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Dear Colleagues:

The short answer is that all is well. Here comes the long answer:

Our Neurosurgery Residency program at the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine received approval from the Residency Committee this past January to expand our complement to two residents a year. In essence, this completes our “transition” from an osteopathic to an allopathic program. While Raj Narayan and I are proud of the accomplishments of our highly-qualified osteopathic graduates, we feel that this evolution is a significant milestone for our department and for our program. The quality of our visiting medical students, applicants, and residents only continues to improve, and the various academic programs in our department are moving ahead full-steam. It is possible that our large healthcare system may change its corporate name, but the names of our component hospitals and the Hofstra School of Medicine will stay as is.

Our older daughter Ilana graduated Barnard College cum laude with a major in art history and a minor in visual arts. She chose to plunge into the maelstrom of New York City 20-somethings employment and quickly found a job at Media Planet, a company that specializes in digital content and marketing (or some close 21st century variant of that). She astounded her bosses by setting records for attracting writers and advertisers with her very first job. Ilana published a supplement to *USA Today* on various aspects of sleep, a sample of which you can see here:

http://www.futureofpersonalhealth.com/advocacy/the-dangers-of-driving-drowsy?utm_source=propeller

No doubt many of us can benefit from perusing this material...

Talia is in her second year at Johns Hopkins University, where she will major in writing seminars, long a strong point of that institution, and possibly political science as well. She likes the campus and the Baltimore environment very much. Talia has a strong social consciousness, and the city gives ample outlets for her interests.

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Lu has continued her activities in organized psychology. I attended a meeting of the American Psychological Association this past summer with her (as a spouse, a nice experience if you have not tried it) and took issue with some of the discussions going on at a large "town hall" meeting. I particularly favored the opinions of one speaker, which caused Lu some consternation. Finally she said to me, "I know why you like that guy so much," to which I replied, "Why, because he looks like Andres Lozano?" (He did.)

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Heidelberg. This will be the first joint meeting of the American and German academies that I have had the pleasure to attend, and it will be a fantastic event.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael".

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