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List of Presenters*

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John Alksne, MD is a neurosurgeon at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center and member of TNA's Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Alksne's clinical practice focuses on the care of patients suffering from trigeminal neuralgia, glossopharyngeal neuralgia, and acoustic neuroma. Dr. Alksne has pioneered new surgical techniques and technologies to advance the treatment of diseases and disorders of the central nervous system.



Ramesh P. Babu, MD is a neurosurgeon and Associate Professor at New York University Medical Center. He is also the director of the Center for Facial Pain at NYU Medical Center, treating conditions such as trigeminal neuralgia and hemifacial spasm. He is currently pioneering the treatment of atypical trigeminal neuralgia with surgery.



Nicolas M. Barbaro, MD is a neurosurgeon and Professor in Residence of Neurological Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco and a member of TNA's Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Barbaro has extensive expertise in the treatment of disorders that are manageable by stereotactic and functional neurosurgical techniques, with a special interest in surgical management of trigeminal neuralgia.



Jeffrey A. Brown, MD is a neurosurgeon and co-chairman of TNA's Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Brown has published more than 35 articles in peer-reviewed neurosurgery journals on the treatment of chronic pain, especially facial pain, as well as in the areas of spinal, vascular, tumor and trauma neurosurgery. He has been selected as one of America's Top Doctors in the 2003 and 2004 editions of the Castle-Connolly Directory.



Kim J. Burchiel, MD, FACS, is the John Raaf Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery at Oregon Health and Science University and a member of TNA's Medical Advisory Board. His interests include functional and stereotactic neurosurgery, pain surgery, and epilepsy surgery. Dr. Burchiel's research interests are concerned with the physiology of nociception and neuropathic pains, including trigeminal neuralgia.



Kenneth F. Casey, MD, is chief of neurosurgery at Oakwood Southshore Hospital in Michigan, Associate Professor at Michigan State University and co-chairman of TNA's Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Casey is co-author of *Striking Back! The Trigeminal Neuralgia and Face Pain Handbook*. He is currently developing new techniques involving transcranial magnetic stimulators, infrared light, and topical therapies.



Tapan K. Chaudhuri, MD, represents a new breed of MDs, who have integrated the scientific knowledge of modern medicine with the ancient wisdom of acupuncture. Dr. Chaudhuri has had success treating TN patients with acupuncture.



Fred Cutrer, MD is a neurologist and Assistant Professor at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.



Henry A. Gremillion, DDS is Dean of the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry and is an internationally known lecturer and serves as consultant to numerous organizations such as the U.S. Armed Forces. Previously he was the Parker E. Mahan Endowed Professor in Orofacial Pain at the University of Florida.



Peter J. Jannetta, MD is one of the world's preeminent neurosurgical pioneers, chairman emeritus of the TNA Medical Advisory Board and Vice Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at Allegheny General Hospital. Dr. Jannetta's groundbreaking research into the pathology and treatment of cranial nerve compression syndromes is widely regarded as one of the most important modern day breakthroughs in the field of neurological disease. The author of more than 400 scientific articles, Dr. Jannetta has earned several of his field's most prestigious awards.



Kerry Johnson, DC is a highly skilled practitioner of a chiropractic procedure called NUCCA. He has had great success working with trigeminal neuralgia patients in the Minneapolis area. Dr. Johnson is an author, an inventor, a national speaker on chiropractic principles and was voted America's top chiropractor in 2004.



B. Mark Keegan, MD is a neurologist and Assistant Professor at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Dr. Keegan has published an extensive amount of research on demyelinating diseases, including multiple sclerosis.



Kendall H. Lee, MD, PhD is an Assistant Professor of neurologic surgery and physiology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Dr. Lee's research interests are to develop deep brain stimulation for the treatment of Parkinson's disease, tremor, depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, and epilepsy. He is fascinated with the possibility of combining sophisticated electrophysiological recordings with miniaturized analytical elements (microprocessors) to augment or repair disrupted function of the brain.



Mark E. Linskey, MD is Associate Professor of neurological surgery at the University of California, Irvine and co-deputy chairman of TNA's Medical Advisory Board. His clinical interests include skull base microsurgery, adult and pediatric malignant and benign brain tumors, Gamma Knife stereotactic radiosurgery, and microvascular decompression for cranial nerve disorders such as trigeminal neuralgia.



Bruce E. Pollock, MD is a Professor of Neurosurgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and a member of the TNA Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Pollock's clinical interests are trigeminal neuralgia, arteriovenous malformation, brain metastases, gliomas, stereotactic radiosurgery, and brain tumors. He has conducted extensive research in the prospective comparison of trigeminal neuralgia surgery, glycerol rhizotomy, and stereotactic radiosurgery.



Kevin Reid, DMD is Assistant Professor of Dentistry at Mayo Foundation. Dr. Reid's clinical interests include chronic orofacial pain, research in trigeminal neuropathic pain and research in psychophysical studies of responses to experimentally induced pain stimuli



Raymond F. Sekula, Jr., MD is Associate Professor, Surgery, Drexel University College of Medicine.



David A Sirois, DMD, PhD is Associate Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Radiology and Medicine at New York University and a member of the TNA Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Sirois's current major research efforts are focused on developing clinical research programs which explore the neurophysiology and psychophysical aspects of chronic human pain and intervention strategies to prevent or relieve that pain.



Konstantin Slavin, MD is an Associate Professor and the Chief of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery at the University of Illinois. Dr. Slavin has conducted research in facial pain, the surgical management of pain and deep brain stimulation. His clinical interest is in trigeminal neuralgia and facial pain.



Joanna M. Zakrzewska, MD is Professor and consultant at the Eastman Dental Hospital, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, London UK where she heads up the largest UK multidisciplinary orofacial pain clinic. As the chair of the Medical Advisory for the UK Trigeminal Neuralgia Association and also a member of TNA's Medical Advisory Board she has been active in promoting patient involvement in research studies and acting as their advocate. "Dr. Zak" has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles, four books on facial pain and 12 chapters. She is the author of *Insights – facts and stories behind trigeminal neuralgia* which relied heavily on contributions from members of TNA associations in the US, UK and Australia and has received excellent reviews by both sufferers and healthcare professionals.



Richard S. Zimmerman, MD is Associate Professor of Neurosurgery at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, AZ and a member of the TNA Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Zimmerman's clinical interests include epilepsy surgery, he is a member of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, microneurosurgery for trigeminal neuralgia and hemifacial spasm, brain tumor and skull-base surgery, facial pain and trigeminal neuralgia.