News Release: Spine Surgeons With Robots

TITLE: Spine Surgeons Using Robots: A Winning Combination for Patient Care

SUMMARY: [Houston Spine Surgeon Dr. Richard Francis](http://www.myspineassociates.com/our-services/robotic-assisted-spine-surgery/patient-information/) has been featured on Becker’s Spine Review as one of 70 doctors using robotic technology to perform spine surgeries. Dr. Francis was among the first surgeons in the Houston area to perform robotic-guided spinal surgery and is CEO and Founder of Spine Associates. He has a professional interest in treating both adult and pediatric deformity cases and artificial disc replacements.

CONTENT: Dr. Richard Francis is one of the 70 spine surgeons mentioned in a recent article on [Becker’s Spine Review](http://www.beckersspine.com/lists/item/23643-robot-revolution-70-spine-surgeons-using-robotic-systems.html) which features news and analysis on business and legal issues relating to spine practices. As a widely recognized leading spine surgeon, Dr. Francis has been recognized several times in Becker’s Spine Review as well as on numerous other health related publications and news sites.

Dr. Francis has found that robotic assisted surgery has been extremely beneficial to his patients providing a greater accuracy than conventional freehand methods. In addition, patients benefit from lower x-ray exposure, less pain, fewer scars and a faster recovery time. Patients who have undergone robotic assisted spine surgery have also experienced fewer complications and are able to return to normal activities more quickly than those whose surgeries were performed by traditional methods.

Surgical treatment of the spine requires planning and precision; and each patient’s anatomy has unique challenges. Robotic assisted spine surgery allows the surgeon to plan ahead before entering the operating room. Use of an advanced 3D planning software before the actual surgery provides a unique surgical blueprint to address each patient’s unique condition. During the surgery the surgeon does the actual work using the robotic guidance system to provide the highest level of accuracy to place implants or fasteners in exactly the right pre-planned locations based on the preoperative plan created in advance.

Dr. Francis is also Director of Robotic Surgery at Westside Surgical Hospital in Houston, Texas and facilitates the only robotic spine-surgery training lab offered in Texas for spine surgeons. As a specialist in the treatment of spine deformities such as scoliosis, degenerative conditions, tumors, infections, sciatica treatments, and metabolic diseases, Dr. Francis cares for both local and international patients, children and adults—even the most challenging conditions—and excels in treating patients who have had unsuccessful spine surgery.

One additional distinct advantage for spine surgery patients of Dr. Francis is the [Patient to Patient Advocate Program](http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/2381908) recently implemented that pairs up former spine surgery patients with new surgery patients and has been proven to be extremely beneficial for both patients involved.

For additional information or to schedule a consultation with Dr. Richard Francis,
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