

What to Ask

About Your Doctor's Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery Practice

1. **What percent of your practice involves Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery (MIS)?**
2. **How long have you been doing MIS?**
3. **How many MIS procedures have you performed in the last 6 months?**
4. **What training have you had in MIS surgery?**
5. **Do you present your work on MIS at peer-reviewed scientific meetings and journals?**
6. **Are you Board-certified by either the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons (www.abos.org) or the American Board of Neurological Surgery (www.abns.org)?***

* Nationally recognized Board-certification entities are listed in the American Board of Medical Specialties (www.abms.org). The ABOS and ABNS are currently the only recognized Boards for spinal surgery.

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