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Care for complex brain and spine problems, right here in South Jersey

By John DiAngelo, Inspira Health Network President and CEO

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Your brain and your spine make up your central nervous system — the main control center of your body. So when you face a complex medical issue with your brain or spine, it's important to get the best care and support possible; that means getting expert care close to home is vital.

At Inspira, we're committed to providing top-notch brain and spine care close to home, and that's why we're growing our neurosurgery practice.

Earlier this year, our team of board-certified neurosurgeons included Richard Strauss, MD, R.J. Meagher, MD and Najam U. Kazmi, MD. Dr. Strauss has been with Inspira for 15 years and is well-regarded in our community by both patients and other physicians. He completed a residency at one of the world's top neurosurgery programs, Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. Dr. Strauss believes in taking a conservative approach in finding the best solution for a patient. Most often, that means a solution outside of surgery. But when surgery is needed, Dr. Strauss helps his patients understand complex procedures and cares for them through recovery and rehabilitation.

Dr. Meagher was born in South Jersey and is deeply committed to the area. He recently joined Inspira Health Network at our Woodbury facility. He, too, takes a conservative approach to care, focusing first on what is safe and appropriate. When it comes to surgery, Dr. Meagher is an expert in minimally invasive procedures that can help patients recover faster.

Dr. Kazmi is a long-standing member of Inspira's surgical team, practicing in Vineland.

And our expert team is growing. We've recently added six new neurosurgeons: Dr. Steven Fulop, Dr. Seth Joseffer, Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Dr. Nazer Qureshi, Dr. Nirav Shah and Dr. Matthew Tormenti.

Our team of neurosurgeons treat spinal cord disorders, herniated disks, spinal stenosis, failed back syndrome, spinal deformities such as scoliosis, spinal instability and fractured vertebrae — and that's just a starter list.

Our doctors are committed to ensuring that you're fully prepared ahead of surgery. Well before treatment begins, our neuroscience team takes you through the surgical journey. Our program helps educate patients on the upcoming surgery, introduces them to their care team and helps provide peace of mind every step of the way.

Our growing [neurosurgery team](#) can treat patients at all three Inspira campuses in Woodbury, Elmer and Vineland.