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Philosophy of Care Dr. Panchal integrates his growing interest in spine pathophysiology and biomechanics with his humanistic inclinations to provide the most comprehensive, compassionate neurosurgical care.

Clinical Interests Dr. Panchal's clinical subspecialty is the management of spinal disorders including trauma, tumors (spinal and intradural), degenerative disease and osteoporotic fractures, adult deformity, infection, complex spinal revision and reconstructive surgeries.
His surgical expertise includes minimal invasive spine surgery, computer-assisted surgery, and motion preservation surgery (disc replacement surgery).

Research/Academic Interests Dr. Panchal's research focuses on biomechanics of the spine, spine and spinal cord injuries, and spinal instrumentation. He also is involved in national clinical trials involving cervical spondylolytic myelopathy, spinal cord injury, biologics to enhance spinal fusion, and stem cells for lumbar disc regeneration and cervical fusion.

Dr. Panchal has been invited to present his research at the national level and serves as a peer reviewer for Global Spine Journal, The Spine Journal, The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, and World Journal of Orthopedics.

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Residency Neurological Surgery, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center/Western University, Colton CA 2006-2011

Fellowships Complex and Reconstructive Spine Surgery, UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento CA 2011-2012

Board Certifications American Osteopathic Board of Surgery-Neurological Surgery, 2012

Professional Memberships American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS)
American Osteopathic Association
AO Spine
California Association of Neurological Surgeons
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Council of State Neurosurgical Societies
Indo-American Spine Alliance
North American Spine Society
Scoliosis Research Society

Honors and Awards UC Davis Medical Center GME High Value Competition Award, 2015
UC Davis Medical Center Excellence in Quality, 2015
Teaching in Excellence Award, Department of Neurological Surgery - University of California, Davis, 2015
George W. Northup, DO, Medical Writing Award, 2011
Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California's Resident Research Paper Award, 2010
Scientific Poster Presentation in the field of Neurological Surgery, ACOS, 2010
Robert C. Erwin Literary Award, 2010
Residency Advisory Committee Service Award, 2007

Select Recent Publications Lee DJ, Kim SB, Rosenthal R, Panchal RR, Kim KD. Stereotactic guidance for navigated percutaneous sacroiliac joint fusion. *Journal of Biomedical Research*. 2016;30(2): 162-167.

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