



Blue Distinction Centers for Spine Surgery®

Expert Panel Roster

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Blue Distinction® is a national designation program, developed with thoughtful input from the medical community to recognize those facilities that demonstrate expertise in delivering quality specialty care — safely, efficiently, and cost effectively. Its goal is to help consumers find both quality and value for their specialty care needs, on a consistent basis, while encouraging healthcare professionals to improve the overall quality and delivery of care nationwide.

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