Anthony Rinella, MD  
Adult and Pediatric Spine Surgeon

“I dedicated my life to helping people around the world receive treatment for disabling spinal conditions. Our focus on spine problems in all age groups makes us the most comprehensive spine center in Illinois. Our dedication to global outreach demonstrates our compassion, and is unparalleled anywhere in the country.”

Dr. Rinella is a native of Chicago’s south suburbs. He is a graduate of Northwestern University residency, and Washington University Spine Fellowship. He started his career as an Assistant Professor at Loyola University for seven years before founding ISSC. He is board-certified, and received multiple local and international humanitarian awards.

Krzysztof Siemionow, MD  
Adult and Pediatric Spine Surgeon

“My treatment philosophy begins with a thorough understanding of the patient’s problem. Through our comprehensive spine center and my global outreach work, I found that a collaborative approach between my patients, their families, and their physicians yields the best results in complete and compassionate spine care.”

Dr. Siemionow is Chief of Spine Surgery and Assistant Professor of Orthopaedics and Neurosurgery at University of Illinois in Chicago. He completed his orthopaedic surgery residency and neurosurgical spine fellowship at Cleveland Clinic, and orthopedic spine fellowship at Rush University. Dr. Siemionow is board-certified.

Daniel Baluch, MD  
Adult and Pediatric Spine Surgeon

“As simple as it may sound, I believe strongly in establishing the correct diagnosis. To me, that means closely listening to patients’ concerns, correlating imaging and exam findings, and treating everyone like my own friend or family member. With this approach, I treat each patient with compassion and individualize his or her care.”

Dr. Baluch obtained both his medical degree and training in Orthopaedic Surgery at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois. He then completed a fellowship in Spine Surgery at OrthoCarolina in Charlotte, North Carolina. A Chicago native, Dr. Baluch returned to practice at the Illinois Spine & Scoliosis Center.

Amir El Shami, MD  
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

“My practice philosophy is to utilize all available non-operative techniques to help the human body heal and recover. I am dedicated to providing my patients with the utmost comprehensive, conscientious and innovative care available to help improve their daily functioning and return them to the activities they enjoy.”

Dr. El Shami is a board-certified Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation physician. He completed his residency at Harvard University, and additional fellowship training in Sports Medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He currently is an Assistant Professor of Orthopaedics at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a team physician to the UIC Flames.
Neck pain severely limit one’s ability to live - especially when you cannot turn your head, or have radiating pain into the shoulder or arm. Our staff has proven non-surgical methods to get you back on track. In the rare case surgery is necessary, our surgeons have some of the highest success rates - even for the most complex procedures.

Back pain is among the most common reasons people visit a doctor. When it radiates into the leg, the pain can be unbearable. Luckily, non-surgical treatments are successful over 90% of the time. When surgery is necessary, our surgeons are skilled in the latest minimally invasive techniques that are associated with less postoperative pain, and faster recovery.

Thank you for choosing the Illinois Spine & Scoliosis Center for your care!