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Medical director, neurosurgery,
Providence Brain and Spine Institute

Education and training

- Undergraduate: University of Florida
- Medical school: University of Florida
- Residency and fellowships: Barrow Neurological Institute

Where did you grow up?

I was raised in Melbourne, Fla., on the east coast of central Florida.

Why did you build your career at Providence?

Providence has a long tradition of providing the best care for our patients. I came here from a leadership position at George Washington University because I recognized Providence is developing one of the top neurosurgical programs in the country.

What is your dream for Providence?

I want to continue developing our institute so that we're nationally and internationally recognized as one of the top centers for brain and spine surgery. Our patients have access to more than 40 active clinical trials in the areas of multiple sclerosis, stroke, dementia, ALS, epilepsy and brain tumors. Our goal always is to discover and use the most advanced treatments for our patients.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy exercising, reading and spending time with my family.

What's a great experience you've had while working at Providence?

An important highlight was when our stroke program was evaluated for accreditation, and the reviewers ranked our stroke program as one of the best in the country. I also am proud of how Providence Brain and Spine Institute continues to grow and recruit exceptionally talented surgeons to our program.

Who are your mentors?

The neurosurgeons who trained me helped me develop my surgical skills but also inspired me to be the best neurosurgeon possible for the good of my patients. I also have two brothers who are in neurosurgery, and I'm a neurosurgeon today because of their excellent advice and support.

Why does philanthropy matter to your work?

Philanthropy allows us to reach our loftiest goals. Support from our donors is crucial in finding the cure for many neurological diseases including brain cancer, dementia and stroke.

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