

The UM Spine Network Offers Specialized Care

Debilitating, burning, throbbing, shooting, stabbing—no matter how you describe it, the pain caused by ongoing back and spine issues can be unbearable.

So can the stress of finding a qualified provider for relief.

With its board-certified and specially trained surgeons and convenient locations throughout the state, the University of Maryland Spine Network makes finding effective and comprehensive spinal treatment easy.

The network, made up of the area’s leading orthopaedic surgeons and neurosurgeons, provides the full spectrum of care to pediatric and adult patients.

EXCELLENT CARE: Surgeons across the state from the Eastern Shore to Baltimore City to Harford County are affiliated with the University of Maryland Medical System hospital within their communities and follow time-tested, evidence-based treatments to ensure optimal recovery. That means no matter when and where you enter the UM Spine Network, you will receive the same excellence in care.

CLOSE COLLABORATION: The network also allows surgeons to collaborate on everything from diagnosis and treatment to rehabilitation and patient education. If treatment plans call for additional expertise, patients are seamlessly connected within the network to surgeons who provide highly specialized care.

“Patients can be assured they are getting the highest quality, safest care with all of our network practitioners,” says Steven C. Ludwig, MD, head of the Division of Spine Surgery at the University of Maryland Medical Center and professor of orthopaedics at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. “We care for a whole bandwidth of different patients with different complexities. The more doctors involved, the better it is for the patients.”

ADVANCED TECHNIQUES: In addition, patients receiving care through the UM Spine Network have access to advanced technology and the latest techniques, including minimally invasive procedures that reduce pain and prompt a speedy recovery.

“The University of Maryland Spine Network is like your own personal all-star team for spine care,” says Khalid H. Kurtom, MD, UM Shore Regional Health neurosurgeon and clinical assistant professor of neurosurgery at the UM School of Medicine. “You have access to the best spinal surgeons in the region, starting in your own backyard.” ♦



SPINE SURGERY ON THE SHORE

Residents of the Eastern Shore have to look no farther than Easton for access to the expert care

offered by the University of Maryland Spine Network. Khalid H. Kurtom, MD, a physician with University of Maryland Community Medical Group – Neurosurgery, is the representative for the East-



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ern Shore Region of the Spine Network at UMMS.

An Easton-based specialist in minimally invasive spine surgeries, Dr. Kurtom sees patients at 490 Cadmus Lane, and performs surgeries locally at UM Shore Medical Center at Easton. A valued member of the medical staff at UM Shore Regional Health, Dr. Kurtom plays a leading role in the UMMS Spine Network.

“As members of the UMMS Spine Network, our team is committed to delivering the highest quality and safest level of spinal care in the region,” comments Dr. Kurtom. “We take great pride in our patient outcomes and our ability to offer innovations in minimally invasive surgeries right here on the Eastern Shore.”