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Spine Team Texas Announces Two New Partners

February 12, 2014—(Southlake, Texas) Spine Team Texas, a leader in comprehensive back and neck pain care, is pleased to announce the addition of Drs. Leonard Kibuule and Jennifer Donnelly-Straach as partners of Spine Team Texas.

“Both Drs. Donnelly and Kibuule have significantly contributed to Spine Team Texas’s commitment to patient care over the years,” said Mark Hood, CEO of Spine Team Texas. “Welcoming them as partners in the practice further solidifies Spine Team Texas’s presence in the market as a leader and innovator in comprehensive spine care.”

Jennifer Donnelly-Straach, M.D., a physiatrist, provides non-interventional spine treatment services for Spine Team Texas and is board-certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation. Her physical medicine and rehabilitation proficiencies include:

- nerve conduction/EMG studies
- peripheral joint injections
- management of acute and chronic musculoskeletal spine pain
- non-surgical spine pain management through lumbar spine procedures
- physical rehabilitation
- oral medication for spine pain management



Her skills prove to be an asset to the comprehensive model at Spine Team Texas. Her extensive knowledge utilizing in-depth diagnostic studies assist to determine the root of spine problems and reveal underlying musculoskeletal issues that can sometimes be masked as spine disorders.

Prior to joining Spine Team Texas in August 2010, Dr. Donnelly completed her residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Emory University in Atlanta; a transitional internship at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth; her medical degree from Texas Tech Health Science Center; and a Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology from the University of Texas at Austin. She works full-time at Spine Team Texas in Southlake.



Leonard K. Kibuule, M.D., an orthopedic spine surgeon, is fellowship-trained, board-certified and specializes in spinal injuries and disorders. He is specially trained in the minimally-invasive approach to spine surgery and has a special interest and extensive experience in the treatment of adult scoliosis and spinal deformities.

Dr. Kibuule has participated in numerous research projects and has written extensively about:

- low back pain in adolescent patients
- lumbar spinal stenosis
- cervical disc arthroplasty
- surgical approaches to the thoracic spine

He is the recipient of many honors and distinctions, including being named UT Southwestern Medical School's candidate for the National Medical Foundation Award and one of *D Magazine's* "Best Doctors" in the specialty of Orthopedic Surgery.

Prior to joining Spine Team Texas, Dr. Kibuule completed his fellowship in orthopedic spine surgery at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan; orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Nebraska/Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska; his medical degree from University of Texas Southwestern Medical School; and an engineering degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He works full-time at Spine Team Texas's Southlake office.

All members of Spine Team Texas make themselves available for interviews for any health and wellness news segments as they pertain to complete spine care. Contact Andrea Becicka at 817-749-2141 for scheduling.

About Spine Team Texas

Spine Team Texas is a comprehensive spine center specializing in the treatment of neck and back pain, ranging from simple back or neck strains to the most complex spine surgeries. Through in-depth knowledge and a team approach to care, Spine Team Texas physicians and medical staff are dedicated to treating patients conservatively through education, spine-focused physical therapy, non-surgical treatments, and minimally-invasive spine surgery as a last resort or when necessary.

The comprehensive team includes physiatrists, specialized in acute spine pain management; neurosurgeons and an orthopedic surgeon, specializing in minimally-invasive spine surgery techniques; spine-focused physical therapists; anesthesiologists, fellowship-trained in chronic spine pain management; and on-site registered nurses who help patients return to everyday activities. Established in December 2004, Spine Team Texas is headquartered in Southlake, Texas. The practice opened a full-service, sister-facility in March 2009 in Rockwall, Texas, and operates a newly-opened clinic in Fort Worth, Texas (Alliance). For more information, visit **SpineTeamTexas.com** or follow on Facebook at **[Facebook.com/SpineTeamTexas](https://www.facebook.com/SpineTeamTexas)**.