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277 Ratings

Jean-Paul Wolinsky, MD

Northwestern Medical Group

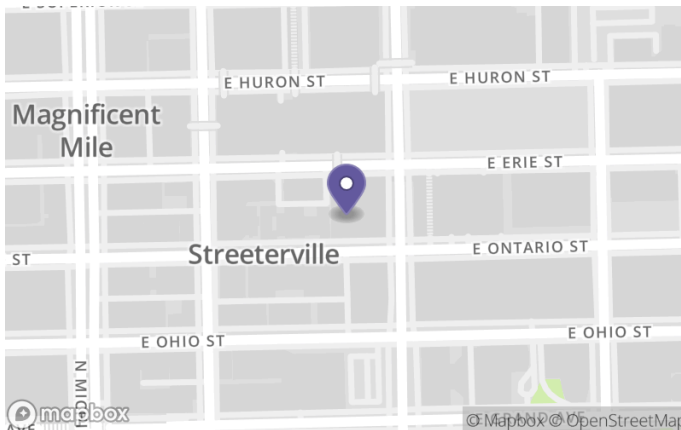
Primary Specialty

Spine Surgery

Secondary Specialties

Neurosurgical Oncology

Location



Center for Spine Health at Northwestern Memorial Hospital

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Insurance Accepted

Insurance plans are subject to change. View insurance plans accepted at each hospital and by each NMHC physician group.

Practice Groups and Affiliations

Medical Group

Northwestern Medical Group

Alignment Category

Northwestern Medicine Physician Network

On Medical Staff At

Central DuPage Hospital
Delnor Hospital
Huntley Hospital
McHenry Hospital
Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Woodstock Hospital

Education

Medical Education	MD, Baylor College of Medicine - 1998
Internship	Baylor College of Medicine - 1999
Residency	Baylor College of Medicine - 2004

Board Certifications

American Board of Neurological Surgery - Neurological Surgery (Certified)

Practice Focus Areas

Craniovertebral Junction Disorders	Spinal Cord Tumors
Primary Spine Tumors	Spinal Deformities
Spinal Congenital Disease	Spine Vascular
Stereotactic Radiosurgery	
Vascular Malformation/Brain	

Ratings & Reviews

At Northwestern Medicine, our patient's feedback is important to us. While different care providers have their own unique strengths, we strive to be as transparent as possible with our quality of care. [Read more](#)

Care Provider Ratings

Overall rating

4.9



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Reviews From Patients

182 Reviews

AUGUST 29 2022

He answered all my questions. I even got to see MRI results of my spine which I felt was fascinating.

AUGUST 26 2022

Thorough and extremely knowledgeable

AUGUST 16 2022

Dr Wolinsky responded immediately after I contacted him regarding my rate diagnosis. He set up a consultation within the week and his knowledge and devotion to his patients were evident straightaway. His staff arranged my surgery and everything has been communicated swiftly and with an ease I've not experienced at KU in Kansas City!

AUGUST 15 2022

His bedside manner is amazing! Explains and teaches well. I left his office with a full understanding regarding my condition. All my questions were answered. I would recommend my loved ones to Dr Wolinsky!!

AUGUST 15 2022

Dr. Wolinsky saved my life. He explained everything I should expect and was right on all of them. I can play golf after having my L-4 removed. It's a miracle!

AUGUST 15 2022

He's very kind and passion

AUGUST 5 2022

Demeanor. Knowledge. Willingness to thoroughly explain my condition, possible outcomes and next steps. He was careful and willing to take the time to thoroughly review my scans and check for understanding. The visit was the perfect balance of medical and personal conversations. Plus, really cool shoes.

AUGUST 2 2022

Outstanding knowledge and insights

AUGUST 1 2022

Excellent bedside manner

AUGUST 1 2022

He is so thorough and knowledgeable

JULY 29 2022

Dr. Wolinsky explained very well the surgery and other procedures that I will be going through

JULY 22 2022

His competence and understanding

JULY 20 2022

He is compassionate, knowledgeable and generous with his time. The best there is.

JULY 20 2022

He is wonderful

JULY 9 2022

As I mentioned before and he recommends what should I do during my treatment.

JULY 4 2022

Expert in his field.

JULY 1 2022

He is so understanding and explains the situation with compassion.

JUNE 27 2022

Answered all my questions Very kind Excellent surgeon, especially with cancer complications

JUNE 13 2022

Dr. Wolinsky is simply the best in his field. Extremely skilled surgeon, knowledgeable, kind and supportive.

JUNE 13 2022

Knowledgeable and an expert

JUNE 11 2022

Dr. Wolinsky explained my fracture to me in such a way I understood. He took time to assess the situation and then give me advice.

JUNE 7 2022

Dr. Wolinsky had excellent bedside manner and was very knowledgeable and patient.

JUNE 7 2022

World class doctor that broke it down so we could understand .He left no doubt about ,being the best guy for the job.

JUNE 7 2022

Dr.Wolinsky explained everything pertaining to my surgery.He was very kind and concerned.I would certainly return to him if needed.

JUNE 6 2022

He was so candid, kind and told me like it was with empathy and positivity!

MAY 23 2022

Dr Wolinsky is a patient smart and great personality!

MAY 17 2022

Dr Paul- Jean Wolinsky "Best in class. Best in his field. Successfully removed my spinal cord tumor, Couldn't recommend any other neurosurgeon more than Dr Wolinsky. Excellent."

MAY 16 2022

Dr Wolinsky is an outstanding surgeon. He is extremely skilled and a kind and compassionate person. He is an expert neurosurgeon and the outcome of my surgery has far exceeded my expectations.

MAY 13 2022

He was clear in explaining the answers to my questions

MAY 9 2022

One of the best experts and very open with his responses.

MAY 6 2022

I have researched Dr Wolinski he's Exactly the Dr I was looking for. The best of the best. Thank you !

APRIL 26 2022

He is informative, expressive, through, and caring. I cannot say enough good things about him and his care. I am a nurse practitioner and I truly appreciate his honesty.

APRIL 25 2022

Great listener, very patient. Took great care to show and explain the MRI results. Great advice and plan for least invasive steps first to identify the problem. He was polite and truthful with the potential odds.

APRIL 18 2022

He cares for the patient. Does a fantastic job

APRIL 18 2022

He is excellent. Very caring and compassionate.

APRIL 7 2022

Experience and good personality. Explains things thoroughly. Works with and listens to patient concerns when developing treatment plan.

APRIL 6 2022

Down to earth, helpful, and informative. Answered our questions patiently and thoroughly.

APRIL 4 2022

He's such a kind and very detailed Making a feel so comfortable not to be nerves

MARCH 28 2022

Professional and courteous

MARCH 28 2022

Dr. Wolinsky explains things well and answers my questions patiently. He takes my care seriously. If I send a my chart message I get a prompt response,

MARCH 21 2022

Dr. Wolinsky and his staff exceeded my expectations with the level of care and compassion they

provida. They answered all of my questions and provided a very clear treatment plan prior to surgery. The surgery went better than I expected and I am now six weeks into recovery and I feel great. I cannot thank them enough for the care that they have provided me.

MARCH 17 2022

Dr Wolinsky is professional, knowledgeable and explains everything in a way that you understand.

MARCH 9 2022

He is the best doctor for me so far.

MARCH 7 2022

Very easy to talk to!

MARCH 4 2022

DR.Wolinsky kept me up date on my problem and was very kind.

MARCH 1 2022

I have had several surgeries with Dr. Wolinsky and I'm very happy with the results.

FEBRUARY 28 2022

Dr. Wolinsky is the most caring physician I have ever met with. He treats you with the utmost respect and never makes you feel rushed, answers all your questions, and makes sure you have all the information you need to make informed medical decisions.

FEBRUARY 28 2022

Dr. Wolinsky is an amazing surgeon, knowledgeable, skilled and supportive.

FEBRUARY 28 2022

He was the surgeon that did my surgery.

FEBRUARY 22 2022

He is wonderful! He is so informative, patient, kind and efficient!

FEBRUARY 21 2022

Dr. Wolinsky has the experience and skills to help patients needing treatment for Chordoma.

FEBRUARY 18 2022

I have already shared my positive experience and my trust and confidence in his medical experience, skill and knowledge with others on numerous occasions and I have already recommended him to an acquaintance based on my experience with him. In my opinion, he is the best of the best and he has surrounded himself with an amazing staff.

FEBRUARY 15 2022

Excellent care, information, excellent staff, empathy

FEBRUARY 14 2022

Dr Wolinsky saved my life! He explained everything that was going to happen and answered every

crazy question my wife and I asked.

FEBRUARY 7 2022

Satisfied with the surgery and it's results.

FEBRUARY 7 2022

Dr. Wolinsky is by far one of the BEST physicians I have ever had. He is extremely intelligent, efficient and kind. I would recommend Dr. Wolinsky to ANYONE who would need spinal surgery or care.

FEBRUARY 7 2022

Very professional. Used everyday terms that we easy to understand. Explained options and next steps.

JANUARY 31 2022

He listens to my concerns. He explains everything. Very thorough. He also answers all my questions

JANUARY 30 2022

After struggling with back and leg pain for months, an MRI revealed a melanocytic schwannoma tumor. Its size and placement on the S1 nerve meant that the surgeons in my plan were not comfortable operating and referred me to a research hospital. That's how I came across Dr. Wolinsky at the Center of Spine Health, Northwestern Memorial Hospital. At the very first appointment that I had with Dr. Wolinsky, he took time to answer all my questions and had a plan for my surgery, which he scheduled as early as he could. The surgery was a success, and Dr. Wolinsky, Dr. Najib El Tecle, and the whole team of doctors and nurses were very attentive and caring during my recovery. I am very grateful for all the care and professionalism that I had had during my recovery. Thank you to Dr. Wolinsky and his team for everything that they did to help me.

DECEMBER 27 2021

Dr Wolinsky was very knowledgeable and showed great compassion during my phone visit. He took the time to gather information from me, shared his evaluation, gave his recommendation and answered all of my questions. He never made me feel rushed and explained things in a manner that was easy to understand. He identified and explained information about my condition that had not been shared by other surgeons previously.

DECEMBER 27 2021

He took the time to explain my options, and explained which would likely be better for me without being biased. I felt I had enough information to make an informed decision

DECEMBER 20 2021

I had bad luck with first Amita doctor. After second surgery with Dr.wolinsky. very warm, loving, trusting, honest doctor. It is easy to talk with him. He is the best.

DECEMBER 13 2021

He is the best!!

DECEMBER 10 2021

Dr. answered all my questions and put me at ease.He did not rush me at all and seems very caring.

NOVEMBER 29 2021

Dr. Wolinsky took the time to review my tests results with me and go over options

NOVEMBER 23 2021

Dr. Wolinsky was very straightforward with everything that I would be going through after my surgery and even after my surgery he still worked at helping me understand what my body is doing without getting frustrated or angry at me.

NOVEMBER 15 2021

thoughtful and explained everything well (even when we are at a point where more information is needed). helped with pointing me to the next steps.

NOVEMBER 12 2021

He reviews my films with me, listens to my concerns, and always encourages me to call with any new concerns or problems

NOVEMBER 8 2021

He's the best

NOVEMBER 5 2021

Expert surgeon. I had a complicated surgery that was successful thanks to Dr. Wolinsky and Dr. Stover. He is also personalbe and clearly cares about the well being of his patients.

NOVEMBER 2 2021

Dr Wolinsky is very knowledgeable and knows how to explain your medical condition giving you options and all the information so that you can make an informed decision. My surgery went just as he explained so there were no surprises and I am 1,000% better than when I came in. I have never met a doctor with a better bedside manner I would recommend Dr Wolinski to anyone.

OCTOBER 29 2021

Confidence

OCTOBER 11 2021

Wonderful and warm experience from start to finish. Appreciate Dr. Wolinski taking time to go over the diagnosis clearly and treatment options. Highly recommended.

OCTOBER 8 2021

In my opinion he is one of the best Dr.

OCTOBER 4 2021

He explained me well what to expect from the procedure. The risks and benefits.

SEPTEMBER 29 2021

Had a very natural, friendly manner. Felt I had his whole attention. Ok

SEPTEMBER 29 2021

He was very easy to talk with and was able to make me feel a bit better about my upcoming procedure.

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SEPTEMBER 25 2021

Good communication. Answered all my questions. Has an air of confidence. Felt very secure and very comfortable in his presence

SEPTEMBER 24 2021

I have the ultimate trust in him

SEPTEMBER 20 2021

He is a doctor that spends the time to cover your your care in detail

SEPTEMBER 20 2021

Caring, patient, informative

SEPTEMBER 17 2021

Excellent doctor

SEPTEMBER 17 2021

He did surgery for me to remove a tumor. He is nice.

SEPTEMBER 13 2021

He really cares

AUGUST 31 2021

Good reputation, good interpersonal skills, explains things clearly.

AUGUST 29 2021

Wish he would have put my MRI up so I could see it. He was very nice. The fello did a thorough exam. I am not sure why the nurse said I needed to see a surgeon? At this time I am not a surgical candidate.

AUGUST 23 2021

Love his personality, very knowledgeable and patient. He shows you the film and explains everything to you. Gives you options and will recommend as if you were family

AUGUST 18 2021

Dr. Wolinski and his staff were very attentive and made me feel comfortable as I was very nervous.

AUGUST 16 2021

He is very clear in his explanations,spends a good amount of time with you ,answers all questions clearly and projects an all around good feeling!

AUGUST 9 2021

Caring and knowledgeable

AUGUST 8 2021

He listened to me for the most part.

AUGUST 3 2021

The best listener who answers all questions very clearly so you can understand the situation. Plus he's very nice !!! His nurse is also wonderful !!!!

AUGUST 2 2021

Very good Dr. and very reassuring!

AUGUST 2 2021

Dr. Wolinsky is an incredible doctor. His precision, neurosurgical expertise and bedside manor are second to none. I am honored to have him guiding me through my bone and breast cancer. The cervical spine surgery he performed in March 2020 have saved my life. Please, honor this wonderful man whenever you can, Northwestern Administration. I beg you to do whatever is needed to keep him on your staff at hospital.

AUGUST 2 2021

He listens and gives you all of the information you need to make informed decisions while having one of the best bedside manners I've experienced.

JULY 14 2021

He is kind, brilliant and invested in the absolute best outcomes for all of his patients.

JUNE 28 2021

Very personable and knowledgeable.

JUNE 28 2021

He truly listens and he doesn't rush you and takes his time to answer all the questions and explains things very carefully so it's understandable and clear . The best doctor ever !!!

JUNE 23 2021

My first visit with Dr. Wolinsky was on Monday, 6/21/21. I spoke of my concerns and Dr. Wolinsky heard me and listened to me. I'm confident that all will be well. Everyone that I had contact with in suite 1450 was a grade of 10. After my MRI appointment I have another appointment with Dr. Wolinsky to discuss the MRI results.

JUNE 21 2021

Wonderful physician ! Really listened carefully to my issues and he also took the time to explain everything clearly and he answered all my questions. He was also quite pleasant and put me at ease when I was asking all my questions . Excellent doctor !!!

Faculty Profile

<http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/faculty-profiles/az/profile.html?xid=38757>