

WHAT ARE THE WARNING SIGNS?

- Do you suffer from persistent headaches, or do your headaches feel “different”?
- Have you struggled with memory loss?
- Do you have difficulties with balance or coordination?
- Have you noticed numbness or weakness in your arms or legs?
- Are you bothered by tremors or shaking?

Any of these, alone or in combination, may be signs or symptoms of nervous system disorders. Discovering the causes of these types of symptoms is not always easy. Symptoms of a nervous system disorder may resemble other medical conditions or problems. At Northwest Neurology, we will work closely with you to rule out other conditions and diseases to help determine a correct diagnosis. Once a diagnosis is made, we will provide you with education to understand your condition so together we can make the best decisions regarding your care.



Our Providers

When you make an appointment with any of the providers at Northwest Neurology's clinics, you can rest easy knowing that you're going to get the ultimate in service, professionalism and compassion. Our physicians have a profound understanding of the intricacies of the human nervous system, and they'll work with you to give you the finest care available.

Fees and Insurance

As a Franciscan Medical Group clinic, we accept most insurance plans in the South Puget Sound, including Medicare and Medicaid, so chances are, our physicians and providers are part of your plan.

For each visit, please present your current insurance card to our receptionist, and be prepared to pay a co-payment if your insurance plan requires one.

Save Time at Your First Appointment

At Franciscan Medical Group we strive to make it easy and convenient to see your physician. New patients are welcome to visit our Web site at www.fmg.FHShealth.org and download the Patient Registration Form and General Medical History Form. Simply complete the forms at your convenience and bring them to your first appointment.

Contact Northwest Neurology today in Lakewood at (253) 512-2744 or in Gig Harbor at (253) 853-2989 to learn more or to make an appointment.

“I believe that forming a partnership between patient and physician is important to achieving optimum care.”

—Dr. Lia Guina

NEUROLOGY: THE BASICS

What Is a Neurologist?

A neurologist is a specialist physician who diagnoses, treats and manages conditions and diseases that affect the nervous system. The nervous system involves all our senses—sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch. It is highly complex and sophisticated, and regulates and coordinates our body's activities.

What to Expect on Your First Visit

On initial consultation we will obtain a very thorough medical history and perform a clinical neurological examination. The exam involves testing the reflexes and assessing motor and sensory skills, balance and coordination, mental status and nerve function. Once a diagnosis is made, we will work in close collaboration with your primary care physician and other specialists as needed.

Sudden Onset of Symptoms

While many nervous system disorders express themselves gradually, others may occur suddenly, often as a result of injury to the head, neck or back. If any of the following symptoms come on suddenly, seek emergency help immediately:

- Sudden onset of headache
- Numbness or tingling in the arms or legs
- Weakness or loss of muscle strength in the arms or legs
- Slurred speech or difficulty with language
- Blurred vision
- Seizures
- Back pain which radiates to the feet, toes or other parts of the body

Conditions We Treat

- Headache
- Pain
- Tremor
- Stroke
- Alzheimer's disease
- Parkinson's disease
- Multiple sclerosis
- Epilepsy
- Sleep disorders
- Brain and spinal cord injuries
- Brain tumors
- Peripheral nerve disorders
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

Part of Franciscan Health System

As a part of the family of Franciscan services, we work closely with other Franciscan professionals and the region's most extensive array of specialty care providers. So if you need emergency care, hospitalization or other medical services, we can make sure you get to the right place quickly.

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In Gig Harbor

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Hours for both clinic locations:
Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Driving Directions

In Lakewood

Traveling either north or south on I-5, take Exit 125 Lakewood/McChord AFB. If traveling south on I-5, turn right at the end of the off-ramp at the light onto Bridgeport Way SW. If traveling north on I-5, turn left at the end of the off-ramp at the light onto Bridgeport Way SW. Go about 3/10 of a mile. The clinic is on the right. Free parking is available.

In Gig Harbor

Traveling either north or south on I-5, take the WA-16 West/South 38th St. exit, toward Gig Harbor/Bremerton. Continue on WA-16 across the Narrows Bridge to the Gig Harbor City Center exit (Pioneer Way). At the top of the exit, turn right onto Pioneer Way, then take the first right onto Kimball Drive Northwest. The clinic is on the left side of the street, on the third floor of the Gig Harbor Medical Pavilion. Parking is free.

For bus schedules, call Pierce Transit at (253) 581-8000 or 1-800-562-8109.

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