The Department of Neurosurgery is pleased to announce that Dr. Jean-Paul Wolinsky, a leading authority in spinal oncology, will be joining Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine as a Professor of Neurosurgery. Dr. Wolinsky will serve as the Director of Spinal Oncology at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He is currently a Professor of Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Medicine and the clinical director of the institution’s Neurosurgical Spine Center.

Dr. Wolinsky received his medical degree and completed his neurosurgical training at Baylor College of Medicine. In addition to general neurosurgical experience, he gained extensive training in neurosurgical oncology at the MD Anderson Cancer Hospital. He then completed an AO Spine Fellowship in complex reconstructive spine surgery and spinal oncology at The Johns Hopkins Hospital with Dr. Ziya Gokaslan.

Dr. Wolinsky’s primary neurosurgical interests are spinal oncology, pathology of the occipital-cervical junction and complex spinal reconstructions. He is dedicated to developing new approaches to spinal surgery, like aggressive surgical resections and robotic surgery, as well as advancing spinal reconstruction. He is a strong advocate of coordinated, multi-disciplinary interventions to improve both patient health and satisfaction.

Jean-Paul began his Hopkins career in 2004, first as a spine instructor at the Hopkins Neurosurgical Spine Program. His scholarly contributions led to his promotion to full Professor by 2015. Jean-Paul established the Bayview Neurosurgery Spine Program and served as its director until 2006, when he became the Clinical Director of the Johns Hopkins Spine Program in the Department of Neurosurgery.

Dr. Wolinsky is currently the Co-Director of the Carnegie Center for Surgical Innovation (http://carnegie.jhu.edu), a nationally recognized imaging and image-guided interventions facility that focuses on research, education, development and bringing new products to market. This center is a 10,000 square foot laboratory space, built at the site of Hopkins’ historic operating rooms, which brings together students and colleagues across disciplines to develop new advances in neurosurgery. He’s been a faculty member of AO North America and AO International since 2006 and has mentored numerous neurosurgical residents into careers at premier institutions across the country.

Dr. Wolinksy has been an extraordinary clinician-scientist and an eager and insightful researcher in the laboratory whose studies have led to the publication of over 200 peer-reviewed articles, 16 book chapters and monographs, and patents pertaining to advances in spinal oncology and reconstruction. He lectures both nationally and internationally and chairs courses, programs and educational activities around the world on the care of patients with primary and metastatic spinal tumors. A member of numerous professional organizations, he has served on national and international committees developing guidelines on the care of spine patients.

Of note, Dr. Wolinksy has contributed to the Johns Hopkins Health System by serving on numerous committees focused on system innovation and quality improvement to include Spine Clinical Community, Johns Hopkins President’s Mission Imperative Spine Committee, Johns Hopkins Musculoskeletal Leadership Group and Johns Hopkins Musculoskeletal Spine Care Pathway Design Group. Also, he has provided institutional administrative leadership for the Department as the Chair of the OR Value Analysis Committee, Co-chair of the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery Appointment and Promotions Committee, Johns Hopkins Hospital representative to Nobilant and by serving on the Clinical Practice Association Budget and Finance Committee as well as the Compensation Committee.

Dr. Wolinsky will see patients at Northwestern Memorial Hospital beginning Aug. 1, 2017.