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Dr. Kraus strongly believes that “in order to successfully treat back, neck, leg and arm pain, we must first determine the source of the pain. It is only then that treatment can begin to correct the problem, relieve pain and restore function.”

Dr. Kraus not only incorporates the newest techniques and technologies in his practice, but is also contributing to the field with surgical instrument patents pending. His publications include a world renowned textbook “Microsurgical Anatomy of the Brain: A Stereo Atlas” (publisher Williams and Wilkins), and numerous peer reviewed papers and book chapters in Neurosurgery.

The Kraus Back and Neck Institute helps patients from across the United States and foreign countries with travel arrangements.

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