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## New Neurologists Grow UW Medicine Neurosciences Institute

At UW Medicine's Neurosciences Institute, our mission is to meet the needs of our patients, advance knowledge through research in the clinical and basic neurosciences and train the next generation of providers in our residency programs.

I'm pleased to introduce some of our new colleagues. We've welcomed Dr. Behnaz Esmaeili to the Regional Epilepsy Center, Dr. Ali Mendelson to the Alvord Brain Tumor Center and Dr. Natalie Weathered to the Comprehensive Stroke Center.

We're also happy to welcome Dr. Ami Cuneo to the Headache Clinic, Dr. Yujie Wang to the Multiple Sclerosis Center and Dr. Tara Sharma and Dr. Priyank Patel to the Neurology Clinic at UW Medical Center — Montlake.

Below we also include some research highlights and updates from our team.

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# UW Medicine Epilepsy Center Advances Self-Management Intervention

Dr. Robert Fraser, Dr. John Miller and researchers at UW Medicine have successfully replicated and extended a self-management program for adults with epilepsy to help reduce depression and improve quality of life. The results from the randomized controlled trial were published in Epilepsia.

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### A Treatment Approach to Consider for Relapsed CNS Lymphoma

Neuro-oncologist Dr. Jerome Graber hypothesizes how pembrolizumab immunotherapy might activate immune responses to suppress central nervous system lymphoma (CNSL), a form of extranodal, high-grade non-Hodgkin B-cell lymphoma. Dr. Graber and colleagues have published their findings in Leukemia & Lymphoma.

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#### **RESEARCH AND NEWS**

- UW Medicine Garvey Institute for Brain Health Solutions Innovation Grant awardees include Dr. Kimiko Domoto-Reilly, Dr. Thomas Grabowski and 11 research teams focusing on several areas of care. Read More
- Now available: lectures and videos from UW Medicine Neurosciences Institute's virtual Neurology Day event cover topics like stroke, neuromuscular diseases, movement disorders and headache. Watch Now
- Dr. Jeffrey Tsai's research project on neural suppression and facilitation in human epileptic networks was awarded a grant from UW Institute of Translational Health Sciences.
- Dr. Lynne Taylor was the recipient of the 2020 Women in Neuro-Oncology Mentorship of the Society for Neuro-Oncology.
- Dr. Marie Davis was awarded a NIH R01 grant for her research on investigation the role of lipid metabolism in protein aggregation and neurodegenerative disease progression.
- Dr. Jon Weinstein was awarded a NIH R03 grant for his research on microglial cell activation in response to stroke.
- Dr. Tresa McGranahan was awarded a grant for her project on leptomenigeal disease in breast cancer patients from the Wayne & Joan Kuni Foundation.

### Welcome to UW Medicine's Alvord Brain Tumor Center

The Alvord Brain Tumor Center provides expert, holistic care for patients with brain and spinal cord cancers. Our multidisciplinary team includes neuro-oncologists, neurosurgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, neuropathologists, magnate-certified oncology nurses and a new neuro-palliative care provider.

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