Deep Brain Stimulation Update and Clarification

The new Barrow Center for Neuromodulation will begin using deep brain stimulation to treat depressed individuals after the center formally opens in July. Currently, the hospital is only using deep brain stimulation to treat patients with movement disorders such as tremors, Parkinson’s disease and dystonia. Depression patients are not being treated now.

The patient, Linda Belt, who was highlighted in a photo in Monday’s (3/7/11) Arizona Republic was undergoing the procedure for a movement disorder. Belt is not a depression patient as implied by The Arizona Republic.