

MEET

Dr. Belanger

of Texas Back Institute - Adult & Pediatric Spine Surgeon

Dr. Belanger's move from North Carolina to the Rockwall community has proven to be a wonderful journey. We sat with Dr. Belanger recently and asked him a few questions about his life, his practice and his hopes for the future.



Question: Tell us about your home.

Dr. Belanger: While looking for a home to buy, we are nesting now. Our family lives in a beautiful area that includes a nearby park where we like to walk our dog. We love to sit on the back balcony while we drink a glass of wine and watch the sun set. The staff at our living community is friendly and service oriented. They always greet us with a smile, say hello, and call us by name. I think we sometimes forget how important it is to call one another by name.

Question: What has made the biggest impression on you since joining the Rockwall community?

Dr. Belanger: The school our daughter attends is incredible. My wife and I think it offers our daughter a quality education and will help appropriately prepare her for college. She gets more direction from her teachers than we experienced in the past and she actually has homework. The result is that she now connects more with academics.

Question: I heard you recently took a trip. Where did you go, and what did you do?

Dr. Belanger: We went on a trip with our daughter's French class to France over Spring break. We were able to see everything you could think of, including Paris and the south of France. We saw medieval villages, ruins in Nice and went shopping in the Mediterranean. It was amazing. My favorite memory is when we visited a world-famous gelato store in Nice. They had 96 flavors!

Question: How do you like to spend your free time?

Dr. Belanger: Our family loves to eat out. We especially enjoy going to The Harbor area on the east shore of Lake Ray Hubbard where there are so many places to eat and things to do—and the day ends with a magnificent sunset over the lake.

Question: What has been your favorite experience over the past few months?

Dr. Belanger: Did I mention the restaurants? We have also been blessed to make new friends through my practice and in our personal lives, which has made us feel right at home very quickly.

Question: How has your practice changed since joining Texas Back Institute?

Dr. Belanger: Texas Back Institute has a culturally different feel. We are a large organization, but we have a smaller group feel. While we are proud of our expertise in spine orthopedics, we are equally proud of our strong emphasis on delivering individualized patient care. We are a well managed practice and enjoy working with each other, which makes me feel right at home.

Question: What hopes do you have for your practice over the next 6 months?

Dr. Belanger: Several things actually. I hope to grow the practice more, gain the trust of the patient population and medical community in me, become more invested personally in my new community, and grow my relationships here in Rockwall.



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