

Meet Dr. Erasmus Morfe: Video Transcript

Dr. Morfe (00:18):

My name is Erasmus Morfe. I'm a partner at Neurosurgery one. I grew up in Michigan, so I'm a Midwestern boy. I've been married now for 26 years. We have two kids. Isabella is 23 and Peyton is about to turn 21. We moved from the Midwest specifically to Colorado for the lifestyle and the sunshine, and so we always knew we wanted to come and it was one of the best decisions. All the Colorado stuff is a major part of our life. I've been working for neurosurgery, one for the last, for three years, but I've been in practice going on 17 years now. First it was Dr. Peragine and I at Interwest Rehabilitation. Our specialty is physiatry or what's called physical medicine and rehabilitation, and so we are nonsurgical and we work in close collaboration with the neurosurgeons some for the past 15 years and now we've been able to solidify the relationship, the chance to become a partner and to continue to build a center of spine excellence.

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That was wonderful. Many private clinics are disjointed and you have to go to many different places, but we can give patients the whole a spectrum of care. Under our clinics, we have this multidisciplinary group that incorporates pain management physicians working alongside with very highly skilled surgeons that collaboration, the collegiality, the teamwork. That really is the exciting thing about neurosurgery. One of the great things about our clinic is that our treatment goals are to improve a patient's overall functioning and so while we predominantly do interventional spine procedures, it's also in part of our job to maximize their pain management without just relying on medications. Incorporating exercise and physical therapy, diet and stress management, all these other things can, will help somebody's pain. I can explain that what's going on on this image correlates with the pain that you're experiencing. Then we can decide what tests we need to get map out a treatment plant. (02:20):

We have a variety of different procedures, different spinal injections that can help both further diagnose their pain and also help treat their pain long term. My patient philosophy is to give a patient the knowledge to help them manage their pain through education. Giving a patient that knowledge and seeing them light up because now they have this understanding that they can start doing things on their own to improve. That really is one of the most rewarding aspects of my job. I want patients to know that we are listening to them and truly care that we get them some pain relief and improve their overall quality of life. I can help them understand the process of what's going on so that they can then manage this on their own going forward with our assistance.

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