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## TEXAS BACK INSTITUTE WELCOMES FIRST FEMALE SPINE SURGEON

PLANO, Texas (August 17, 2008) – Texas Back Institute, the largest freestanding spine specialty clinic in the United States, welcomes one of the first female spine surgeons in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Dr. Jessica Shellock, a graduate of Florida State University and University of North Carolina School of medicine, completed her residency at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She was one of five surgeons to graduate from Texas Back Institute's elite fellowship program in 2009 and specializes in orthopedic spinal surgery and minimally invasive procedures.

For more than three decades, patients from all across the country have relied on Texas Back Institute for the most-advanced surgical procedures and conservative care. Dr. Shellock is thrilled to join the Texas Back Institute staff and further excellent patient care.

"My goal is to help patients take their life back," said Dr. Shellock. "I'm committed to treating patient's conditions with conservative care, using surgical and minimally invasive options only when that's the best course of treatment."

Dr. Shellock will practice out of Texas Back Institute's main office in Plano, TX and will bring her expertise in minimally invasive techniques to Texas Health Center for Diagnostics and Surgery to help get patients back to life. One day a week, she'll see patients in Dallas out of the Alera Medical Center.

"Dr. Shellock's passion for patient care will be a great asset to our team," said Richard D. Guyer, M.D., spine surgeon and president of Texas Back Institute. "We're thrilled to welcome her to our staff."

Contact information for the clinics where Dr. Shellock will practice is:

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### **About Texas Back Institute**

*Texas Back Institute, one of the largest freestanding multispecialty spine clinics in the United States, was established in 1977 and provides comprehensive medical care for back and neck pain. Texas Back Institute is a back care leader specializing in spinal arthroplasty, minimally*

*invasive spine surgery, degenerative disk disease and spinal deformation. As an academic health care organization, Texas Back Institute has trained hundreds of physicians, scientists and allied health professionals. Its research institution employs state-of-the-art technology and is involved in many clinical trials, including artificial discs. Texas Back Institute's professional staff includes board-certified spine surgeons, general surgeons, internists, physiatrists, pain specialists, exercise physiologists, and a team of physical and occupational therapists. Texas Back Institute has locations in Dallas, Denton, Fort Worth, Mansfield, McKinney, Plano, Rockwall, Trophy Club and Wichita Falls, Tyler, Odessa, Texas, and Phoenix and Gilbert, Arizona. For more information, visit [www.texasback.com](http://www.texasback.com).*

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