

MEET THE DOCTORS

OF SCVMC REHABILITATION CENTER



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ABOUT DR. CHAW

Edward Chaw, DO, is a graduate of Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a residency in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at Stanford University School of Medicine. He received fellowship training in spinal cord injury medicine at Stanford University/Palo Alto VA, Palo Alto, CA. He also holds subspecialty board certification in spinal cord medicine.

Dr. Chaw is part of a multidisciplinary team approach to spinal cord injury rehabilitation that has helped achieve exceptional functional improvement and patient satisfaction measures that exceed regional and national averages.

In addition to his work with patients, Dr. Chaw is a Clinical Instructor in the Division of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at the Stanford University School of Medicine. He has also published on a number of topics related to spinal cord injury.



IN HIS WORDS

THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE TEAM:

As a team we can take advantage of the skills and experience of a diverse group of clinical specialists. But the most important member of the rehab team is always the patient. Because orthopedic and neurologic rehabilitation are always most effective when the patient takes ownership of his or her own progress and choices, an important part of our role becomes guidance and coaching.

WHY FAMILY AND FRIENDS MATTER: No one, including family members, is prepared for the kind of changes that illness or injury can bring. The challenge for caregivers is to provide emotional support to the person they love and then learn as much as possible about the condition. I support that understanding, so I'm committed not only to connecting with my patients on a personal level, but also with the people close to them.

FOCUSING ON THE RETURN HOME: What takes place during inpatient rehabilitation is a critical part of improving each patient's function and confidence and I'm very gratified to be part of it. But for me, the most rewarding moment is when I see people return back to their homes and communities or to a more independent level of care. That's when I know I did my job.

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