

Update Email 6 (Mar. 15, 2010)

Friends and colleagues,

As you probably know from Megan's dispatches last week, the surgery to remove my brain malformation came off as planned on March 8, with successful result. A post-surgical Gazette with further details (and a titillating souvenir head scar photo) is attached.

Although there's certainly a bit of a slog ahead in terms of healing and restoration of energy and activity, we are amazed at the ability of medical science to manage this thing and make it go away with so few physical ill effects. And, above all, we are eternally grateful for the warm support and kindness of friends, family, and colleagues these last few months. If I were the mushy type, right about here I'd quote Thoreau – "The language of friendship is not words but meanings" – and leave it at that. But since we all know I'm not, I guess I'll have to toss in Oscar Wilde: "True friends stab you in the front."

Best,

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