The region’s most advanced care for facial pain syndromes.

Facial pain is very common, experienced by nearly one quarter of adult Americans. There are many types/causes of facial pain, such as shingles (post-herpetic neuralgia), trigeminal neuropathy (after injury to the face, jaw or teeth), TMJ pain, cluster headaches, and trigeminal neuralgia.

At the Facial Pain/Trigeminal Neuralgia program, our team of neurologists and neurosurgeons with expertise in pain have the ability to help you with all types of facial pain.

For patients requiring medical management, we provide ongoing collaborative management and treatment plans. New referrals are expedited upon physician request.

Our facility is a conveniently located near major thoroughfares with free parking and access to public transportation.

We accept most insurances including workers’ compensation and government health plans.

Se habla español.

Contact Us
To refer a patient to the Program, simply call us at this number: (585) 276-3616

We are centrally located at 2180 South Clinton Avenue in Rochester, NY, and provide plenty of free parking for your patients.

We look forward to working with you and to providing your patients with the most advanced and effective treatments for their pain.

Conditions we treat
- Trigeminal neuralgia
- Hemifacial spasm
- Chronic post-surgical neuropathic pain
- Trigeminal post-herpetic neuralgia

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The Facial Pain/Trigeminal Neuralgia Program offers the full spectrum of pain treatment from medical management to complex procedural interventions. Treatment is individualized to each patient. We offer the latest pharmacological treatments (including emerging trials), and provide a full range of interventions, including microvascular decompression, percutaneous trigeminal rhizotomy, stereotactic radiosurgery, and localized nerve/muscle injections.

How We Work with you and your patients

We work closely with patients and their providers to deliver the most caring and collaborative experience possible. After a patient’s initial visit, he or she will be given a complete diagnostic and therapeutic plan. We will coordinate the plan with the referring provider, to enhance continuity of care.

Many patients live a distance from our facility. When appropriate, patients can be scheduled to see multiple providers in one day, all in the same location. We establish partnerships with referring providers and specialists near where our patients live to strengthen channels of communication while providing the very best care for patients.

Discovering better treatments.

The Facial Pain/Trigeminal Neuralgia Program is actively involved in research and clinical trials to improve treatments for people with neuropathic pain. Our research helps to ensure that your patients will have the most up-to-date therapies available to them.

More experience, better outcomes.

Richard Rzepka of Walworth, NY will never forget the many months in 2009 when he experienced the debilitating effects of Trigeminal Neuralgia: “I remember the first day it hit me. Without warning, I experienced the most horrific pain imaginable,” Richard recalls. “I visited the ER a few times, only to be given pain killers which didn’t even touch the level of pain I was experiencing. This piercing pain followed no rhyme or reason as to when it would hit or how often. I am in a sales position and was stifled in my ability to be in front of clients and perform my job effectively. Even day-to-day activities like shopping were impossible. I was a recluse.”

Richard was treated by Dr. John Markman and Dr. Babak Jahromi who recommended microvascular decompression surgery. Three months from the onset of his condition and immediately following surgery, Richard got his life back. “I have been absolutely pain free since the day of the surgery three years ago,” says Richard. “Within 24 hours, I was out of the hospital and on my way to resuming a normal life with my family and enjoying the outdoor activities I was previously unable to do. I am also back to a successful career. I couldn’t have gone on living had it not been for the expertise of this team. It is indeed a miracle.”

Our Team

The success of the region’s largest neuromedicine program for the treatment of trigeminal neuralgia and facial pain, co-directed by this neurosurgeon/neurologist team of Rochester Neurosurgery Partners, has been the direct result of their combined expertise incorporating both medical and surgical specialties.

John Markman, M.D., Director of the Neuromedicine Pain Management Program, is a clinician trained in both Neurology and Anesthesiology. The focus of his practice and clinical research are facial pain, chronic pain after surgery, and the development of new treatments for neuropathic pain. He is a nationally recognized leader in the field of pain management and is currently the Chair of the Pain Section of the American Academy of Neurology, a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Pain, and an advisor to the US Food and Drug Administration on the study of pain treatments.

Babak S. Jahromi, M.D., Ph.D., FRCS serves as URMC Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery and Imaging Sciences, Director of Surgical/Endovascular Stroke, and Co-Director of the Neurointensive Care Unit for the URMC Cerebrovascular, Stroke and Endovascular Program. His sub-specialty interests include stroke and carotid stenosis, along with microsurgery and minimally invasive treatment for neurovascular disorders such as aneurysms, AVM’s, and trigeminal neuralgia.

Our Advanced Practice Providers

Shirley A. Rast, MSN, FNP-BC, Pain-C Certified Family Nurse Practitioner

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