When neurosurgeon Dr. Scott Schlesinger joined the highly esteemed practice of Dr. Ray Jouett and Dr. Ronald Williams in 1992, he knew he had an important mission to uphold.

“My predecessors are talented pioneers who brought honest, advanced neurosurgical care to central Arkansas,” acknowledges Dr. Scott. Today, he furthers that founding purpose under a new name: Legacy Neurosurgery.

“Neurologist Dr. Kelli Schlesinger joined the practice to broaden our scope of services. We collaborate with an interventional neuroradiologist to provide truly comprehensive care,” says Dr. Scott.

Dr. Scott also treats advanced brain and nerve conditions, including carpal tunnel syndrome and trigeminal neuralgia: “Many patients come to me in horrible pain. It’s very rewarding to see them find relief.”

Improving Quality of Life

“Neurology was once a field of diagnosis without many treatment options, but I do not feel this stands true today,” says Dr. Kelli. “I chose this field to provide a better quality of life for patients with neurologic diseases ranging from headaches to multiple sclerosis and Parkinson’s disease.

“Headaches are a common problem that, with appropriate diagnosis and treatment, can be very manageable. I have seen success with newer therapies such as nerve block injections, vitamin replacements, and Botox.”

A team approach provides a smooth continuity of care for patients who benefit from the attention of both specialists.

“We are passionate about the nervous system, which we believe is evident in our delivery of care and our success stories,” says Dr. Kelli. “Every day, we feel like we’re making a difference.”

Legacy Neurosurgery plans to expand by welcoming additional physicians who share the practice’s commitment to compassionate, conservative care.

Minimally Invasive Expertise

Dr. Scott’s neurosurgical practice is defined by his knowledgeable yet conservative approach and an investment in the best diagnostic and procedural technology.

“We start with the least invasive options, but if surgery is necessary, we’re at the forefront of exciting new minimally invasive techniques,” he says. “Interventions that once required a week-long hospital stay can now be performed as outpatient procedures.”

One such example is lumbar fusion, which now requires just a two-inch incision.

A GRATEFUL PATIENT

Chris Reeder of Dallas suffered debilitating pain from spondylolisthesis—and it was getting worse.

After hearing about Dr. Scott’s expertise, Chris gladly trekked to Little Rock, where Dr. Scott informed him about treatment options.

“He tried conservative measures first,” says Chris, “but when surgery became inevitable, he explained exactly how it would go.”

Now, four months later, Chris’s pain is gone: “I’m confident my surgery was successful!”