

# 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](http://www.abos.org)) or the American Board of Neurological Surgery ([www.abns.org](http://www.abns.org))?\***

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

“*The Society for Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery (SMISS) is a non-profit, tax-exempt, charitable organization devoted to improving the health of patients with spinal disorders by advancing the highest quality minimally invasive spinal care for our patients.*”

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