

She Has Brains (and Your Back)

With deft skill and empathy, Neurosurgeon **Dr. Azadeh Farin** is restoring quality of life.

Neurosurgical conditions are among the most devastating challenges faced by patients. Inspired by the astounding complexity and capabilities of the central nervous system and moved by life-altering deficits faced by patients with brain and spine disorders, Azadeh Farin, M.D., FACS, FAANS, has devoted her life to using her skill, passion, and talents to ameliorate suffering and give patients their lives back.

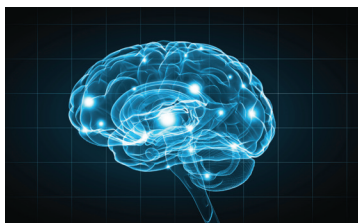
“The central nervous system is the master controller. How we feel and function derives from it,” Dr. Farin explains. “My patients entrust me with their most important functions. I help optimize their total well-being.”

One of the country’s top neurosurgeons, and one of only a few hundred female neurosurgeons in the United States, Dr. Farin’s academic and professional achievements illustrate her devotion to healing and passion for empathetic medicine. Graduating from Yale University with High Honors, with a double major in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry as well as Economics, she went on to earn her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of California San Diego and completed a residency in Neurological Surgery at the University of Southern California, where she was the first female graduate in over 25 years.

Dr. Farin’s research on brain tumor growth patterns at Columbia University—as well as the Congress of Neurological Surgeons Spine Research Award and Fellowships in motion-preserving minimally invasive spine surgery, complex spine surgery, and spinal deformity at University of California, San Francisco—have led to numerous awards and publications in leading scientific journals. She has also consulted for the television show



“Dr. Farin gave me my life back. I wouldn’t trust my brain or spine to anyone else!”
-Patient



Grey’s Anatomy. A trailblazing innovator, Dr. Farin has invented multiple spinal devices and holds several patents.

Treating a myriad of neurosurgical conditions—including aneurysms, tumors, spinal deformities, and chronic pain—FARINeurology ensures each consultation is centered on education.

Results-Driven, Patient-First Approach

Dr. Farin’s experiences, compassion, and devotion to patients’ needs round out an individual who will stop at nothing to optimize patient care. The uniqueness of every patient’s condition

means nonsurgical and surgical options are individually tailored with the goal of improving quality of life. “When planning treatment, I consider the whole patient,” she says. “It’s important to understand expectations and current limitations so we can decide jointly—patient and physician—the best approach.”

“Patients can text or call me 24/7 for any pressing issue. Instant accessibility to their surgeon eases anxiety. My highest honor is the opportunity to tend to my patients’ needs,” Dr. Farin says.

She is grateful to her patients and is inspired by them each day. “I am stunned by the bravery, resilience, and determination patients exhibit during some of the most harrowing moments of their lives. Their courage is a testament to the beauty of the human spirit and an enormous inspiration.”

She remembers one patient who, with the help of a new surgical technology that resolved her life-inhibiting pain, can now walk comfortably for the first time in 50 years. A second patient, a teenager who suffered a severe traumatic brain injury, required multiple surgeries. Though initially comatose, she is now walking and talking. “This patient’s example reminds me of the infinite value of every life and the beautiful outcome that emerges when patients are given proper resources for success,” Dr. Farin says. Another grateful patient wrote about Dr. Farin’s care in a best-selling book and a documentary.

“Some of the bravest patients I have met are those battling brain cancer and facing paralysis,” says Dr. Farin. “Their indomitable spirit teaches us the real meaning of faith and courage.” For testimonials from Dr. Farin’s happy patients, please visit her social media pages identified below.

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