

**WAKE FOREST SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
CURRICULUM VITAE**

**NAME:** Charles Leon Branch, Jr., M.D.

**CURRENT ACADEMIC TITLE:** Eben Alexander, Jr. Professor and Chair,  
Department of Neurological Surgery

**CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE TITLE:** Executive Director of the Spine Service Line  
Wake Forest Baptist Health

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**BIRTHPLACE:** Montreal, Quebec, Canada

**EDUCATION:**

1973-1977 Oklahoma Christian College  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
B. A. (Psychology)  
Alpha Chi National Honor Society, 1975

1977-1981 University of Texas Southwestern  
Medical School  
Dallas, Texas (M.D.)

**POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING:**

1981-1982 Internship  
Department of General Surgery  
North Carolina Baptist Hospital  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1982-1987 Resident  
Section on Neurosurgery  
North Carolina Baptist Hospital  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Director: Dr. David L. Kelly, Jr.

January 1985 Rotation in Neurosurgery  
Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, Minnesota  
With: Dr. Edward Laws

1985-1986 Chief Resident

Section on Neurosurgery  
Bowman Gray School of Medicine  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Director: Dr. David L. Kelly, Jr.

July 1987-Sept. 1987 Chief Resident - Clinical Fellowship  
Department of Neurological Surgery  
University of California - San Francisco  
San Francisco, California  
Director: Dr. Charles B. Wilson

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE:**

1981 Texas, #F9229  
1983 North Carolina, #27027

**SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION:**

1991 American Board of Neurological Surgeons

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

8/15/2008- Department of Pediatrics  
Professor of Pediatrics  
Wake Forest School of Medicine  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

7/1/2002- Eben Alexander, Jr. Professor  
Division of Surgical Sciences  
Department of Neurological Surgery  
Wake Forest School of Medicine  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

7/1/2001- Division of Surgical Sciences  
Chair Department of Neurosurgery  
Wake Forest School of Medicine  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

2000-2001 Department of Neurosurgery  
Acting Chair  
Division of Surgical Sciences  
Wake Forest University School of Medicine  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1993-2002 Department of Neurosurgery  
Associate Professor  
Division of Surgical Sciences  
Wake Forest University School of Medicine  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1988-1993 Department of Neurosurgery  
Assistant Professor  
Division of Surgical Sciences  
Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1987 Department of Surgery  
Section on Neurosurgery, Instructor  
Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**EMPLOYMENT:**

1987- Division of Surgical Sciences  
Department of Neurosurgery  
Wake Forest School of Medicine  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

Hospital affiliations: Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Editorial Boards:

1988- *Neurosurgery*, Reviewer  
1993-1996 *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*, Reviewer  
1998- *Journal of Radiosurgery*, Editorial Board  
6/17/1998- *Neurosurgical Focus*, Topics Editor  
6/19/1998- *Journal of Spinal Disorders*, Editorial Board  
6/2000-9/2004 *The Spine Journal*, Deputy Editor  
6/2004 *Spinal Surgery: Official Journal of the Japanese Society of Spinal Surgery*, International Advisory Board  
10/2004-9/2009 *The Spine Journal*, Editor-in-Chief  
2013-2020 *Journal of Neurosurgery-Spine*, Editorial Board  
2014 *Spine Surgery Today*, Editorial Board

Hospital, School, Medical Center Committees:

Visiting Faculty Appointments:

University of Virginia Medical School  
Charlottesville, Virginia

University of Kansas Medical School  
Kansas City, Kansas

University of Toronto Medical School  
Toronto, Canada

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine  
Nashville, TN

Faculty of Medicine University of Calgary-Department of Neurosurgery  
Calgary, Canada

Cedars Sinai Medical Center Spine Institute  
Los Angeles, CA  
Presentations - History and Development of PLIF Blinderman Memorial  
Lectureship  
Pedicle Screw and Plate Fixation for Spine Deformity Grand  
Rounds

University of Texas Health Science Center  
San Antonio, TX  
Presentation - History and Development of PLIF Grand Rounds

University of Texas Medical Branch – Galveston , TX  
Visiting Surgeon

#### **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE:**

1989	Medical Student Education and Curriculum Committee
1992	Psychiatry Task Force
1992	Neuroscience Task Force
1994-2000	Rehabilitation Services Advisory Committee
1994-present	Member, Board of Trustees, The Medical Foundation Of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University and the North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc.
1996	Bowman Gray/Baptist Hospital Medical Center, Neck and Back Program Advisory Committee
1999-2002	Faculty Executive Council
1999-2002	Faculty Steering Committee
1999-2002	Risk & Insurance Management Advisory Council Professional Insurance Committee
1999-2002	Board of Directors, QualChoice of North Carolina
1999-2002	Board of Directors, Aegis Family Health Plan
1999-2005	Graduate Medical Education Committee Wake Forest University Physicians
1996-present	Wake Forest University Physicians
1996-2002	WFUP Council Member
1996-1997	WFUP Finance Committee
1997-1999	WFUP Business Operations Committee, Chair
1996-2002	WFUP Executive Committee, Chair (1999-2001)
2000-present	WFUBMC Neuroscience Service Line Chair, (2000-present)
2003-2005	Governing Board, School of Biomedical Engineering of Wake Forest University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute
2004	Search Committee for Chairman of Neurology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine
2009-2010	The Medical Foundation of Wake Forest University Health Sciences and North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Advisory Board

2011-2012      WFU member-elect on the Virginia Tech/Wake Forest University  
School of  
Biomedical Engineering and Sciences Governing Board

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE:**

American Academy of Neurological Surgeons (1996)  
Registration Subcommittee (2000)  
CSNS Representative (2001)

American Association of Neurological Surgeons (1991)  
Candidate Member (1987)

American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological  
Surgeons (1989)  
Joint Section on Trauma (1989-1990)  
Joint Section on Functional and Stereotactic Neurosurgery (1990)  
Joint Section on Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves (1989)  
Joint Section on Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves, Chair  
(2006-07)  
Executive Committee (1995-present)  
Exhibit Chairman, Annual Meetings (1996 -1998)  
Member-at-Large (1998-1999)  
Secretary Elect (2001-2002)  
Secretary (2002-2005)  
Chairperson- Elect (2005-2006)  
Chairperson (2006-2007)  
Scientific Program Committee (1992)  
Annual Meeting Chairman, Education Committee (1992)  
Scientific Program Committee, Annual Meeting (1993)  
Scientific Program Committee, Annual Meetings (1995-2003)

American Board of Neurological Surgery (2004)  
Director- July 2005-June 2011  
Chair- May 2010-May 2011  
Oral Board Examiner- 2011-Present

American College of Surgeons  
Candidate Group (1983)  
North Carolina Chapter (1990)

American Medical Association (1985)

Collaborative Spine Research Foundation (2012)  
Board of Directors, Secretary-Treasurer (2012)  
Board of Directors, Chairman (2014)

Congress of Neurological Surgeons (1988)  
Scientific Poster Chairman, Annual Meeting (1989)  
Registration Committee Chairman, Annual Meeting (1991)  
Sergeant at Arms Committee, Chairman (1992)  
Associate Editor, CNS World Directory  
Scientific Program Committee, Annual Meeting (1993)  
Practical Courses, Chairman, Annual Meeting (1994)  
International Committee (1994-95)  
Professional Conduct Committee (2004-2006)  
Scientific Program Committee-Spine Section Liaison (2008-2009)

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