or topical analgesic applications for severe back pain can be administered. For those requiring further testing or treatment, follow-up appointments are scheduled. Staff assists with obtaining insurance authorization on each patient's behalf and most insurance plans are accepted.

The Center is open five days a week (Monday through Friday, 8AM-6PM) with plans for longer and weekday hours to be added soon.

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