



Carl Lauryssen, M.D. Joins NeuroTexas and Expands Presence to Lakeway Regional Medical Center

Renowned Neurological Surgeon and Inventor Brings Innovative Expertise to Central Texas

LAKEWAY, TX -- (June 22, 2015) -- Carl Lauryssen, M.D., a board certified neurological surgeon, has joined the physicians at NeuroTexas. Dr. Lauryssen will see patients and perform surgeries at Lakeway Regional Medical Center enabling for the expansion of its neurological surgery offerings in the Central Texas region. In addition, some patients will have the opportunity for participation in cutting-edge clinical trials in neuro-surgery at Lakeway Regional Medical Center.

Prior to joining NeuroTexas at the Lakeway Regional Medical Center, Dr. Lauryssen served as the co-director of spine research and development at Olympia Medical Center. Previously, Dr. Lauryssen was director of research and education at the Cedars-Sinai Institute for Spinal Disorders at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California. He also served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Neurological Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine where his work was recognized by both Orthopaedic Surgery and Trauma Services. In addition, Dr. Lauryssen directed the advanced neurosurgical spine program at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Lauryssen was the first neurosurgeon to inject stem cells into a human spinal cord, as part of an FDA trial. He has served as principal investigator on more than a dozen of important research trials related to the spine and spinal procedures. He has authored numerous research articles and papers on a multitude of issues related to spinal disorders and procedures to help relieve pain and maintain movement. Dr. Lauryssen is an inventor of many devices and holds several patents. He has twice been awarded the Young Investigator Award from the American Association of Neurological Surgeons for his work on cervical disorders and stem cell research.

Dr. Lauryssen received his medical degree from the University of Cape Town in South Africa and completed his medical training there as well. He completed his neurosurgical residency at The University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada followed by a spinal neurosurgical surgery

fellowship at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine under Dr. Mark Hadley, past president of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. He has twice been awarded the Young Investigator Award from the American Association of Neurological Surgeons for his work on cervical disorders and stem cell research.

“I am really looking forward to working with the team at NeuroTexas and performing surgeries at Lakeway Regional Medical Center,” said Dr. Laurysen. “Patients appreciate being advised of the variety of methods to manage their spinal disorder; some of which are not surgical. Patients often delay seeking the opinion of a surgical spine specialist which can lead to more invasive surgeries. I want patients to understand that they have more options that are minimally invasive if they are seen by a specialist early in the process.”

“Dr. Laurysen’s extensive expertise and experience in neuro-surgery greatly enhances the type of innovative surgeries we can offer to patients,” said Philippe Bochaton, chief executive officer, Lakeway Regional Medical Center. “In addition, he brings a wealth of knowledge in groundbreaking research, including exciting clinical trials, new and innovative minimally invasive procedures, as well as a passion for helping patients understand their treatment options.”

Dr. Laurysen is board certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery and the Canadian Board of Neurological Surgery and is a Fellow of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He also is a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, Congress of Neurological Surgeons, International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery, and a founding member of the Minimally Invasive Spine Society.

About Lakeway Regional Medical Center

LRMC’s medical campus is located in Lakeway, Texas, less than 20 miles from downtown Austin, and specializes in physician provided services that meet the needs of our community. LRMC is a state-of-the-art medical campus dedicated to the delivery of world-class healthcare. LRMC provides services in emergency medicine, family practice, cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, radiation oncology, general surgery, gastroenterology, women’s health, infusion therapy, diagnostic and therapeutic radiology, neurosurgery, respiratory, physical therapy and sports medicine, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, and pain management. LRMC is ranked among the top 10 percentile of hospitals nationwide by Healthstream, an independent research company for outpatient services in 2012. For more information about LRMC, visit lakewayregional.com or call 512-571-5000.

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