

**Lawrence Robbins, M.D.**

Curriculum Vitae

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## Summary

- Dr. Robbins is a neurologist specializing in headache, with certificates in pain management, headache, and psychopharmacology. He was Assistant Professor of Neurology at Rush Medical College from 1992-2011. He holds the title of Master Psychopharmacologist and Master Clinician through the Neuroscience Education Institute.
- He is a Fellow of the American Headache Society, as well as a Fellow of the American Association of Integrative Medicine.
- Vice President of the World Headache Society (2022-2023)
- Dr. Robbins published on the immune system and headache (one of the first to do so) in 1987; in 2021 he finished a study, rooted in evolution and the immune system, re-introducing (benign) worm eggs into the GI system of patients with severe headaches. This is in publication.
- In every year from 2002-2022, Dr. Robbins has been named to

the “America’s Top Doctors” list created by Castle Connolly and now published in U.S. News and World Report. Also, Dr. Robbins is one of a select group of doctors within that list who are considered to be among the top 1% in the nation in his specialty. Chicago Magazine lists Dr. Robbins as one of the Top Doctors in Chicago.

- In 2008, the American Academy of Pain Management selected Dr. Robbins as the recipient of the “Janet Travell Clinical Pain Management Award,” given to one physician per year.
- Dr. Robbins is the author of four books: 1) Management of Headache and Headache Medications, first and second edition. The book, written primarily for physicians, enjoyed much critical acclaim; the second edition was one of the top selling books in its class; 2) Headache Help, with Susan Lang, is for the patient. Headache Help, one of the best-selling books on headache, was also out in two editions. 3) Headache 2013: A Comprehensive Guide to Headache Treatment, Including Advanced Approaches for When Nothing Has Helped. This ebook, which contains highlights of Dr. Robbins' extensive writings, is for doctors and patients. It is an overview of cutting-edge headache treatment and

a definitive resource for headaches that are difficult to treat.

Updates to the books are available through

[www.chicagoheadacheclinic.com](http://www.chicagoheadacheclinic.com).

4) Newest Book: Advanced Headache Therapy: Outpatient Strategies (2015). For doctors and patients, this new book (published by Springer) focuses on refractory or “difficult to treat” headache patients. Cutting edge treatments are presented for migraine and cluster headaches. An extensive section is devoted to psychological conditions. There is a major chapter on headaches in children and adolescents. In-depth case studies are discussed.

- Dr. Robbins has written or contributed towards more than 375 articles and abstracts. His research has ranged from psychological aspects of headache to the immune system to advanced MRI studies in chronic migraine patients, to studies on newer drugs (such as CGRP antagonists).

- Dr. Robbins is involved in a great deal of headache research and lectures extensively. The latest research focuses on evolutionary medicine, migraine, and the immune system (particularly the role of worms/parasites and the immune system). He usually lectures on the management of chronic headache, as well as psychiatric

conditions in headache patients. The latest talks are:

1. Deconstructing the Art of Headache Medicine, 2. Refractory Chronic Headache: What to Do When Nothing is Working, 3. Personality Disorders and the Bipolar Spectrum (in pain patients, and a separate talk developed for schools), 4. Evolutionary Medicine, Psychiatry, and Neurology, 5. Neurotransmitters, and 6. How to be a Better Drug Representative: From a Physician's Perspective.

- Dr. Robbins started the section of the American Headache Society, “The Refractory Patient: What to do When Nothing is Working.” He has written extensively on refractory, “difficult to treat” patients and approaches.
- In 1986, Dr. Robbins founded the Robbins Headache Clinic where he treats patients with various types of headaches. Dr. Robbins, Nurse Practitioner Brooke Phenicie, NP-C, and the rest of the clinic staff treat patients in a comprehensive manner. Each patient receives a good deal of time and attention. Treatment is highly individualized and offers a wide range of options.

- Dr. Robbins has lectured extensively in 2020 and 2021 to a number of international groups, including the Asia Pacific Headache Society, the World Headache Society, the Bangladesh Neurologists, to Mideast (particularly Jordan and Iraq) neurologists, as well as to doctors on Sierra Leone. The topics have been headache, psychiatry, and evolutionary medicine.
- The educational site, [www.chicagoheadacheclinic.com](http://www.chicagoheadacheclinic.com), is edited by Dr. Robbins and his staff. More than 15,000 visitors a month use the site for information on headaches. The site summarizes the best headache articles of recent months, and has been doing so since 1999. The most popular section is the blog, which is updated daily. There have been over 1600 blogs.
- Dr. Robbins was involved in the effort to promote a 2018 bill, eliminating tackle football (in Illinois) under age 12. Dr. Robbins and Illinois House Representative Carol Sente's efforts led to Governor Quinn's signing of HB 5431, the Mandatory Concussion Education for High School Coaches and Athletic Directors, on August 19, 2014. The IHSA adopted most of Dr. Robbins proposed practice changes (football).

- Dr. Robbins wrote a major chapter, “Refractory Chronic Migraine”, for a Scientific American Neurology online textbook, 2016-2017. This has been updated for publication in 2021.
- Dr. Robbins was identified by the National Headache Foundation with “Added Qualification in Headache Medicine”, October 2016. (a certificate in advanced headache practice)
- In 2017, Dr. Robbins established a rural neurology clinic in rural Honduras. He goes there regularly and also skypes with patients from his office in Illinois. He has recruited 4 Honduran neurologists and psychiatrists to staff the clinic. This clinic serves a population of 400,000 people who have little access to neurology. The clinic is a non-profit, The American Headache Association, funds the clinic. For his work in Honduras, Dr. Robbins was nominated for a 2019 and also the 2020 and 2021 AAN award given to a neurologist who serves indigent patients.
- Dr. Robbins is an Assistant Professor of Neurology, Rosalind Franklin Medical School (CMS); previously he held similar posts in the neurology departments of the University of Illinois, and Rush Medical College in Chicago.



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In addition, Dr. R. teaches evolutionary medicine, in particular evolution and psychiatry and neurology.

- In 2021, Dr. Robbins was nominated for the AAMC (American Medical College) Arnold P. Gold award in humanism, awarded yearly to one physician who teaches medical students.

## **Education**

University of Michigan (Zoology and Psychology, B.S., 1976)

University of Illinois (M.D., 1981)

## **Postdoctoral Training**

Internship in Internal Medicine, Illinois Masonic Hospital, Chicago (1981-82)

Residency in Neurology (completed: was co-chief resident, 1985), University of Illinois, Chicago (1982-85)

Staff Neurologist, Diamond Headache Clinic, Chicago (1985-86)

## **Academic Posts**

On staff of Chicago Medical School, as an Assistant Professor of Neurology, and lecturer (primarily of the medical students) 2019-current.

On staff at Loretto hospital, for teaching and lectures: teaching psychiatry residents, and medical students.

Assistant Professor of Neurology, Rush Medical College, Chicago (1992-2011).

Assistant Professor of Neurology, University of Illinois, Chicago  
(1990-96)

Clinical Instructor of Neurology, University of Illinois, Chicago  
(1985-90)

Volunteer Neurology Attending in Neurology Clinic, University of  
Illinois, Chicago (1985-91)

### **Hospital Appointments**

Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Illinois (1999-2008)

Staff Privileges, Highland Park Hospital, Highland Park, Illinois  
(1986-2008)

### **Licensure and Certification**

- Illinois License (1982-present)
- Neurology Board Eligible (June, 1985) (Board eligibility expires after a number of years)
- Certificate in Pain Management, American Academy of Pain Management (1995), and re-credentialed as a Diplomate in

2003

- Certificate of Added Qualification in Headache Medicine (CAQ) (October, 2016) by the National Headache Foundation.

### **Fellowship**

In June 1993, Dr. Robbins was appointed a Fellow of the American Association for the Study of Headache. At the time, he was the youngest of the 23 Fellows.

### **Psychopharmacology**

In January 2004, Dr. Robbins was awarded the Master Psychopharmacologist and Master Clinician status by the Neuroscience Education Institute. He has done this Master Learning Program two times. This was achieved via a program of courses, both live and web-based, as well as other achievements in the field. Dr. Robbins was also a member of the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology.

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Books, Book Chapters

## Books

### Newest Book:

#### **Advanced Headache Therapy: Outpatient Strategies (2015).**

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Springer, publisher. New York City, NY.

For doctors and patients, this book (published by Springer) focuses on refractory or “difficult to treat” headache patients. Cutting edge treatments are presented for migraine and cluster headaches. An extensive section is devoted to psychological conditions. There is a major chapter on headaches in children and adolescents. In-depth case studies are discussed.

#### **Headache 2013: A Comprehensive Guide to Headache Treatment, Including Advanced Approaches for When Nothing Has Helped (ebook)**

Lawrence Robbins, M.D.

This collection of writings by Lawrence Robbins, M.D., was the definitive resource for headaches that are difficult to treat. The ebook is a comprehensive overview of cutting-edge treatment of tension headaches, migraines, and cluster headaches. It contains

practical guidance for medical providers, and also offers information for patients seeking an advanced understanding of headaches. Headache 2013 is available from online sellers, and it can be read on PCs, computer tablets, smartphones and e-readers such as the Kindle and Nook.

### **Management of Headache and Headache Medications, Second Edition**

Lawrence Robbins, M.D.

Springer-Verlag, publisher. New York City, NY, 1994; second edition, 2000.

This book received critical acclaim as “the best guide to the medications on headache” and was highly recommended in the journals Headache, Neurology, Neuropractice, and Cephalalgia. The second edition added sections on natural and herbal treatments, and an index to headache medications. This was converted to an e-book by Springer in 2013. While primarily intended for physicians, many patients used the book as a reference.

### **Headache Help: Revised and Updated, Second Edition**

Lawrence Robbins, M.D., and Susan Lang

Houghton Mifflin, publisher, 1995; second edition, 2000.

The original Headache Help was updated and improved with new sections on natural and herbal therapy and post-traumatic headache. The second edition also included a new drug guide, advice on psychological aspects of headache, and a section on “What to Do When Nothing Works.” It was a bestseller among headache books from 2000-2003. Regular updates are published in booklets, the latest being “Headache 2015-2016.”



## Book Chapters

Dr. Robbins co-authored three chapters in the book *Ocular Therapeutics Handbook: A Clinical Manual*, 1st, 2nd and 3rd editions; Bruce E. Onofrey, Leonid Skorin, Jr., and Nicky R. Holdeman, editors. Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, Philadelphia, PA; 2005, 2010. The chapters are:

“Tension-type Headache: Migraine, Cluster Headache, and Nonprimary Headache”

“Migraine Headache”

“Cluster Headache”

These chapters were updated for a new edition, 2018-2019.

Dr. Robbins wrote a major chapter, “Refractory Chronic Migraine”, for a *Scientific American Neurology* online textbook, 2016-2017.

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- (1) Evolution and Headache
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# Abstracts

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Headache as the Presenting Symptom of Focal Impaired Epilepsy: Case Report. HCOP 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Conference, OJAI California, January 2022. This will also be presented to several other conferences, including the AHS conference, June 2022.

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Dynamics

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- (1) DTI and Pain
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Robbins, L, Bassett, B.

Long-term Follow-up of Refractory Chronic Migraine

Presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the American Academy for Pain Management, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 2011:

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(2) Leith, C., Robbins L.

Diffusion Tensor Imaging of Migraine

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Pain Management, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 2010:

(1) Chaos Theory in Headache, with Practical Applications

(2) Outpatient Options for the Treatment of Patients with  
Refractory Chronic Migraine

(3) Diamond, S., Robbins, L., Freitag, F.

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Acute Treatment of Cluster  
Headache

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Diamond, S., Robbins, L., Freitag, F.  
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- (4) Leith, C., Robbins L.  
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Fibromyalgia

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Common Denominators in Chronic Migraine and Fibromyalgia

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The Use of Stimulants in Migraine Patients

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Long-acting Opioids in the Treatment of Chronic Migraine

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Leith, C., Robbins L.

Objective Measure of Pain via Diffusion Tensor Imaging

Submitted to the 50th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Headache Society, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2008, and to the 32nd Scientific Session of the Midwest Pain Society, Chicago,

Illinois, 2008, and also to the 19th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy for Pain Management, Nashville, Tennessee, September 2008:

- (1) The Use of Stimulants in Chronic Migraineurs: Efficacy and Predictors of Success
- (2) The Uses of Opioids for Refractory Chronic Migraine: Efficacy and Predictors of Success

Submitted to the 50th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Headache Society, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2008, and also to the 19th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy for Pain Management, Nashville, Tennessee, September 2008:

- (1) Leith, C., Rosengarten, J., Ouyang, S., Sun, H., Robbins, L.  
Cerebellar Baseline Hyperactivity in Chronic Migraine
- (2) Leith, C., Rosengarten, J., Robbins, L., Siegal, L., Ouyang, S., Sun, H.  
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- (3) Leith, C., Rosengarten, J., Robbins, L., Siegal, L., Ouyang, S., Sun, H.  
Autonomic Activity in Chronic Pain Imaging



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Leith, C., Rosengarten, J., Robbins, L., Siegal, L., Ouyang, S., Sun, H.

Imaging Brainstem White Matter Function in Chronic Migraine

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Gidwani, G., Rosengarten, J., Robbins, L., Sun, H., Leith, C.  
Age and Gender Factors in Functional Brain Mapping of Chronic Pain

Presented at the 49th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Headache Society, Chicago, Illinois, June 2007, and also at the 31st Scientific Session of the Midwest Pain Society, Chicago, Illinois, October 2007:

(1) The Prevalence of Personality Disorders in Migraineurs

(2) The Bipolar Spectrum in Migraine, Cluster and Chronic Tension Headache

(3) Robbins, L., Leith, C.

Chaos Theory and Migraine Pathophysiology

(4) Robbins, L., Rosengarten, J., Ouyang, S., Leith, C.

White Matter Imaging: Age and Gender Effects

Presented at the Organization for Human Brain Mapping 13th Annual Meeting, Chicago, June 2007:

Bauer, A., Rosengarten, J., Ouyang, S., Robbins, L., Siegel, L., Leith, C.

Mapping of Baseline Neural Activity in Chronic Pain

Presented at 131st Scientific Meeting of the American Neurological Association, Chicago, October 2006:

Leith, C., Robbins, L.

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Chicago, 2006:

Robbins, L., Leith, C.

The Possible Role of Non-Linear Dynamics and Chaos  
Theory in Migraine  
Pathophysiology

Presented at the 48th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American  
Headache Society, Los Angeles, California, June 2006, and also at  
the 30th Scientific Session of the Midwest Pain Society, Chicago,  
2006:

(1) Leith, C. Rosengarten, J. and Robbins, L.

Baseline Neuronal Hyperactivity in Chronic Migraine  
Patients: A Pilot White Matter Study

(2) Robbins, L.

Frequent Eletriptan Use: Observations on Safety Issues

(3) Cluster Headache Patients and Bipolar Disorder

Presented at 35th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience,  
Washington, D.C., November 2005:

Leith, C., Robbins, L.  
Biophysical Model in MR Imaging of Cerebral White Matter  
Function

Accepted for the 47th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American  
Headache Society, Philadelphia, June 2005, and published in  
Headache, 2005, Vol. 45, No. 6, p. 829.

(1) Robbins, L., Gokani, T.

Dihydroergotamine Nasal Spray for Detoxification of  
Refractory Headache Patients

(2) Robbins, L.

*The Prevalence of Anxiety and Depression in Cluster  
Headache Patients*

Presented at the 46th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American  
Headache Society, Vancouver, British Columbia, June, 2004, and  
the 28th Scientific Session of the Midwest Pain Society, 2004, and  
published in Headache, May 2004:

(1) Robbins, L., Gokani, T.

Triggers that Precipitate Cluster Headache: A Retrospective

## Review

(2) Tramadol for Tension Headache

(3) Oxycodone CR (Oxycontin) for Severe, Refractory Chronic Daily Headache

(4) Anxiety, Depression, and Insomnia in Cluster Headache Patients

(5) Long-term Efficacy and Adverse Events of Botulinum Toxin in Headache Patients

(6) The Use of Stimulants in Headache Patients

(7) The Bipolar Spectrum in Cluster Headache Patients

The preceding were also accepted by the 17th Annual Practicing Physicians' Approach to the

Difficult Headache Patient, Rancho Mirage, California, February 2004.

Presented at the 157th Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Society, New York City, May 2004:

Robbins, L., Gokani, T.

The Bipolar Spectrum in Cluster Headache Patients

Presented at the 45th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Headache Society, Chicago, June 2003, and the 27th Scientific Session of the Midwest Pain Society, Chicago, September 2003, and published in *Headache*, May 2003, Vol. 43, No. 5:

(1) Case Report: Cluster Headache, Precipitated by Isosorbide Mononitrate

(2) Robbins, L., Maides, J.

Long-term Efficacy of Preventative Medications for Chronic Daily Headache

(3) Depakote ER vs. Depakote: Patient Preference

Presented at Headache Update 2002, Orlando, July 2002, and the 26th Scientific Session of the Midwest Pain Society, Chicago, September 2002:

(1) Botulinum Toxin Type B for Refractory Cluster Headache

(2) Daily Triptans for Refractory Chronic Migraine: Cardiac Safety

(3) Gokani, T., Robbins, L.

Botulinum Toxin: Efficacy in Migraine, Tension-Type, and Cluster Headache

(4) Triptans or Analgesics: Patient Preference

Presented at the 44th Annual Meeting of the American Headache Society, Seattle, June 2002, and the 26th Scientific Session of the Midwest Pain Society, Chicago, September, 2002:

- (1) Butorphanol Nasal Spray for Headache
- (2) Long-term Safety of Daily Triptans

Presented at the 10th Congress of the International Headache Society, in conjunction with the 43rd Annual AHS Meeting, New York, June 2001 and also at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Pain Society, Chicago, November 2001:

- (1) Botulinum Toxin for Cluster Headache
- (2) Botulinum Toxin for Refractory Chronic Daily Headache
- (3) Case History: A Patient with Munchausen's Syndrome Presenting as Cluster Headache
- (4) Triptans vs. Analgesics: A Patient Preference Study
- (5) Strategies for Refractory Chronic Daily Headache: Daily Triptans, Long-acting Opioids, Botulinum Toxin, and Outpatient Intravenous DHE

Accepted at the Postgraduate Course, Headache Update 2001, Orlando, Florida, July 2001:

## Botulinum Toxin A for Cluster Headache: 6 Cases

Accepted at the American Academy of Neurology Meeting,  
Philadelphia, May 2001:

### Botulinum Toxin for Refractory Chronic Daily Headache

Presented at Headache World 2000, a meeting of the International  
Headache Society and the American Headache Society, London,  
September 2000, published in *Cephalgia*, May 2000, Vol. 20, No.  
4:

(1) Robbins, L., Ludmer, C.

The Bipolar Spectrum in Migraine Patients

This presentation was given the “Best Poster” award

(2) Robbins, L., Akbarnia, H.

Long-acting Opioids for Severe, Refractory Chronic Daily  
Headache: Methadone, Sustained-release Oxycodone and  
Sustained-release Morphine

(3) Sustained-release Morphine Sulfate (Kadian) for Severe  
Chronic Daily Headache

(4) Intravenous Valproate for Prolonged Migraine Headache



Presented at the 42nd Meeting of the American Headache Society, Montreal, June 2000, and also presented at the Annual Midwest Pain Society Meeting, March 2000:

(1) Depacon for Refractory Severe Headache

(2) Robbins, L., Ludmer, C.

The Bipolar Spectrum in Migraine Patients: An Analysis of 1000 Migraineurs

This presentation was given a “Best Poster” award

(3) A Comparison of Long-acting Opioids for Severe Daily Headache

Presented at the 41st Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Headache, Boston, June 1999 and the 9th Congress of the International Headache Society, Barcelona, Spain, June 1999:

(1) Robbins, L., Maides, J.

Long-Term Daily Triptan Use: 59 Patients

(2) Patient Evaluations of Various Forms of Sumatriptan

(3) Efficacy of Preventive Medications for Chronic Daily

Headache: 540 Patients

Presented at the Midwest Pain Society Annual Meeting, Chicago,  
March 1999:

- (1) Robbins, L., Maides, J.  
Daily Triptans on a Long-Term Basis
- (2) Preventive Medicine for Chronic Daily Headache
- (3) Opioids for Severe Chronic Daily Headache

Accepted at Third Conference on Pain Management and Chemical  
Dependency, New York, January 1999:

- Robbins, L., Maides, J.  
Long-acting Opioids for Severe Chronic Daily Headache

Presented at the 40th Meeting of the American Association for the  
Study of Headache, San Francisco, June 1998:

- (1) Oxycontin, a Long-acting Opioid, for Severe Chronic Daily  
Headache
- (2) Opioids for Refractive Chronic Daily Headache: Results and  
Quality of Life Assessment

Presented at 39th Meeting of the American Association for the  
Study of Headache, New York, June 1997:

- (1) Ondansetron for Migraine-associated Nausea
- (2) Daily Opioids (Methadone) for Refractory Chronic Headache: Quality of Life Assessment

Presented at the 38th Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Headache, San Diego, June 1996, and published in Headache, April 1996, Vol. 36, No.4, p. 275:

Daily Methadone for Refractory Chronic Daily Headache: Assessment after One Year of Therapy

Presented at the International Headache Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, September 1995:

- (1) Daily Opioids (Methadone) for Refractory Chronic Daily Headache
- (2) Menstrual Migraine - Cluster Headache

Presented at the American Association for the Study of Headache Annual Meeting, Boston, June 1995:

- (1) Daily Opioids (Methadone) for Refractory Chronic Daily

## Headache

### (2) Menstrual Migraine - Cluster Headache

Accepted at the 4th International Congress of the Israel Pain Association, Tel Aviv, September 1994:

#### Clinical Factors in Migraine Patients

Presented at the American Association for the Study of Headache Annual Meeting, Chicago, June 1994, and published in *Headache*, May 1994:

#### (1) Cluster Headache and Intranasal Lidocaine

(2) Clinical Factors in Migraine Patients: Anxiety, Depression, and Insomnia

(3) Precipitating Factors in Migraineurs: A Retrospective Review of 494 Patients

Presented at the American Association for the Study of Headache Annual Meeting, San Francisco, June 1993, and published in the *Proceedings of AASH*, June 1993:

(1) Efficacy of IM Ketorolac vs. DHE vs. Meperidine in  
Migraine

(2) Frequency in Migraineurs of: Various Headache Trigger  
Factors, Depression, Anxiety, Insomnia, Cold Extremities, and  
Efficacy of Biofeedback

Presented at the American Association for the Study of Headache  
Annual Meeting, Toronto, June 1992, and published in the  
Proceedings of AASH, June 1992:

(1) Robbins, L., Friedman, H.

MRI in Migraineurs

(2) Brain Mapping in Post-traumatic Headache Patients

(3) Robbins, L., Remmes, A.

Outpatient Repetitive IV DHE

(4) Robbins, L., Scheinbaum, S.

Type A Behavior and Depression in Adolescents with  
Headache

(5) Inhaled Heparin Therapy for Headache

Accepted at the 19th International Epilepsy Congress, Rio de  
Janeiro, Brazil, October, 1991:

Brain Mapping in Headache Patients: Lack of Clinical Utility

Accepted at the International Juvenile Headache Congress, Rome, Italy, September 1991:

Scheinbaum, S., Robbins, L.

The Prevalence of Type A Behavior and Depression in Adolescent Females with Moderate-to-Severe Headache

Presented at the Proceedings of the 5th International Headache Congress and the American Association for the Study of Headache, Washington, D.C., June 1991:

- (1) Antiphospholipid Antibodies and the Anticardiolipin Antibody Syndrome: Prevalence and Treatment
- (2) Immunology and Headache: Lymphocyte Subsets Between Headache Attacks, Perimenstrually, and a Review of the Literature

Presented at the American Association for the Study of Headache Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, June, 1990, published in *Headache*, April 1990, Vol. 30, No. 5, and in the Proceedings of AASH, June 1990:

(1) Lupus Anticoagulant, Anticardiolipin Antibodies, Stroke, and Migraine

(2) T-Lymphocyte Subset Assays and Migraine: The Immune System and Migraine

(3) Hughes, J., Robbins, L.  
Brain Mapping and Migraine

(4) Hughes, J., Robbins, L.  
Brain Mapping and Post-traumatic Headache

Presented at the Proceedings of the IV International Headache Congress, Sydney, October 1989:

Chronic Paroxysmal Hemicrania Successfully Treated with Inhaled Heparin Therapy

Presented at the American Association for the Study of Headache, Boston, June 1989:

Post-traumatic Headache with Scintillating Scotoma Treated with Phenytoin (Dilantin)

Presented at American Association for the Study of Headache  
Annual Meeting, San Francisco, June 1988:

(1) Gilman-Sachs, A., Robbins, L., Baum, L.

Flow Cytometric Analysis of Lymphocyte Subsets in  
Peripheral Blood of Chronic  
Headache Patients

(2) The Immune System and Migraine

Presented at the American Association for the Study of Headache,  
Quebec City, Canada, June 1987:

Brain Mapping and Migraine Patients

Presented at the American Association for the Study of Headache  
Annual Meeting, Chicago, June 1986:

(1) Diamond, S., Freitag, F., Robbins, L., Mehta, N.

Therapy of Headache with MAO Inhibitors

(2) Diamond, S., Freitag, F., Robbins, L., Mehta, N.

Use of MAO Inhibitors and Tricyclic Antidepressants in the  
Therapy of Migraine and  
Mixed Headaches



(3) Diamond, S., Freitag, F., Robbins, L., Mehta, N.

Demographics of Cluster Headache Patients Attending an  
Outpatient Headache Clinic

# Research

## Helminth Worm Study

Dr. Robbins launched a new project, 2020 to 2021. This evaluated the role of parasites and worms in migraine. Dr. Robbins conducted a study (published in 2021) evaluating the effect of re-introducing worm eggs into the GI tract of those with severe, refractory chronic migraine. The study was finally completed in 2021. The theory is that parasites and worms have lived in the GI tract of primates forever; now that they have been (for the most part) eliminated from Western societies, immune diseases have greatly increased. The worms and parasites dampen down the natural immune response; without them, immunological disorders (and migraine has a significant immune component) have surfaced due to an enhanced immune response.

This research will also focus on countries where worms and parasites have continued to be prevalent, or have recently been eliminated. Migraine rates will be compared. This will also involve studying the effects in Hunter-gatherer societies (such as the Tsimane in Bolivia). The hope is that we can identify a molecule in certain worms/parasites that may be used therapeutically for migraine.

## **CGRP Antagonists for the Prevention of Migraine: Real Life Experience**

Dr. Robbins has been conducting and publishing research on the efficacy and side effects of the newer CGRP monoclonal antibodies. Research conducted 2018-2019.

## **Long-term Progress of Patients with Personality Disorders and Headache**

Dr. Robbins and staff will be undertaking a new study of how people with personality disorders progress over a long period of time. Using a time frame of 10 to 20 years, the researchers will look at whether moods, pain, and functioning improve, or worsen, over time.

## **PFO and Migraine Trials**

A patent foramen ovale (PFO) is a small hole in the heart, which is normal in fetal development, but should close in infancy. Unclosed or partly-closed PFOs may affect 20-25% of the population. Dr. Robbins served on a committee (2007-15) adjudicating an long research study that helped to determine whether closing the PFO helps headache patients, by preventing unoxidized blood from

circulating in the brain. This study was one of the first in the United States; research from Europe suggested that repairing the PFO does improve migraine in many patients. This major PFO study did turn out to be negative, not achieving its primary endpoint.

### **Advanced Imaging in Episodic and Chronic Migraine Patients**

Dr. Robbins and associates have used techniques such as DTI to compare migraine patients to patients without migraine. Advanced imaging, using diffusion-tensor imaging and functional MRI, is producing a unique view of the brain's operation. This research, which was conducted with Dr. Cameron Leith, has revealed subtle white-matter changes in the brains of chronic migraine patients. These changes were seen primarily in the areas involved with migraine such as the brainstem, but were not seen in the control patients without migraine.

### **Headache Drug Trials**

Dr. Robbins has been a principal investigator for a number (approximately 16) multicenter drug trials. The latest is a

nationwide trial of Botox for episodic migraine. Dr. Robbins has recently participated in a multi-center trial for an implantable device in the SPG, for refractory chronic cluster. There is ongoing research in the field of CGRP injections for chronic migraine, and also for post-concussion headache.

### **Safety of Frequent Triptan Use**

With refractory headaches, when absolutely nothing works, patients are often prescribed triptans over many years. There is a need to determine if triptans have additional side effects when used for prolonged periods. Dr. Robbins has done several studies in this area and will continue to research the safety of frequent or daily triptan use.

### **Long-term Safety of Botulinum Toxin**

Dr. Robbins has utilized Botulinum toxin since 1998 for headache disorders, and has previously studied long-term safety in this area. He and his staff will start a new study in 2018, which will evaluate the treatment in these patients many years after treatment.

## **Psychological Aspects Accompanying Headache: Bipolar Disorder, Personality Disorders, Anxiety, Depression, ADD**

With a major interest in the psychiatric aspects of headache patients, Dr. Robbins has published extensively in this area. Current studies include the comorbidity of headache with personality disorders and bipolar disorder, and there is consideration for expanding research into MRI studies of bipolar patients.

# **Media and Public Appearances**



## **Top Doctors List**

In every year since its debut in 2002, Dr. Robbins has been included in the annual book of “America’s Top Doctors: The Best in American Medicine.” These doctors are nominated through recommendations from other physicians; Dr. Robbins is in the pain management section. The list is published in U.S. News and World Report. Also, Dr. Robbins is one of a select group of doctors within that list who are considered to be among the top 1% in the nation in his specialty. He also is included in “Chicago’s Top Doctors,” which appears locally in Chicago Magazine, under Top Doctors, Pain Management. Dr. Robbins was under consideration for the Clinical Excellence Award, given to several doctors per year, for 2015.

## **Concussion Public Awareness Campaign**

Dr. Robbins conducted public outreach in 2012-13 that successfully raised public awareness about the risks of brain damage from youth tackle football. This campaign educated community members about the headaches, memory problems, and other health impacts being caused by the sport, as well as how to protect the kids who play tackle football. Dr. Robbins attempted in 2014 and 2015, and will further attempt in 2016, to introduce

legislation in the Illinois Legislature limiting tackle football to age 14 and older. His latest OPEDs to raise public awareness about concussions were on hockey and soccer, and were in RealClearSports.com in 2016.

Dr. Robbins raised the issue with Illinois State Rep. Carol Sente, who as a result introduced a bill in the Illinois General Assembly in February 2013 to restrict tackling during school football practice. Dr. Robbins spoke at a public hearing on the bill, and testified about it before a legislative committee. Although the bill was not initially passed into law, Dr. Robbins and Rep. Sente plan on re-submitting the legislation. The Illinois High School Association did change practice and pre-season rules because of this initiative.

Dr. Robbins wrote several articles/op-ed columns that were published in print and online, and conducted outreach to Illinois print, television and radio journalists that contributed to widespread media coverage of the issue in February and March 2013.

Dr. Robbins and Illinois House Representative Carol Sente's efforts led to Governor Quinn's signing of HB 5431, the

Mandatory Concussion Education for High School Coaches and Athletic Directors, on August 19, 2014.

Dr. Robbins' OPED on football was used in a book, "Along These Lines: Writing Sentences and Paragraphs" by John Biays and Carol Wershoven, sixth edition, published 1/2015.

Dr. Robbins helped pursue an effort to introduce an Illinois bill restricting tackle football to age 12 on up. The hope was that, prior to age 12, the kids would simply play touch and flag football. This Illinois House legislation was introduced in January of 2018. The bill passed the House Committee, which was the furthest a bill of it's kind had progressed. However, the football bill was not successful in the Illinois House.

Dr. Robbins was on a panel in April 2018 (with Chris Nowinski, CTE and Concussion Legacy Foundation) that debated the issue of tackle under age 12.

Realsports with Bryant Gumbel (HBO) interviewed Dr. Robbins for a show on football and concussions (January, 2019).

Dr. Robbins is attempting to have the football bill introduced on a national level; and also to re-introduce in Illinois, 2019.

### **Print Media**

Dr. Robbins was interviewed by the Quad City Times(2018) about treatment of difficult(refractory) headaches.

Dr. Robbins was interviewed a number of times for a major investigative piece, on opioids and OxyContin, in the LA Times in 2016.

Dr. Robbins is a frequent contributor to national and local magazines and newspapers. He was featured in 2013 in a *The North Shore Weekend* article.

Dr. Robbins's OPED on "stopping tackle football under age 12" was published in 2018. It appeared in a # of Illinois newspapers and websites. His op-ed article about football concussions was published on *RealClearSports* (a sister site of RealClearPolitics) in December 2012, and reprinted in a number of newspapers. He was quoted on the issue by newspapers that included the Chicago

Tribune, Daily Herald, the Pantagraph in Bloomington, the Chronicle in DeKalb, the Northbrook Tower, and a number of Pioneer Press newspapers in the Chicago suburbs. Many of these outlets mentioned Dr. Robbins in multiple articles that provided ongoing coverage of the issue. In addition, the Chicago Tribune also interviewed Dr. Robbins in June 2013 for a separate story about a concussion suffered by a high school athlete.

Dr. Robbins also was quoted in the Chicago Tribune in April 2012 regarding the use of TMS in treating depression. The Tribune featured him in an article on adolescent headache by Dawn Turner Trice on September 28, 2011. In 2008, he was the focus of a column by Paula Kamen in the New York Times. Dr. Robbins was quoted in a June 2012 column entitled “What You Might Not Know about Treating Migraines” that was published in the Daily Muse and the Forbes website. In August, 2008, Evanston Hospital’s magazine, Connections, featured a full article on Dr. Robbins and his specialty in adolescent headaches.

Over the last ten years, Dr. Robbins has been quoted in or contributed to articles in USA Today, MSN.com, the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, Glamour, Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping, Oxygen, Self, Men’s Health, Women’s World,

Health Magazine, Women's Fitness, North Shore Magazine and Fibromyalgia Network. The book, Doctor's Home Remedies, used a number of his quotations. He was interviewed in 2020 for a new article on the risks of football.

## **Television**

Dr. Robbins was interviewed for an HBO documentary (Realsports with Bryant Gumbel). This appeared in January 2019. The piece focused on his work in attempting to limit tackle football under age 12. In addition, it discussed issues surrounding the long-term effects of football on the brain.

Dr. Robbins was interviewed in Montreal for the Fall (November) 2018 documentary on opioids, on CBC Radio (TV), Canada (Canadian Public TV). He was dubbed into French. The piece focused on his early experiences with Oxycontin and the company, Purdue.

John Oliver Show (HBO): in October 2016, John Oliver did a piece on opioids; for this, his show interviewed Dr. Robbins, revolving around a 1999 study funded by Purdue Pharma.

Dr. Robbins has appeared numerous times on local news shows as

an expert on headache and its treatment. WLS-TV quoted him about youth football concussion in February 2013. Dr. Robbins was interviewed on WTTW's Chicago Tonight in March, 2008, and appeared on Fox-TV News in February, 2008. He was seen on the newsmagazine 20/20 in a segment on headache and perfume, and was interviewed on ABC's Nightline as a whistleblower in the controversy over false marketing of Stadol nasal spray.

## **Radio**

Dr. Robbins is doing a ½ hour radio show (on medical topics), 2020, on WCPT 820 AM Chicago. It is as a guest during drive time of the radio host, Joan Esposito. This show is twice per month, and has been popular.

Dr. Robbins has appeared as a guest on various radio programs. In September 2014, he appeared on SportsMedicineWeekly, with Dr. Brian Cole (AM 1000), discussing exercise and headache. In December 2012, he was interviewed on WGN-Chicago 720 about football and concussions, and was mentioned in a report on the issue by WBBM Newsradio. He had previously appeared as a guest on WGN's The Milt Rosenberg Show, and on HealthTalk Radio. He had his own medical call-in show during 2005. The XM

Satellite Radio Health Show has interviewed him on a number of topics.

## **Online**

Dr. Robbins was interviewed by VJ Neurology (videos online) on the subject of monoclonal antibodies for headache, 2021.

Dr. Robbins did a debate at CONY 2021(Controversies in Neurology), and this is online at CONY.

In 2021 Dr. Robbins established a YouTube channel, “Lawrence Robbins MD”; this channel contains various headache videos, along with videos of The Honduras Neurology and Psychiatry Clinic.

In June 2020, Dr. Robbins was interviewed by Practicalpainmanagement on: Migraine and Mental Health.

YouTube channel: Dr. Robbins started a YouTube channel: migraine headache cluster. His recorded lectures include: refractory headache, bipolar spectrum, personality disorders, and deconstructing the art of headache medicine.

Dr. Robbins was interviewed in 2018 for several podcasts on



ReachMD, an online portal for physicians.

Dr. Robbins recorded two videos in November 2013 which are on the *Practical Pain Management* website.

<http://www.practicalpainmanagement.com/professional/videos>

- Migraine: Diagnosis and Treatment
- Chronic Headache and the Bipolar Patient

Dr. Robbins was mentioned in football concussion discussion by websites that include Medill Reports, Patch, Sports Brain, and other websites. He was interviewed for a 2013 post on [www.realself.com](http://www.realself.com) about Botox for Migraines.

The Robbins Headache Clinic website, [www.chicagoheadacheclinic.com](http://www.chicagoheadacheclinic.com), offers updated headache info, and the regular blog. Every month, more than 15,000 visitors use the site for headache information.

Dr. Robbins was a regular contributor to the expert panel on the site for the American Council on Headache, [www.achenet.org](http://www.achenet.org), and is active on support sites for headache patients.

Dr. Robbins and his wife, Sue, hosted an online medical talk radio show on “Talk Zone”; they did 22 one-hour shows.

## **Blog**

Dr. Robbins and his wife, Sue, create and edit a popular blog at [www.chicagoheadacheclinic.com](http://www.chicagoheadacheclinic.com) that is updated daily. The blog, for many years has included posts about various subjects.

## **Reviews**

Dr. Robbins is a member of the Editorial Board of Practical Pain Management. He has been a reviewer for several medical journals, including the American Headache Society Journal, International Headache Society Journal, Headache, Cephalalgia, and Practicalpainmanagement(on the editorial board for Practicalpainmanagement). Consultant: Consultations in Primary Care, Clinical Drug Investigation and the American Journal of Pain Management. Dr. Robbins reviewed a book for Nature Medicine. He recently was a reviewer for the American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists, and for Clinical and Surgery Ophthalmology.

## National And International Talks

Dr. Robbins debated on the subject of monoclonal antibodies for migraine (he took the position that they were not safe) in the World Congress on Controversies in Neurology, 2021; this is archived on the CONY website.

Dr. Robbins was scheduled to give 2 talks at the annual Southern Headache Society meeting(2021) on: 1. Treatment of refractory chronic migraine, and 2. Evolutionary neurology and migraine.

Dr. Robbins was scheduled to engage in a debate on CGRP medications, at the HCOP headache annual meetings, January 2021.

In 2020, Dr. Robbins developed a lecture on Evolutionary Medicine and Neurology; he is scheduled to give this to several groups, including the Asia Pacific Headache Society. Dr. Robbins also spoke to this society on Deconstructing the Art of Headache Medicine, and is schedule for 2 further talks (on Refractory Headache, and on Personality Disorders and The Bipolar Spectrum)

Dr. Robbins did a video talk on deconstructing the art of headache medicine for the American Migraine Foundation, July 2018.

In 2016 Dr. Robbins created 2 new talks, Refractory Chronic Migraine, and Advanced Clinical Pearls; these were for neurology grand rounds and a symposium at the Southern Headache Society, Sept. 2016 (Asheville).

Dr. Robbins has been in charge of the poster section of the American Association of Pain Management meetings, 2010-13. He has also chaired headache talks at the annual AAPM meeting from 2010-2013. He gave a talk at the 2013 meeting, “Advanced Clinical Headache Pearls”, which he has given to a number of university grand rounds.

Dr. Robbins was selected as chairperson for the American Association of Pain Management Headache Symposium in Las Vegas, September 2011, and served as Chair for the meetings in 2010, 2011 and 2012. In 2008, he organized a series of lectures to be given during the academy’s national meeting in Nashville, and at the 2009 national meeting of the American Academy of Pain

Management in Phoenix. He was chair of Headache Symposium at the American Association of Pain Medicine meeting, 2010.

Dr. Robbins was a key speaker at the September 2009 “Clusterbuster” conference in Chicago, addressing the treatment of refractory cluster headaches. He also spoke at this conference in 2011 and 2013.

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance selected Dr. Robbins as a speaker for their national conference in October, 2006. In the same month, he delivered a lecture entitled “Daily Headache” for the Neurology Update seminar at the Johns Hopkins Advanced Studies in Medicine.

In 2005, Dr. Robbins was selected by the CME Corporation as a speaker in a series of lectures in Chicago, Las Vegas and Los Angeles, and the lectures taped for later use. The CME Practical Home Study Course features his lectures on headache and pain. The US Psychiatry and Mental Health Congress, held in November of 2005, selected Dr. Robbins as its specialist on headache.

## Lectures

2021 and 2022: Dr. Robbins is giving a number of new neurology and psychiatry talks, to the medical students (various medical schools around Chicago) and to the Rush, Loyola, Chicago Medical School, and Loretto Hospital psychiatry residents. One of the new talks is on Evolutionary Medicine, Evolutionary Psychiatry, and Evolutionary Neurology. He also has a new talk on monoclonal antibodies for migraine.

In 2020 and 2021 Dr. Robbins began lecturing internationally to the Asia Pacific Headache Society and the World Headache Society, along with neurologists in Bangladesh, and the Mideast (particularly Jordan and Iraq). These talks focus on headache, psychiatry, and evolutionary medicine. He gave lectures to the World Headache Society course on headache, January 2021.

2017-2018: Three new talks to Grand Rounds, Southern Headache Society, Southern Pain Society, Headache Cooperative of The Pacific, (and other societies), and to Residents:

1. Refractory Headache
2. Personality Disorder and The Bipolar Spectrum in Pain Patients

### 3. Choosing Headache Meds: Deconstructing the Art of Headache Medicine(with Clinical Pearls)

Dr. Robbins has developed a new talk for schools (social workers, psychologists, teachers, etc.) on: Recognition and Management of Personality Disorders, and the Bipolar Spectrum, in Parents and Adolescents

Also, Dr. Robbins has developed a new talk on Clinical Pearls: a Guide for Patients and Physicians

Dr. Robbins has given over 1600 talks on subjects related to pain.

Topics include:

- Management of headache
- Evolution and Medicine
- Psychological aspects of pain and headache
- Refractory headache
- Pediatric headache
- Clinical pearls in pain and headache
- Headache case studies
- Migraine pathophysiology, insomnia and ADHD/ADD
- Fibromyalgia

In 2013, Dr. Robbins recorded a lecture, “Management of Chronic Headache,” for the National CME organization Audio Digest.



# Miscellaneous

## Membership in Professional Societies

### Current

Vice President of the World Headache Society (2022-2023)

Asia Pacific Headache Society (2020-)

World Headache Society, (2021-)

Southern Pain Society (2017)

Southern Headache Society (2016-present)

Headache Cooperative of The Pacific (2017-present)

Neuroscience Education Institute (Psychopharmacology) 2018

American Academy of Neurology (2016-present)

American Headache Society (1985-present, off and on)

National Headache Foundation (1985-present)

International Headache Society (1989-2004, 2009-present, off and on)

Vestibular Disorders Association (2017-2019)

### Past

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Greater Chicago  
(2005-2011)

ACHE (American Council for Headache Education) (1996-2006)

American Academy of Pain Management (2006-2015)

American Society of Pain Educators, (2005-2009)

National Depression and Manic Depression Association (2001-2008)

Harvard MGH Psychiatry Academy (2005-2007)

Society for Pain Practice Management (2003-2005)

American Pain Foundation (2003-2007)

American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (2002-2004, 2011-2013)

Illinois Biofeedback Society (2002-2007)

Society for Chaos and the Life Sciences (2001-2003)

Child and Adolescent Bipolar Foundation (2001-2005)

Chicago Neurologic Society (1998-2000)

American Association for Advancement of Science (1995-98)

The Royal Society of Medicine (1991-1994); Elected Fellow, July 1991

The Foundation for Research in Head Pain and Related Disorders (1989-93)

American Medical Association (1985-91)

Illinois State Medical Society (1985-91)

Chicago Medical Society (1985-91)

## **Monographs and Newsletters**

### **Information for physicians and patients**

Weight Loss and Exercise, and Supplements (revised November, 2017 and 2021)

Headache 2013-2014

Headache 2010-2011

Attention Deficit Disorder

Rebound Headaches

Personality Disorders

Headache 2008–2009

Headache 2006–2007, plus Psychological Topics

Obesity and Headache Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Advanced Studies, Vol. 6, Oct. 2006

Headache 2005

Headache and Headache Medications, 2004

Headache 2003

Headache Medications, 2002

Headache Medications, 2000

Exercise and Yoga for Headache Patients

Headache Medications, 1999

SSRI's for Anxiety and Depression in Headache Patients, 1998

Treatment of Menstrual Migraine, 1991

New Therapy for the Treatment of Headaches (Distributed by  
Abbott Labs, February 1991)

Headache Therapy, 1989

Abortive Migraine Medications, 1989

Management of Headache Medications: Comparison of 1985 vs.  
1992 Therapy

## **Miscellaneous And Volunteer/Not For Profit**

Dr. Robbins was the founder of the section of the American Headache Society designated for Refractory Headache Patients. The section is devoted to finding treatments for patients for whom “nothing works.” Dr. Robbins was also a member of AHS special interest groups on Cluster Headache, Behavioral Issues, Women’s Issues and Adolescent Headache.

Dr. Robbins is strongly committed to the education of physicians on pain and headache issues. He has taught both formal and informal groups of physicians and medical students. Dr. Robbins currently is training medical, NP, and PA students, who usually spend from one week to one month in the clinic. The students have primarily been from Chicago Medical School, as well as Midwestern University(Medical School).

For his work in Honduras, Dr. Robbins was nominated for a 2019 and also the 2020 and 2021 AAN award given to a neurologist who serves indigent patients.

Since 1991, Dr. Robbins has worked with several drug companies on improving the performance of pharmaceutical representatives.

The goal is to improve the effectiveness of doctor-representative communications, an important part of modern medical practice. In addition to formal lectures, he participated in role-play training and mentoring.

Early in his career, Dr. Robbins was a volunteer neurologist in the Neurology Clinic at the University of Illinois in Chicago. More recently, he volunteered his services for two years as a neurologist at the free clinic in Waukegan, Illinois, known as Healthreach.

Dr. Robbins is now volunteering, as a neurologist, at a free health clinic in Highwood, Illinois (Fenix clinic).

Dr. Robbins was a volunteer neurologist at one of the inner city Chicago Hospitals, Loretto Hospital.

**American Headache Association (AHA)** The AHA is a registered 501(c) (3) public charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible, for state and federal taxes.

The AHA has a number of missions, primarily:

Setting up and managing a free rural neurology clinic in Honduras.

The clinic serves a large area that has no access to neurologists. Dr.

Robbins goes to Honduras to treat patients (primarily migraine and epilepsy patients). He also manages the Honduras neurology patients remotely thru Tele-Neurology. We have recruited a Honduran neurologist, psychiatrist, and nurse-administrator to also staff the clinic. Dr. Robbins, thru the AHA, has provided tens of thousands of free medicines to Honduras patients (primarily epilepsy and migraine medications). The Honduran clinic, and Dr. Robbins's work, was featured in a 2018 article appearing in *Neurology Today*. A new article was published on the clinic in *World Neurology*, 2021. Dr. Robbins was nominated for an award given by the American Academy of Neurology for volunteer neurology work with indigent patients.

- By providing free headache and epilepsy medications, primarily triptans and anticonvulsants, to indigent patients, we hope to improve their quality of life. Our goal is to give at least 200,000 tablets, primarily to Honduran patients.
- Educating healthcare providers about headache is a main objective. We will provide books, articles, and lectures (live, and also via YouTube/websites). If we educate the physicians and nurses, this will lead to greatly improved care.
- We hope to educate patients by providing free books, articles, and video lectures. To reach a large number of patients, we



will do much of our education via the internet.

- Funding for headache studies is lacking. We hope to provide funds for studies that will have a direct impact on people's lives.

Dr. Robbins serves as a Board Member of the nonprofit profit Julian Grace Foundation. Julian Grace is involved in funding a number of non-profits.

## Personal

An expert bridge player, Dr. Robbins took second in the 2013 National Open Pairs (Spring Nationals). He represented the area in the Grand National Pairs and Teams, 2017. Dr. Robbins was on one of the final 12 teams at the 2013 "U.S. Team Trials" to pick the U.S. representative. He represented the United States at the 1996 World Bridge Olympiad in Rhodes, Greece, and at the 1992 Pan American Games. His titles include United States Grand National Team Champion, 1979, 1991, 1995 and NCAA Champion, 1976. Dr. Robbins is on the panel of The Bridge World magazine. He has written a number of bridge articles for various publications. He is an announcer on the site Bridge Base Online.

Most recently he played in the World Senior Pair Championships, Orlando, Sept. 2018.

Dr. Robbins is also an avid rollerblader and ice hockey player(when not injured). He has represented the Chicago area in the national, over-50, ice hockey tournament. Dr. Robbins was on the third-place team at the “Snoopy” National 50 and older hockey championships in 2010. Dr. Robbins came in 2nd in the 2014 National Age Adjusted Hockey Championships, which took place in Santa Rosa, California. He plans on playing in the Snoopy championships in July, 2022.

## Robbins Headache Clinic



Established in 1986, Robbins Headache Clinic is known as one of the nation's best headache treatment centers, providing care that is more aggressive and advanced than many chronic headache sufferers have ever encountered. Dr. Robbins, M.D., and Nurse Practitioner Brooke Phenicie, NP-C, use a comprehensive combination of remedies based on the latest advancements in the field.



Each patient receives individual attention and personalized treatments selected from a wide range of remedies, including Botox injections, herbs, biofeedback, intravenous medication and stimulant medications. These cutting-edge methods often bring relief for especially severe and stubborn headache symptoms that had resisted all prior treatment. The focus is on the well-being of the whole person, not just the headache. Care is coordinated with other specialties, such as physical therapy and psychotherapy.

The clinic is in Riverwoods, Illinois.