

**Patient Information**

Name: Sparty the Spartan  
Date of birth: 09/28/1989  
Height: 7'

**Patient Address**

Michigan State University  
333 Union Building  
East Lansing, MI 48824  
c/o Student Alumni Foundation

**Imaging Facility**

Michigan State University  
Department of Radiology  
184 Radiology  
East Lansing, MI 48824

**HISTORY**

As one of the nation's most adored and feared mascots, many Spartan fans ask themselves what exactly makes Sparty so incredibly way-cool. Others ask "Who is Sparty?" The faculty and staff at MSU Radiology decided to take a closer look "inside" this gentle giant to reveal the truths behind these and many other burning questions.

**EXAM PREPARATION**

Patient was asked to remove all personal objects, including his massive 30 pounds of armor, and change into a hospital gown. When asked to remove his helmet, patient placed his hands on his hips and repeatedly shook his head 'no'. Proceeded with scan on the largest scanner due to his massive muscular stature.

**TECHNIQUE**

Multi-sequence evaluation of our fearless leader with the highest resolution obtainable.

**FINDINGS**

Overall brain tissue appeared intact and exceptionally healthy. Evidence for superior intelligence demonstrated by the abundance of brain parenchyma (the functional tissue of the brain). Superb brain protection provided by an integral high density helmet structure.

Potential for strong team support demonstrated by prominent jaw and highly developed facial features allowing easy intimidation of competitors with focused gaze. The temporal lobe (which controls intellectual and emotional functions) appeared to be green and white. This phenomenon came as no surprise considering the spirit of MSU Spartans.

As further evidence to his high-energy, Sparty's brainstem is in excellent working condition. From the looks of it, he is taking nutrition and hydration advice from MSU Sports & Cardiovascular Nutrition. This is a good thing since he can lose 3-5 pounds during one event!

The parietal lobe was normal in size and shape, meaning that Sparty is able to understand words that are spoken to him, as demonstrated by his playful gestures, friendly high-fives and humongous hugs. Broca's area was unable to be visualized. If it is indeed non-existent, this would be a logical explanation for Sparty's silence, as this is the area which controls speech. MSU fans don't mind that their three time national champion mascot's lips are sealed, since actions speak louder than words. The motor cortex area, controlling movement, and cerebellum, controlling coordination, were both in exceptionally good shape. It is no wonder he is such a fine dancer!

**IMPRESSION**

- SUPER SMART
- BIG AND BUFF
- PREEMINENT COLLEGE MASCOT
- HIGH POTENTIAL FOR GUARANTEEING SUCCESS

BECAUSE OF HIS INTIMIDATING SIZE, STRENGTH, AND MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, SPARTY IS THE FIERCE YET KIND HEART OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. HE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADORED BY SPARTAN FANS YOUNG AND OLD.

*For information about hiring Sparty, or to make a donation to the Sparty mascot program, visit [www.saf.msu.edu](http://www.saf.msu.edu).*

*For information about the radiology services available at Michigan State University, visit [www.rad.msu.edu](http://www.rad.msu.edu).*