



BEST NEUROLOGIST/NEUROSURGEON **Scott Schlesinger, M.D.**  
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## Independent neurologists' work upholds legacy of compassion

**W**hen seeking out neurological care, it's important for patients to know they're getting honest feedback from doctors who have maintained a reputation of making decisions based on the individual's needs. At Legacy Spine & Neurological Specialists, the physicians pride themselves on the standards set by the group's founding fathers, Ronald Williams, M.D., and Ray Jouett, M.D.

Two of Legacy Spine & Neurological Specialists' doctors were honored in the 2018 Best of the Best readers' poll. Scott Schlesinger, M.D., was voted Best Neurologist/Neurosurgeon, and Elizabeth Sullivan, M.D., was a finalist in the category.

"It's a great honor, and it's a tribute to my senior partner, Dr. Ronald Williams, who passed away this past fall. I dedicate this achievement to him," Schlesinger said.

Schlesinger has been with Legacy Spine & Neurological Specialists for 26 years, and Sullivan has been with Legacy for a little over two years.

"I'm very honored," Sullivan said. "We are a private group and focus on putting patient care first, being accessible to our patients and being able to offer most everything that they need here together."

Schlesinger and Sullivan agreed that Arkansas is a great place to practice, due to the kind nature of the people in the area.

"The patients here in Arkansas are fantastic, and I wouldn't be here with this honor if it weren't for the thousands and thousands of patients I've seen in the 26 years I've been here," Schlesinger said.

Both doctors said they owe a lot to the rest of the staff at Legacy, who care for the patients before and after they consult with or are treated.

"Our staff is the whole reason we're successful. In the end, the patients see us for a certain period of time, but they interact frequently with our front desk, our nurses and our medical assistants, and all of them enable us to do everything that we do," Sullivan said.

"What's evolved now is, hopefully, going to be a lasting legacy of [the clinic's founders'] start here in Arkansas," Schlesinger said.

Schlesinger and Sullivan said that the independent status of the group allows them to seek out what is best for patients in an unbiased environment, while offering the full spectrum of operative and nonoperative diagnoses and care. The doctors at Legacy sit down with patients to take their history



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Scott Schlesinger, M.D., of Legacy Spine & Neurological Specialists, left, said the philosophy of careful diagnosis is what sets Legacy apart from other neurology clinics. Elizabeth Sullivan, M.D., of Legacy Spine & Neurological Specialists, said Legacy is a private group that offers comprehensive neurological and neurosurgical care.

and conduct a physical exam to arrive at a clinical diagnosis rather than only making decisions based off of what a test or scan shows — a practice Schlesinger refers to as "a lost art."