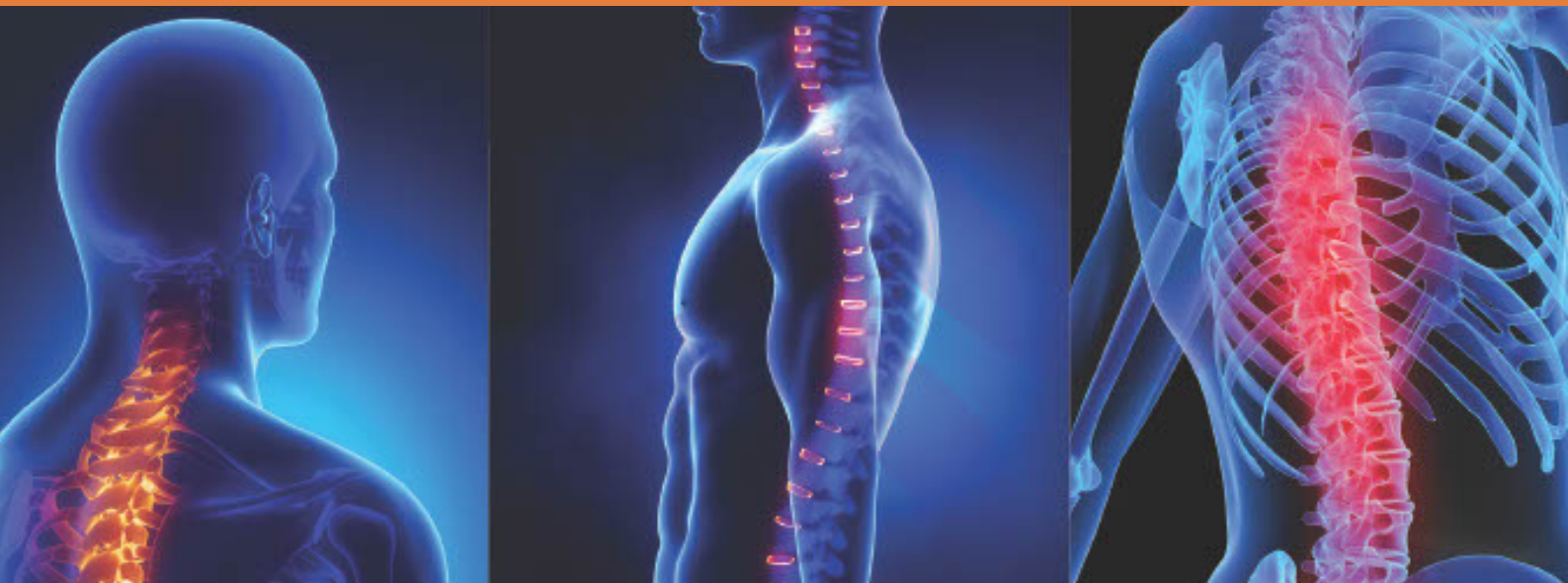


# 1st Annual Long Island Multidisciplinary Spine Care Symposium

*Date: October 27, 2022*

*Location: Bijou Rt 110*

*Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm*



The spine care symposium is designed to increase proficiency and improve clinical practice skills in the management of patients suffering with spinal disorders. The speakers are leaders in the spine community. They will emphasize pioneering trends in diagnostic imaging and therapeutic strategies, drawing from case studies that highlight breakthrough treatments including conservative non-operative care, minimally invasive interventional pain management, and spine neurosurgery.

# Presentation Order & Topics

**Registration and Cocktails:**

**6:30pm-7:00pm**

**Opening Remarks**

**7:00pm**

Dr. David BenEliyahu  
LI Spine Care Affiliates

**Chiropractic Care for Axial Low Back Pain and Intervertebral Disc Herniation/Radiculopathy**

**7:00pm-7:20pm**

Dr. David BenEliyahu and Dr. Bruce Silber  
LI Spine Care Affiliates

**Axial Low Back Pain: Intracept and RFA**

**7:25pm-7:45pm**

Dr. Amit Sharma  
SpinePain Solutions

**Neurosurgical Management of Spondylolisthesis**

**7:50pm-8:10pm**

Dr. William Sonstein  
NSPC Brain & Spine Surgery

**Surgical Options For Cervical Spinal Conditions**

**8:15pm-8:35pm**

Dr. Zachariah George  
NSPC Brain & Spine Surgery

**Neuromodulation for Chronic Spine Pain**

**8:40pm-9:00pm**

Dr. Brian Snyder  
NSPC Brain & Spine Surgery

**Reviewing Case Study Images For Each Presentation**

Dr. Yakup Akyol  
Neuroradiologist, Zwanger Pesiri Radiology

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# David Beneliyahu, D.C.



## **Chiropractic Care for Axial Low Back Pain and Intervertebral Disc Herniation/Radiculopathy**

Dr. David J. BenEliyahu an award winning Doctor of Chiropractic who has been a licensed NYS Chiropractor since 1983. He has the distinction and honor of being the Director of the Chiropractic Collaboration Program at Mather Hospital / Northwell Health in Port Jefferson, NY. The community program coordinates patient care between Chiropractors, MD's, and Mather Hospital to enhance the quality of care patients receive through inter-professional collaboration and communication.

Dr. BenEliyahu is founder and Administrative Director of the Back and Neck Pain Center at Mather Hospital. The Back and Neck Pain Center is a unique integrative and interdisciplinary spine care program that is patient centered and evidenced based.

Dr. BenEliyahu coordinates and moderates the Orthopedic and Spine Grand Rounds at Mather Hospital as well as other interdisciplinary educational programs such as the Neurospine Summit, and The Non-Pharmacology Symposium for chronic pain.

# Bruce Silber, D.C.



## **Chiropractic Care for Axial Low Back Pain and Intervertebral Disc Herniation/Radiculopathy**

Dr. Bruce Silber is a chiropractor in Massapequa and has been providing chiropractic care since 1983. He is dedicated to helping you achieve your wellness objectives combining skill and expertise that spans the entire chiropractic wellness spectrum. Dr. Bruce Silber is committed to bringing you better health and a better way of life by teaching and practicing the true principles of chiropractic care.

Dr. Silber is the past president of the New York State Chiropractic Association and is the Co-Director of the Chiropractic Collaboration program at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola. He has taught at the Post Graduate level at New York Chiropractic College and has frequently spoken at chiropractic and medical conferences.

# AMIT SHARMA, M.D.



## **Axial Low Back Pain: Intracept and RFA**

Dr. Sharma is a board-certified physician who specializes in Interventional Spine and Pain Management. He is the Founder and Director of SpinePain Solutions and Chief, Division of Pain Management at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center. Dr. Sharma's practice focusses on the diagnosis and management of back and neck conditions, along with musculoskeletal, neuropathic and cancer pain issues. He also has special interest in regenerative medicine and arthritic conditions. Dr. Sharma is a strong proponent of non-operative options such as Chiropractic Care, Physical Therapy and Acupuncture.

Recognized by his peers for his skills and commitment, Dr. Sharma has been selected by Castle Connolly as one of the "Top Doctors in the US for Pain Medicine" for the last several years. He has also been recognized by New York Magazine and Newsday as a "Best Doctor in his field" for many years in a row. Dr. Sharma obtained his medical degree from All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India. He completed his residency at The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University, NY and his fellowship in Interventional Pain Medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

# Yakup Akyol, M.D.



## **Reviewing Case Study Images**

Yakup Akyol, M.D. earned his medical degree from Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir, Turkey. He completed his radiology residency at Istanbul University Medical School. He then completed a Pediatric Radiology fellowship at Nemours AI DuPont Children Hospital, Wilmington Delaware and Abdominal Imaging and Neuroradiology Fellowships at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia.

Dr. Akyol is a member of American Board of Radiology and has been practicing as a neuroradiologist at Zwanger Pesiri Radiology since 2017. His special interest areas are advanced neuroimaging and spine trauma imaging. Throughout his career he has published many scientific papers and presented in several conferences.

# William Sonstein, M.D., F.A.C.S.



## **Neurosurgical Management of Spondylolisthesis**

William J. Sonstein, M.D., F.A.C.S. is a board-certified neurosurgeon. He has a special interest in complex spine surgery and completed a fellowship in Spine Surgery at Tampa General Hospital, University of South Florida. Dr. Sonstein has a passion for degenerative cervical, thoracic, and lumbar conditions that cause compression of the spinal nerves and spinal cord. He has over 30 years of experience in Spinal Neurosurgery and for over 20 years has worked as a team with an orthopedic spine surgeon. The combination of both surgeons provides the best of patient care. Dr. Sonstein has a great deal of experience treating patients who have herniated discs, spinal stenosis, spondylolisthesis, spinal cysts, and when necessary, fusion surgery with instrumentation. Dr. Sonstein uses minimally invasive procedures whenever possible to treat spinal stenosis and Kyphoplasty to treat spinal compression fractures.

Dr. Sonstein has served as Chief of Neurosurgery at LIJ-North Shore University Hospital at Plainview. He served as Chief Resident in his final year of Residency in Neurosurgery at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein, Bronx, New York. Dr. Sonstein received his Medical Degree from Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor's degree from Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts.

# Zachariah George, M.D., F.A.A.N.S..



## **Surgical Options For Cervical Spinal Conditions**

Dr. Zach George is a board-certified neurosurgeon. He did his neurosurgery training at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in Manhattan where he became the chief resident. After his residency, he did an orthopedic complex and minimally invasive spinal fellowship at the Mount Sinai Beth Israel hospital, also in Manhattan. Dr. George deals with all spinal issues, ranging from herniated discs to spinal intradural tumors and also deformity. He uses the latest in spinal technology (intraoperative navigation/CT/robotics) in his practice. He does a range of procedures ranging from minimally invasive laser procedures to large deformity corrections. However, he has a philosophy of doing the least invasive procedure to get the maximal benefit. As such, he focuses on minimally invasive procedures and motion-preserving surgery whenever possible. Dr. George has been recognized by his peers as a Castle Connolly Top Doctor: New York Metro Area.

# Brian Snyder, M.D.



## **Neuromodulation for Chronic Spine Pain**

Brian J. Snyder, M.D. is a functional neurosurgeon who specializes in the treatment of movement disorders such as Parkinson's disease, tremor and dystonia, as well as seizure disorders and the surgical treatment of pain. Dr. Snyder is an expert in deep brain stimulation (DBS) utilizing microelectrode recording, vagus nerve stimulation (VNS), and procedures for mapping, recording, and identifying seizure foci in the brain, and the surgical resection of these foci. Dr. Snyder utilizes neuromodulation including spinal cord stimulation (SCS) and peripheral nerve stimulation to treat refractory pain. Dr. Snyder also has experience with revision surgery for neurostimulators when they either have produced sub-optimal results or have been broken / poorly placed by another physician. Dr. Snyder is experienced with the use of intrathecal pumps for infusion of baclofen and narcotics.

Dr. Snyder was the first neurosurgeon on Long Island to implant the revolutionary NeuroPace RNS® System.

Dr. Snyder received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. He received his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine where he was honored as AOA (Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society).

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