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## **Experienced Consultant Joins NeuroSpine Institute**

Dr Vijaya Venkataraman (known as VJ), an experienced Consultant Physician, has joined the team of doctors at the multi-disciplinary specialist practice that provides neuro spinal surgery services.

Dr Venkataraman joins neurosurgeons Dr Michael Kern and Dr Andrew Miles, and spinal surgeon Dr Paul Taylor, who formed NeuroSpine Institute in 2018, and practice from rooms in Perth CBD, Murdoch and Wembley.

Dr Venkataraman trained and worked in India and Maldives working in large hospitals as a Consultant Physician in acute medicine, cardiology and ICU before moving to the UK and achieving her MRCP and FRCP qualifications.

She moved to Australia in 2006 working in Tasmania in acute medicine, cardiology and echocardiography. Moving to WA in 2012 along with her family, Dr Venkataraman worked at Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital as a Senior Consultant Physician with special interest in cardiology.

This year she joined SCGH Medicine Department as a Senior Consultant Physician in acute medicine and joined UWA as a co-lead Medical Coordinator. Despite her busy schedule, she still manages to travel to Kalgoorlie fortnightly to serve the local community and teach medical students.

Dr Venkataraman will be complimenting the specialist services that the NeuroSpine Institute surgeons provide and will be a vital addition to the team.

NeuroSpine Institute patients are often elderly, have complex comorbidities and health needs and their own 'in house' physician will enormously benefit their patients providing continuity of care allowing for preoperative optimisation, in hospital co-management, rehabilitation and post discharge care. VJ's experience in ICU, cardiology and echocardiography are the key elements needed for expertise in the rapidly emerging discipline of perioperative medicine.

This Specialist Physician service is in addition to the leading surgical care, specialist physiotherapy care and acute disc referral service that NeuroSpine Institute already provides bringing further advances in optimised care to NeuroSpine Institute patients in Western Australia.

VJ will also see specialist physician referrals from GP's and at NeuroSpine Institute offices. Please email a referral to [drvjenkat@neurospineinstitute.com.au](mailto:drvjenkat@neurospineinstitute.com.au) or fax on 08 6147 8200.

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