

# Dr. V., Independent Interventional Pain Specialist, a 2017 Charlotte Magazine Top Doctor

## Clinic offers relief from chronic pain, helps patients regain their lives.

**M**ore than 76 million Americans suffer from chronic pain—the kind that can last for weeks, months, even years. That's more people suffering with back pain, neck pain, migraines, and arthritis-related pain than the total number of people suffering from cancer, diabetes, and heart disease combined. And anyone who has ever experienced chronic pain can attest to how it can impact virtually every part of your life—including your job, relationships, psychological well-being, and more.

Ratko Vujicic, MD, owner of V Pain Clinic, an independent interventional pain management clinic with offices in Charlotte and Rock Hill, understands the profound effects pain can have on the body and mind. He knows chronic pain is a complex medical problem that requires attentive, experienced treatment.

A medical doctor board-certified in anesthesiology and subspecializing in interventional pain management, Vujicic possesses more than 20 years of experience treating pain. He describes V Pain Clinic as a "physician-operated medical facility, a special place where science, education, experience, and advanced technology come together to help patients relieve their pain and regain their lives."

Vujicic continues, "We provide top-notch medicine delivered in a more personal way and at prices that are significantly lower than other providers', V Pain Clinic makes it as easy, convenient, and affordable as possible for patients to get relief."

### Continuity of Care

Vujicic is firm in his belief that the one office, one doctor model is a key to quality care. Thus, he consults with patients in person and does not practice telephone medicine.

"I care about my patients. And I'm

sincere when I say they can call me anytime. I meet with patients when they need to see me, even if that's outside of regular work hours," he explains. "Because it's just me and I take the time to get to know my patients, I can provide a continuity of care that makes a difference in how my patients feel."

Vujicic practices interventional pain medicine and utilizes procedures that may include epidural steroid injections, nerve root blocks, radiofrequency ablations, stellate ganglion blocks, and peripheral nerve blocks. His treatment plans may also include referrals for less invasive options provided by practitioners like physical therapists, massage therapists, and chiropractors.

### Quality Care at Reasonable Prices

Vujicic performs all procedures, including epidural steroid injections, nerve root blocks, and radiofrequency ablation, in his state-of-the-art procedure room, conveniently located on site. As a board-certified anesthesiologist, he administers IV sedation himself.

"It isn't unusual for our costs to be just 20 percent of what hospitals charge," Vujicic says. "A series of three cortisone injections, for example, in a health-care-system environment might cost as much as \$6,200. At V Pain Clinic, that same treatment would cost only \$1,150," partly because, as an independent clinic, V Pain Clinic doesn't charge the facility fees associated with some healthcare systems.

"But what is most important for patients is that we adhere to the highest standards possible while treating each patient as the valued individual they are. Add fair and reasonable prices to the equation, and patients can rest assured they'll receive the effective, compassionate, and experienced care they deserve."



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