

MEET THE DOCTORS

OF SCVMC REHABILITATION CENTER



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ABOUT DR. CREW

James Crew, MD, graduated from Creighton University School of Medicine and received both his PM&R residency and fellowship training in spinal cord injury medicine at the University of Washington. In addition to treating individuals with SCI, Dr. Crew is the site director for Stanford medical residents who train at SCVMC and the site principal investigator for the ASUBIO clinical trial. He is also the 2011 recipient of the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation Research Grant, jointly funded by the American Spinal Injury Association. In 2013, he was honored with the James Thompson, MD, Humanitarian Award for his tireless clinical and advocacy work.

Dr. Crew leads a team of spinal cord injury professionals in a multidisciplinary approach to care that SCVMC helped pioneer and continues to refine. The results are exceptional patient outcomes that include much higher than average discharge-to-home statistics and functional gains. Most important, these numbers translate into fewer injury-related complications and more independence for our patients as they return to their homes and communities.



IN HIS WORDS

WHERE FAMILIES FIT IN: SCI significantly impacts the person with the injury as well as his or her family and friends. And families and friends are a major part of anyone's support system. That's why we work closely with families and other potential caregivers. We talk clearly and we listen carefully. We make sure they understand that they're an essential part of the care team.

WHY I THINK TEACHING IS IMPORTANT: After hands-on patient care, the most satisfying activity for me is teaching residents. It gives me a chance to transfer the passion I have for the work to other people who will be soon be practicing in the field. In training others, I also gain insights into my own practice of spinal cord medicine.

WHAT I SEE IN THE FUTURE: We're doing research, collaborating with basic scientists and participating in clinical trials right here and right now that represent a future where neuro-regenerative medicine, biotechnology and pharmaceutical innovations are changing the world for people with SCI. It's definitely a time of renewed hope and potential and a very exciting time to be a spinal cord specialist.

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