

## Alok D. Sharan, MD, MHCDS

Medical Advisor

### Career Summary



In addition to his role as Medical Advisor at Corazon, Dr. Alok Sharan is the Co-Director of the WESTMED Spine Center for the WESTMED Medical Group in Yonkers, New York. Dr. Sharan is an Orthopedic Spine Surgeon with formal business and management training and a wealth of knowledge. In practice for over ten years, he has received many clinical and academic recognitions in Orthopedic Spine Surgery. Administratively, he established a multidisciplinary Spine Center that successfully delivered an increased market share along with more coordinated, effective, and efficient spine care.

### Clinical Consulting

**Corazon, Inc.**

**2017 - Present**

**Medical Advisor**

Provides consultation to hospitals and health systems across the country for the implementation or development of stand-alone or hospital-based orthopedic and spine programs. Interacts with physicians at client sites on a peer-to-peer basis. Participates in site visits to present to Boards, hospital leadership, and/or internal and external stakeholders on the clinical, operational, and financial aspects of best practice orthopedic spine services. Provides expertise and opinions on procedures and commentary about current industry trends, medical advances, and new technology in his area of specialty.

## Employment History

### WESTMED Medical Group, Yonkers, NY

2015 - Present

#### Co-Director, WESTMED Spine Center

- Established a Spine Center within a 400 physician multispecialty practice.
- *Strategy*: Achieved a strategic vision for the development of a spine center with the goals of increasing access, coordinating care, and increasing market share of spine surgical cases.
- *Market Growth*: Increased spine surgical volume by 60% above the group's expected performance metric. Achieved financial thresholds within 1 year. Within the spine center, increased the rate of pain management procedures by 15%.
- *Quality*: Established clinical pathways within the practice for the treatment of patients with spinal disorders. As a result this has resulted in patients receiving timely care by the appropriate physician, leading to overall increased patient satisfaction.
- *Leadership*: Brought together physicians from Orthopedic Surgery, Physiatry, Anesthesia, Neurology, Psychiatry, and Physical Therapy in a collaborative physician. This change in behavior among the providers has resulted in higher quality and better coordinated care for patients.

### Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY

2006 - 2015

#### Chief, Orthopedic Spine Services

- Established a busy clinical orthopedic spine service within the hospital.
- *Market Growth*: Prior to employment at Montefiore, the majority of spine surgical referrals were sent to Neurosurgery. Redirected many surgical referrals to the orthopedic department through the delivery of high quality care.
- Achieved numerous clinical awards including *NY Magazine Best Doctors Recognition*.
- Achieved national and international recognition for academic research performed at the institution.
- Published a textbook on "*The Basic Science of Spinal Diseases*."
- Helped develop a Spinal Oncology treatment protocol. This was a collaborative effort between the Emergency Room, Oncology, Radiation Therapy, Radiology, Neurosurgery, and Orthopedic Surgery. Established and implemented protocols that resulted in the prompt diagnosis and treatment of patients with spine tumors.
- Developed a Multidisciplinary Spine Conference and Clinic.

## Employment

- **Co-Director, WESTMED Spine Center**  
September 2015 - Present  
Assistant Professor, Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
*Fellow, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons*  
New York Magazine Best Doctors, 2013, 2015  
Castle Connolly Top Doctor, 2014, 2015, 2016  
Westchester Magazine Best Doctors 2016  
NY Rising Stars (Super Doctors), 2014
- **Chief, Orthopaedic Spine Service, Montefiore Medical Center**  
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery  
August 2006 - August 2015

- Jacobi Medical Center  
Attending, Spine Service  
September 2014 - Present

## Fellowship

- **Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow**  
Center for Complex Systems  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Hoboken, NJ  
Oct 2015 - Present
- **Spine Surgery**  
Hospital for Joint Diseases, New York, NY  
August 2005 – July 2006  
*AO Spine Fellow*
- **AAOS Washington Health Policy Fellowship**  
August 2005 - July 2006

## Residency Training

- **Orthopaedic Surgery**  
Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY  
July 2000 - June 2005  
Completed Boards Part I July 2005  
Completed Boards Part II July 2008  
Completed Boards Recertification June 2016

## Education

- **Masters in Health Care Delivery Science, Dartmouth**  
*July 2013 - February 2015*  
The MHCDS program combined classes from The Dartmouth Institute (TDI) for health policy and clinical practice and the Tuck School of Business. Core concentrations include finance, strategy, innovation, leadership, operations, and quality improvement.
- **New Jersey Medical School-UMDNJ**  
**Newark, NJ**  
August 1996 – June 2000
- **Seven Year Accelerated BA/MD Program**  
**Boston University, Boston, MA**  
Major: Medical Science and Political Science, *Cum Laude*  
September 1993 – May 1996

## Summary of Additional Professional Activity

- Peer-Reviewed Publications
  - Health Policy / Management 20
  - Spine & Orthopedic Surgery 46
  - Chapters 21
- Non-Peer Reviewed Publications
  - Health Policy / Management 16
  - Spine & Orthopedic Surgery 11
- Presentation
  - International/Domestic/Invited 16
- Multiple Academic, Professional, Editorial and Faculty Activities