



NW PADRECC *Insider*

NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND CLINICAL CENTER

Save the Date for PADRECC CME: Neurology Updates for General Practice

Save the date for our annual CME offering for healthcare providers! This all-day event is scheduled for **April 10th, 2015** from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Topics have varied from year to year, and have covered many neurological specialties. Case presentations will be made in conjunction with each subject, with audience interaction encouraged.

Tentative topics include:

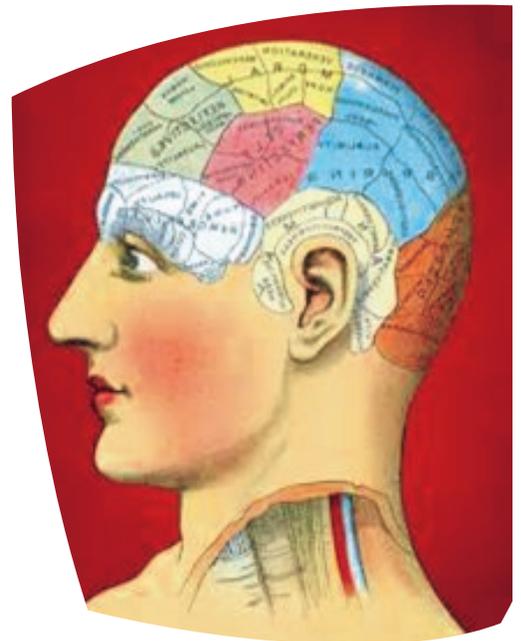
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Gait Disorder
- Mass Lesions
- Sleep Issues

This CME event, co-sponsored by the Northwest PADRECC and VA Employee Education System (EES), will be held at the Portland VA Medical Center. However, it will also be made available via V-tel.

We will have more information about topics, presenters, the number of CME hours (usually 6), and TMS registration as we get closer to the date of the event.

If you would like to see videos of past CME symposia, please visit our website (below).

For questions about the CME, please email us at NWpadrecc@va.gov or call (503) 721-1091.



Patient Education Series

Each VA fiscal year, the Northwest PADRECC sponsors a series of patient education events. These are held live at the Portland VA, and made available to other VA's via Video-teleconference.

The dates for this year (times are all Pacific Standard Time):

10/24/14 lecture - 10-11:30 am

12/12/14 lecture - 10-11:30 am

2/27/15 lecture - 10-11:30 am

5/1/15 lecture - 10-11:30 am

6/26/2015 Wellness Fair - 9 am to 1 pm

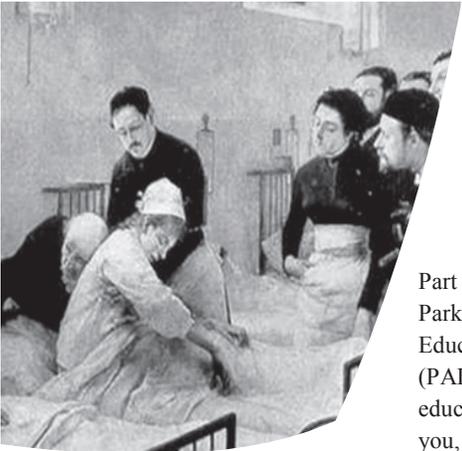
Visit Our Website

The Northwest PADRECC website contains information for Clinicians and Veterans, including available services, educational resources, and contact information. Some things you will find at the site:



- ⇒ PADRECC Consortium locations and contact information
- ⇒ Patient resources and links
- ⇒ Videos and handouts for CME symposia
- ⇒ "My Parkinson's Story" videos
- ⇒ Information about research activities
- ⇒ Application information for VA Special Fellowship

www.parkinsons.va.gov/Northwest



Training Opportunities with the NW PADRECC

Take advantage of our mini-residency

Part of our mission at the Parkinson's Disease Research, Education & Clinical Center (PADRECC) is to provide educational opportunities for you, our allied clinicians, who provide care for patients with Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders.

In addition to our annual CME symposium, we also offer the option for you to come to Portland for a one-week "mini-residency." During your time here, you will attend Movement Disorder Clinic, receive personalized training based on your needs and interests, and attend professional activities such as Neurology Grand Rounds, as they are available at the time of your visit.



During your mini-residency you will improve your ability to diagnose and manage complicated movement disorder patients. You can gain clinical experience improving skills such as DBS programming and botulinum toxin injection, learn "tips and tricks" from the specialists, and receive assistance managing difficult cases through case consultation.

You will spend time at the Portland VA and at OHSU (Oregon Health & Science University). Although the residency is primarily focused on movement disorders, you may also have exposure to other useful topics, such as dementia.

For information about setting up a mini-residency, contact us!

WHAT'S UP?
We'd like to hear from you



Do you have a research initiative, educational program, or new clinical process you'd like to brag about? Feedback about Consortium activities, patient care, or professional meetings?

Send us a paragraph or two for the PADRECC Insider.

Submissions can be made by emailing us at NWpadrecc@va.gov

PADRECC Outreach: What Can we Do for You?

If you're interested in having members of the Northwest PADRECC team visit your site, please let us know.

We can provide on-site individual or group education for clinicians and/or patients, depending on your need. Feel free to contact us to discuss ideas regarding outreach, or other ways we can help support your clinical practice.

PADRECC in Progress - Staff News

Congratulations to long-time PADRECC Neurologist **James Leverenz MD**. He left the Puget Sound VA in January of 2014, and is currently Director of the Cleveland Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health in Cleveland, Ohio. **Shu-Ching (Gene) Hu MD**, who has taken over Dr. Leverenz's position, is a Parkinson's and movement disorder specialist with research interests in genetic and epidemiologic studies of Parkinson's disease, electrophysiology of movement disorders, and biomarkers for gait disorder.

We sadly say goodbye to Social Worker **Jennifer Lawrence MA, MSW** who is now with the Bend CBOC, and welcome **Kristi Ketchum MSW, LCSW** to the Portland PADRECC clinical team. Ms. Ketchum has taken over the "Savvy Caregiver" program from Ms. Lawrence, a program geared toward caregivers of persons with dementia, and we are excited to work with her.

Welcome to our new Northwest PADRECC Fellows! **Nicole Licking DO**, **Keiran Tuck MD**, and **Victoria Holiday MD** started with the Portland PADRECC as VA Special Movement Disorder Fellows in July. They join current Fellows Marian Livingston MD in Portland and Marie Davis MD and Katelan Longfellow MD in Seattle. Dr. Licking joins us from Touro University, College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Vallejo, California. Dr. Tuck recently completed his neurology residency at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon, and Dr. Holiday comes to us from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, where she completed her neurology residency.



If you'd like to contribute to The Northwest PADRECC Insider or speak to PADRECC Staff, contact us at NWpadrecc@va.gov or call 503-721-1091