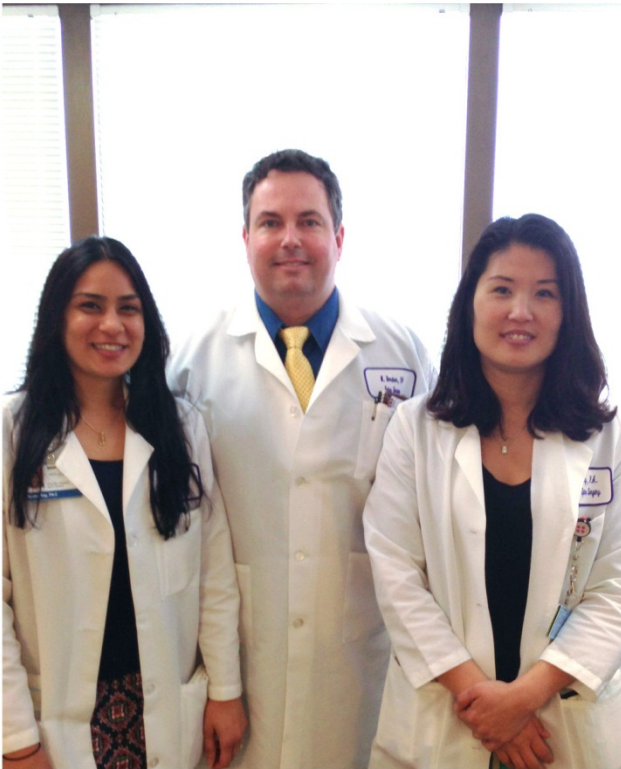


## What is a Physician Assistant?



## What type of services are provided by a Physician Assistant?

- \* Taking health histories
- \* Performing physical exams
- \* Ordering and interpreting X-rays and laboratory tests
- \* Performing routine diagnostic tests
- \* Establishing diagnoses
- \* Treating and managing patient health problems
- \* Instructing and counseling patients
- \* Providing referrals within the healthcare system
- \* Providing preventative health care services
- \* Can assist in surgery
- \* Respond to life threatening emergencies
- \* Provide post operative care



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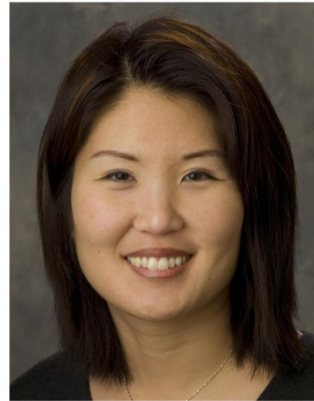
It is our goal that you have a smooth and successful recovery.

## Who are the Physician Assistans in the Spine Surgery Department?

We will meet for the first time in the recovery room shortly after your procedure.

As your Physician Assistant, you can expect daily communication during your hospital stay on your comfort, pain management and support to help you through a smooth and successful recovery process.

Your care will be managed by a team of healthcare professionals under the supervision of the surgeon. The surgeons and the physician assistants will be available to you to answer any questions or concerns regarding your surgery. The physical therapist will evaluate you on the day after surgery to make sure you are safe to move around. The discharge planners will work in coordination with the team to ensure that all of your needs are met prior to leaving the hospital.



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### What is the working relationship between a physician and a PA?

The relationship between a PA and the supervising physician is one of mutual trust and respect. The PA is a representative of the physician, treating the patient in the style and manner developed and directed by the supervising physician.



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