

Bradley Noblett, MD Neurosurgeon

Are there capabilities within your practice not widely known to the Medical Staff?

Yes, we are so much more than the surgeons you call at 2 AM with an intracranial emergency. We are all well trained in the surgical management of complex spinal disorders. This might include spinal fusions, artificial discs, laminectomies, discectomies and tumor resections.

What are the strengths of your group?

We are board-certified adult and pediatric neurosurgeons with wide-ranging interests and abilities. We are able to manage complex disorders of the brain, spine, spinal cord and peripheral nerves.

What minimally invasive procedures do you perform?

We are able to perform minimally invasive procedures in and around the spine with a variety of available systems. Additionally, we can perform minimal access procedures in the brain with devices such as the ventriculoscope (akin to laparoscopy in the abdomen), and by using image guidance systems (IGS) which

allow us to minimize the size of our incisions and skull openings (craniotomy).

We are also trained in stereotactic radiosurgery, a technique whereby in a single sitting, a high dose of radiation can be targeted to deep tumors and vascular malformations of the brain previously considered inoperable. These techniques allow for smaller incisions, less pain and lower complication rates than traditional surgeries in many instances. These are procedures and techniques that neurosurgeons such as my father (now retired) would not have been able to fathom a few decades ago.

So your father was your inspiration for becoming a neurosurgeon?

Definitely. He was and is a very compassionate as well as humble man (which is unusual for a neurosurgeon) and was my most important influence in becoming a neurosurgeon.

Having just moved, how do you like your office in the new Medical Tower?

It's beautiful and nicely located...very convenient for our patients.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Kiteboarding at Belmont Shores (in reality I

am simply trying not to drown), snowboarding with my son and lots of reading.

Brad Noblett is board certified in Neurological Surgery. After earning his medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, TN, he completed a general surgery internship, a neurological residency and a fellowship in brain tumor research at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center in Salt Lake City, UT. He and his wife have daughters ages 17 and 15 and a son, age 12.



Hospitalists' Help

Our new Hospitalist Clerk, **Angela Lopez**, started in her new role on March 8, 2009. Angela has been with St. Joseph Hospital since 1997 as a unit secretary in the Medical Pulmonary Unit. She will be helping the hospitalists with various duties. To get in touch with her, page 1761 or call ext.15656.

April 26 Donate Life Run/Walk
The Kidney Transplant Center invites you, your family and friends to sign up for this event at Cal State Fullerton. Call ext. 18033.



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