



Craniopharyngioma -

The Most Formidable of Intracranial Tumors

Craniopharyngiomas were once among the most difficult brain tumors to treat. Today, advances in surgery, radiation, and hormone replacement have changed the outlook considerably. At Pacific Neuroscience Institute, specialists work together to provide comprehensive care, with targeted treatments offering additional options for some patients.

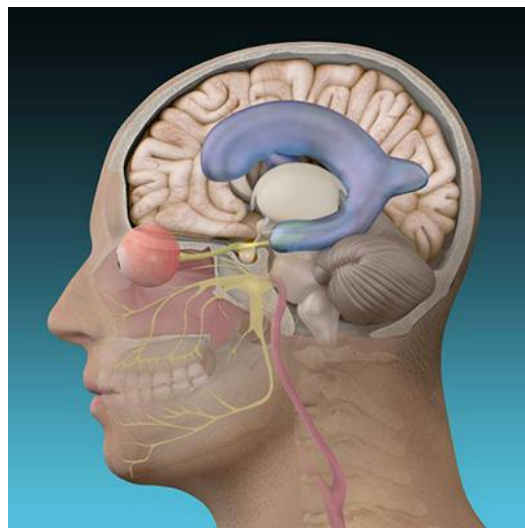
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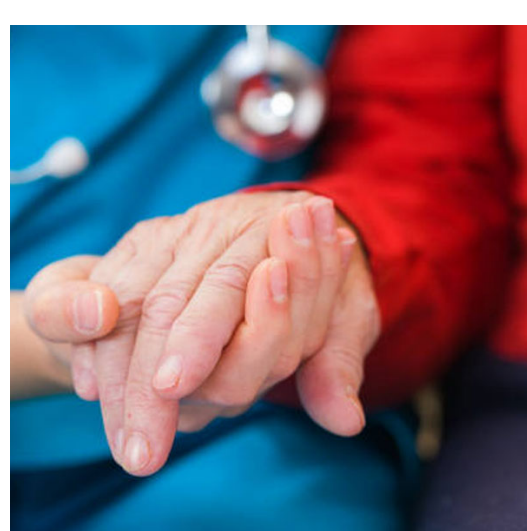
Celebrating 10 Years of the Movement Disorders Center

Ten years ago, a dedicated team at Pacific Neuroscience Institute started something new. They wanted better care for people living with **movement disorders**. Now thriving and serving patients across greater LA, here is their story.

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Dementia from Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus?

September is Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. Memory loss, trouble walking, and bladder changes **can look like dementia**, but if normal pressure hydrocephalus is the cause, treatment can turn those symptoms around.

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Dopamine Neuron Cell Replacement Therapy for Parkinson's Disease

Parkinson's wipes out the brain cells that make dopamine, the chemical behind movement, reward, and motivation. **Dr. Melita Petrossian** explains how clinical trials are testing **dopamine neuron cell replacement**.

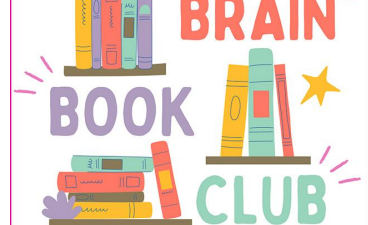
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Advances in Brain Surgery

Dr. Daniel Kelly discusses the advances in brain tumor and pituitary tumor surgery. He details how the rigorous tracking of patient outcomes have resulted in publications that push forward the field of minimally invasive surgery.

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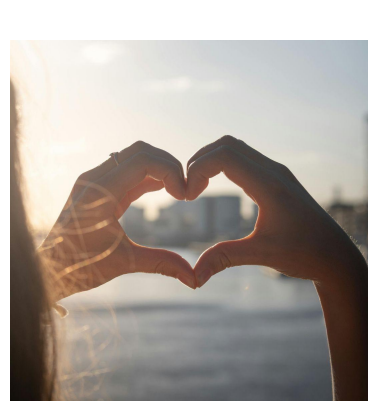
🧠 **Brain Boosters**



Brain Book Club: Special Live Event

Wednesday, Sept 9 | 11 am - 12 pm PT

Guest **Dr. Stephen Sideroff** discusses his new book "9 Pillars of Resilience". He is an internationally recognized expert in resilience, optimal performance, addiction, neurofeedback, and alternative stress management. Join this live conversation on his new book to learn practical, evidence-based tools for mastering stress, slowing aging, and building lasting vitality. **Community moderator: Dr. Rick Frieder**

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Dementia Caregiver Support Group

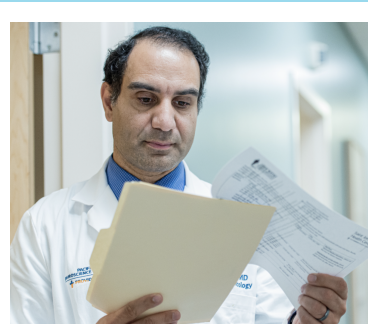
Wednesdays, 3 - 4 pm PT

Join our Zoom support group designed for family members and close friends taking care of a loved one living with any stage of dementia.

Rolling enrollment \$100/month (4 sessions). **Facilitators: Claudia Wong, FNP-BC & Sarah Krystkowiak**

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★ **News & Events**



Early Chordoma Trial Results

Dr. Naveed Wagle has been invited to give a Plenary Talk at the **International Chordoma Research Meeting** Sep 16-18, 2026. He will present early results of the investigator-initiated clinical trial on recurrent chordomas that is being conducted at **PNI and Providence Saint John's Health Center**. Chordomas can occur anywhere along the spine, with surgery and radiation therapy currently being the only approved treatments. There are no approved drugs. This study looks at combination treatment with pembrolizumab and high-dose pemetrexed to learn about the affect on tumor growth and regimen safety.

Thrive With Five: Parkinson's Community Los Angeles In-Person Panel Event

Sat, Sep 26 | 2 -5 pm PT | Above The Block

Join PCLA and PNI for a **FREE in-person event** exploring the five pillars of wellness to live your absolute best life with Parkinson's disease.

Featuring PNI's Dr. Melita Petrossian & Sheila Moore, MSG, LCSW

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Brain Tumor Walk & Run | BT5K 2026

Sat, Nov 7 | Crescent Bay Park, Santa Monica

Join PNI Team: PNI Gray Matters. The American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) BT5K event plays a significant role in raising funds and awareness for brain tumor research.

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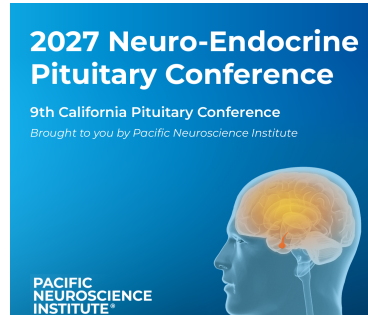
17th Annual Neuroscience Nursing Symposium

Sat, Nov 14 | Santa Monica, CA

Save the Date: Join us for an expert-led day of learning: Uniting Expertise, Elevating Care.

Registration coming soon.

Course Director: Amy Eisenberg, MSN, ARNP, CNRN



Attn MDs: Neuro-Endocrine Pituitary Conference

Sat, Jan 30, 2027 | Santa Monica, CA

Save Your Spot: The all-day course geared towards physicians and healthcare professionals focuses on in-depth information, providing an extensive immersion in advanced topics led by highly experienced and recognized experts in their fields.

Course Director: Noa Tal, MD

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