



Advanced Spine Associates, PA

Location: Spring Lake Park, MN

Affiliated hospitals: Mercy Hospital – Coon Rapids, North Memorial Medical Center, Unity Hospital

	Key: (–) = Information not submitted, (N/A) = Not applicable
Service Capabilities	
Offers weekend/evening appointments	No
Offers free, on-site parking	Yes
Uses electronic medical records (EMR)	No
EMR is certified by the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology	N/A
Has a formal process for communicating with a patient’s referring physician (for providers who see referred patients)	Yes
Uses an electronic system for tracking lab tests to ensure ordered tests are completed	–
Uses an electronic system for tracking imaging tests to ensure ordered tests are completed	–
Provides health prevention or treatment information to patients via print or video materials	No
Offers classes on various health topics (or, if a single-provider practice, refers patients to organizations that provide classes)	No
Uses an electronic tool for prescribing medications	No
Top five conditions handled: 1. Herniated disk 2. Degenerative disk disease 3. Spine fractures 4. Spinal stenosis (narrowing of the spine) 5. Back-related illnesses	

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Top five conditions seen that require surgery: 1. Herniated disk 2. Degenerative disk disease 3. Spine fractures 4. Spinal stenosis 5. –	
Top three surgeries performed 1. Lumbar fusion (500 surgeries per year) 2. Anterior cervical fusion (175 surgeries per year) 3. Laminectomy (removal of a portion of the lamina vertebral bone) (400 surgeries per year)	
Percent of surgeries/procedures that require additional unplanned corrective work	–
Has a spine surgeon on staff	Yes (2)
Has other providers on staff who treat low-back pain: Physical therapists Other: Pain management practitioners	Yes (2) Yes (2)
Has a written strategy to address issues of health disparities	No
Has nurse practitioners or physician assistants	Yes
Participates in clinical trials/research activities	No
Quality Improvement Activities	
Has a written quality improvement program	No
Has an active quality improvement committee	No
Compares individual physician's performance with the performance of other physicians in the clinic	No
Compares clinic's performance with the performance of other similar organizations	No
Has processes in place for: – identifying adverse incidents – reporting adverse incidents – analyzing adverse incidents – preventing adverse incidents	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Percent of physicians who are board certified in the area in which they practice	100%
Measures patient satisfaction Results are available for viewing	Yes By request only

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External Recognition	
Received recognition(s) for best practices or quality measures	No
Certified or accredited by external organizations	No
Web Tools and Information	
Offers the following electronically:	
Appointment scheduling	No
E-visits	No
Payment processing	No
Prescription refill requests	No
Ability to communicate with patients via secure e-mail	No
Communication of test results (lab results, etc.)	No
Reminders for routine visits	No
Blogs or online support groups	No
Requests for copies of medical records	No
Online access to medical records	No
Other	–
Clinic's Web site offers the following information:	Clinic does not have a Web site
Profiles of physicians/clinicians	N/A
Registration materials	N/A
Downloadable forms	N/A
Patient satisfaction data	N/A
Pricing information	N/A
Research information on conditions treated	N/A
Information is based on original research performed by this clinic	N/A
Conditions addressed	N/A
Offers Wi-Fi access	No
Physical Therapy-Specific Information	
Areas of expertise	Occupational medicine including work injuries, work conditioning and manual therapy; post-operative care

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Certification(s) therapists have received	Isernhagen Functional Capacity Evaluation, MedX certification for lumbar spine
Treatment philosophy	"Movement heals." Philosophy is to treat the whole person and educate them on the cause of their pain.
Facility offers on-site:	
Gym/exercise equipment	Yes
Swimming/therapy pool	No
Whirlpool	No
Massage therapy	Yes
Physician oversight	Yes
Other: MedX Lumbar unit, short wave diathermy (high-frequency current for pain relief), ultrasound, heat, cold, iontophoresis (delivery of medication through the skin using a low electrical current)	Yes
Patients can access amenities after treatment is completed	No
Chronic low-back pain	
Average number of visits to treat	8
Percent of patients referred on to surgery	8%
Percent of patients treated who've already had surgery	70%
Acute low-back pain	
Average number of visits to treat	7
Percent of patients referred on to surgery	18%
Percent of patients treated who've already had surgery	25%

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