

## National Spine & Pain Center Q&A

Cameron Kluth, MD, has joined National Spine & Pain Centers' Ocoee, FL affiliated office, where he specializes in interventional therapies including spinal cord stimulators and intrathecal pumps, often in conjunction with non-opioid medication management.

### **Q: What drew you to the field of pain management and/or anesthesiology?**

**A:** I chose anesthesiology because I enjoy protecting patients when they cannot protect themselves. Pain management is wonderful because it allows me to build genuine relationships with my patients. It warms the heart to watch patients improve over time. Relieving the pain they've felt for years and watching their lives improve is a tremendously rewarding feeling.

### **Q: Is there a particular treatment or technology on the horizon that has you excited about the future of pain management and the opportunities to help your patients?**

**A:** Spinal cord stimulators and intrathecal pumps are the most gratifying because they enable me to help patients the most and for the longest periods of time. In general, patients that choose to do both interventions and multimodal medications see the most improvement.

### **Q: What gets you excited about working at NSPC?**

**A:** NSPC is a solid organization with a good reputation and the resources to make a difference in my patients' lives. I am really excited to join the family.

### **Q: What do you enjoy the most about your job? What drives you to do it?**

**A:** Relieving pain that someone has endured for years and watching their lives improve is a tremendously rewarding feeling. It gives me a sense of purpose and makes my life more meaningful.

### **Q: What do you like to do in your free time (hobbies, interests, etc.)**

**A:** I enjoy spending time with my wife and my daughter. I also like to volunteer in my community to try to build a better future for everyone. I am a workaholic, but I'm trying to improve.

### **Q: What would you do for a living if you weren't a doctor?**

**A:** Before medicine, I was a computer programmer and entrepreneur. I launched dotcoms, raised venture capital to start a commodity export business, and after earning my MBA, I helped run the second largest e-commerce company in the world. If I weren't a doctor, I would have stayed in Fortune 100 businesses and retired by now. I chose medicine because there are more important ways to measure success than earnings per share.

### **Q: What is your philosophy about doctor-patient interaction and patient-centered care?**

**A:** The future is high-touch, not high-tech. I try to give patients as much time as possible, and my goal is to give them enough information to make an informed choice. We are partners in this process, and interventions and medications should be personalized to each individual patient.