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Spine Team Texas expands locations and adds providers during 10th year anniversary

Southlake, Texas—(August 2014) Spine Team Texas, provider of world-class spine care, responds to patient demand by expanding their Fort Worth-Alliance clinic, opening a new clinic in Bedford, Texas, and hiring a physiatrist and two physician assistants. The comprehensive spine center is experiencing growth during their tenth year since opening the flagship clinic in Southlake in 2004. The unique philosophy of Spine Team Texas has remained consistent over the last decade: provide innovative and conservative spine care. The team has consistently practiced spine care with the philosophy that all nonsurgical options be explored before surgical intervention is considered (as a last resort) or when medically necessary. “The goal for Spine Team Texas is to explore the best treatment option for long-term spine pain management. If non-surgical treatments do not provide long term relief, then surgical intervention is explored (as a last resort or when medically necessary), with minimally invasive surgical techniques incorporated whenever possible,” says David Rothbart, MD, Spine Team Texas neurosurgeon, founder, and medical director.

“When we opened the Fort Worth-Alliance clinic last year, we knew the area needed more spine-specialty services for the projected residential growth in north Tarrant County,” said Mark Hood, CEO of Spine Team Texas. “We’ve enjoyed the welcome from the community. As a result, we’ve tripled the office capacity to more efficiently care for our spine patients.”

Spine Team Texas also recognized a need to expand their comprehensive model in nearby Bedford, Texas, and will open a clinic there next month. That expansion led to the hiring of Dr. Eric Coligado (full bio below). As a physiatrist, Dr. Coligado provides initial consultations for patients suffering with neck or back pain. He is certified to complete EMG/nerve conduction studies that assist to diagnose the root cause of spine problems, assess potential damage and severity of damage to nerves related to musculoskeletal problems.

Two physician assistants (bios below) will also provide comprehensive spine care to Spine Team Texas patients. Gayle Rogers, PA-C, will extend the physician services at the Fort Worth-Alliance clinic full-time; Stephanie Hays, PA-C, will work full-time at the Rockwall clinic. Both were carefully selected from an extensive pool of potential candidates as their education and experience complement the Spine Team Texas model; their dedication to providing exceptional patient care mirrors the existing providers of Spine Team Texas.

About the new team members

Eric Coligado, M.D., specializes in acute musculoskeletal spine pain management and diagnostic studies. He has obtained Diplomate status with the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine. Dr. Coligado provides comprehensive evaluations and nonsurgical spine care for Spine Team Texas patients along with a wealth of experience in the area of worker's compensation, performing IME and impairment ratings. He is also trained to complete medical acupuncture. Prior to joining Spine Team Texas, Dr. Coligado had a private practice in Euless, Texas, for seventeen years. Since 2009, Dr. Coligado has consistently been listed in the Consumers' Research Council of America's Guide to America's Top Physicians and been nominated as a "Top Doc" in his specialty by members of the Tarrant County Medical Society in *Fort Worth, Texas Magazine* seven times. He was also nominated as a "Super Doctor" by his peers in the advertising section of the December 2013 and upcoming 2014 edition of *Texas Monthly* magazine.

Gayle Jasinski Rogers, D.C., PA-C, completed a post-graduate residency in orthopedics before beginning the physician assistant program at University of North Texas Health Sciences Center, where she graduated with honors on the President's/Dean's List. She joins Spine Team Texas' Alliance office in Fort Worth in this month and parlays her years of orthopedic experience into assisting physicians and therapists in their goal to return mobility to spine patients.

Before joining Spine Team Texas, Gayle spent twenty years as a chiropractic physician. Her considerable professional experience includes post-graduate instruction, research and peer review. She has served as team physician during major sporting events and is a member of the North American Spine Society and Texas Association of Physician Assistants.

Stephanie Hays, M.S., PA-C, joins Spine Team Texas this month and works alongside physicians and therapists to improve the quality of life for back and neck pain patients. Prior to joining Spine Team Texas, Stephanie completed her Bachelor of Science in Microbiology/Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO) and her Master of Science in Neuroscience from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas. She also graduated as a certified physician assistant from University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, Texas. While in school, Stephanie amassed an impressive list of honors including the UNTHSC Physician Assistant Program Scholarship Award, honor society, and multiple appearances on the dean's list. She has over 10 years' experience in neuroscience research. Her clinical experience includes working in emergency medicine, neurosurgery and general surgery.

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 medically 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, one in Fort Worth, Texas (Alliance) in 2013, and is set to open a fourth location in Bedford, Texas, in September 2014. For more information, please visit **SpineTeamTexas.com** or “Follow/Like” them on Twitter & YouTube, or on Facebook at **[Facebook.com/SpineTeamTexas](https://www.facebook.com/SpineTeamTexas)**.