

Philadelphia

[Philadelphia](#)'s history and the history of neurosurgery in America are often intertwined. It is not surprising that the impetus and intellectual base for the development of neurological surgery should arise in Philadelphia, arguably at the end of the 19th century, the epicenter of American neurology. Some of the leading neurologists, including S. Weir Mitchell (1829-1914), Charles K. Mills (1845-1931), and William Gibson Spiller (1863-1940), all worked within the neurology department of the [University of Pennsylvania](#).

Abington (Pa.) Memorial Hospital. With four full-time neurosurgeons and a growing neurosciences center, Abington Memorial Hospital is carving out its neurosurgery niche just north of Philadelphia. Ranked by CareChex as a top spinal surgery hospital in 2013 and labeled as a Blue Distinction Center for Spine Surgery, Abington was also the first in its area to offer minimally invasive AxiaLIF surgery, in which neurosurgeons conduct lumbar fusions by approaching the spine alongside the tailbone. In 2012, the hospital also conducted its fourth annual Pursuit of Neurovascular Excellence program to educate physicians on strokes and other neurological disorders.

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