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JUNE SUPPORT GROUPS

June 1 & 15 Bon Secours PL 6:00 PM
June 3 & 17 Grand Villa 9:30 AM
June 7 & 21 St. Mark Village 9:30 AM
June 7 & 21 Grand Villa 6:00 PM
June 14 Brentwood 10:00AM
June 14 & 28 Villas of Belleair 1:00 PM



JULY Support Groups

July 1 & 15 Grand Villa 9:30 AM
July 5 & 19 St. Mark Village 9:30 AM
July 5 & 19 Grand Villa 6:00 PM
July 6 & 20 Bon Secours PL 6:00 PM
July 12 Brentwood 10:00AM
July 12 Villas of Belleair 1:00 PM

Our next EXPERT PANEL EVENT

July 26 Villas of Belleair **10:00 AM-1PM**
Join us for this **free** event - Light Lunch will be provided. RSVP: 467-9464

1. **Jack Feeney, DMD**
Oral and Dental Care
2. **Kim Linder**
Host - The Caregiver Hour
3. **Kristine Hartland**
Peace Wealth Management
4. **Tina Costa**
Arcadia Home Care & Staffing



Happy Father's Day

June is a time of reflection for me as I ask:
Where have I been? What changes have been made? How can my personal growth create new paths for others? Am I caring for the caregiver within? Karen

GREATER PUBLIC AWARENESS OF

ALZHEIMER'S, far from reducing the ignorance and stigma around the disease, has increased it. People over 55 dread getting Alzheimer's more than any other disease, according to a 2010 survey by the MetLife Foundation. The fact that only 1 in 8 Americans older than 65 has Alzheimer's fails to register. *Source: www.nytimes.com*



New research suggests that workers exposed to **WELDING FUMES** may be at risk for developing brain damage in an area of the brain also affected in Parkinson's disease. Fumes produced by welding contain manganese. Manganese is a chemical element that, even at low levels, has been linked to neurologic problems, including Parkinson's disease-like symptoms. "There are over one million workers who perform welding as part of their job functions in the United States," said Dr. Brad Racette. "If a link between neurotoxic effects and these fumes were proven, it would have a substantial public health impact for the U.S. workforce and economy."

Source: American Academy of Neurology website: <http://www.aan.com>

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WHEN DEMENTED PATIENTS RECEIVE FEEDING TUBES by: PAULA SPAN

One of the toughest decisions families face as their elders falter is whether to allow insertion of a feeding tube. Somehow, this question seems to stir up even more doubt and anxiety than other medical interventions intended to prolong or improve life. When a senior nears death and cannot speak for herself, we may find it easier to say no to cardiopulmonary resuscitation or a ventilator than to say no to nutrition. Nourishment, after all, is the way we show love and care from the earliest moments of life. "What happens when you get sick?" said Dr. Joan Teno, a community health physician and researcher at Brown University. "Your mom feeds you." She and Dr. Susan Mitchell of the Hebrew Senior Life Institute for Aging Research, veteran researchers (for 10 long years) into the use of feeding tubes, led a team surveying family members, after their relatives' deaths, on the decisions they'd made. They interviewed 486 people in five states, two with *low rates* of feeding tube use (*Massachusetts and Minnesota*) and three with **high rates** (*Alabama, Florida and Texas*). The fact that some American hospitals inserted no feeding tubes — zero — in patients with advanced dementia over an eight-year period while others intubated one in three, findings from a previous study by these researchers, was a tip-off that something besides medical need was at work. What emerged from families' accounts is that the decision process about feeding tubes hardly merits the phrase "informed consent." Of patients who received feeding tubes, 13.7 percent of family members reported that doctors had inserted the tubes without seeking permission at all. "I just walked in and it was there. Nobody talked to me," one relative told the interviewer.

This stunned even an old hand like Dr. Teno. "My expectation was, we'll find there weren't good discussions," she told me in an interview. "I wasn't thinking we'd find there was no discussion." But even when medical providers raised the issue and a feeding tube was inserted, 12.6 percent of the family respondents said they had felt pressured by the physician to agree to the procedure, and more than half believed that the physician strongly had favored tube insertion. Moreover, these talks tended to be cursory: More than 40 percent of respondents said the discussion had lasted less than 15 minutes, and roughly a third said no one had mentioned the risks involved...feeding them through surgically implanted tubes has not been shown to improve their survival, to prevent pneumonia or heal bedsores, or to improve their quality of life. Nevertheless, about a third of nursing home residents with advanced dementia do receive feeding tubes, usually during a hospitalization. Source: May 9, 2011 - NY Times



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