

## **Dr. George Rappard Announces the Los Angeles Minimally Invasive Spine Institute for Back and Neck Pain**

*The Los Angeles Minimally Invasive Spine Institute, founded by George Rappard M.D., provides single setting cutting edge spinal pain management and minimally invasive spine surgery for those with neck pain and back pain. All Institute procedures are outpatient, reducing costs and getting patients back to pain free living sooner.*

Los Angeles, CA ([PRWEB](#)) February 09, 2013 -- Dr. George Rappard announces the formation of the [Los Angeles Minimally Invasive Spine Institute](#) for the treatment of back and neck pain. The Institute, located along the Miracle Mile corridor in Los Angeles, focuses on the comprehensive and minimally invasive care of patients suffering spinal pain by employing leading edge [techniques](#). The Institute employs a spectrum of spinal pain management means to relieve pain, from spinal injections to the most minimally invasive spine surgery available today.

Integrated and comprehensive spine care is available to those that suffer from [back](#) and [neck pain](#) because of the breadth of services that the Institute can offer at one setting. Patients can be evaluated, undergo targeted injectional therapy and even have surgery at the same location. The Institute also has access to one of Los Angeles' only open and dynamic MRI machines. This advanced MRI technology is more comfortable for patients, especially those with claustrophobia. Patients may stand upright, flex or extend during their MRI, thus mimicking real life aggravating postures. Lastly, the Institute has a very active spine [research](#) department, with all research being conducted at the Institute itself. "We have created a comprehensive care environment where patients can get the latest cutting edge care to take care of their painful back and neck problems" says Dr. Rappard.

A unique feature of the Institute is its dedication to the use and development of minimally invasive techniques. The Institute's philosophy is that patients who have failed conservative measures should have the option of being treated with motion and stability preserving procedures before turning to traditional forms of surgery.

Unlike commonly practiced forms of minimally invasive surgery, muscles, ligaments and healthy bone are preserved with Institute techniques. These muscles and ligaments, often cut or separated during conventional surgery, are crucial to recovery, rehabilitation and the normal stability and motion of the spine. Preserving these structures means that patients can recover from surgery faster. The smaller incision means that patients can return home the same day, with a band aid.

George Rappard, M.D. is a neurointerventional surgeon specializing in spinal pain management and minimally invasive surgery for neck and back pain. Dr. Rappard has a proven track record of bringing innovative neurological care to the Greater Los Angeles region. He is also active in spinal research and leads the Institute's research efforts. Dr. Rappard is a senior member of the Society of Neurointerventional Surgery.

To learn more about the Los Angeles Minimally Invasive Spine Institute or to have your spine MRI reviewed for free by Dr. Rappard, visit [www.LAMISInstitute.com](http://www.LAMISInstitute.com) or call 323-857-5300.



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