Tyler’s Hope for a Dystonia Cure

Tyler’s Hope is a not-for-profit, Gainesville-born organization dedicated to finding a dystonia cure. The Center brings together the world’s best doctors and researchers to provide a model for the best possible interdisciplinary care of dystonia patients. Treatments include strategies to address dystonia of the hands, arms, legs, neck, trunk, eyelids, face or jaw. All the latest treatment options are available in one place including, DBS and other neurosurgical procedures, and botulinum toxin treatments using EMG-guidance. In addition, patients receive comprehensive evaluation and treatment for speech and language disorders, occupational therapy, and treatment for the anxiety, depression and mood disorders which are often associated with dystonia. UF researchers interface directly with the clinicians in the search for better remedies and cures.

National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence

The Center for Movement Disorders and Neurorestoration is home to a National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence, which offers a range of signature interdisciplinary programs to improve the lives of patients with Parkinson’s disease. The Deep Brain Stimulation Fast Track program is designed to evaluate patients and put them on the road to treatment with minimal delay. In addition, the Center provides physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech, swallow and social services programs; a Parkinson Depression and Apathy Clinic; educational and clinical programs as part of a Parkinson’s day center; and an annual Parkinson Symposium.

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The University of Florida Center for Movement Disorders and Neurorestoration offers the highest level of integrated, interdisciplinary care for patients with movement and neuropsychiatric disorders. Consolidated in one centralized location, the Center staff coordinates a myriad of advanced medical and surgical services to deliver motor, cognitive and behavioral diagnoses and treatments. These services are provided by University of Florida faculty and researchers from 14 different specialty and subspecialty areas, recognized for their groundbreaking work in movement disorders.

During the last decade, the expertise of these specialists has made the Center an international destination for patient care, research and teaching in the field of movement disorders and neurorestoration. The prominence of the Center is reflected by the multiple Centers of Excellence represented here. These include a National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence, Tyler’s Hope for a Dystonia Cure Center for Comprehensive Dystonia Care and an NIH-designated headquarters of the nationwide Clinical Research Consortium for Spinocerebellar Ataxias.

“The University of Florida Center for Movement Disorders and Neurorestoration provides state-of-the-art care to individuals with movement disorders, such as Parkinson’s disease, dystonia, ataxias, Tourette syndrome, and other neuropsychiatric disorders. The expertise this Center offers is outstanding from every aspect and introduces you to promising technologies of the future.” - Tetsuo Ashizawa, MD

FEATURES OF THE CENTER
- 21 exam rooms
- 12 UF faculty physicians, Shands rehabilitation specialists, physical, occupational and speech therapists, social workers and neuropsychologists
- On-site CT
- On-site MRI
- Electronic gait and balance “testing”
- One space with all specialists and researchers
- Access to quality integrated interdisciplinary care where patients experience seamless care
- Access to 30 clinical research trials
- Patient information video about the Center

Making Excellence More Accessible
To facilitate the highest level of integrated care, the Center coordinates all patient services in one central location. This provides a seamless experience for patients from their very first contact, through treatment and ongoing follow-up. In addition, the centralized facility helps to expand the collaboration and interaction between members of the team from different specialty areas for both patient treatment and research. The result is enhanced communication that leads to enhanced care.

Throughout the course of treatment and rehabilitation, the Center team strives to make appointments, services and accommodations as convenient as possible for patients and their families. Patients undergoing on-site outpatient treatment may elect to stay at the UF Hilton, located right on campus. Inpatient surgical procedures are performed in state-of-the-art facilities at Shands at the University of Florida. Outpatient procedures can be performed at Shands Florida Surgical Center located adjacent to the Center.

All The Information You Need At One Phone Number
The Center for Movement Disorders and Neurorestoration team is committed to providing referring physicians and patients with easy access to information, specialists and other resources. To arrange a consultation or make an appointment, simply call 352-265-8408. For more information visit our website at http://mdc.mbi.ufl.edu.

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