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Our Vision

Every Child with spinal deformity has an opportunity to have a normal life.

Our Mission

Transforming the lives of children worldwide through surgery, education, and research



Save the

SpineHope Welcomes You To an Evening of Hope

Saturday, September 8, 2012, 7:00pm to 11:00pm

River East Art Center
435 East Illinois Street, Chicago, IL 60611

Tickets and Partnership Packages Available On-Line
Follow the Registration Link at SpineHope.org



Your generosity helps SpineHope transform the lives of children worldwide through spine surgery, education, and research.

- Live Auction and "Fund Hope"
- Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres provided
- Music by five-star rated cover band "Mike Dangerous"
- Cocktail Attire Suggested
- Standard Parking, 337 East Illinois Street, Chicago, IL





Teamwork

Cooperation does make it happen at SpineHope, and we travel with a diverse team of professionals, each bringing a practical expertise as well as a unique perspective to the clinical process. In

November, 2011, SpineHope brought along Physical Therapists Efosa L. Guobadia and Nate Whitney. Efosa is also the founder of PT Haven, an information exchange and working blog. He chronicled his experience with us, and an excerpt is included below.

For the full entry, go to <http://www.pthaven.com>.

A Mission Trip of Hope in Cali, Colombia

November 13th: The Clinic

We spend our first day in the hospital holding clinic. Around forty patients came in to be seen and they are either a potential candidate for surgery or they are patients who are returning for a follow up after having had surgery performed from an earlier trip. The whole process was very special. As the surgeons took the lead evaluating the patients both new and returning, the whole team spent time observing and discussing each patient's presentation and learning from each other as everyone had a different perspective. The physicians were plotting the specific procedure, the equipment reps recommending the specific equipment, the PT's contemplating the patient's gait,

posture, mechanics and analyzing what their post operative rehabilitation schedule may look like. It was interdisciplinary at its best. Not just different disciplines in the same room, but different disciplines working together to figure out what is best for the patient. You could tell that the kids and their families sensed it as well. It was an ideal health care presentation and one that is not always wholly reproducible, but one that should be studied and simulated where possible. Communication and teamwork leads to success.

-Efosa L. Guobadia, PT,
DPT: January, 2012



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Making Headlines

When great talent is gathered together, you can expect that there will be some fan-fare from time to time. Our dedicated team of surgeons have often been recognized for their talents and accomplishments, and the last few months were no exception. Here's the highlights on two of our co-founders:

Anthony S. Rinella, MD

This summer, our very own Dr. Tony Rinella received the Walter P. Blount Humanitarian Award from the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS), in recognition of his outstanding service for those with spinal deformity.

The Blount Award is a humanitarian award given to an individual who has provided outstanding service for those with spinal deformities, through their generous actions out of a sense of service to larger social and professional goals. A plaque is awarded and the recipient's name announced at the SRS Annual Meeting, which will be held in Chicago on Sept 8 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers.

Matthew Geck, MD

Becker's Spine review has recognized Dr Geck as a Spine Surgeon Leader to Know, and recognized his practice, Seton Spine & Scoliosis Center in Austin, Texas as one of the 55 Practices to Know.

Dr. Geck has also been recognized for his work with minimally invasive techniques for correcting scoliosis curvatures. Articles on Dr. Geck's accomplishments can be found at <http://beckersorthopedicandspine.com>.

Dr. Geck will be presenting two research projects at the International Meeting for Advanced

Spinal Techniques in Turkey in July 2012. His projects include: Occipital-Cervical Instability in Morquio-Brailsford's Disease (MPSIV): A cohort of 16 patients treated in the SpineHope/Casa de Colombia global outreach clinic and Posterior, Single Approach, Two or Three incision Mini Open Correction and Fusion for AIS.





Champions of Hope

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Community

SpineHope can not exist without its community and partners. As a non-profit organization, every moment of time, every ounce of donated material, and every dollar pledged translates directly into more children having a chance to live a pain-free life.



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Fundacion Valle Del Lili, Cali, Colombia

Without the Fundacion Valle Del Lili, a private non-profit hospital and health clinic in Cali, SpineHope might never have come into existence. Margarita Lenis saw a need in the Colombian communities, and made the pairing between SpineHope and her

organization operating within the clinic, Fundación Casa de Colombia, to meet that need. Fundación Casa de Colombia's mission is to provide comprehensive assistance to low income children, meeting the needs in the areas of health, education and nutrition.

Partners

- +Biotronic NeuroNetwork: <http://www.biotronic.com/>
- +Globus Medical: <http://www.globusmedical.com/>
- +K2M Complex Spine Innovations: <http://www.k2m.com/>
- +Medtronic: <http://www.medtronic.com/>
- +NuWave Medical Solutions: <http://www.nuwavemedicalsolutions.com/>
- +Zimmer: <http://www.zimmer.com/en-US/index.jsp>



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