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#### BIO

Dr. Alamin is a board-certified, fellowship-trained orthopaedic surgeon and spine surgeon at Stanford Health Care Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine. He is director of the Spine Surgery Fellowship Program and the Minimally Invasive Spine Center and a professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Alamin completed his spine care and surgery fellowship training at Stanford University School of Medicine/St. Mary's Medical Center.

Dr. Alamin specializes in advanced, minimally invasive treatments for a range of conditions affecting the spine. He is skilled at relieving pain that results from spinal stenosis, scoliosis, degenerative disc disease, arthritis, and traumatic injuries. He combines extensive expertise with decades of experience to deliver innovative, personalized care to each of his patients.

Dr. Alamin's research interests include effective treatments for vertebral fractures, spinal deformities, scoliosis, herniated discs, and spondylolisthesis (when a vertebra slides out of place). As principal investigator for multiple clinical trials and research studies, Dr. Alamin has explored nerve ablation as a treatment for chronic low back pain and motion-preserving lumbar fusion techniques. He uses state-of-the-art medical devices, implants, and technology to make spine surgery more effective and help his patients move without pain.

Dr. Alamin is known around the world for the treatment of spine disorders and injuries. He has published more than 65 articles in numerous peer-reviewed journals, including Spine, The Spine Journal, Clinical Spine Surgery, International Journal of Spine Surgery, and Journal of Orthopaedic Research. He has also written several book chapters that focus on diagnosing and treating spine conditions.

A recognized leader in innovative spine surgery techniques, Dr. Alamin has invented dozens of medical devices, methods, and techniques for spine surgery. He holds a number of patents for his inventions, many of which have revolutionized back pain treatments. Physicians around the globe use his techniques and devices to help their patients with spine conditions.

Dr. Alamin has been invited to present at conferences around the globe about spinal fusion procedures, novel techniques to treat spinal stenosis, and the latest medical devices to treat degenerative spondylolisthesis. He has lectured at annual meetings for the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons, the North American Spine Society, and the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine.

Dr. Alamin is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He is a member of the North American Spine Society, the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine, the Spine Arthroplasty Society, and the Society for Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery.

## CLINICAL FOCUS

- Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery
- Cervical Spine Surgery
- Spinal Tumor Surgery
- Spinal Deformity Surgery
- Orthopaedic Surgery of the Spine

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor - University Medical Line, Orthopaedic Surgery

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Medical Education: Yale School Of Medicine (1995) CT
- Fellowship: Stanford University Spine Fellowship (2001) CA
- Residency: UCSD Orthopaedic Surgery (2000) CA
- Internship: UCSD Surgery Residency (1996) CA
- Board Certification: Orthopaedic Surgery, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (2003)

## LINKS

- Get a Second Opinion: <https://stanfordhealthcare.org/second-opinion/overview.html>

## Research & Scholarship

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### CLINICAL TRIALS

- Study Comparing Local/ MAC Anesthesia in Lumbar Decompression, Recruiting

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

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- **Correction: Degenerative lumbar spondylolisthesis: review of current classifications and proposal of a novel classification system.** *European spine journal : official publication of the European Spine Society, the European Spinal Deformity Society, and the European Section of the Cervical Spine Research Society*  
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- **Polymethyl methacrylate augmentation and proximal junctional kyphosis in adult spinal deformity patients.** *European spine journal : official publication of the European Spine Society, the European Spinal Deformity Society, and the European Section of the Cervical Spine Research Society*  
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