



San Francisco-San Jose Trigeminal Neuralgia Association Support Group

Saturday, September 13, 2008 Meeting

El Camino Hospital, Mountain View

Room "N" on the ground floor of the Park Pavilion-YMCA Building**

September 13 Meeting Program:

"Medication Side Effects", a 27 minute Conference video by Dr. Jeffrey Cohen, a TNA Medical Advisory Board member, will be shown followed by a discussion with members who have extensive medication experience. Use of our new and expanding *TNA Connect** will be reviewed in detail. If you have a laptop, please bring it along.

**Our 2008 Meeting Room: We meet in Room "N" on the ground floor of the Park Pavilion-YMCA Building. Enter the Hospital Campus from Grant Road on North Drive and park in the lot behind the Park Pavilion-YMCA Building. A map is attached.

A UCSF Gamma Knife Tour is set for Thursday, October 30, 2008, at 2pm

Dr. Nicholas Barbaro, our host, will describe surgical treatments for Trigeminal Neuralgia prior to the tour. Mariann Ward, the doctor's associate, will join us.

Our tour will be limited to 25 visitors due to space limitations in the operating area. Please contact Bennett Bloomfield or Emily Diaz (see the "Contact" info below) to register for the tour.

The Gamma Knife facility is located in Long/Moffitt Hospital, 505 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco. We will advise members, who will attend, where to meet at the hospital for the pre-tour presentation and provide driving and public transportation directions and parking facility locations. Those who are interested in carpooling for the trip should let Bennett and Emily know when registering.

Considering surgical procedures? We will have copies at our meeting of Neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson's enlightening, helpful new book, *"Take the Risk: Learning to Identify, Choose, and Live with Acceptable Risk"*. Check out reviews on the internet. You'll find 10 references to Dr. Carson in TNA's *Striking Back* book. Copies of TNA publications "Striking Back" and "Insights" will also be available.

****Try TNA Connect, the new TNA online community site, available free at www.endthepain.org. Sign in or log on and use Discussion Boards and Chat Room for topics related to Trigeminal Neuralgia and other facial pain. Ask "Questions" and get answers from TNA patient representative Kathy Taylor.***

San Francisco-San Jose TN Support Group Mountain View Meeting Dates for 2008

Saturdays, 1:30-3:30pm: September 13, November 8

North San Francisco Bay Area TN Support Group Meetings in Walnut Creek
John Muir/Mt. Diablo Women's Health Center, 1656 N. California Dr., Suite100
Saturdays, 1:45-3:45pm: October 4, December 6, 2000

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Changes or Questions???? *If you change your e-mail or postal address, now have an email address, have questions, or want to be removed from our mailing list, please let us know*

Disclaimer: There are many treatment options for TN and facial pain conditions. TNA does not endorse any one over others. This newsletter and the information contained in it are not intended to be medical advice. For that, you must consult your own doctor.

Support the TNA mission to End the Pain. Become a TNA Partner by joining "The Power of Partnership" membership drive. Among your benefits: A 10% discount for Conferences, books, DVDs, and educational materials and knowing you are a partner in our mission. We extend our grateful thanks to those of you who have already signed on as Partners.

Join by signing up on the TNA website www.endthepain.org

*Or send the form below to: Trigeminal Neuralgia Association
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Address _____	
City, State and Zip _____	
Email _____	Phone _____
Membership type: Individual \$35___ Family \$50___ Lifetime \$500___ Friend \$35___	
Check (made out to TNA) is enclosed_____ TNA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.	
Credit card: Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Amex ___ Discover___	
Account number _____	Expiration date _____