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Leading Neurosurgeon Coming to Ellis Medicine

Ellis Medicine announced today that leading neurosurgeon, Paul E. Spurgas, MD is joining the neurosciences team at Ellis Medicine, effective May 1, 2010.

Dr. Spurgas is returning to Ellis and the community he previously served for several decades, bringing with him more than 25 years of experience in neurosurgery. Most recently, Dr. Spurgas comes to Ellis Medicine from Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania, where he was the Director of Neurosurgery. He previously worked and taught as an attending neurosurgeon at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Prior to that, Dr. Spurgas was Chief of Neurosurgery at Ellis Hospital and he treated thousands of patients at his Schenectady practice over the course of more than 15 years.

“Dr. Spurgas’ reputation is outstanding. We’re thrilled that a surgeon of such exceptional caliber is returning to rejoin the Ellis team to serve the community he knows so well. With his dedication to excellence, Ellis Medicine will continue to provide the highest quality of neurosurgical services for our patients,” said James W. Connolly, President and CEO of Ellis Medicine.

As the new leader of Ellis Medicine’s neurosurgery program, Dr. Spurgas will join Phillip Marra, MD and Ellis’ neurosurgical team in performing brain and back surgeries. Dr. Spurgas will also contribute his skill and expertise to Ellis’ nationally-recognized, state-designated Stroke Center. In addition, Dr. Spurgas will see patients at Ellis’ outpatient neuroscience office, Suite 204 in the Medical Arts Building, 1201 Nott Street, Schenectady.

John Nolan, M.D. Chief of the Medical Dental Staff at Ellis Medicine, is a former colleague of Dr. Spurgas’, “Dr. Spurgas is a gifted surgeon who is held in the highest regard by the physician community. Simply put, it’s great to welcome him back.”

Board certified in neurosurgery, Dr. Spurgas performs the latest minimally invasive surgeries. He specializes in caring for patients with: stroke, cerebrovascular disease, brain tumors, lumbar disc and degenerative diseases, cervical spondylosis and aneurysms.

“Dr. Spurgas brings to his role a depth of knowledge and experience, a proven track record of excellent clinical outcomes and a keen clinical intuition, “ remarked David

Liebers, M.D., Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Ellis Medicine. We're fortunate to have his leadership."

Born and raised in Schenectady, Dr. Spurgas received his undergraduate degree from Union College and his medical degree from Temple University. He performed residencies in neurosurgery and surgery at Albany Medical Center.

Dr. Spurgas and his wife, Deborah, have two adult children. They have a home in Charlton.