

Message from the Chief

Welcome to the Surgical Neurology Branch (SNB) of the Intramural Program of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke! We are a group of neurosurgeons and neurologists, clinical care providers, investigators, research staff, and trainees focused on providing world-class neurosurgical and neurological care to patients and advancing fundamental knowledge about the human brain in both health and disease.

There are three fundamental pillars that constate our mission in SNB:

- Providing world-class standard neurosurgical treatment and innovative first-in-person clinical trials to patients at the NIH Clinical Center
- Conducting basic, translational, and clinical research that advances fundamental knowledge about the human brain in health and disease
- Training and mentoring the next generation of physician scientists and neuroscientists who will become tomorrow's leaders in basic, translational, and clinical neuroscience research



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Through this mission, we strive to be one of the nation and world's premier institutions for academic neurosurgery and human neuroscience research. We provide outstanding neurosurgical and neurological care for patients with all types of brain tumors, epilepsy, movement disorders, and disorders of CSF dynamics. Our clinical efforts capitalize upon and complement the strengths of our scientific and research efforts that are focused on human basic, translational, and clinical neuroscience. We welcome the best and brightest trainees at all levels who will become the leaders of tomorrow. Whether you are a patient seeking outstanding clinical care, a research colleague interested in our work, or an individual searching for training opportunities in human neuroscience, we thank you for your visit and we invite you to reach out.

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