



### Message from the Chair

For 24 consecutive years, U.S. News & World Report has recognized UCLA Neurosurgery as one of the top neurosurgery programs in the nation and among the top 10 this year. UCLA is ranked among the top 5 hospitals in the nation and "Best in the West." [Explore our clinical programs »](#)

- Neil Martin, MD



### Growth Boosts Aneurysms' Risk of Bursting

Brain aneurysms of all sizes - even small ones the size of a pea - are up to 12 times more likely to rupture if they are growing, according to a new UCLA study. The discovery counters current guidelines suggesting that small aneurysms pose a low risk for rupture, and it emphasizes the need for regular monitoring and earlier treatment. [Learn more »](#)



### UCLA Physicians Direct Mid-Flight Rescue

Brandon Evans, MD, a UCLA neurosurgery fellow, and two other UCLA physicians describe their rescue of a fellow airline passenger who suffered a heart attack mid-flight. [Learn more »](#)



### Pediatric Sports Concussion Program Receives Grant

The Joseph Drown Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury Program that will allow clinical and imaging research in sports concussions to high schools and middle schools. [Learn more about the Brain Injury Research Center »](#)



### UCLA Neurosurgeon a Top Ten Finalist

Itzhak Fried, MD, has been named a finalist for the \$1 million Global B.R.A.I.N. (Breakthrough Research and Innovation in Neurotechnology) Prize competition - an international R&D award for breakthroughs in the field of brain technology that show potential for significant impacts on humanity. [Learn more »](#)



### Hope Heals: The Story of Katherine & Jay Wolf

At the age of 26, Katherine Wolf, a young mother and wife, nearly died of a massive brain stem stroke. Her survival was nothing short of miraculous, and her recovery continues to be a testament to the healing power of hope. [Watch the inspiring short film »](#)



### Share Your Story

This is the remarkable story of Evan, his life with catastrophic epilepsy and the surgical procedure, hemispherectomy, that saved his life. Evan continues to inspire and help provide hope for others who face intractable epilepsy and hemispherectomy surgery. [Read Evan's story and share your story »](#)

### Mentions

- [Issac Yang, MD](#), received the Award for Excellence in Education for his outstanding dedication, innovation and sustained excellence in clinical and classroom teaching.
- [Linda Liau, MD, PhD](#), received the Athena Award.
- [Gary Mathern, MD](#), was honored for major contributions to epilepsy research and appointed co-editor-in-chief of *Epilepsia*, the official journal of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE).
- [Dan Lu, MD, PhD](#), and Reggie Edgerton, PhD, received a \$6 million grant to study the use of spinal cord stimulation for functional recovery after spinal cord injury.
- [Nancy McLaughlin, MD, PhD](#), received a [University of California grant](#) to redesign and improve the processes of neurosurgical care.

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