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Life Newsbytes

In 2016, a team led by UCLA’s Martin Monti reported that a 25-year-old man recovering from a coma had made remarkable progress following a treatment to jump-start his brain using ultrasound. Now, Monti and colleagues report in the journal *Brain Stimulation* that two more patients with severe brain injuries – both had been in what scientists call a long-term “minimally conscious state” – have made impressive progress thanks to the same technique ... The scientists used a technique called low-intensity focused ultrasound, which uses sonic stimulation to excite the neurons in the thalamus, an egg-shaped structure that serves as the brain’s central hub for processing. After a coma, thalamus function is typically weakened, Monti said. Doctors use a device about the size of a saucer to create a small sphere of acoustic energy they can aim at different brain regions to excite brain tissue. The researchers placed the device by the side of each patient’s head and activated it 10 times for 30 seconds each in a 10-minute period. Each patient underwent two sessions, one week apart. Monti hopes to eventually translate the technology into an inexpensive, portable device so the treatment could even be delivered at patients’ homes. While the scientists are excited by the results, they emphasize that the technique is still experimental and likely will not be available to the public for at least a few years. (*BioEdge.org*, 2/6/21; *CLR LifeWire*, 2/11/21)

Speaking up For Life

“God only has one ‘natural’ child. He adopted all the rest. (See Galatians 4:4-5.)”
Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life

“Parents make mistakes, and so do their children. Don’t let the thought of failure prevent you, my friends, from going for the prize. If you have not been in it before, get in the game, follow Christ. If you have tried hard and feel you have not succeeded, don’t give up. Fight the good fight. Run the race with full determination. With Christ, you will obtain the prize.” *Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, former speaker of “The Lutheran Hour”*

“Everyone is warped. Everybody is broken ... Our church communities should be places that uphold God’s high standards but also places that extend welcome and warmth to people who know they need a Savior. No loathing, no hate, no bitterness, no selective indignation, no fear.” *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace*

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What if walking and rolling aren’t for you? Don’t worry, you can still be involved! Become a sponsor and supporter of our LIFE efforts through your donations, encouragement, and prayers. Get ready to gather your support, have some fun, and show you are **4 LIFE!**

More details coming soon!

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