



A New Era of Precision in Brain Cancer Surgery

When operating on a brain tumor, our goal is to safely remove as much as possible while protecting healthy brain tissue. Neurosurgeon and PNI Chief Medical Officer **Dr. Garni Barkhoudarian** discusses a new, FDA-approved technology called CONVIVO, which allows us to see brain tumor tissue *at the cellular level in real time* during surgery. This allows us to identify tumor cells in areas that otherwise might be missed. Saint John's Health Center and Pacific Neuroscience Institute are among the first of five places in the US that offer this technology, helping us treat brain cancer more effectively.

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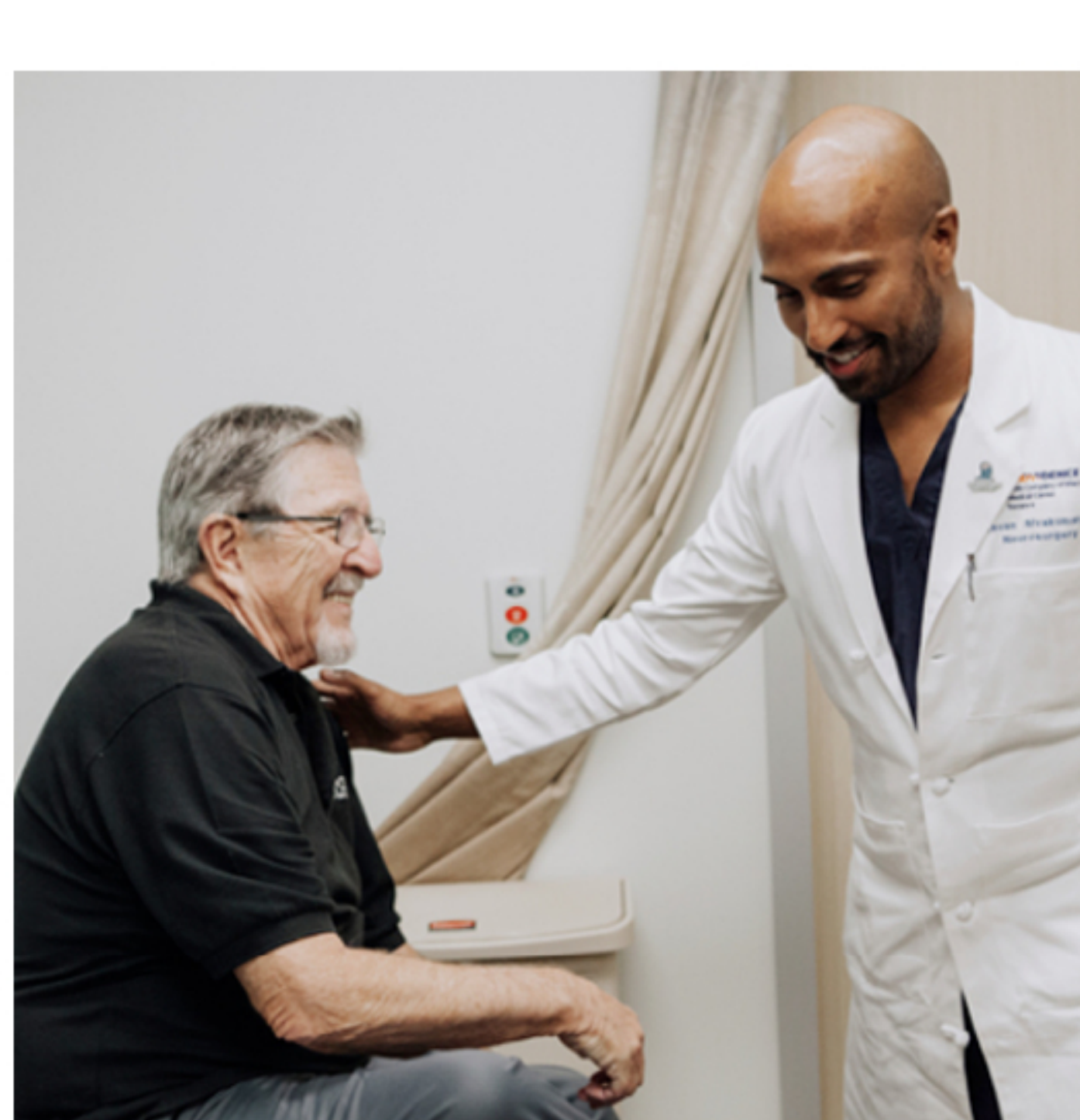
★ **Headline Stories | May 2026**



Brain Tumor Treatment at Pacific Neuroscience Institute | A PNI Minute

Dr. Daniel F. Kelly, neurosurgeon, director, and a PNI founder, talks about PNI's philosophy and advanced treatment options for benign and malignant brain tumors.

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Introduction to Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS)

Dr. Walavan Sivakumar explains how Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) is revolutionizing perioperative care by shifting toward a patient-centered, evidence-based approach.

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Acoustic Neuroma: Being an Empowered Patient

In this article, **Dr. Courtney Voelker** discusses the importance of being well-informed. She provides valuable tips on how to prepare for your physician consultation following an acoustic neuroma diagnosis.

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Exploring the Full Spectrum of Parkinson's Disease

Dr. Melita Petrossian delves into non-motor symptoms and explains the **different types of testing** around Parkinson's disease.

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🧠 **Boost Your Brain Power**



FREE Webinar: Food, Mood & Function: How Diet Impacts Brain Health

Friday, May 15, 12 - 1 PM PT

Join us for this **FREE presentation** about dietary impact on mental health and cognition, taught by Registered Dietitian, **Molly Rapozo, MS, RDN**.

Equip yourself with **knowledge and practical strategies** to enhance your emotional well-being and brain power through **mindful eating**. Learn **memory training strategies** and activities for a **whole brain workout**.

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★ **News & Events**



Stroke Fair at Saint John's Health Center

Wednesday, May 20 | 10 AM - 2 PM PT

May is Stroke Awareness Month. We welcome everyone to attend our annual Stroke Fair at Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica. Learn about all the warning signs for stroke and B.E. F.A.S.T., talk to experts and providers, and get important information on available treatments.



EMS Appreciation Day

Wednesday, May 27 | 10 AM - 2 PM PT

In honor of **Emergency Medical Services (EMS)** week, a week of appreciation for the service of paramedics, EMTs, and the EMS workforce in the community, Pacific Neuroscience Institute's Stroke and Neurovascular Center experts will host **events and trainings on advanced stroke knowledge and lifesaving care** at Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, and Providence Little Company of Mary in Torrance.



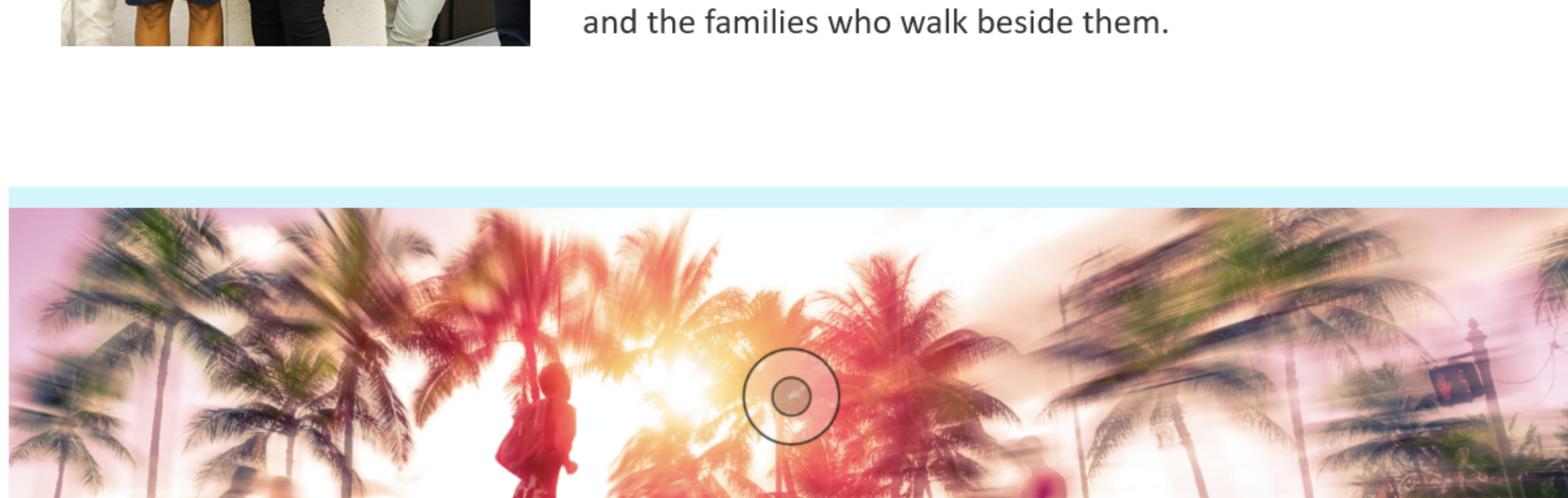
Join the Go Gray in May Event & Walk

Wednesday, May 27

Saint John's Health Center

Event: 12 PM PT | Walk: 1:30 PM PT

Join us this **#GrayMay!** Let's **walk together** around the lovely Santa Monica health center campus to support and celebrate the strength, hope, and resilience, of the brain tumor community. Every step **honors those living with brain tumors** and the families who walk beside them.



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