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MINNEAPOLIS – (April 9, 2014) – Abbott Northwestern Hospital recently received accreditation from the Neurophysiologic Intraoperative Monitoring Laboratory Accreditation Board of [ABRET](#) (LAB-NIOM). It is one of 17 accredited programs in the U.S. and the only one in Minnesota.

"If you have the opportunity to use intraoperative monitoring in specific situations, it is one more safety measure to alert the surgeon for the risk potential of neurological deficits during surgery," said Mahmoud Nagib, MD, a neurosurgeon at Abbott Northwestern.

Diann Plummer of New Hope was in an Abbott Northwestern operating room on April 8 for neck surgery. While she was sleeping and before the incision, two technologists taped into place tiny half-inch needle electrodes in ten locations on her body just under the skin.

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