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Neurosurgeon Evan M. Packer Offers Expertise on Diagnosis and Treatment During National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month

The month of September has been designated National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month. Every 48 minutes someone in the U.S. is paralyzed from a spinal cord injury, and an estimated 1,275,000 individuals in the United States live with a spinal cord injury. Evan M. Packer, MD, FACS, FAANS, one of Palm Beach County's most respected neurosurgeons, regularly diagnoses and treats a wide range of neurological conditions, including brain, neck and spinal injuries.

A managing partner at the Brain and Spine Center South Florida in Boca Raton, Dr. Packer has extensive clinical training and experience in the latest treatments for trauma and elective surgical patients. He is available

to share his expertise on recognizing the emergency signs and symptoms of a spinal cord injury after an accident. These may include extreme back pain or pressure in the neck, weakness or paralysis in any part of the body, or numbness and tingling in the hands, fingers, feet or toes.

Dr. Packer is also a firm believer in exploring every treatment option before recommending surgery. To that end, he is willing to explain the various types of technologies used to diagnose spinal cord injuries, including X-rays, computerized tomography (CT) scan and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

In addition to his office practice, Dr. Packer treats patients and covers trauma cases at Delray Medical Center and performs elective surgery cases at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, with full privileges at the new Marcus Neuroscience Institute. He has held numerous leadership positions on the Medical Executive Committee at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Dr. Packer is a Diplomate of the American Board of Neurological Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and affiliate assistant professor at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University.

Dr. Packer has contributed to the "Textbook of Neurological Surgery," and presented extensively to other physicians on minimally invasive spine surgery, treatment of brain tumors and many other topics. He is an active member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and the North American Spine Society. In addition, Dr. Packer regularly attends national meetings and symposiums focused on the latest techniques for treating complex disorders of the brain and spine.
