Brain & Neurological Disorders

NAME OF LABORATORY: Neurosurgical Translational Neuroscientific Research

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Research Objectives:

- Improve the preservation of high cognitive and affective functions following brain surgery by applying a personally tailored approach.
- Develop novel neurosurgical interventions providing treatment for neuropsychiatric diseases.
- Both basic and translational research is performed using advanced imaging methods (structural and functional) along with neuropsychological tools.

Main Research topics:

- Development of psychological tools for peri-surgical brain mapping of high-cognitive and affective functions.
- Develop reliable methods for intraoperative network stimulation driven by functional imaging.
- Characterization of resting state networks and their interactions, revealing the differential contribution of different network nodes underlying various functions (e.g. creativity, value-based decision).
- The influence of neurosurgerical interventions (e.g. tumor removal, cingulotomy, stimulation) on the organization of large-scale functional networks and related behavior.

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