Andrew Egger, MD, adds new expertise in physical medicine, EMGs, injections to spine center

We’re pleased to announce the addition of a new board-certified Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation specialist, Andrew Egger, MD, who joins Ann Arbor Spine Center after completing an Interventional Pain Management Fellowship at Performance Sports & Spine Physicians, Pottstown, PA.

He is now seeing new patient referrals related to back and neck pain at Ann Arbor Spine Center in Ypsilanti. A physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R) doctor, specializes in the non-surgical management of back and neck pain, including the use of EMGs for diagnostic purposes and spinal injections for pain relief.

Dr. Egger earned his medical degree at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and completed his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Temple University Hospital / Moss Rehab in Philadelphia, PA. During his residency, he served as Clinical Instructor at Temple University School of Medicine and Chief Resident in the Department of PM&R. Dr. Egger has completed procedure training in Lumbar and Thoracic Epidural Steroid Injections, Facet Joint Injections, Medial Branch Injections, SI Joint Injections, Electrodiagnostic Testing and others.

Before joining Ann Arbor Spine Center, Andrew was in practice with Performance Spine and Sports Physicians PC in Pottstown. Within his role at Ann Arbor Spine Center, Dr. Egger is involved with evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of back and neck pain problems, including the use of EMGs and injections therapy.

Ann Arbor Spine Center takes a team approach to back and neck problems, this makes the center different from other spine treatment centers. “Over ten years ago we were one of the first groups in the US to combine ortho spine with neuro spine,” says Dr. Jason Brodkey, a fellowship-trained spine neurosurgeon at Ann Arbor Spine Center. And now we have added physical medicine specialists, Dr. Carrie Stewart, Dr. Andrew Egger and Dr. Michael Louwers, and spine specialized therapy with David Oliver, PT.

“Other groups provide only a single specialty orientation, and that unfortunately provides treatment bias,” he adds. “By including the specialty of physical medicine with Dr. Egger and Dr. Stewart, along with spine-specialized therapy and orthopedic and neurological spine surgery, we provide a wide range of specialties for the person with back or neck pain,” explains Dr. Douglas Geiger, a fellowship-trained orthopedic spine surgeon. “Our goal is to improve the care of back and neck pain with a team approach that emphasizes non-surgical treatment options before spine surgery.”

Andrew Egger, MD, specializes 100% in back and neck pain. He relocates to Michigan from Pottstown, PA, home to the region’s first iron forge with a long history of iron and steel production. Dr. Egger and his wife are happy to live in the Ann Arbor area where they can be close to family in Lansing.
A regional spine center with a team of orthopedic spine surgeons, neurosurgeons, nonsurgical spine specialists and spine therapists

Jason Brodkey, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.P.P.
Board-Certified Neurosurgeon
Board-Certified Pain Medicine, Fellowship-trained in spine
Dr. Jason Brodkey is Board-Certified with the American Board of Neurological Surgeons and with the American Board of Pain Medicine. He is also certified as a Fellow of Intentional Pain Practice. Dr. Brodkey specializes in complex spinal reconstruction, spinal cord and nerve stimulation, spinal fusion pump implantation and minimally invasive spine surgery.

Anthony P. Cucchi D.O.
Board-Certified Orthopedic Surgeon
Fellowship-trained in spine
Dr. Anthony Cucchi completed his orthopedic spine surgery fellowship in Ann Arbor, at Michigan Brain and Spine Institute. He specializes in adult spine care, adult reconstructive spine surgery, degenerative spine surgery and minimally invasive spine surgery. Dr. Cucchi is an active member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, North American Spine Society and the American Chiropractic Association.

Mark H. Falahee, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Board-Certified Orthopedic Surgeon
Fellowship-trained in spine
Dr. Mark Falahee specializes in adult spine care encompassing traumatic, metabolic, pathologic and degenerative problems. Dr. Falahee also specializes in reconstructive thoracic and lumbar spine surgery. Dr. Falahee enthusiastically supports new innovations in spine care and delivery. He holds over 19 issued/pending patents related to spinal instruments and implants.

Douglas F. Geiger, M.D., F.A.C.S
Board-Certified Orthopedic Surgeon
Fellowship-trained in spine
Dr. Douglas Geiger is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He specializes in reconstructive and minimally invasive spine surgery as well as adult and pediatric scoliosis surgery. He completed a research fellowship at University of Minnesota and a spine fellowship at Twin Cities Scoliosis Spine Center. Dr. Geiger is a member of the North American Spine Society and the Scoliosis Research Society.

Geoffrey M. Thomas, M.D., F.A.A.N.S.
Board-Certified Neurosurgeon
Dr. Geoffrey Thomas specializes in adult spinal degenerative conditions and cervical spine reconstruction. Dr. Thomas also focuses on general neurosurgery, brain tumors, neurooncology and radiosurgery. Dr. Thomas was awarded membership into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He is also an active member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

Andrew Egger, M.D.
Board-Certified Physical Medicine
Fellowship-trained in Interventional Pain Management
Dr. Andrew Egger is board-certified in physical medicine and specializes in the non-surgical treatment of back and neck pain problems. Dr. Egger is proficient in the evaluation of spine patients, diagnostics, injection therapy and EMGs. He completed his residency in Physical Medicine at Temple University Hospital/ Moss Rehab in Philadelphia and his Interventional Pain Management Fellowship at Performance Sports & Spine Physicians in PA.

Michael Louwers, M.D.
Fellowship-trained in Pain Management
Board-Certified Physical Medicine
Board-Eligible Pain Medicine
Dr. Louwers specializes in the assessment, diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of back and neck pain problems. Dr. Louwers is experienced in pain relieving spine injections and other non-surgical spine care, including the treatment of headache pain, complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome (RSD), joint pain, musculoskeletal disorders and peripheral nerve pain.

Carrie Stewart, M.D.
Board-Certified Physical Medicine
Dr. Carrie Stewart is a board-certified physical medicine physician who specializes in helping the back and neck pain sufferer return to activity without surgery. Dr. Stewart is proficient in the evaluation of spine patients, diagnostics and EMGs. She completed her MD degree at Wayne State University and a residency in PMR at University of California.

David Oliver, PT, Dip. MDT
David Oliver is a spine-specialized physical therapist and is credentialed in the McKenzie Institute spine therapy method. As a “Diplomat” with the Institute he is involved in the education of other therapists in the McKenzie method throughout the United States. He received his physical therapy degree from the University of Bradford, England, before relocating the United States 15 years ago. At Physical Therapy in Motion, David has been directing his team of seven therapists for seven years.

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Optimal spine care with team approach to complex problems

The problem with spine care is that too many times a patient experiences treatment bias, based on the specialty of the physician seeing the patient. The trend in spine is to blend physical medicine and spine therapists who specialize in non-surgical treatment options, with spine surgeons. Ann Arbor Spine Center now includes a multidisciplinary team that is experienced in back and neck pain, including on-the-job back injury.

Pain relieving injection therapy
A herniated or bulging disc can cause pressure on nearby nerve roots. This may result in symptoms like radiating pain or weakness into an arm or leg. Ann Arbor Spine Center has an internal injection suite which enables a fellowship-trained specialist to inject pain relieving medication into the back to relieve these symptoms. Injections can often relieve pain long enough to begin physical therapy and start special exercises. In addition, injections can also act as a diagnostic tool by providing a spine specialist with key insight into the possible causes of back or neck pain symptoms.

Spine physical therapy
Spine specialized physical therapy can relieve pain symptoms and then use exercise to make the back stronger, more flexible and resistant to injury.

Orthopedic and neurological spine surgeons
If non-surgical options fail to resolve a patient’s symptoms, the patient has access to ortho and neuro spine surgeons who do a high volume caseload of spine surgery. These surgeons are also proficient in minimally invasive techniques and instrumentation. This expertise in minimally invasive surgery enables many patients to have their spine surgery and be home later the same day.