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Governments Fund Research into Breakthrough Migraine Surgery

The Governments of South Africa and Italy have agreed to the joint financing of further research into breakthrough migraine surgery developed by South African specialist surgeon Dr Elliot Shevel. The breakthrough followed collaborative work on the involvement of extra-cranial arteries in migraine with Dr E.H. Spierings, Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School.

Dr Shevel's breakthrough procedure was first published in the British Journal 'Therapy' in September 2006, see attached. The procedure is described as 'minor' and is carried out in a day clinic. No long term side effects have been recorded. The results of the study showed that migraine sufferers undergoing the procedure enjoyed, on average, more than 100% improvement in their quality of life.

Italian Professor of Neuropsychiatry Carlo Cianchetti will collaborate with Dr Shevel during the course of 2008 to continue the research on a multinational level. Dr Shevel is due in Italy in June.

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