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Spine & Orthopedic Center Founder One Of Top 50 in Country

ALAN P. MOELLEKEN MD, founder of The Spine & Orthopedic Center in Blythe, was named one of the top 50 spine experts in the country, according to a poll by Becker's Orthopedic and Spine review. Moelleken is an orthopedic surgeon specializing in disorders of the spine.

Becker's Orthopedic and Spine Review is a bimonthly publication received by approximately 15,000 orthopedic and spine practice decision makers. It covers news and analysis on the business and legal issues relating to orthopedic and spine practices.

Spine specialists were selected based on achievements, leadership positions, reputation of their affiliations, education and contributions to the advancement of

spine treatment and surgery. Recommendations and input from experts in the field were also taken into consideration when assembling the list. After Becker's receives recommendations, they independently research the backgrounds and accomplishments of each physician to arrive at the final list of 50 nominations.

Aside from seeing patients at The Spine & Orthopedic Center, Moelleken also performs surgery at Carrillo Surgery Center and is on the attending staff of Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and Goleta Valley Community Hospital.

Moelleken has published numerous articles and presentations on the treatment of spinal disorders and has been the chairman of the monthly Tri-County Spine Conference for the past nine years. He received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia and completed an orthopedics residency at UCLA. He then went on to complete a fellowship in neurosurgery and orthopedic spine surgery at New York University.

