

Michael Merrick, MD, an Orthopedic Surgeon with Azalea Orthopedics

Get to know Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Michael Merrick, who serves patients throughout the State of Texas.



New York City, New York May 31, 2023 (Issuewire.com) - Dr. Merrick is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon with fellowship training in adult and pediatric spine surgery. His interests include minimally invasive surgery, degenerative conditions in the neck and back, and deformity surgery.

In practice with Azalea Orthopedics, he operates out of the Spine Center in Tyler, Texas. He also sees patients at the offices in Athens, Palestine, and Longview, with the hope to help them get back to living life on their own terms.

“I believe that surgery should always be the last resort when it comes to treating spinal conditions in the neck and back. However, if various non-operative treatments have been attempted without improvement, spine surgery may be the right answer. Our field has made tremendous advances in recent years. We have minimally invasive and motion-preserving technology that helps patients return to normal function more quickly” expressed Dr. Merrick.

Among his professional affiliations, he is an active member of the Texas Medical Association, the Texas Orthopedic Association, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, AOSpine North America, and the American Spinal Injury Association.

Growing up in The Woodlands, Texas, Dr. Merrick earned a scholarship to play football at Rice University. After four years at Rice, Dr. Merrick attended medical school at the John P. and Kathrine G. McGovern Medical School in Houston. He then completed his five-year residency in orthopedic surgery in Grand Rapids, Michigan, followed by a one-year fellowship in spine surgery at the world-renowned Norton Leatherman Spine Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dedicated to surgical excellence, Dr. Merrick is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery (ABOS). The ABOS is an organization with the goal of establishing educational and professional standards for orthopedic residents and surgeons as well as evaluating the qualifications and competence of orthopedic surgeons.

Orthopedic surgery is the branch of surgery concerned with conditions involving the musculoskeletal system. Orthopedic surgeons use both surgical and non-surgical means to treat musculoskeletal trauma, spine diseases, sports injuries, degenerative diseases, infections, tumors, and congenital disorders.

In 2019 – 2022, Dr. Merrick was recognized by Texas Monthly Magazine with their Rising Stars Award. He was also featured in the April 2022 edition of Tyler Medical Professionals Magazine.

Learn More about Dr. Michael Merrick:

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