



4.8 ★★★★★

250 Ratings

## Michael T. Walsh, MD

Northwestern Medical Group

Primary Specialty

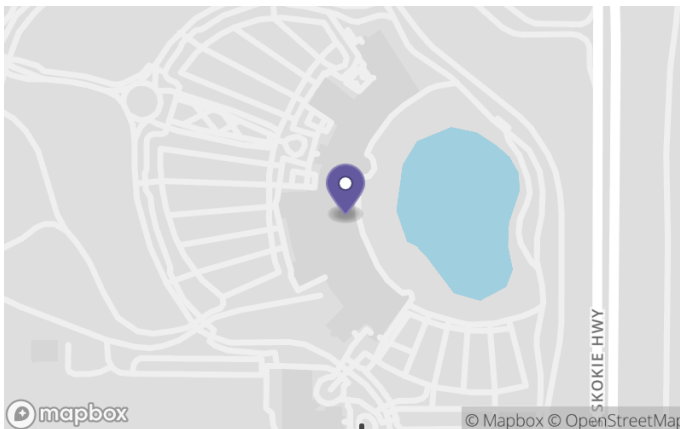
**Neurological Surgery**

Secondary Specialties

**Skull Base Surgery**

● Accepts New Patients

### Locations



#### Northwestern Medical Group - Neurosciences and Orthopaedics

1000 N Westmoreland Rd  
Level 3  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
📍 27.98 mi

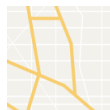
847.535.7271  
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#### Northwestern Medicine Neurosurgery Grayslake Outpatient Center

1475 E Belvidere Rd Ste 185  
Pavilion C  
Grayslake, IL 60030  
847.535.7271

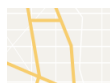
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#### Northwestern Medicine Regional Medical Group

10350 Haligus Rd Ste C  
Huntley, IL 60142  
847.535.7271

📍 44.59 mi



#### Northwestern Medicine Regional Medical Group



4309 W Medical Center Dr Ste B201  
 McHenry, IL 60050  
 847.535.7271

📍 44.71 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 Medical Group
Physician Category	Northwestern Medicine Physician Network Northwestern Medicine Regional Medical Group
On Medical Staff At	Central DuPage Hospital Delnor Hospital Grayslake Ambulatory Surgery Center Huntley Hospital McHenry Hospital Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital Northwestern Memorial Hospital Woodstock Hospital

## Education

Medical Education	MD, Indiana University School of Medicine - 2001
Internship	Ohio State University Hospital - 2002
Residency	University of Vermont Medical Center - 2008
Fellowship	University of Utah Health - 2009

## Board Certifications

American Board of Neurological Surgery - Neurological Surgery (Certified)

## Practice Focus Areas

Benign Brain Tumor	Microvascular compression syndromes
Cavernous Malformation	Skull Base Surgery
Meningeal Brain Tumor	Spinal Disc Herniation Disease

## 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



250 Ratings

#### Reviews From Patients

117 Reviews

AUGUST 30 2021

**Very knowledgeable...not one to push surgery as first choice...little awareness of patient respect and sensitivity**

AUGUST 30 2021

**He has a great reputation and he always has your best interest in mind.**

AUGUST 26 2021

**Dr Welsh and his team are amazing! Excellent bedside manner, explored all possibilities for treatment, answered all my questions.**

AUGUST 21 2021

**in the 3 months I've been under his care I've seen him for a maximum of 5 minutes. No way to get a call through to him**

AUGUST 19 2021

**I don't think his team did a great job explaining nor the discharge was explained thoroughly. Was a bit disappointed. Surgery was a success though. I felt now being rushed not really cared for enough.**

AUGUST 19 2021

**Awesome , Great Dr. in explaining the cause of my problems.**

AUGUST 9 2021

**Discussed my concerns and listened to me.**

AUGUST 9 2021

**Have been seeing Dr. Walsh for over a year, he is very personable and I felt very comfortable with him from the very first day and his diagnosis of me. He always answered my questions and addressed my fears honestly. After a year of delaying the surgery the day came and I could not be happier with the results. This doctor says what he does and does what he says. I not only would but already have recommended him to several people and will keep recommending him. Very thankful every day for being referred to Dr. Walsh.**

AUGUST 5 2021

**Kind; thorough; explained everything well.**

AUGUST 2 2021

**He's smart, patient and caring!!**

JULY 11 2021

**I think it's too soon to rate for now. We are still in the initial phase of consulting. But I can tell he is really an excellent dr. I will revisit this question.**

JULY 10 2021

**Knowledgeable patient and non aggressive in recommending surgery.**

JUNE 24 2021

**His assistant did a very thorough job.**

JUNE 22 2021

**His PA was excellent. Dr Walsh will review notes and contact me.**

JUNE 15 2021

**Great doctor**

JUNE 11 2021

**Dr Walsh was thorough on care of what was going on with my back.**

JUNE 10 2021

**He's the best**

JUNE 7 2021

**Excellent doctor.**

JUNE 3 2021

**He is a very good doctor and friendly he explains what and about what he is going to do**

MAY 29 2021

**We chatted for approx. 10 minutes. Didn't get much time to "connect"**

MAY 27 2021

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## **Neck is healing**

MAY 26 2021

**Very nice and showed and explained everything about my surgery**

MAY 18 2021

**Very bright**

MAY 13 2021

**First visit. He done good.**

MAY 11 2021

**He is friendly smart and takes time with your**

MAY 6 2021

**Thorough and efficient**

MAY 5 2021

**he doesn't beat around the bush but tells it like it is. There is no sugarcoating so you know exactly what to expect. No surprises later.**

APRIL 17 2021

**He is very helpful and kind and willing to help**

APRIL 17 2021

**HAD TO WAIT WAY PAST MY TIME. YOU WANT ME ON TIME THEY SHOULD BE ON TIME**

APRIL 13 2021

**Excellent physician**

APRIL 13 2021

**Caring professional.**

APRIL 6 2021

**Dr. Walsh is an exceptional dr. And has demonstrated to us how much he cares about his patients.**

APRIL 6 2021

**Best doctor**

APRIL 6 2021

**I felt they cared and took the time to explain my options.**

APRIL 5 2021

**He took good care of me**

MARCH 31 2021

**Very professional and excellent surgeon**

MARCH 30 2021

**Did a Phenomenal job on my back**

MARCH 17 2021

**I have only seen him for a few minutes so I have no reason to recommend him nor do I have reason not to recommend him.**

MARCH 12 2021

**Experienced, intelligent and personable**

MARCH 11 2021

**NP and Dr took time to answer all my questions. Offered helpful advice and suggestions.**

MARCH 10 2021

**He represents why I have been a patient here nearly 50 years. I have confidence that the best will always be a priority in caring for, not only me, but all patients.**

FEBRUARY 23 2021

**He explains everything very nicely**

FEBRUARY 22 2021

**Professional, puts you at ease,not surgery crazy.**

FEBRUARY 22 2021

**He seemed to care about my problem and gave suggestions of what I can do.**

FEBRUARY 11 2021

**He, and his physician assistant, both explained in understandable language my condition and treatment. They listened to my questions and concerns, and put me at ease for the future treatment.**

FEBRUARY 8 2021

**Took time to explain the procedure in detail and answered all my questions**

FEBRUARY 3 2021

**seemed to be very knowledgeable**

JANUARY 27 2021

**I will know more after seeing Dr Walsh**

JANUARY 23 2021

**Excellent communicator of expectations/outcomes of surgery.**

JANUARY 21 2021

**I really liked Dr Walsh. For a first time meeting I was pleasantly surprised.**

JANUARY 19 2021

**Great doctor and staff, work with you to resolve your issues, take their time to listen and answer any**

**and all questions in language you can understand.**

JANUARY 19 2021

**Smart and personable**

JANUARY 18 2021

**Very professional**

JANUARY 16 2021

**He is extremely knowledgeable and efficient.**

JANUARY 12 2021

**I felt I reviewed my past history and had several options and a path to go towards my recovery**

JANUARY 12 2021

**Dr. Walsh was extremely compassionate and patient. He took a lot of time to explain everything to me and I am very grateful.**

JANUARY 5 2021

**DR SEEMS AWFULLY BUSY**

JANUARY 4 2021

**Very nice and explained everything to me**

DECEMBER 15 2020

**Extremely Knowledgeable. Direct responses. Pleasant personality.**

DECEMBER 15 2020

**He describes clearly answered to any questions one have.**

DECEMBER 14 2020

**Comes highly recommended**

DECEMBER 10 2020

**Proff. Great manner of treatment**

DECEMBER 8 2020

**Most Drs I see these days sit in front of their computer and look at me occasionally. Dr Walsh sat down in front of me and explained what he had found on my MRI in a manner that relieved my anxiety. He answered all my questions and was present to my concerns. I left the office feeling much better after our visit. He gets a 10+**

DECEMBER 3 2020

**Answered all my questions**

DECEMBER 3 2020

**He cares about his patients and will go over and above to ensure that they leave his care better than when he first saw them**

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NOVEMBER 23 2020

**Made sure I understood test results and options. Gave me time to ask questions.**

NOVEMBER 20 2020

**Great doc- very engaging- listens, answers questions, good advice**

NOVEMBER 20 2020

**Thought his manner & conversation was honest yet non threatening. I immediately liked him & the people surrounding him in his practice**

NOVEMBER 16 2020

**For just meeting him once I would say he is a 7 ,, I will adjust my score after his surgery and treatment . He was was good to meet and discuss things with .**

NOVEMBER 16 2020

**Dr Walsh and his staff spent a good ime with me and showed me exactly is wrong with my neck .. He also explained the difference in having surgery and not having surgery ..**

NOVEMBER 12 2020

**Takes a lot of time and explains everything in terms I understand.**

NOVEMBER 12 2020

**The appt was on time and both Dr Walsh and Laura were very kind. Also they are going beyond to help me with my pain.**

NOVEMBER 10 2020

**Very straightforward explanation.**

NOVEMBER 10 2020

**Good experience.**

NOVEMBER 9 2020

**Surgery is not for everyone**

NOVEMBER 2 2020

**Answered all questions and then went above and beyond in explaining what would happen before, during and after the surgery. He didn't act like he was a big shot and we were little people.**

NOVEMBER 2 2020

**The Doctor and his associate were not only friendly but explained everything that they would be doing in the surgery. Didn't hesitate in answering questions.**

OCTOBER 26 2020

**Took his time to explain my diagnosis and answered all my questions. He is very knowlegwble with a good bedside manner.**



OCTOBER 26 2020

**Thought that Dr. Walsh and His asst were very knowledgeable with good bedside manner.**

OCTOBER 26 2020

**Loved the NP Laura Bailey and Dr Walsh. Thorough, timely and answered all my questions!**

OCTOBER 23 2020

**Excellent physician"patient interaction.**

OCTOBER 23 2020

**Thorough and comprehensive treatment discussion. Exceptional and careful explanation of options.**

OCTOBER 23 2020

**Excellent demeanor. Great at explaining complex situation.**

OCTOBER 23 2020

**Good experience**

OCTOBER 19 2020

**Dr Walsh and his team were kind and patient. They took time to explain everything to me about my condition, treatment options, and next steps. They allowed ample time for my many questions.**

OCTOBER 13 2020

**Doctor and assistant listen to your concerns and address them. Take their time explaining everything that is happening and what will happen. Never rushed. Feel comfortable and reassured after every visit.**

OCTOBER 5 2020

**Nice and helpful. Did not say he was best to do surgery.**

OCTOBER 5 2020

**Knowledgeable and expertise**

SEPTEMBER 29 2020

**Neurosurgeons have a stereotypical reputation in chronic pain communities as ego-driven gods. Dr. Walsh does not fit the stereotype whatsoever. He is friendly, attentive, knowledgeable, concerned, and most of all, a patient himself as he explained. That in itself speaks a thousand words. He can relate to his patients. I have a complex case, which can overwhelm experienced physicians. Dr. Walsh acknowledged the challenges my case brings but did not slight me at all. He listened. I felt heard. Dr. Walsh put me at ease. He created a plan for me, which includes more specialists to try a conservative approach rather than rush into the operating room. In my opinion, that is the sign of a good surgeon.**

SEPTEMBER 29 2020

**My experience was exceptional. Amanda, PA-C took a thorough history, listened, heard me as a patient, answered many questions, addressed my concerns, and explained my test results. She put me at ease. I'm also thrilled there is a woman PA-C in neurosurgery!**

SEPTEMBER 29 2020

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**Dr. Walsh and Amanda are fantastic. They know how to explain everything in layman's terms.**

SEPTEMBER 29 2020

**Everyone was friendly and professional and provided me a plan for the future .**

SEPTEMBER 28 2020

**Dr. Walsh takes the time to plainly explain the diagnosis and patient outlook.**

SEPTEMBER 28 2020

**Dr. Walsh and team clearly outline issues surrounding symptoms, evaluation of imaging results, and next possible steps in treatment.**

SEPTEMBER 25 2020

**I have been dealing with back pain for about 3 years and I could not find any doctor near my house that would even talk about doing my surgery. Dr. Walsh agreed that I do need the surgery and he made me feel very comfortable about having it done by him. Laura is also very helpful and informative and treated me very professionally. I would recommend this team to all of my friends and family.**

SEPTEMBER 24 2020

**A doctor that could talk to and ask questions and get answers that I was looking for All the staff was very friendly and pleasant**

SEPTEMBER 24 2020

**First time I saw the doctor He was pleasant and very easy to ask questions and get answers that I was looking for.**

SEPTEMBER 21 2020

**The doctor explained everything very well to me I appreciate that.**

SEPTEMBER 21 2020

**The doctor is very thorough in his presentation.**

SEPTEMBER 19 2020

**Always very considerate. The staff make you feel comfortable.**

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## **Faculty Profile**

<http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/faculty-profiles/az/profile.html?xid=36051>