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Further Information: If you have questions or want to know more about our NJ support groups, please feel free to e-mail us. Contact sshrodo@optonline.net for CNJBTSO or Mngioma634@aol.com for MOCBTSG. You may also call Stan or Virginia at 908-685-0917. Information about our groups can be found online at: www.njbt.org.



Central New Jersey Regional Brain Tumor Conference

DIAGNOSIS BRAIN TUMOR: You Are NOT Alone III

**Saturday, May 9, 2009
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**JFK Conference Center
70 James Street, Edison, NJ**

**Pre-Conference Support Group Meeting
Friday, May 8, 2009 | 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

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JFK Medical Center
Edison, New Jersey



8:30 – 9:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:00 - 9:10 **Welcoming Remarks**

Joseph Landolfi, D.O., Director of Neuro-oncology, NJ Neuroscience Institute Brain Tumor Center at JFK Medical Center, Edison, NJ

9:10 - 10:00 **Keynote Address**

Developing New Therapies for Brain Tumors

Henry Brem, M.D., Neurosurgeon-in-Chief, The Johns Hopkins Hospital; Harvey Cushing Profession of Neurosurgery, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

10:00 – 10:15 **Morning Break**

10:15 - 11:00 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

A. Meningiomas, Acoustic Neuromas & Pituitary Tumors: Treatment Options

Thomas Steineke, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Pediatric Neurosurgery, Director Skull-Base and Vascular Neurosurgery, NJ Neuroscience Institute Brain Tumor Center at JFK Medical Center, Edison, NJ

B. Coping With Fatigue

Nancy Conn-Levin, M.A., Health Educator and Brain Tumor Survivor, Co-facilitator Monmouth and Ocean County Brain Tumor Support Group, Inc.

C. Minimally Invasive Surgery

Greg Przybylski, M.D., Director Neurosurgery NJ Neuroscience Institute, JFK Medical Center, Edison, NJ

11:10-11:55 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

A. Newly Diagnosed: Now What?

Diane Bier, Caregiver, TMF Charity Marathon Runner and CNJBTSO member

B. Seizures: Coping with Medications & Other Concerns

Diane Poracky, RN, BSN, CNRN, CCRN, Epilepsy Nurse Clinician, NJ Neuroscience Institute at JFK

C. Neuro-Imaging: Understanding What Scans Can Show

Noam Eshkar, M.D., NJ Neuroscience Institute, JFK Medical Center, Edison, NJ

11:55 - 1:15 **LUNCH**

1:20 - 2:05

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. Activism and Raising Brain Tumor Awareness

Debbie Persaud, Ph.D. Candidate, Brain Tumor Awareness Activist, TMF Charity Marathon Runner, former caregiver and CNJBTSO member

B. Riding the Brain Tumor Rollercoaster

Patty Anthony, RN, BSN, CNRN, NJ Neuroscience Institute Brain Tumor Center, JFK Medical Center, Edison, NJ and Founder of Central NJ Brain Tumor Support Group.
Allison Hofmann, VP Marketing & Sales, QualCare, Inc, Brain Tumor Survivor and CNJBTSO member

C. T.B.I. Fund and Financial Assistance

Joseph Amoroso, M.A., NJ Department of Human Services, Trenton, NJ

2:15 - 3:00

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. Quality of Life for Brain Tumor Survivors

Jennifer Brusstar, President and CEO, Tug McGraw Foundation

B. Meditation: A Gift For Yourself

Mona Barone, Massage for Health, Caregiver and CNJBTSO member

C. Home Care: Nursing, Rehabilitation & Hospice

Karen Rue, RN, Home Care Coordinator, Muhlenberg Home Care
Kim Eustace, B.S., PT/OT, Rehab Supervisor, Muhlenberg Home Care
Erika Kolb, MSW, Counselor, JFK Haven/Hospice

3:00 – 3:10

Afternoon Break

3:10 - 3:55

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. Surviving a “Terminal” Brain Tumor

Ben Williams, Ph.D., GBM Survivor

B. What Brain Tumor Caregivers Need To Know

Judy Zocchi, Brain Tumor Advocate and former caregiver
David S. Zocchi Brain Tumor Center, Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, NJ

C. Neuropsychological Testing & Cognitive Rehabilitation

Colette Smart Ph.D. Neuropsychologist, The Center for Head Injury, JFK Johnson Rehabilitation at JFK

4:05 - 4:15

Closing Remarks

4:15 - 5:00

Reception, Informal Q & A with speakers