Mark E. Linskey, MD

Mark E. Linskey, MD is a tenured Professor of Neurological Surgery at the University of CA, Irvine. Dr. Linskey trained in microvascular decompression (MVD) for seven years under Dr. Peter Jannetta who developed the MVD procedure, and in Gamma Knife (GK) Radiosurgery, Glycerol Rhizotomy and Radiofrequency lesioning for seven years under L Dade Lunsford, who established the first GK in the US; both at the University of Pittsburgh. He has devoted a significant proportion of his practice and career to cranial nerve conditions including trigeminal neuralgia (TN), geniculate neuralgia, hemifacial spasm and glossopharyngeal neuralgia. He published the first prospective cohort study of microvascular decompression vs GK stereotactic radiosurgery for TN in 2008. He has continuously served the Facial Pain Association on its medical advisory board since 2003. He is has served as the faculty advisor for the Orange County, CA FPA support group since 2005. He served as one of five neurosurgeons, and one of nine clinical practioners world-wide, that from 2003-05 helped Elekta AB design the Gamma Knife Perfexion® unit. He is a founding member and ongoing supporter of the Facial Pain Research Association. He contributed seven video educational sessions to the ["Face the Pain" website initiative in 2008](#). He hosted the FPA Western Regional Conference in September 2011. Dr Linskey currently serves as the Editor of the TN module for the American College of Surgeons (ACP) Physician's Information and Educational Resource (PIER) [now known as ACP Smart Medicine] – Trigeminal Neuralgia, online training module. He is one of two consultants world-wide for the British Medical Association (BMA) Clinical Evidence, Evidence Based Medicine series for TN. He is also a Cochrane Review reviewer for their neuromuscular division for TN. Dr. Linskey has performed hundreds of MVD surgeries and GK radiosurgery rhizotomies. He currently has the largest series of pediatric MVD surgeries in the world. He is often sought out for re-do MVD

surgeries after failed MVD surgeries elsewhere. As of 2015, he was performing between 50-80 MVD surgeries per year.