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## News Release

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### **UM Shore Regional Health Recognizes Accomplishments of Local Neurosurgeon**

Khalid H. Kurtom, MD, FAANS, a neurosurgeon with Chesapeake Neurological Surgery, was recently reappointed by University of Maryland School of Medicine as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Neurosurgery. He has held a position on the School of Medicine's volunteer faculty since 2012.

Also, an article written by Dr. Kurtom was recently published in *The Spine Journal*, the official journal of the North American Spine Society. The article was written in collaboration with his brother, Muhannad H. Kurtom, who is currently finishing his undergraduate premedical studies. *The Spine Journal* is an international, multidisciplinary journal that publishes original, peer-reviewed articles featuring research and treatment related to the spine.

“Having a strong academic affiliation with my colleagues at University of Maryland Medical System and the support of Dr. Howard Eisenberg, chief of the Department of Neurosurgery, has elevated the quality of care that I provide for my patients here on the Eastern Shore,” remarks Dr. Kurtom. “I consider the neurosurgery faculty at UMMS more than colleagues, they are friends. In addition to patient care, this relationship has also provided me the opportunity to engage in academics -- participating in grand rounds and resident education, and publishing articles in academic journals.”

Kurtom continues, “With the support of the administration at University of Maryland Shore Regional Health, we were able to publish two articles in two prominent international journals – *The Spine Journal* and *Clinical Neurology and Neurosurgery*. The credit for this work is attributed to my coauthors who should all be congratulated. I look forward to expanding Shore



Regional Health’s academic affiliation with UMMS across all areas of medicine and surgery, not just neurosurgery.”

Dr. Kurtom earned his undergraduate degree from University of Maryland and obtained a master’s degree from Georgetown University. He graduated from George Washington University School of Medicine, after which he completed a general surgery internship and neurosurgery residency at George Washington University Hospital and a neurosurgery clinical fellowship at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke in Washington, D.C. He is board-certified through the American Board of Neurological Surgery.

“Shore Medical Group and University of Maryland Shore Regional Health is most fortunate to have Dr. Kurtom on its medical staff,” comments Jonathan Cook, vice president for physician services, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health. “Dr. Kurtom’s expertise in neurosurgical treatments and procedures is truly an asset to the Mid-Shore and the patients that we serve in our local communities. He has brought a level of knowledge and medical care to the Shore that is unprecedented.”

Chesapeake Neurological Surgery, located at 403 Purdy Street, Suite 204, in Easton, is a member of Shore Medical Group, which is an affiliate of University of Maryland Shore Regional Health. The practice offers a full spectrum of neurosurgical services. Dr. Kurtom specializes in the performance of minimally invasive and complex spine surgery, brain and spinal cord tumors, pituitary tumors, carotid artery surgery as well as shunt procedures for hydrocephalus.

For additional information about the services provided by Dr. Kurtom at Chesapeake Neurological Surgery, call 410-820-9117 or visit them online at [www.cnseaston.com](http://www.cnseaston.com).

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**Photo: (Dr. Kurtom August 2013.jpg) – Dr. Khalid Kurtom**