

Update Email 4 (Feb. 12, 2010)

Friends and colleagues,

Another quick update here; details and associated snark (in the form of a new [Gazette](#)) attached.

I had the second “intracranial catheter embolization” (insert glue-like substance in brain) procedure last Monday Feb. 8. Once again it went just as expected with successful result and no complications.

Based on what he saw this go ‘round, the neurosurgeon proposes one more shot of glue before the actual surgery to remove the malformation. As much as I enjoy a good give-and-take argument, it’s hard to dissent too stridently when the other side’s years of training and experience outnumber your own by a factor of roughly, um, infinity.

So it will be a gluefest bonus round next week, with the ensuing surgery scheduled for the first part of March. Meanwhile, I’m doing fine and it’s all good at the Barry household, with this thing proceeding as expected and under budget. (This being the U.S. health care system, of course, “under budget” is shorthand for “astronomically and unbelievably expensive so it’s a good thing we have insurance.”)

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