



**Weill Cornell Medicine**

**NewYork-Presbyterian**

# 6TH ANNUAL WEILL CORNELL PITUITARY SYMPOSIUM

## Diagnosis and Management of Pituitary Tumors

Belfer Research Building and Virtual Live Stream via Zoom: November 10, 2023

8 am to 4 pm

A comprehensive CME overview and discussion of the evaluation; management; and medical, surgical, and radiation treatments of the pituitary tumor.  
*Offered with a Zoom option for those unable to attend in person.*

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**Special Talk:  
The Patient Experience**  
Author and activist Letty  
Cottin Pogrebin reads from  
her book **Shanda** and talks  
about her pituitary surgery



# The Diagnosis and Management of Pituitary Tumors

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This course is a comprehensive overview and discussion of the evaluation; management; and medical, surgical, and radiation treatments of the pituitary tumor. The pituitary gland plays an enormously important role in human development, the maintenance of various essential physiologic functions, and aging and senescence. Hence, the health of the pituitary gland is critical at all stages of human life. For this reason, there are a variety of pituitary disorders that can have a profound impact on multiple organ systems. General practitioners and even specialists in endocrinology may not be fully aware of the widespread impact of the pituitary gland in health and disease; the function of this course is to educate and inform the medical audience about pituitary disease. The conference will comprise lectures, case-based talks, and Q & A sessions.

### EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE

- By the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:
- a. Recognize symptoms and characteristics of pituitary tumors
  - b. Interpret radiological investigations of pituitary tumors
  - c. Conduct and interpret a visual field exam in the context of a pituitary tumor
  - d. Recognize neuropsychological changes in patients with pituitary disease
  - e. Manage a patient with hypopituitarism
  - f. Oversee obesity management in patients with pituitary and hypothalamic disease
  - g. Evaluate the diagnosis and medical treatment of acromegaly, Cushing disease, and prolactinoma
  - h. Analyze surgical management of pituitary macroadenomas and functional pituitary tumors
  - i. Communicate modalities and indications of radiation treatment for pituitary tumors

### COURSE COORDINATOR

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### LOCATION

Weill Cornell Medicine, Belfer Research Building  
Virtual live stream via Zoom for those unable to attend in person

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7:30am Registration/Continental Breakfast

## Session I

**Moderator: Theodore Schwartz, MD**

- 8:00am-8:10am Welcome/Opening Remarks  
*Theodore H. Schwartz, MD*
- 8:10am-8:40am The Hypothalamic-Pituitary Axis: How and When to Replace  
*Georgiana Dobri, MD*
- 8:40am-9:05am MRI Imaging of Sellar and Parasellar Pathology  
*Sara Strauss, MD*
- 9:05am-9:30am PET Imaging of Pituitary Adenomas  
*Jana Ivanidze, MD, PhD*
- 9:30am-9:55am Ophthalmologic Evaluation of Patients with Pituitary Tumors  
*Marc Dinkin, MD*
- 9:55am-10:20am Surgical Outcomes for Non-Hormone-Producing Tumors  
*Theodore Schwartz, MD*
- 10:20am-10:30am Q&A  
*Moderated by Elizabeth Green, NP*
- 10:30am-11:00am Refreshment break

## Session II

**Moderator: Georgiana Dobri, MD**

- 11:00am-11:30am Pituitary Adenomas: The Evaluation  
*Shlomo Melmed, MD*
- 11:30am-12:00pm Surgical Treatment for Hormone-Producing Tumors  
*Theodore Schwartz, MD*
- 12:00pm-12:30pm Medical Treatment for Hormone-Producing Tumors  
*Shlomo Melmed, MD*
- 12:30pm-12:40pm Q&A

## Lunch Break

- 1:00pm-1:10pm The Acromegaly Community  
*Jill Sisco (President)*
- 1:10pm-1:20pm The Cushing's Community  
*Leslie Edwin (President)*
- 1:20pm-1:30pm Pituitary Network Association  
*Jackie Hubbard (Executive Director)*  
*Danielle Speights (Secretary)*
- 1:30pm-2:00pm Special Talk: The Patient Experience  
Author/activist Letty Cottin Pogrebin reads from her book *Shanda* and discusses her pituitary surgery

## Session III

**Moderator: Theodore Schwartz, MD**

- 2:00pm-2:30pm Radiation Therapy for Pituitary Adenomas and Craniopharyngiomas  
*Rohan Ramakrishna, MD*
- 2:30pm-3:00pm Medical Treatment of Aggressive Pituitary Adenomas and Craniopharyngiomas  
*Rajiv Magge, MD*
- 3:00pm-3:30pm Controversies in the Surgical Management of Rathke Cleft Cysts and Craniopharyngiomas  
*Theodore Schwartz, MD*
- 3:30pm-3:45pm Q&A
- 3:45pm-4:00pm CME Surveys and Adjourn

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### TARGET AUDIENCE—NATIONAL

This CME course is intended for physicians in endocrinology, neurosurgery, internal medicine, family medicine, and general medicine, as well as physician assistants, nurse practitioners, medical students, interns, residents, fellows, and other sub-specialists and allied health professionals who desire to update their medical knowledge in pituitary disease.

### IDENTIFIED PRACTICE GAPS/EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

This course is designed to provide a framework for enhancing the awareness and knowledge of pituitary disease, increase communication

between involved specialties, and improve patient care. There is an increase in patients being diagnosed with pituitary disease. This activity is designed to change competence by instructing on new imaging and diagnostic approaches, updated medical management knowledge and referral criteria for pituitary tumors.

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## FEES AND REGISTRATION

(See registration site for early-bird discount available for all registrations completed before October 10, 2023)

Physicians	\$250 in person, \$200 virtual
Residents, NPs and PAs, other clinical	\$190 in person, \$140 virtual
Industry*	\$300 in person, \$250 virtual
Patients and medical students	If you would like to observe the
course over Zoom, please email us at <a href="mailto:neurosurgery-cme@med.cornell.edu">neurosurgery-cme@med.cornell.edu</a>	
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