With one of the world’s largest experiences in endonasal endoscopic surgery for pituitary adenomas, craniopharyngiomas, chordomas and meningiomas, and an extensive track record in pituitary hormonal evaluation and replacement, our specialists at the Pituitary Disorders Center provide comprehensive care to patients suffering from all types of pituitary disorders. Our multidisciplinary approach provides tailored diagnostic and treatment plans for each patient.

ENDOSCOPIC ENDONASAL MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY

The endonasal approach uses the nostrils as natural surgical corridors to remove pituitary adenomas, and many midline skull base and brain tumors. The endonasal route is the preferred surgical approach for almost all pituitary adenomas and Rathke’s cleft cysts, as well as most craniopharyngiomas, clival chordomas and many midline meningiomas.

Utilizing high-definition endoscopy (surgical telescope), surgical navigation (“GPS for the brain”) and Doppler ultrasound for carotid artery localization, the endonasal approach has evolved into a safe and effective procedure in experienced hands. Over the last decade, our world-class team of pituitary and endoscopic skull base surgeons have helped advance the field through multiple publications, courses and symposia, emphasizing maximal safe tumor removal, quality of life and complication avoidance.

INTERNATIONAL PATIENTS

For patients living outside the United States, our physicians can provide a prompt review of imaging and other tests. We can suggest a recommendation about the optimal treatment options with no charge for such initial evaluations and preliminary reviews.

DISORDERS WE TREAT

PITUITARY ADENOMAS
- Acromegaly
- Cushing’s disease
- Endocrine-inactive adenoma
- Prolactinoma
- TSH-secreting adenoma
- Recurrent and residual adenoma
- Pituitary apoplexy

CRANIOPHARYNGIOMA

RATHKE’S CLEFT CYST

OTHER RELATED TUMORS & CYSTS
- Chordoma
- Meningioma
- Sellar arachnoid cyst
- Sinonasal carcinoma

PITUITARY FAILURE (HYPOPITUITARISM)

PITUITARY INFLAMMATION (HYPOPHYSITIS)

CEREBROSPINAL FLUID LEAKS
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PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Pacific Pituitary Disorders Center Patient Support Group is moderated by patient advocate, Sharmyn McGraw. The aim of the group is to provide education, support and empowerment for those dealing with neurological challenges due to pituitary disease. Through our speakers, volunteers and educational support, we strive to help patients and their families cope with and ultimately conquer their illnesses. Our support group is for patients, their family members, and friends.

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