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**Neuro Interventional Radiology**

Neuro interventional radiology (neuro IR) is a relatively new field that uses minimally invasive imaging techniques rather than surgery to treat potentially dangerous conditions of the neck and head.

Imaging-guided blood clot removal is one dramatic example of a neuro interventional radiology application.

Scientists and physicians at UCSF have pioneered many of the neuro IR innovations of recent decades. These techniques are saving lives that just a few years ago would have been lost.
UCSF experts specialize in adult and pediatric neuro IR techniques. Some of the conditions neuro IR can treat include tumors, cardiovascular disease, stroke, brain aneurysms and other abnormal blood vessels, as well as certain causes of seizures.

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Meet UCSF's Neuro Interventional Radiology Providers

As neuro IR division chief, Randall Higashida, MD, has worked tirelessly to improve the treatment and survival statistics of stroke victims. The division also is world-renowned in its treatment of vascular birthmarks, the embolization of some brain tumors, and Cushing syndrome.

Randall Higashida, MD

As co-director of the UCSF Pulsatile Tinnitus Clinic, Matt Amans, MD, has focused on diagnosing and treating the condition, a persistent, rhythmic ear noise caused by disturbances in blood flow. Pulsatile tinnitus is beyond mere annoyance; it can indicate serious vascular problems or impending stroke.

Matthew Amans, MD

Approximately 6,000 US veterans are admitted to Veterans Administration healthcare facilities every year for stroke. Daniel Cooke, MD, and his colleagues at the San Francisco VAMC, treat Bay Area veterans for stroke with a remarkable success rate in applicable cases.

Daniel Cooke, MD

Christopher Dowd, MD, trained as an emergency medical technician as a young man in Virginia. Perhaps the experience of providing medical care under pressure led to his interest in techniques that stop stroke. Dr. Dowd and his colleagues pioneered image-guided retrieval of blood clots in the early 2000's.

Christopher Dowd, MD

The San Francisco Stroke Initiative could help make
the Bay Area safer for stroke victims, according to Steven Hetts, MD. Dr. Hetts leads a group proposing to link UCSF with other local hospitals and equip them and the ambulances that serve them with lifesaving stroke treatment.

Van Halbach, MD, has focused his career on researching and treating dural fistulae, cerebrovascular malformations, and the endovascular treatment of hemorrhagic and ischemic stroke, including rare stroke-causing conditions in children.

Communicating with You

We consider communicating with our referring physicians vital to our mutual success, and to the best patient care. To that end, we regularly ask people like you to complete very brief surveys (sometimes just one question) about how to best stay in touch with you. You can see our current survey question [here](#). The results are posted to our LinkedIn group, which you're welcome to join.

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