



4.8 ★★★★★

106 Ratings

Jerome L. Kolavo, MD

Northwestern Medicine Regional Medical Group

Primary Specialty

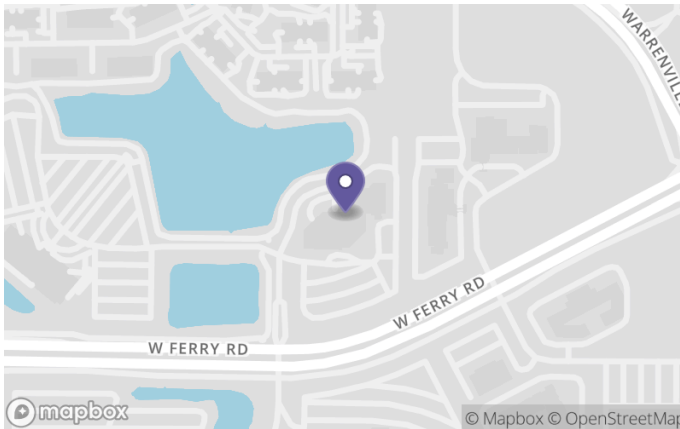
Spine Surgery

Secondary Specialties

Orthopaedic Surgery

● Accepts New Patients

Locations



Northwestern Medicine Regional Medical Group

101 E 75th St Ste 100
Naperville, IL 60565-1469
📍 27.97 mi

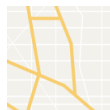
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Northwestern Medicine Regional Medical Group

27650 Ferry Rd Ste 100
Warrenville, IL 60555-3845
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📍 28.44 mi



Northwestern Medicine Regional Medical Group

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Sycamore, IL 60178-3125
815.758.0000

📍 56.64 mi

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 Medicine Regional Medical Group

Physician Category Northwestern Medicine Physician Network
Northwestern Medicine Regional Medical Group

On Medical Staff At Central DuPage Hospital
Delnor Hospital
Kishwaukee Hospital
Northwestern Medicine Surgery Center

Education

Medical Education MD, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine - 1983

Internship University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago - 1984
McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University - 1985

Residency McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University - 1989

Fellowship Rush University Medical Center - 1990

Board Certifications

American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery - Orthopaedic Surgery (Certified)

Practice Focus Areas

Microdiscectomy	Spinal Fusion
Reconstructive Spine Surgery	Spine Revision Surgery
Spine Trauma	

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

4.8



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Reviews From Patients

84 Reviews

AUGUST 27 2021

Dr. Kolavo did a good job answering all my questions and concerns .. and smiled which someone like me needs to see.. since this was a very scary surgery for me.

AUGUST 27 2021

Very knowledgeable Experienced Cares about his patients

AUGUST 25 2021

Excellent reputation

AUGUST 19 2021

Time spent explaining procedure that I am going to under go.

AUGUST 19 2021

Very thorough I have three back surgeries and I'm still here !

AUGUST 18 2021

He seems to be a very caring doctor, and he gave me information that can help right now.

AUGUST 17 2021

I think he is a nice doctor who explains everything thoroughly, just felt comfortable with him!

AUGUST 10 2021

I respect his knowledge and his candid feedback. But most of all I truly appreciate the time he took to explain my diagnosis.

AUGUST 4 2021

communication

AUGUST 3 2021

Trust in Dr, Kalavo's opinion and explanation of findings.

AUGUST 3 2021

He is an excellent practitioner.

AUGUST 3 2021

Excellent clinician

AUGUST 28 2021

JULY 28 2021

Excellent in taking time to explain to my injuries and future options

JULY 27 2021

Very professional and caring about your issues

JULY 27 2021

Dr Kolavo is thorough. Most impressive was the first visit.

JULY 21 2021

Doesn't sugarcoat anything & easy to talk to.

JULY 20 2021

I got stuck in the elevator for 30 min the firementook longer to get me out because they couldn't locate the key there and when it was found it was bend! My anxiety is still real high I can't go to sleep! Why wasn't there a key at the front desk?

JULY 15 2021

comes right to the point

JULY 13 2021

He explained everything in detail and answered my questions

JULY 13 2021

Top notch clinician and surgeon

JULY 10 2021

Dr. Kovalov performed thorough examination and made several non-surgical suggestions for relieving my back pain. The only significant negative is that he prescribed Valium for my MRI, but the information sheet that came with the drug said I should not be taking it if I'm already taking an opioid, which I am.

JULY 6 2021

If someone has a back problem I would strongly recommend him.

JULY 5 2021

Dr Kolavo took as much time as I needed to help me understand all the possible outcomes for my spine surgery. He didn't give me any unrealistic expectations.

JUNE 22 2021

I feel very at ease with Dr. Kolavo, he takes his time to talk to me and doesn't rush any decisions.

JUNE 16 2021

Highly reputable, spend time answering all of my questions, gave me clear details and recommendations about my diagnosis

JUNE 1 2021

Dr Kolavo explained all the issues I am having thoroughly, and set up a plan of pain management along with PT to get me feeling better. I appreciate his conservative approach and even hope to avoid surgery.

MAY 24 2021

Explained above

MAY 23 2021

Cooperative Well explained Well experienced Good way of explaining

MAY 22 2021

Great doctor great guy

MAY 9 2021

Friendly & informative.

MAY 9 2021

Very through in explaining things and giving you options.

MAY 8 2021

My impression of Dr. Kolavo is that he is competent and trustworthy. I would be confident to have him treat my lumbar spine problem. But to diagnose and treat other related issues that may be part of a larger problem, not so much.

MAY 6 2021

Professional & knowledgeable

APRIL 27 2021

Doctor calavo listens to USA patient tries a lot of options before update for surgery

APRIL 27 2021

He was very thorough and explained everything.

APRIL 25 2021

I felt the doctor is listening to me and is trying to help figure out what is wrong with me.

APRIL 24 2021

After waiting more than 30 min in waiting room and spending more than an hour and 15 min over all, I was told to walk more (I already walk 2-3 miles per day) I was told to go to a PT outside of Northwestern, even though I said my hmo covers NM and I had appointments set up at OAD NM already. So no help at except to tell me to do what I was already doing, said he wouldn't operate on my severely bulging disk, so waste of my time.

APRIL 20 2021

Dr. Kolavo's care and concern shows every visit I have with him.

APRIL 17 2021

great doctor

APRIL 16 2021

Lots of trust

APRIL 10 2021

He is a great listener and answers questions well. Spends time needed on your visit.

APRIL 9 2021

He appears to be adept & the exam was well done.

APRIL 7 2021

Professional, thorough, timely, got me in for an appointment quickly.

APRIL 4 2021

Dr Kolavo was great at assessing what needed to be done and did so promptly. He really listened to my concerns and questions and addressed them as best as he could.

APRIL 4 2021

I only saw him once.

MARCH 31 2021

Doctor Kolavo has been very conservative in his approach and makes sure that all other forms of treatment for an injury are exhausted before recommending surgery. He and his staff are very helpful in getting medical paperwork completed for such things as family medical leave and short term disability for an employer.

MARCH 30 2021

Only met the doctor once... was knowledgeable

MARCH 26 2021

He listens and tryÃĈâ,-â„Çs to find the answers. He doesnÃĈâ,-â„Çt just dismiss me. He is very thorough!

MARCH 24 2021

He has a lot of knowledge and experience. He took the time to make sure I understood the treatment options prior to my fusion surgery and as I go through my healing process!

MARCH 23 2021

This was my first consultation with Dr Kolavo. He is knowledgeable and thorough. I know he has my best interests at heart.

MARCH 21 2021

Very professional

MARCH 19 2021

I trust him and value his what he is telling me

MARCH 16 2021

he came off a bit rude. constantly tells me i need more exercise when i told him i exercise five days a week but stopped because i was in pain with ever movement. very dismissive. would hardly let me speak

and dismissed my questions with "more exercise"?

MARCH 13 2021

He clearly knows what he is doing

MARCH 13 2021

Highly

MARCH 13 2021

He spent a lot of time listening and responding to my concerns and allowed my husband to listen & respond on speaker phone since he couldn't attend with me.

MARCH 13 2021

explains Feel like he has used information.

MARCH 8 2021

Dr Kolavo does not show any compassion for his patients. He comes off as superior and arrogant. My visit was a waste of time and money. When a doctor tells you "we need to find a way for you to live with your pain", I don't think he is doing all he can.

MARCH 5 2021

Very competent

MARCH 2 2021

Seems negative

FEBRUARY 27 2021

Excellent evaluation and treatment plan.

FEBRUARY 23 2021

He listens.

FEBRUARY 23 2021

Good surgeon and communicator

FEBRUARY 16 2021

I like him

FEBRUARY 15 2021

Thorough; patient;respectful

FEBRUARY 14 2021

Dr. Kolavo is a great doctor/surgeon.

FEBRUARY 12 2021

Attentive and clear about treatment.

FEBRUARY 11 2021

I've been working with Dr. Kolavo for the past year. Pre surgical, surgical, and post surgical. At all times he took the time to explain and answered my questions. If I had another issue with a different part of my body he helped me find a Dr. for that issue. I felt safe with all the care I had with Dr. Kolavo and would see him again if something else crops up.

FEBRUARY 10 2021

You took the time to explain my mother's condition and gave me enough time to translate to her. Very impressed with Dr. Kovalov's services.

FEBRUARY 9 2021

He is very thorough and friendly

FEBRUARY 4 2021

Good Doctor knows his profession very well. Explained my problem to me in detail so I understood what I needed to know.

FEBRUARY 1 2021

Dr. Kolavo knows what he is talking about, he takes the time to listen, answer all questions and make you at ease with your concerns, pain, what needs to be done and what he can do to help you. Highly Recommend!

JANUARY 21 2021

He listens! He had turned a bad outcome from another spine surgeon into a great one. This was years ago.. but he still has the same caring and assessing properties that will keep me from going to another doctor.

JANUARY 19 2021

Him and his staff are fantastic!

JANUARY 5 2021

Experience and skill

JANUARY 2 2021

He is a kind thorough Dr and he cares

DECEMBER 26 2020

I had lumbar fusion surgery this year and I am so happy I had him as my surgeon! He did a great job of making sure I knew all of the risks and never forced my decision. Very professional and knowledgeable!

DECEMBER 9 2020

Jerry Kolavo is a great guy. Has a good manner. Well respected in his field

DECEMBER 4 2020

The doctor was rude during the exam and refused to offer any new treatment. He even accused me of lying to him during my exam despite having one of my issues he was testing being verified already.

DECEMBER 2 2020

Absolutely no help whatsoever. I came in rating eight out of 10 on my pain and the nurse barely ever let me finish a sentence. I also think the fact that some of your own staff/physicians have such antiquated views on medication and their lack of study with medical marijuana indicate that some of your physicians probably have hit the retirement age. I would suggest you audit every single doctor you have in your healthcare network. I am beyond pissed off with how everything has going on with Northwestern orthopedics. Not only could I not get a specific diagnostic test done, I was ridiculed. I was questioned so much that it violated my privacy, and then I was sent home and told to work with my primary on my back. You may not like this, but this is straight up bull**. The only good person there was the athletic trainer, Matt. He's the only decent human being that I interacted with the entire time. Thanks for basically just telling me that my spine is ***** and you guys really don't want to lift a finger to do any surgery other than the most extreme which would be fusion surgery. Thanks a lot, you talk about how you are at the forefront of a lot of medicine. This network isn't at the forefront of ****. I'm going to make sure the public knows.**

DECEMBER 2 2020

The whole office is kind and patient and I trust the doctor and the decisions he has made.

NOVEMBER 24 2020

He is a great doctor and he tell you the truth

NOVEMBER 24 2020

Short wait listens tells you honestly what he thinks

NOVEMBER 22 2020

Compassionate and explains thoroughly. He cares very much for his patients and wants to do all that is possible to help them.

NOVEMBER 6 2020

Dr. K. is a skilled surgeon. He also informs his patients, offers suggestions, treats them like a person wants to be: kind, knowledgeable, and no-nonsense.

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NOVEMBER 4 2020

Excellent surgeon!Totally took care of my problem and no more pain!

NOVEMBER 4 2020

Very concerned and listens to your problems.Then the staff and surgeon are knowledgeable and caring. Easy to talk with and answer questions.

NOVEMBER 3 2020

Actually takes time with his patients and explains the x-rays and the MRI

NOVEMBER 3 2020

The staff is amazing

NOVEMBER 2 2020

Dr was very informative, thorough and had great bedside manners.

OCTOBER 31 2020

He tells you exactly how it is and explains why. Very nice man

OCTOBER 31 2020

The whole staff is very accommodating and kind.

OCTOBER 30 2020

Excellent doctor. Attentive, reassuring, wise, and very knowledgeable

OCTOBER 29 2020

He is an excellent diagnostician.

OCTOBER 29 2020

The care team at RMG Ortho is excellent. They are caring, great listeners and time efficient.

OCTOBER 27 2020

Muchos años de experiencia profesionalExcelente trato al pacienteBuenas relaciones humanas

OCTOBER 27 2020

Buenas atencionesBuen trato personalUna excelente combinaci??n entre lo profesional y humano.

OCTOBER 21 2020

Great doctor

OCTOBER 21 2020

Great team of doctors and nurses

Website

<https://content.nm.org/rmg.nm.org>

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