



4.9 ★★★★★

157 Ratings

Stephen A. VanHaerents, MD

Northwestern Medical Group

Primary Specialty

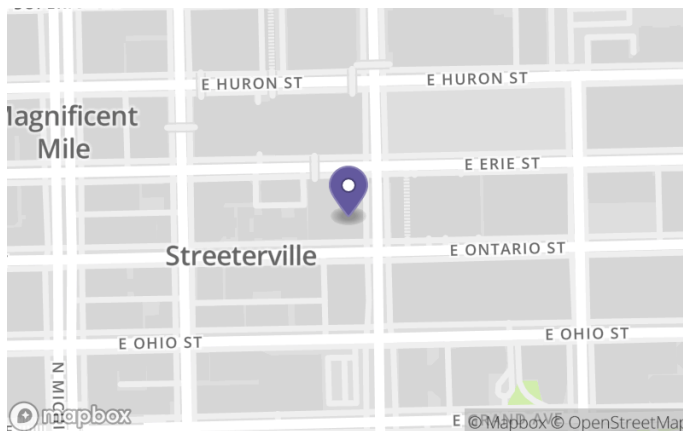
Epilepsy

Secondary Specialties

Clinical Neurophysiology

● Accepts New Patients

Location



Regenstein Center for Neurological Care

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Lavin Family Pavilion
Chicago, IL 60611
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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
Huntley Hospital
McHenry Hospital
Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Palos Hospital
Woodstock Hospital

Education

Medical Education MD, Wayne State University School of Medicine - 2009
Internship Beaumont Health (Royal Oak) - 2010
Residency Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center - 2013
Fellowship Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center - 2014

Board Certifications

American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology - Clinical Neurophysiology (Certified)
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology - Epilepsy (Certified)
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology - Neurology (Certified)

Practice Focus Areas

Autoimmune Epilepsy
Epilepsy
Epilepsy Surgery
Intraoperative Monitoring
Responsive Neurostimulation
Seizure Disorders
Video EEG

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

103 Reviews

MARCH 30 2022

Very personable talks to me do I understand what's next and always goes over a plan with me

MARCH 19 2022

Dr. VanHaerents is an excellent physician who takes the time to listen to his patients and gives excellent quality of care, he has always covered all areas of medicine and makes sure that you are well provided for. He makes sure that you have a "After Visit Summary" before you leave your visit which includes all the information of your visit which is important because many times during a visit it's difficult to write down all the information given to you. I have been seeing Dr. VanHaerents for many years and I don't know what I would do without his sincere care and understanding. He has come through when other doctors where other doctors have not.

MARCH 16 2022

Very caring, thorough, informative

MARCH 15 2022

Thorough, very well at explaining things in terms that the patient will understand and is willing to help and accommodate the patient and their needs. Has a great personality and is a very great person.

MARCH 15 2022

Sees me as more than just a patient

MARCH 9 2022

Dr. VanHaerents is kind, compassionate, and listens fully. He is very thorough and responsive, and explains things well. I was nervous to switch to a new doctor at a new hospital, but he put me at ease, and he had new ideas about my care.

MARCH 8 2022

Addresses all my concerns and issues. Very knowledgeable and friendly.

MARCH 6 2022

He is very knowledgeable on an area which is quite complex and is empathetic as well.

FEBRUARY 27 2022

Great doctor.

FEBRUARY 26 2022

He was easy to talk to, made a list of what needed to be done and what to expect. Compassionate about Amanda's situation and accommodated her needs.

FEBRUARY 22 2022

FEBRUARY 23 2022

Extremely thorough, explanatory and compassionate. An excellent doctor.

FEBRUARY 22 2022

He makes his patients feel comfortable and cared for. Also takes time to explain issues and makes sure to educate his patients. I was working remotely so I couldn't have moved anywhere but a part of why I moved to Chicago was so that I could see dr VH

FEBRUARY 2 2022

He just so on top of everything. Great listening skills and treats people so well.takes his time

FEBRUARY 1 2022

If it wasn't for both of them I wouldn't be here letting you know why I so blessed to have them both as my doctor's Thanks Dr Vanhaerents and Dr. BEVEN

JANUARY 27 2022

Dr. VanHaerent is very knowledgeable, warm and welcoming, very involved with my care, detail oriented with specifics. He is genuinely interested in helping me with my conditions and the appropriate treatment, and takes the time to listen to all of his patients and my hesitations about my treatment and is respectful. He explains things to me clearly and makes sure I have a copy of his notes before I leave which not all doctors do, it makes a big difference. He's gone out of his way to help me in every aspect of my medical needs. I couldn't ask for a better doctor.

JANUARY 18 2022

The best neurologist I've ever had.

JANUARY 17 2022

Both the medical student and the doctor were very detailed in how they listened to my issue and asked me questions in depth in order to properly diagnose and come up with ways to improve my condition. I am thankful I got this opportunity to speak with them and felt better about my condition with the more information I have received.

JANUARY 15 2022

Dr. VanHaerents Is knowledgeable helpful and always gives me good advice.

DECEMBER 21 2021

Extremely knowledgeable and caring. Very concerned

DECEMBER 18 2021

Amazing person! Nice, friendly and very knowledgeable. All of my health questions were not only answered but also gave me lots of new ways to look and possibly take care of myself to get better.

NOVEMBER 30 2021

Dr VanHaerentz is knowledgeable and has excellent people skills.

OCTOBER 26 2021

He is very through and listened to me and answered my questions.

OCTOBER 24 2021

He listens and tries to balance what he thinks the next steps in my care plan should be with my own interests in pursuing different options.

OCTOBER 23 2021

While Dr. VanHaerents was unable to help me, his extensive history taking was enough to know that he could not help me.

OCTOBER 13 2021

Seems like a very knowledgeable Dr

OCTOBER 13 2021

Dr. VanHaerents demonstrates excellent patient care, is extremely thorough, and sincerely cares for his patients. I am grateful to have him as my neurologist.

OCTOBER 3 2021

Dr. VanHaerents is very knowledgeable about epilepsy in general and was well prepared for my initial visit. We went over all of the possible options to gain better control of my seizures, and he asked me how I felt about each of them. He was extremely thorough. I was particularly enthused about his desire to examine the records (EEG, MRI, etc.) himself rather than just rely on other neurologists' interpretation of these tests. As a scientist myself, I appreciated his need to "see the data" himself before drawing any conclusions. Since my case is complex, he made sure to order all necessary post-visit tests: MRI, multi-day ambulatory EEG, neuropsychological exam, ECG, and blood work (lamotrigine, vitamin D, CBC [complete blood count] w/ differential, & CMP [comprehensive metabolic panel]). Most importantly, he listened to all of concerns and answered all of my questions.

SEPTEMBER 18 2021

He is very thorough in his examinations.

SEPTEMBER 15 2021

Excellent doctor, very thorough in his explanations. Answered all our questions.

SEPTEMBER 6 2021

Dr VanHaerents was well aware of the issues of concern and was able to address them quickly. Very friendly.

SEPTEMBER 1 2021

Dr. Steven was Very thorough and very informative

AUGUST 31 2021

Very pleasant personality, spent a great deal of time explaining why I was having my symptoms, and came up with an effective game plan.

AUGUST 17 2021

Dr. VanHaerent is a very Conscientious doctor. He is very patient and soft spoken! I know My health is in good hands with him

GOOD HANDS WITH MIND.

JULY 31 2021

Dr. VanHaerents was inquisitive, shared his knowledge and expertise and seemed genuinely interested in finding the cause of my condition and the appropriate treatment. After seeing 7 neurologists over a number of years his genuine interest in my condition was refreshing.

JULY 18 2021

Very knowledgeable

JUNE 23 2021

Dr could have listened to my concerns more closely.

JUNE 23 2021

Excellent attention to detail, caring, and genuinely a good person.

JUNE 22 2021

He spends time listening to patients and getting to know them. He understands your hesitations about some treatment options and is respectful of your point of view. He addresses questions as needed. I never feel he is rushing me. I don't mind waiting for him when I know I will get his full attention.

MAY 25 2021

Dr. VanHaerents listens to me and respects my wishes as his patient. He shows empathy and care, and expresses passion for his work. I look forward to every single appointment I have with Dr. VanHaerents. I look forward to seeing him again, catching up over lost time, and learning more about my condition. He has helped me in ways I cannot put into words. As my provider, he has provided me with security and assurance when all I felt was fear. Slowly but surely, with the support and suggestions of Dr. VanHaerents, my seizures are improving, and I'm getting my life back.

MAY 18 2021

He was complete and detailed and not leave any information unfixed.

MAY 12 2021

Very helpful

MAY 11 2021

I can't say enough good about him. This man is tops in his field in my opinion

APRIL 13 2021

Thorough and personable

APRIL 11 2021

He appreciates the uniqueness of each patient and the need to learn more before advising on treatment.

APRIL 7 2021

He is very patient and kind and explains everything step by step

APRIL 3 2021

Dr. VanHaerents is very good at explaining issues. He takes time to listen, and he makes every effort to put the patient at ease. He does well with the telemedicine format.

MARCH 17 2021

Conversation including my brother-in-law truly nice.

MARCH 3 2021

Dr. VanHaerents is an amazing neurologist. He is empathic and willing to listen to my concerns, and he addresses them in detail so I'm not left in question. He is incredibly knowledgeable in the field of neurology and my condition; I learn many new things every time we meet for an appointment. I look forward to seeing him again. He gives me hope that we will find success in treating my condition.

FEBRUARY 17 2021

Detailed, answers all questions

FEBRUARY 17 2021

Dr. VanHaerents was great! He spent plenty of time with us asking questions and learning my history. He also taught us things that we haven't learned in the 13 years I've had seizures. He made up plans and I feel confident he will try his hardest to help! His nurse has also been on top of it!!!!

JANUARY 31 2021

He has always listened well and genuinely cares about finding the best options for me.

JANUARY 23 2021

Very kind and helpful. Always willing to help. Nurse Liz is also very helpful.

JANUARY 13 2021

Very knowledgeable.

JANUARY 13 2021

Very involved and detail oriented with the specifics. He is very warm and welcoming and always makes me feel safe.

DECEMBER 6 2020

Dr. VanHaerents does a great job at listening as well as explaining.

NOVEMBER 24 2020

Nice knowledgeable dr.

NOVEMBER 15 2020

Because he is an excellent neurologist who has helped me as a patient and a person throughout the years. He is very knowledgeable. My family and friends are already aware of how confident I am in him.

NOVEMBER 15 2020

Because Dr VanHaerents takes the time to listen, he is an excellent neurologist and I have dealt with

many in the last 40 yrs. He explains things to me clearly and makes sure I have a copy of his notes before I leave which many MD's don't. People are confused sometimes when leaving a MD's office not quite sure what was said but if you are given the notes or have access to them it is important. This has been an extremely difficult year for me and without he and his nurse, Liz I don't know what I would have done without them.

NOVEMBER 11 2020

Dr.VanHaerent's is easy to talk to, responds quickly to MyChart questions. Thorough.

NOVEMBER 11 2020

I like how pro active Dr.VanHaerent's is and he is easy to talk to.

NOVEMBER 5 2020

Dr. VanHaerents took his time, explained eveything in detail, I felt he undertands all my concerns and was addressing them. Very pleasant person. I felt very well taken care of.

NOVEMBER 5 2020

Smooth checkin on the phone, friendly and efficient staff, on time appointment.

OCTOBER 22 2020

He knows what he is doing

OCTOBER 22 2020

Awesome doctor Very caring and extremely Genius

OCTOBER 22 2020

He goes the distance to ensure his care is top notch.

OCTOBER 22 2020

Doctor VanHaerents is rockstar!

OCTOBER 18 2020

He is very respectful

OCTOBER 14 2020

He was thorough and resolute. We finally found a diagnosis after a full year. Hopefully, he can help.

OCTOBER 7 2020

He spent a lot of time with me

OCTOBER 7 2020

Experience of the doctors and variety of neuro specialty careI would give a 10 if there were more in the western suburbs but with online appointment it makes it easier to talk with your doctor without 3 hour travel time.

SEPTEMBER 29 2020

Dr.Vanharents is very caring and listens to what you say.

SEPTEMBER 29 2020

Dr.Vanharents really listens and gives a lot of good information. He really makes you feel comfortable.

SEPTEMBER 24 2020

.DR.VanHaerents is the best

SEPTEMBER 24 2020

There is no better doctor for our needs than Dr. Van Haerents.

SEPTEMBER 15 2020

For the reasons stated above. But mainly for Dr. Van Haerents professional care and concern for treatment for my seizure activity.

SEPTEMBER 15 2020

I felt that the Neurologist and Assistant were very caring and compassionate - not to mention concerned - with the neurological condition that I have. The doctor also appeared determined to find the connection of what is causing the seizures that happen occasionally to me. Prevention of the seizures is his treatment plan for me.

SEPTEMBER 14 2020

Finally got a diagnosis from him to help. Go to the downtown offices

SEPTEMBER 14 2020

Dr Van Haerants is wonderful. Gives great attention and mindful of your thoughts and questions

SEPTEMBER 9 2020

He is easy to speak with. He is caring.

SEPTEMBER 9 2020

Dr Vanhaerents is excellent. He is attentive and a good listener. He puts me at ease.Also, his attending RN, Liz, has also been helpful as well.

SEPTEMBER 8 2020

Skills and attentiveness of Dr VanH and Liz

SEPTEMBER 3 2020

Very good listener. He caredExplained things Made sure he understood what I was saying and dealing with.

SEPTEMBER 1 2020

Again, I really like Dr. VanHaerents. He is kind, patient and thorough.

SEPTEMBER 1 2020

Dr. VanHaerents is great. He is kind, patient and thorough.

AUGUST 20 2020

Excellent communicator, he takes the time to explain what his concerns & course of action is, as well as

EXCELLENT COMMUNICATOR, HE TAKES THE TIME TO EXPLAIN WHAT HIS CONCERNS & COURSE OF ACTION IS, AS WELL AS LISTENING TO WHAT YOU FEEL IS IMPORTANT OR UPSETTING. HE KNOWS HOW TO HELP THE PATIENT AND GUIDE THEM WITHOUT UPSETTING THEM. HIS NURSE, LIZ HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION/EMAIL. TOGETHER I HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN THEM AND DURING THIS PANDEMIC IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR ME AS PATIENT TO HAVE THAT SUPERIOR GUIDANCE.

AUGUST 15 2020

Very kind, knowledgeable. Deeply cares about patient wellbeing

AUGUST 14 2020

Excellent knowledge of my needs

AUGUST 11 2020

Dr. VanHaerents is a wonderful and caring physician. He clearly and carefully explains diagnostic information, test results, and my treatment plan and medications.

AUGUST 11 2020

I have received excellent care at NM.

AUGUST 5 2020

He was extremely knowledgeable and he listened carefully, compassionate and provided me with an action plan.

JULY 31 2020

Our appointment with Dr. VanHaerents was everything we were hoping in that he spent almost 90 minutes with us and put in motion a detailed plan to address my seizure issues and cognitive issues. He also provided an excellent After Visit Summary which has made follow up and scheduling easy with referrals, phone numbers and more. We would definitely recommend Dr. VanHaerents.

JULY 28 2020

He is a really compassionate and knowledgeable dr

JULY 28 2020

Easy to talk to

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Easy to talk to

JULY 27 2020

Such a great doctor! Thank you

JULY 27 2020

The doctor was very informational and I would definitely recommend him!

JULY 23 2020

He is an excellent listener who pays attention to what his patient is saying, shows concern, can guide you with his vast knowledge, even during this pandemic he was able to work with me through many

many issues calmly and in a way that was reassuring to me. He made sure when I left I had a copy of the day's visit showing what his instructions and what we had talked about. Between he and his nurse, Liz they both have been what have helped during this pandemic because I live alone and I am 71 years old I had a seizure they immediately communicated with me, when I had oral surgery they communicated with my oral surgeon who was very impressed with them. I can't say enough about both of them. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to letting you know what a wonderful physician and nurse and team they are.

JULY 22 2020

Very easy to talk to. Will provide time to answer questions. Also most importantly a very competent physician.

JULY 22 2020

Same. Appears to be very informed and caring.

JUNE 29 2020

Dr. VanHaerents is very thorough and kind.

Faculty Profile

<http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/faculty-profiles/az/profile.html?xid=30184>