



*A comprehensive  
update on  
neurological  
and neurosurgical  
topics for the  
primary  
care physician*

# BRAIN AND SPINE

2009



**Friday, May 15, 2009**

**Weill Cornell  
Medical College  
Uris Auditorium  
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### OVERVIEW

This conference will review the latest medical and surgical approaches to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of neurological illnesses in the adult and pediatric community.

### COURSE DIRECTORS

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### DATE AND TIME

Friday, May 15, 2009 7:00AM–6:00PM  
(7:00–7:20AM Registration/Breakfast)

### LOCATION

Weill Cornell Medical College  
Uris Auditorium  
1300 York Avenue  
New York, New York 10065

### COURSE FORMAT

Lectures, panels, questions and answers sessions.

### STATEMENT OF NEED

Over the past few years, significant advances have been made in the diagnosis and treatment of neurological conditions, both medically and surgically. This course is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of these advances for the primary care provider. By attending this course, participants will be better able to care for patients with neurological illness.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is designed for the non-neurologist. Internists, family practitioners, psychiatrists, as well as physician assistants, nurse practitioners, residents, fellows and other allied health professionals who specialize in the treatment and diagnosis of neurological illnesses in the adult and pediatric community.

## EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

It is intended that this Weill Cornell CME activity will lead to improved patient care. At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

1. Diagnose and treat common and important neurological conditions
2. Determine when neurological or neurosurgical referral is appropriate
3. Be well versed in recent developments in the fields of neurology and neurosurgery

## COURSE AGENDA

7:00am **BREAKFAST / REGISTRATION**

7:20am **WELCOME & OVERVIEW**  
Susan C. Pannullo, MD  
Joseph Safdieh, MD  
Theodore H. Schwartz, MD

### CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE

7:30am Stroke Prevention Update  
–Matthew E. Fink, MD

7:55am Diagnosis and Treatment of Carotid Disease  
–Philip E. Stieg, PhD, MD

8:20am Diagnosis and Treatment of Aneurysms  
–Howard A. Riina, MD

8:45am Intravascular Treatment of Stroke  
–Pierre Y. Gobin, MD

### DEMENTIA

9:15am Alzheimer Update  
–Norman R. Relkin, MD, PhD

9:45am NPH Diagnosis and Treatment  
–Michael G. Kaplitt, MD, PhD

10:15am **REFRESHMENT / BREAK**

### HEADACHE AND MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

10:45am Update in Migraine Therapy  
–Dara G. Jamieson, MD

11:15am Update in the Diagnosis of MS  
–Susan A. Gauthier, DO, MPH

### TREMOR AND PARKINSON DISEASE

11:50am Update in PD and ET  
–Melissa J. Nirenberg, MD, PhD

12:20pm Surgical Treatment for PD  
Michael G. Kaplitt, MD, PhD

12:50pm **LUNCH** – Q & A with the Experts

## **BRAIN TUMORS**

- 1:50pm Overview of Brain Tumor Diagnosis and Therapy  
–Susan C. Pannullo, MD
- 2:15pm Surgical Treatment of Brain Tumors  
–Theodore H. Schwartz, MD
- 2:40pm Developing Novel Brain Tumor Treatments  
–John A. Boockvar, MD

## **EPILEPSY AND SEIZURES**

- 3:10pm Diagnosing Seizures versus Other Spells  
–Padmaja Kandula, MD
- 3:35pm Surgical Treatments for Epilepsy: an update  
–Theodore H. Schwartz, MD

4:00pm **REFRESHMENT / BREAK**

## **BACK PAIN**

- 4:30pm Approach to Diagnosis and Conservative Rx  
–Joseph Safdieh, MD
- 5:00pm Role of the Spinal Neurosurgeon in Back Pain  
–Roger Härtl, MD

## **STATE OF THE ART NEUROSURGERY**

- 5:30pm Novel Minimally Invasive Treatment Techniques  
in Neurosurgery: Less is More  
–Mark M. Souweidane, MD

6:00pm **WRAP-UP/EVALUATION SUBMISSION**

6:10pm **ADJOURN**

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