

Welcome to Neurology at Parnassus



The Department of Neurology brings together award winning faculty, highly rated and skilled staff, and a small armada of administrative personnel in providing the best and comprehensive Neurologic specialty care in the state and rated top 5 nationwide. We have multi-site specialty clinics that include: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Epilepsy, General Neurology, Headache Center, Memory & Aging, Movement Disorders and Neuromodulation, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Movement Disorders, and Stroke. We are an NAEC-Designated Epilepsy Center & NIA-Designated Alzheimer's center. The department is one of the largest in the country and schedules over 39,000 patients per year and treats over 150 per day.

The Leadership Team

Mark Datuin RN, MSN --Administrative Director/ Nurse Manager Neurology

Dr. Andy Josephson--Neurology Chair

Dr. John Engstrom --Vice Chair, Clinical Chief of Service

Dr. Catherine Lomen-Hoerth--ALS Division Chief

Dr. Paul Garcia--Epilepsy Division Chief

Dr. Michael Aminoff--Parkinson's Movement Disorders

Dr. Bruce Wade--Stroke Division Chief

Emelda Dizon-- Practice Supervisor

Angie Lam-- Practice Supervisor

Neurology Nurses at Parnassus

We as nurses serve as a clinical resource and are involved throughout the entire patient care coordination process to bridge the gap between the administrative and clinical needs of the patient.

Examples include:

- Triage all patients by a nurse to ensure that the patient is directed to appropriate attention and treatment in a timely and efficient manner, using experience, knowledge and compassion.
- Complex administrative duties requiring clinical expertise between MD and RN
- Collaborate with other nurses within department subspecialty to ensure continuity and smooth transitional care.
- Provide continuous education, reinforcement and encouragement to all our patients.
- Additional roles and responsibilities vary from assisting with physicians in clinic, rounding in the inpatient wards, to working at offsite outreach centers throughout the bay area.

The Process

The traditional structure of the ambulatory clinic is actively being redesigned to incorporate quantitative nursing methodologies into the ambulatory setting. Daily huddles, patient satisfaction, and through-put from the perspective of patient experience rather than just referral to appointment are examples of nursing culture and influence.

Neurology Parnassus RNs	Projects and Activities
Mark Datuin RN, MSN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ambulatory Neurology Nurse Manager ○ Ambulatory Neurology Administrator ○ Lean Management Specialist ○ Strategic Growth & Development ○ Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society
Maritza Lopez RN, MSN, CNRN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Epilepsy Nurse Coordinator/CN 4 ○ Certified in Neuroscience Nursing ○ Created and update patient education material in English and Spanish ○ Member of the Epilepsy Surgery Program Committee ○ Member of UCSF wide Professional Development Committee ○ Volunteer annually at epilepsy camp through EFNC. ○ Volunteer annually at epilepsy camp in Spain ○ Volunteer UCSF Medical Race Team ○ Facilitate Young Adults with Epilepsy Support Group ○ Recipient of Helen B. Ripple for excellence in Neuroscience Nursing-2011 ○ Recipient of Chancellor Award for Public Service Award-2016 ○ Published Epilepsy Chapter "Clinical Guidelines For Advanced Practice Nursing: An Interdisciplinary Approach"
Denise Feng RN, BSN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RN for General Neurology, Neuromuscular, Spine Neurology ○ Protocol/Triage Nurse all patient referrals (~200-300 q week) ○ Departmental EPIC/APEX systems committee ○ Departmental workflow re-organization committee
Holly Byrnes, RN, BSN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registered Nurse Neurology Epilepsy Center ○ Triage patients ○ Coordinate care for patients & families ○ Working on creating Epilepsy smart phrase database ○ Extension of MD's in providing quality care through clinical judgment and inquiry ○ Recognized by Patient Safety Committee – Great Catch Award
Ann Iuratu RN, BSN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RN for Neuromuscular & ALS multidisciplinary clinic ○ Multidisciplinary Northern California satellite clinics ○ Clinical trials patient coordinator ○ Public Health license ○ Ambulatory Care Nursing certification (in progress) ○ Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society