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Spine Team Texas congratulates its Top Doctors 2017 Nine doctors are among elite group of medical professionals

Southlake, Texas—April 13, 2017 | Spine Team Texas, a comprehensive spine center specializing in the treatment of back and neck pain, is proud to announce nine of its physicians have been named a Top Doctor by *Fort Worth Magazine*. With more than 2,400 votes cast by local physicians, it is an honor for the Spine Team Texas doctors to be recognized by their peers.

While *Fort Worth Magazine* provided the fields of specialty, the voting physicians identified the professionals they regard as being leaders in those fields. Spine Team Texas physicians were recognized in four categories:

Rehabilitation/Physical Medicine

Dr. Eric Coligado (Bedford and Southlake)

Physical medicine and rehabilitation physician, specializing in acute musculoskeletal spine pain management and diagnostic studies.

Dr. Cortland Miller (Allen)

Physical medicine and rehabilitation physician, specializing in advanced spinal interventions and electrodiagnostics.

Dr. Ryan Reeves (Southlake and Fort Worth-Alliance)

Fellowship-trained physiatrist, specializing in the nonsurgical relief of back and neck pain.

Pain Management

Dr. Heather Blackburn (Southlake and Fort Worth-Alliance)

Physiatrist, specializing in the nonsurgical relief of back and neck pain.

Dr. Amit Darnule (Southlake)

Fellowship-trained anesthesiologist, specializing in interventional chronic pain management.

Dr. Jennifer Donnelly-Straach (Southlake)

Physical medicine and rehabilitation physician specializing in electrodiagnostic studies.

Dr. Michael Garcia (Southlake)

Physiatrist, specializing in the nonsurgical relief of back and neck pain.

Orthopedic Surgery

Dr. Leonard Kibuule (Allen, Richardson and Rockwall)

Fellowship-trained orthopedic spine surgeon.

Spine Surgery

Dr. David Rothbart (Southlake)

Board-certified neurosurgeon, specializing in minimally invasive spine surgery.

Many of the Spine Team Texas' physicians have previously been recognized as a Top Doctor, but the number of doctors listed in this year's publication is unprecedented. "To be named to this list as a physician is a testament to the skills and dedication of our doctors," said Mark Hood, CEO of Spine Team Texas. "To have nine doctors on the list from our practice is extraordinary. We are honored and proud to be able to deliver a premier patient experience."

Fort Worth Magazine provides the list of Top Doctors annually as a tool for those in search of a physician. More than 4,500 local physicians are sent a survey to voluntarily rate their peers and name the best doctors in Tarrant County. Medical professionals voted online between June and September of 2016. The final results were submitted to a select panel of physicians for review with a threshold applied. The Top Doctors results are listed in the April issue of the home and lifestyle magazine.

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About Spine Team Texas

Spine Team Texas specializes in the treatment of back and neck problems ranging from simple back or neck strains to the most complex spine surgeries. Through its in-depth knowledge and true team approach, Spine Team Texas is dedicated to treating patients conservatively through education, physical therapy, nonsurgical treatments, and minimally



invasive spine surgery when necessary. The philosophy of Spine Team Texas is to treat with an emphasis on nonsurgical treatment whenever possible and consider surgical intervention only as a last resort when nonsurgical measures have failed to provide long-term relief. This philosophy is supported in the fact that only 8-10% of Spine Team Texas new patients result in surgical intervention; that means that approximately 90% of our patients are treated successfully through nonsurgical treatment options. The team consists of physical medicine and rehabilitation physicians, specializing in nonsurgical spine care; spine surgeons trained in the latest minimally invasive spine surgery techniques; spine pain anesthesiologists focused on chronic spine pain; spine-focused physical therapists and on-site registered nurses.

Established in December 2004, Spine Team Texas is headquartered in Southlake, Texas, and opened a full-spectrum sister facility in Rockwall, Texas, in March 2009. Other locations include Bedford, Fort Worth-Alliance, North Dallas-Richardson, and Allen. With approximately 175 employees, Spine Team Texas has received numerous awards such as 'Best Places to Work' and "Healthcare Heroes-Physician Award by *Dallas Business Journal*, "Top Docs" in *Fort Worth Magazine*, *U.S. News & World Report* "Top Docs" in neurosurgery, "Top Docs" in neurosurgery and physical medicine and rehabilitation by *Castle-Connelly, D Magazine* "Best Docs" in orthopedic surgery and physical medicine and rehabilitation, *Becker's Spine Review* "Top 105 Spine Surgery Practices to Know," and "Spine Leadership Award" in 2013 and 2015. For more information about Spine Team Texas, visit www.SpineTeamTexas.com. Connect with them on Twitter, YouTube and on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/spineteamtexas.