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Raymond Nagel Joins Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute

Raymond M. Nagel has joined the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute (HWI) as a Software Developer. Nagel will be responsible for software programming and development in the high-throughput crystallization laboratory. This laboratory acts as a resource for 650 structural biologists. It helps them to identify initial crystallization conditions for the particular biological macromolecules that they study. Crystals of these molecules are used to determine a three-dimensional model of the structure. These models are used to better understand molecular interactions and can play an important role in rational drug design.

Prior to joining HWI, Nagel worked for Emdeon Business Services as a Programmer. While working at Emdeon, Nagel was responsible for maintaining and supporting existing software used for medical billing claim data-entry and verification. He also modified databases and database-contained functions and created program modules for advanced customizations.

Nagel graduated *summa cum laude* from Buffalo State College with a degree in Computer Information Systems. Nagel also received the departmental award for "Excellence in Computer Information Systems."

Nagel resides in Buffalo, New York.

About HWI

Celebrating 50 years of exceptional scientific research, HWI is an independent, non-profit facility specializing in the area of fundamental biomedical research known as structural biology. Our team of more than 70 staff members is committed to improving human health by studying the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their basic molecular level. We are located in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in downtown Buffalo, New York, in a new state-of-the-art structural biology research center at 700 Ellicott Street. For more information, visit HWI's website at www.hwi.buffalo.edu or call 716-898-8600.