

## **Seattle Spine Institute, PLLC - AWARDED THE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (HFAP) ACCREDITATION**

Seattle, WA – Seattle Spine Institute, PLLC was awarded accreditation from the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP), an independent, accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). It earned this distinction after the HFAP conducted an extensive and objective review of the quality and safety Standards of Seattle Spine Institute, PLLC.

“Seattle Spine Institute clearly demonstrates a commitment to quality patient care,” said Stephen Martin, Jr., Ph.D., M.P.H., Chief Executive Officer of the HFAP. “We base our decision on federal standards, as well as recognized national standards for patient safety, quality improvement, and environmental safety. Seattle Spine Institute met or exceeded the standards in every case.”

We’re proud to achieve this prestigious distinction. The awarding of the HFAP accreditation is a significant achievement that recognizes Seattle Spine Institute’s commitment to providing outstanding care to our patients. In fact, maintaining high standards of quality patient care and safety is consistently the priority focus in our strategic plans and goals.

– Paul E. Schwaegler, M.D.

### **About The HFAP:**

*The Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP) is a nationally recognized not-for-profit accreditation organization with deeming authority from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Originally created in 1945, the HFAP is the oldest accrediting body in the country. The HFAP surveying process and standards benefit from oversight by a wide range of medical professionals, including both allopathic and osteopathic disciplines. The HFAP accreditation is recognized by the federal government, state governments, managed care organizations, and insurance companies. For more information about the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Programs, go to: [www.hfap.org](http://www.hfap.org).*

*In 2015, the HFAP was acquired by the Accreditation Association, a family of organizations committed to developing standards to advance and promote patient safety, quality care and value for health care through peer-based accreditation processes, education and research. Accreditation Association organizations include the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), Accreditation Association for Hospitals/Health Systems (AAHHS), AAAHC Institute for Quality Improvement and Acreditas Global.*

