



San Francisco-San Jose Support Group

TNA Support Group Celebrates its 15th Anniversary

May 8 Meeting 1:30-3:30pm, El Camino Hospital, Mountain View Park-Pavilion (YMCA) Building, Room "O"

All San Francisco Bay Area members are welcome to join us to celebrate the 15th anniversary of our Support Group. We'll share experiences and research and renew friendships.

A change in our meeting room for this special meeting.

We will meet in Room "O" in the Park-Pavilion Building on the ground floor. Turn left when you get off the elevator.

Meeting Program



We will hear a recording of Dr. Nicholas Barbaro's presentation at the February 25th UCSF meeting with answers to questions, (a partial list), relating to: Diagnosis, the best surgical answers to typical Trigeminal Neuralgia and their risks, medications, neuropathic pain, Motor

Cortex Stimulation for pain relief, Gamma Knife, Cyberknife and Novalis radiosurgery, migraines, headaches, why nerves become subject to pain generation from blood vessels, what is success?, are there any new procedures?, and preparing for consultations with a doctor. Dr. Barbaro is Director of the UCSF Nerve Injury Clinic and Co-Director of Functional Neurosurgery. He is a

MEETING DATES for 2010:

SATURDAYS:

May 8,
July 10,
September 11,
November 13

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member of the Facial Pain Association Medical Advisory Board and will speak about Stereotactic Radiosurgery at the August FPA National Conference.

Information about Dr. Barbaro and the services provided at the UCSF Department of Neurosurgery, is available at the website:
http://neurosurgery.ucsf.edu/index.php/about_us_faculty_barbaro.html

The Gamma Knife Tour and the Radiosurgery staff's comments will be described by members who took the tour.

Our thanks to Gene Summerville who made the presentation recording for those of us unable to attend the meeting.

Member News to Celebrate!

After many years of pain and research, **Gene Summerville** is now pain and medication free after his MVD by Dr. Barbaro.

At our March meeting **Cynthia and Mike Flynn** told us about Cynthia's successful heart transplant. Wonderful and wonderful to have them join us.

Kate Keeler, a ship pilot from the Marshall Islands, 5,000 miles away, came to the SF Bay Area for a diagnosis of sharp facial pain which, indeed, was TN. With the support of a few of our members, young Kate decided to get relief from her TN pain at UCSF via MVD by Dr. Barbaro. Kate is now free of pain and is back in the islands.

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There are many treatment options for Trigeminal Neuralgia and other facial pain conditions. The Facial Pain Association does not endorse any one over the others. This newsletter and the information contained in it are not intended to be medical advice. For that, you must consult your own doctor.

CHANGES OR QUESTIONS:

If you change your e-mail address, have questions, or want to be removed from our mailing list, please let us know.

Root Canal Therapy Versus Tooth Extraction and Implants

Watch a video review by David A. Sirois, D.M.D.Ph.D.

Sr. Sirois is a member of the Facial Pain Association Medical Advisory Board.

FYI, Bennett has had favorable experiences with implant procedures done by a local Oral surgeon.

TNA - THE FACIAL PAIN ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE AUG. 28.

The Facial Pain Association National Conference to be held at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN on August 28, 2010. Here's the link to the subjects and presenters.

Among the speakers are Doctors Barbaro, Sirois, Janetta, Casey, Alksne, Brown, Zakrzewska, Burchiel, Pollock, and Linskey. [http://www.fpa-](http://www.fpa-support.org/events/7thNatl/documents/NC%202010%20conference%20sessions3.23.10.pdf)

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LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS A FACIAL PAIN SIMILAR TO YOURS?

The FPA maintains contact lists of members with specific facial pain disorders (for example, Cluster headaches) who are willing to share their experiences with those similarly troubled. Contact the FPA office** by phone or email.