

PHYSICIAN SPOTLIGHT



**Chase
Woodward, MD**

NEBRASKA SPINE + PAIN
CENTER

Spine disease is incredibly complex, and it can cause a great deal of pain. Dr. Chase Woodward finds himself in the fortunate position of being able to help people who are suffering significant pain and disability.

As an orthopedic spine surgeon at Nebraska Spine + Pain Center, Woodward diagnoses spine issues by talking with the patient, performing a thorough physical examination and carefully studying imaging tests. He has been treating patients at Columbus Community Hospital since 2019.

“I take patient trust very seriously,” said Woodward, whose father is a retired spine surgeon. **“The most helpful advice I’ve received in my career is that when patients are suffering, I should bring them in closer.”**

Woodward’s wife, Allison, is a former registered nurse who now runs their family’s small ice cream shop in Omaha, Nebraska. They have three young children — Clare, Ruth and Robert.

Woodward says his dad has influenced him the most in my life. When he was a young boy, he was fascinated by his dad’s medical practice. **“I set my sights on being a physician,”** he said, **“and I knew having a foundation of scientific curiosity and knowledge was essential.”**

If he could have dinner with any one person, Woodward says, he would choose Husker coach and former linebacker Matt Rhule. **“I am impressed with his leadership qualities,”** he said.

As for where he would travel if he could go anywhere in the world, Woodward doesn’t hesitate: **“I would go to Belgium to watch their annual F1 car race,”** he said.

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