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83 Ratings

Rizwan S. Akhtar, MD, PhD

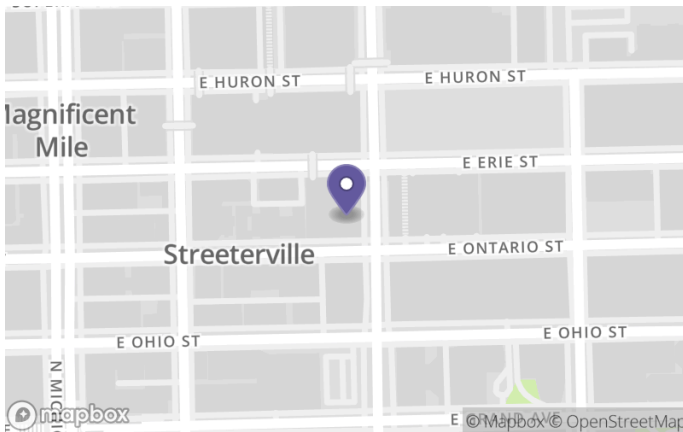
Northwestern Medical Group

Primary Specialty

Movement Disorders

● Accepts New Patients

Location



Regenstein Center for Neurological Care

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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

Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Education

Medical Education	MD, PhD, University of Alabama School of Medicine - 2007
Internship	University of Alabama Medical Center - 2008
Residency	University of Pennsylvania Health System - 2011
Fellowship	University of Pennsylvania Health System - 2013

Board Certifications

American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology - Neurology (Certified)

Practice Focus Areas

Ataxia	Essential Tremor
Corticobasal Syndrome (Degeneration)	Multiple System Atrophy (MSA)
Dystonia	Parkinson's Disease
Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP)	
Torticollis	

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

54 Reviews

MARCH 25 2022

Dr. Spends a lot of time with me during our appointments and is very thorough, He explains my conditions and treatment well.

FEBRUARY 21 2022

he seems interested in me as a person.

FEBRUARY 16 2022

He really listened and he explained his diagnosis to me.

FEBRUARY 15 2022

Clear, direct

JANUARY 5 2022

Dr. Akhtar is kind and empathetic. I feel confident in him.

DECEMBER 19 2021

Dr Akhtar is so knowledgeable and positive in our interactions. He is very observant and picks up the slightest changes between OFF and ON times. He was able to answer my questions about the research study and about how the process is often difficult to find participants in the window of time. Learning more about the research process was enlightening. Dr Akhtar is amazing!

DECEMBER 3 2021

Because he is amazing!! He listened, made me feel validated of what I was expressing

NOVEMBER 12 2021

Very thorough and careful

NOVEMBER 12 2021

Dr. Akhtar is a great doctor!! He cares deeply about the care of his patients and is always there to answer questions.

NOVEMBER 7 2021

Also very caring and informative

NOVEMBER 3 2021

Professional and very informative. A great bedside manner and very personable.

OCTOBER 26 2021

Great communicator

OCTOBER 19 2021

compassionate, thorough, and great staff

OCTOBER 15 2021

I feel he is easy to talk with, and most important is that he listens.

OCTOBER 13 2021

Very nice, professional but friendly and caring.

SEPTEMBER 14 2021

Very kind and professional. He was warm his interaction and took time to analyze what my Mom was in

for and to explain what was going on.. He made us feel unhurried and comfortable.

SEPTEMBER 10 2021

Dr. Akhtar is an awesome doctor!! He spends quality time with me and ensures that I understand my health needs.

SEPTEMBER 2 2021

Personable. Spent the time to explain everything in detail

AUGUST 27 2021

Excellent communication

JULY 30 2021

Dr. Akhtar was friendly and quite interested in Dick's condition. He asked about when conditions began, what tests he had done locally, reviewed his test results and disks, reviewed his medications, gave him physical strength tests and discussed his treatment plans and possible conditions. Appointment was for 1 3/4 hours.

JULY 27 2021

Knowledgeable, caring and overall great.

JULY 23 2021

He was thorough, extremely communicative and his level of compassion was obvious.

JULY 13 2021

He is thorough, patient and shows empathy.

JULY 7 2021

He was very nice and explained all of the procedures.

JUNE 9 2021

Qualified and thorough examination

MAY 18 2021

He was everything one could hope for in a diagnostician. Patient, thorough, kind, and informative.

MAY 14 2021

Well prepared

APRIL 27 2021

This doctor is brilliant, explains things well, and never rushes me.

APRIL 23 2021

A wealth of information

MARCH 26 2021

Great listener & explainer!

FEBRUARY 16 2021

His knowledge of Parkinson's - Past - Present - Future. His bedside manner is honest and interactive. His of the moment and active participation in Parkinson's research.

FEBRUARY 12 2021

Kind, informative, and willing to admit his limitations with my issues.

JANUARY 8 2021

Great bedside manner.

DECEMBER 20 2020

I saw Dr. Akhtar as part of the Parkinson's Disease PPMI research study. I found Dr. Akhtar to be professional with excellent communication skills. He was willing to listen and asked me in-depth questions. He talked to me as a person not down to me. I would like to continue to work with him.

NOVEMBER 17 2020

Very friendly, kind, patient, and knowledgeable.

NOVEMBER 17 2020

One of best physicians I've ever consulted: smart, collaborative, not rushed, pleasant manner, skilled at patient education.

NOVEMBER 13 2020

Professionalism, thoroughness and preparedness.

NOVEMBER 13 2020

Quality medical staff

OCTOBER 20 2020

willing to explore background of current issues through research and study

OCTOBER 20 2020

intelligent, insightful, caring doctor and staff

SEPTEMBER 29 2020

I would feel at ease referring him to a loved one.

SEPTEMBER 29 2020

Was very thorough in what he was saying and going over medical history, took the time and patience to listen to my questions and concerns.

SEPTEMBER 18 2020

Extremely patient and thorough. Willing to take time to answer any questions. Never felt rushed

SEPTEMBER 18 2020

Dr. Akhtar is extremely thorough & knowledgeable. He listened to my concerns, and I felt heard. Would definitely recommend him.

SEPTEMBER 1 2020

I have had vastly different experiences with two of your neurologists. Dr. Akhtar was fabulous in every way: brilliant, provided clear explanations, answered my many questions without impatience, volunteered to procure certain information. I feel extremely secure in his care and would recommend him unreservedly..

AUGUST 21 2020

Dr Akhtar is very polite, honest, knowledgeable, understanding, caring, and his bed side manner is top notch. HIGHLY RECOMMEND!!!

AUGUST 21 2020

Dr. Akhtar was very thorough and I am very confident in his diagnosis. As with every appointment I have at NM, everyone I interacted with was very professional and helpful.

AUGUST 21 2020

Dr Akhtar Took the time to listen to me and was very thorough

AUGUST 14 2020

Dr Ahkhtar was thorough, patient, direct, kind - everything I appreciate in a physician.

JULY 28 2020

Extremely knowledgeable and explains things in terms a layperson can understand.

JULY 24 2020

Dr.Akhatar was very clear in explaining a different plan of care for my condition. Took time with me to listen to my concerns he also had took time to read my profile so that he would be prepared to tackle the issue I'm having from all angles.I was very pleased with my visit today . I gave me a sense of hope for better quality of life

JULY 10 2020

Dr Ahkhtar was very thorough, friendly and explained his thoughts and presented options clearly.

JUNE 23 2020

He listened carefully and I felt very comfortable with him.

JUNE 19 2020

I had my first appointment with Dr. Akhtar today. He was extremely thorough and patient and spoke to me at length about my symptoms. I appreciated how much time he took with me and the fact that he checked in a few times to make sure he had addressed any questions I had.

Faculty Profile

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