

# NEWS FROM INVIVO THERAPEUTICS CORPORATION

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## **Dr. TODD J. ALBERT: LEADING US SPINE SURGEON JOINS INVIVO THERAPEUTICS TEAM**

***Alexander Vaccaro, MD Co-Director of the Reconstructive Spine Services at the Rothman Institute at Thomas Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia to advise on Clinical Application of Science for traumatic spinal cord injury***

Cambridge, MA----InVivo Therapeutics Corporation, a medical device company focused on restoring function in individuals paralyzed by traumatic spinal cord injury, today announced that Todd J. Albert MD a nationally recognized leader in spine surgery has joined the firm's scientific advisory board.

Dr. Todd J. Albert is the James Edwards Professor and Chair of the Department of Orthopaedics at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He is also the President of the Rothman Institute in Philadelphia.

Previously, he served as Co-director of Reconstructive Spine Surgery and the Spine Fellowship Program at Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Albert graduated magna cum laude from Amherst College, received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Virginia School of Medicine, and completed a residency in Orthopaedic surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (where he was named Outstanding Chief Resident) and a fellowship in spinal surgery at the Minnesota Spine Center.

Dr. Albert serves on the boards of several scholarly journals, including Spine, The Spine Journal, and The Journal of Spinal Disorders and Techniques, as well as medical associations, including American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery, Cervical Spine Research Society, Scoliosis Research Society, International Society for Study of the Lumbar Spine, and North American Spine Society. He is Chair of Network Development for the National Spine Network, a consortium of centers of excellence for spine care throughout the United States.

Dr. Albert has published over 200 scientific articles, authored over 40 book chapters, and presented his research both nationally and internationally. He has published seven textbooks on spinal surgery, including Spine Surgery: Tricks of the Trade; Surgical Approaches to the Spine; Master cases: Spine Surgery; Physical Examination of the Spine; and Spinal Deformities, The Essentials.

Frank Reynolds, InVivo founder and Chief Executive Officer, said, "I am delighted to welcome Dr. Albert to our scientific advisory board. His demonstrated clinical expertise in the Spine will bring a valuable new perspective to InVivo's work."

Dr. Albert said: "I believe this work holds great promise. I look forward to supporting the efforts to move InVivo's technology from the laboratory to the clinic because there is a desperate need to help people with spinal cord injuries."

*InVivo Therapeutics Corporation is a Cambridge, MA medical device company focused on combining polymers and stem cells to restore function in individuals paralyzed as a result of traumatic spinal cord injury. The company was founded in 2005 on the basis of research initiated in the laboratories of Robert Langer, ScD. of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and of Yang (Ted) Teng, MD, PhD, of Harvard Medical School.*