WellSpan launches neurosurgery practice in Franklin County

WellSpan Health will open a neurosurgery office in Chambersburg on Monday, July 6. The practice will be led by Dr. Matthew Maserati. Sarah Reed, PA-C will be joining the practice later this fall.

Dr. Maserati joins WellSpan after spending eight years at Allegheny Brain and Spine Surgeons in Altoona, Pennsylvania. “I am excited to be building a new, comprehensive and multi-disciplinary approach to spine care in Franklin County,” said Dr. Maserati.

“The team approach will be the guiding principle of the WellSpan Chambersburg Spine and Neurosciences service line, where we will strive to streamline the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system, improving the patient experience through collaborative efforts between Neurosurgery, Neurology, Interventional Pain Management, and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.”

Dr. Matthew Maserati

Dr. Maserati also brings fellowship training in spinal deformity and expertise in new and emerging technologies such as intraoperative computer-assisted navigation, minimally invasive spinal surgery, and cervical total disc replacement. Dr. Maserati completed his fellowship training at the University of Pittsburgh.

WellSpan Neurosurgery will be in Building 2 at the WellSpan Health Campus on Saint Paul Drive. To refer a patient to Dr. Maserati, you can call the office at 717-217-6072 or send a fax to 717-217-6073.

“When you refer a patient to me, you can expect that your patient’s concerns will be heard, that they will be treated with respect, and that they will receive a thorough evaluation of their neurological symptoms,” said Dr. Maserati.
Unprecedented Times - Dr. David Hoffmann, VP Medical Director, West Region

Thanks to all providers:
“A heartfelt thank you to all the physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants that have been providing amazing care to our COVID patients,” said Dr. Hoffmann. “I have witnessed tremendous sacrifice, teamwork, and dedication to provide the patients in Franklin County with superior care during this pandemic. We have had tremendous success taking care of patients, particularly around survival rates in our intensive care units for those patients that are ventilated. Fortunately, we never had an overwhelming surge, but we were ready to help our community in any way necessary. We saw anesthesiologists attending in the ICUs, family doctors being cross trained as hospitalists, and everybody pitching in where they could to achieve our goal of working as one. Nobody can predict the future of this pandemic, but I am confident that the WellSpan Summit providers are ready for all challenges that lie ahead.”

New Guidance Issued to Protect Hospital Staff and Patients
The Pennsylvania Department of Health recently issued an order requiring that all hospitals take additional steps to further protect their staff and patients from COVID-19. Beginning June 15, hospitals were required to:

- Notify staff who have been in close contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case within 24 hours of the known contact and provide instructions for quarantine and work exclusion.
- Test symptomatic and asymptomatic staff who have received notice of close contact upon request.
- Distribute nationally approved respirators to the staff member when the staff member determines the mask is soiled, damaged, or otherwise ineffective.
- Require universal masking for all individuals entering the hospital facility except for people for whom wearing a mask would create a further health risk or individuals under the age of 2.

For the latest and most updated information on WellSpan Health COVID topics, please visit www.wellspan.org/coronavirus.

Provider Spotlight - All medical providers
“I want to say thank you to all the physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, midwives, anesthetists and other providers for your flexibility and continued commitment during this pandemic,” said Niki Hinckle, Vice President of Operations, Western Region. “Thank you for your willingness to adapt to all the changes over the past several months. Whether it was working from home, learning to do Zoom appointments or being redeployed to other offices and departments, you each have been understanding and adaptable during an extremely stressful time. While we still have many changes ahead of us, I know that with you caring for our patients, we will make it through.”