



San Francisco-San Jose Facial Pain Association Support Group

Saturday, September 12, 2009 Meeting

El Camino Hospital, Mountain View

The Conference room behind the Cafeteria, ground floor, Main Hospital Building**

Meeting Program

Want more information about Microvascular Decompression, Gamma Knife and Radiofrequency Rhizotomy performed by local doctors??? Members with this experience will attend our meeting and share their thoughts.

Join us and share your experience with others who are in pain and faced with these decisions.

We will also have on hand speakers' notes and DVDs shown at the May meeting including the following you may have missed:

Presentation: What is Pain? Kenneth Casey M.D. and Manfred Zimmerman, PhD

Learn what it is, how pain works in you, how to best attack it, how to discuss pain with your doctor, and how to take ownership with your doctor.

Presentation and debate: Chronic Pain – Is it all in your mind, literally and figuratively?

H. Michael Marsh, M.B., B.S., April Vallerand, PhD, RNB, FAAN, Kenneth Casey, M.D.

Research on what happens in the brain for Short term and Long-term pain.

Advocate for your Pain.

Don't let pain beat you down: How to own and take control of your pain.

Modern Concepts of Pain Management

Manfred Zimmerman, PhD, Dennis Parker, PharmD, Joanna Zakrzewska, M.D.

Why does neuropathic pain respond or not respond to different medications?

Why and When Should We Have Surgery?

Presentation and Debate

****Our 2009 Meeting Room** is in the Main Hospital building. Enter the Hospital Campus from Grant Road on South Drive and park in Visitor's Parking. A map is attached.

San Francisco-San Jose TN Support Group Mountain View Meeting Dates for 2009

Saturdays, 1:30-3:30pm: September 12, November 14

Having to make decisions?

Copies of TNA's two Face Pain reference books "Striking Back, The Trigeminal Neuralgia and Face Pain Handbook" and Dr. Zakrzewska's "Insights, Facts and Stories behind Trigeminal Neuralgia" will be available at our meeting.

Here are YOUR TWO ESSENTIAL WEB INFORMATION SOURCES

1. Enter www.endthepain.org for finding the latest definitive information.

Try TNA Connect, the TNA online free community site. Sign in and join Forum for Discussions, Ask questions, Blog and Chat Live with others about Trigeminal Neuralgia or other facial pain.

2. Website www.facepain.us was developed by a group of dedicated medical professionals for caregivers and patients with Trigeminal Neuralgia or other types of face pain. 250 brief videos of doctors are available along with transcripts.

Interested in a Motor Cortex Stimulator or a Deep Brain Stimulator?

Contact Bennett Bloomfield. He will direct you to a Parkinson's sufferer who recently had a Deep Brain Stimulator installed at Stanford. He can describe the generally similar hospital installation procedure. He is doing fine.

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We welcome your comments and requests and encourage you to call or email us.

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There are many treatment options for Trigeminal Neuralgia and other 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.

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