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For a second consecutive year, Dr. Richard Francis of Spine Associates has been voted by his peers as one of Houston's Top Doctors. This is hardly surprising, as the formula for his success has not changed.

Dr. Francis and Spine Associates have distinguished themselves as leaders in adult and pediatric spine care through quality patient care, technical excellence and easy accessibility. Indeed, all patients are seen within three days and even before if necessary.

In the year since I interviewed him, Dr. Francis has lost none of his charm or wit. His enthusiasm remains undiminished, and he is as effusive as before. "Our goal is to provide superior patient value, to create an experience that is unmatched by attending to each patient in a very individual way," he reminds me. "We deliver this by practicing on the leading edge of the frontier of excellence."

Dr. Francis has accumulated a wealth of experience and considerable success in the treatment of adult and pediatric deformity, spinal reconstruction and motion sparing surgery, such as the lumbar artificial disc replacement. He keeps a close watch on developing technologies, such as gene therapy, biologics and cervical disc replacement.

Dr. Francis is married to his best friend Juanitta. They have four lovely children Chloe, Shannon, Zachary and Samantha.

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