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## **North American Spine Society Announces 2009 Recognition Award Winners**

San Francisco, CA - The North American Spine Society (NASS) today announced the 2009 Recognition Award recipients. NASS established the Leon Wiltse Award, the Henry Farfan Award and the David Selby Award to recognize unique and outstanding contributions to the field of spine care and research. Each award is named for founding members of NASS who not only made outstanding contributions to the field of spine care and research, but also played key roles in the Society's early success.

"I am pleased to present our 2009 NASS Recognition awards to three very deserving individuals. Their dedication to the advancement of spine care and leadership within NASS is a testament to our mission of fostering the highest quality, evidence-based and ethical spine care for our patients," said Charles Branch Jr., MD, NASS President.

The 2009 Recognition Award Winners are:

### **Leon Wiltse Award –**

**Michael G. Fehlings, MD, PhD, FRCSC, Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

In recognition of excellence in leadership and/or clinical research in spine care

### **Henry Farfan Award –**

**Avinash G. Patwardhan, PhD, Maywood, IL**

In recognition of outstanding contributions in spine-related basic science research

### **David Selby Award –**

**Stanley A. Herring, MD, Seattle, WA**

In recognition of a member who has contributed greatly to the art and science of spinal disorder management through service to NASS

### **About NASS**

The North American Spine Society (NASS) is a multidisciplinary medical organization dedicated to fostering the highest quality, evidence-based and ethical spine care by promoting education, research and advocacy. NASS is comprised of more than 5,500 members from several disciplines including orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, physiatry, neurology, radiology, anesthesiology, research, physical therapy and other spine care professionals. For more information, visit [www.spine.org](http://www.spine.org).

### **About NASS' 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

NASS' 24th Annual Meeting is being held in San Francisco, November 10-14, 2009, at the Moscone Center South. For more information, or to view press releases related to the meeting, please visit [NASS' Annual Meeting Web site](http://www.spine.org).