

## 50 spine surgeons to know in 2023

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Here are 50 spine surgeons to know going into 2023:

*Editor's note: This is not a list of top surgeons but a list highlighting professional accomplishments. Becker's does not endorse surgeons featured on this list. To nominate a surgeon for future lists, please contact Carly Behm at [cbehm@beckershealthcare.com](mailto:cbehm@beckershealthcare.com).*

**Todd Alamin, MD. Stanford (Calif.) University School of Medicine.** Dr. Alamin is a professor of orthopedic surgery and specializes in minimally invasive spine surgery. He is co-founder and medical director of Empirical Spine, and he is the original inventor of the LimiFlex device.

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**David Chang, MD. Watkins Spine (Marina del Rey, Calif.).** Dr. Chang specializes in minimally invasive spine surgery, artificial disc replacement and degenerative spinal disorders. He has work experience on the East and West coasts and completed an advanced fellowship with Robert Watkins, MD, and Lytton Williams, MD.

**Hoon Choi, MD, PhD, Cleveland Clinic (Weston, Fla.).** Dr. Choi joined Cleveland Clinic Florida in May. He specializes in minimally invasive robotic spine surgery, artificial disc replacement and restorative spine surgery.

**Michael Collins, MD. Pontchartrain Orthopedics & Sports Medicine (Metairie, La.).** Dr. Collins is trained and certified to use the MazorXStealth and Globus Medical ExcelsiusGPS robots. He earned his medical degree at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans and completed his residency at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**William Dasher III, MD. OrthoGeorgia (Macon).** Dr. Dasher is trained in minimally invasive robot-assisted techniques for nerve decompression. He has written multiple journal articles and textbook chapters.

**Donald deGrange, MD. Mercy Hospital (St. Louis).** Dr. deGrange served in the Marine Corps and was a major in the Army Reserve. He treats conditions including disc herniation, spinal stenosis, fractures and spondylolisthesis.

**James Dunlap, MD. Kettering (Ohio) Health Brain & Spine.** Dr. Dunlap served in the military and was recognized as the most productive orthopedic surgeon in the Air Force. His expertise is in degenerative spine disorders.

**Nancy Epstein, MD. NYU Langone Health (New York City).** Dr. Epstein is chief of neurosurgical spine and education at NYU Langone Hospital-Long Island. She is a past president of the Cervical Spine Research Society and publishes about 20 peer-reviewed papers each year.

**Steven Falowski, MD. Advanced Surgery Center of Lancaster.** Dr. Falowski specializes in complex spine procedures, pain management and spinal cord stimulation. He was named as an adviser to SynerFuse, a company focused on treating chronic lower back pain.

**Paul Gause, MD. Spine Institute of Arizona (Scottsdale).** Dr. Gause is an active researcher and has worked on laboratory and clinical projects. He is trained in microsurgery, minimally invasive techniques and motion preservation.

**Alexander Ghanayem, MD. Loyola Medical Group (Maywood, Ill.).** Dr. Ghanayem joined Loyola Medical Group in 1995 and is chair of Loyola Medicine's department of orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation. He was named chief medical officer of Loyola Medical.

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