

**STEVEN J. BARRER, MD**

**Neurosurgery**

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*Steven J. Barrer, MD, is board certified in neurosurgery. After earning his medical degree from Drexel University Hahnemann Medical College, Dr. Barrer completed his internship in surgery at the University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics and his residency in Neurosurgery at Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He is fellowship trained in pediatric neurosurgery.*

*Dr. Barrer's area of practice and research interest includes carotid endarterectomy, brain tumors, carpal tunnel, peripheral nerve surgery, lumbar spinal stenosis, and aneurysms. Dr. Barrer joined Abington Hospital's Division of Neurosurgery in 1986. He has been voted Top Doctor in Philadelphia Magazine for 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015.*

The Neurosurgery Division of Abington Hospital offers high quality surgical treatment of the nervous system including but not limited to surgery of the spine, brain, and peripheral nerves using state-of-the-art technology and advanced technologies. Neurosurgeons work with specialty trained nurses and professional supporting staff throughout the entire treatment process to insure the highest quality care is given.

The Neurosciences Institute signifies the importance of-and expertise in-the diagnosis and treatment of neurological conditions available at Abington Hospital. An evolution in services and the continuous growth in the depth of the physicians on the neurosciences team have put us at the forefront in the treatment of brain, spinal cord and peripheral nerve disorders. Neurosciences Institute specialists include:

- Five full-time neurosurgeons providing advanced brain, nerve, and trauma care.
- Neurosurgeons specially trained in the most recent advances in spine surgery.
- Our growing Division of Neurology providing sub-specialty care for patients who have experienced a stroke or suffer from disorders of the nervous system including Multiple Sclerosis, balance and movement disorders such as Parkinson's, epilepsy, neuropathy or chronic and severe migraine headaches.
- Partnership with the Asplundh Cancer Pavilion to render the highest level of care for neuro-oncology patients.

**Background**

Hahnemann Medical College  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
(MD, 1972 - 1976)

University of Chicago Hospital and Clinics  
Chicago, Illinois  
(Surgical Internship, 1976 - 1977)

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
(Residency, Neurosurgical, 1977 - 1982)

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
(Fellowship, Pediatric Neurosurgery, 1980 - 1981)

Abington Hospital - Jefferson Health  
Abington, PA  
(Assistant Surgeon, 1986 - 1990)  
(Associate Surgeon, 1990 - 1998)  
(Senior Surgeon, 1998 - Present)  
(Former Chief, Division of Neurosurgery, 2000 - 2014)  
(Director, Neurosciences Institute, 2009 - Present)  
(President, Medical Staff, 2014 - Present)

Dr. Barrer has published numerous papers including his research on *Percutaneous Lumbar Disc Decompression Using the Nd: YAG Laser* and *Cerebral Ischemia*. As a Neurology specialist, Dr. Barrer has participated in multiple presentations and lectures throughout the country on neurology.

Dr. Barrer is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is also a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, American College of Surgeons Congress of Neurological Surgeons, AANS Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery, Montgomery County Medical Society, and Brain Attack Coalition. In 2014, Dr. Barrer published *Exercise Will Hurt You*, about how sports and exercise can affect health.

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