

Neurosurgery & Spine

<p>Candidate Who can be referred?</p>	<p>Patients 18 years or older</p>		
<p>Work-up What is required?</p>	<p>To expedite a referral to neurosurgery please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent clinical notes summarizing the patient’s history, symptoms and prior treatments • Relevant imaging (MRI preferred, CT if MRI is contraindicated) • Medication list and relevant medical history • Operative reports if patient has had prior surgery related to the referral 		
<p>Location Where will the patient be seen?</p>	<p>MultiCare Neuroscience Institute Located at MultiCare Deaconess Medical Office 1</p> <p>910 West 5th Ave., Suite 1000 Spokane, WA 99204</p> <p>Phone: 509-755-6735 Fax: 509-755-6527</p> <p>Hospital Affiliations: MultiCare Deaconess Hospital, MultiCare Valley Hospital</p>		
<p>Services What clinical services and procedures are offered?</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="477 1129 919 1367"> <p>We welcome referrals for patients with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spine arthritis or spinal stenosis • Herniated discs or spinal fractures • Spinal deformities (e.g., scoliosis) • Brain tumors or hemorrhages • Head or nerve injuries • Hydrocephalus, tremors or stroke </td> <td data-bbox="1013 1129 1487 1430"> <p>Surgical services we offer include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimally invasive spine surgery • Discectomy and spinal decompression • Spinal fusion (neck and back) • Craniotomy for brain tumor removal • Endoscopic and computer-assisted brain surgery • Pituitary and shunt surgeries • Functional and stereotactic neurosurgery </td> </tr> </table>	<p>We welcome referrals for patients with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spine arthritis or spinal stenosis • Herniated discs or spinal fractures • Spinal deformities (e.g., scoliosis) • Brain tumors or hemorrhages • Head or nerve injuries • Hydrocephalus, tremors or stroke 	<p>Surgical services we offer include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimally invasive spine surgery • Discectomy and spinal decompression • Spinal fusion (neck and back) • Craniotomy for brain tumor removal • Endoscopic and computer-assisted brain surgery • Pituitary and shunt surgeries • Functional and stereotactic neurosurgery
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<p>Collaboration How will we coordinate care for the patient?</p>	<p>Our team uses the Epic electronic health record (EHR).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For physicians and professional providers using Epic, you’ll be copied on all notes related to the patient. • For physicians and professional providers outside of Epic, notes will be faxed to you. 		
<p>Referral How do we refer?</p>	<p>Epic users may refer directly to Neurosurgery at MultiCare Neuroscience Institute using Epic ID REF026. For referrals outside of Epic, fax 509-755-6527 or call 509-755-6735.</p>		

Meet our team of specialists



Christopher Heller, MD

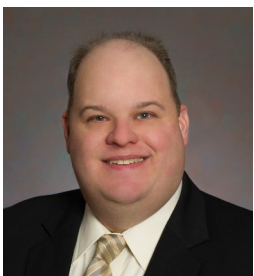
Specialty: Neurosurgery

Certification: American Board of Neurological Surgery

Professional school: Oregon Health & Science University (Portland, OR)

Residency: University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA)

Fellowship: Huntington Memorial Hospital – Epilepsy and Brain Mapping Program (Pasadena, CA)



Christopher Melich, DC

Specialty: Chiropractic Medicine

Certification: National Board of Chiropractic Examiners – Physiotherapy, National Board of Chiropractic Examiners I, II, III, IV

Professional school: Palmer College of Chiropractic (Davenport, IA)

Provides non-operative spine evaluation and conservative care as part of the multidisciplinary spine team.



Ashley Mitchen, PA-C

Specialty: Neurosurgery

Certification: National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Professional school: Drexel University – College of Nursing and Health Professionals, Master of Health Science – Physician Assistant (Philadelphia, PA)



Paige Neufeld, PA-C

Specialty: Neurosurgery

Certification: National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Professional school: Barry University (Miami, FL)



Dacotah Spurgeon, PA-C

Specialty: Neurosurgery

Certification: National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Professional school: University of Washington School of Medicine – MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant Program (Seattle, WA)



Steven Tilka, PA-C

Specialty: Neurosurgery

Certification: National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Professional school: University of Washington School of Medicine – MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant Program (Seattle, WA)