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GET TO KNOW ME

Michael Roh

Who is he? Dr. Michael Roh, 42, of Rockford has been married to Myong for 15 years. They



have three children: Audrey, 12; Spencer, 9; and Cooper, 8. He is a fellowship-trained orthopedic spine surgeon and co-founder of Rockford Spine Center, which was included on the Top 208 Spine Surgeons and Specialists to Know in 2012 by Becker's Orthopedic, Spine & Pain Management Review. RSC's partners were featured among the nation's leading spine surgeons in the May 28 issue of Newsweek.

Club/group/board memberships? I'm an assistant professor at the University of Illinois, College of Medicine in Rockford. I chair the website committee for the Scoliosis Research Society, the premiere international spine surgical society dedicated to the treatment of complex spinal disorders. Member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery and the North American Society and recently inducted to the Society of Lateral Access Surgeons.

What inspires you?

Since I was a boy, I wanted to be a doctor. Both my parents were physicians; I never really seriously considered any alternative. The job is challenging, increasingly so in today's health care environment; however, I love knowing that even on my worst day, I've helped someone, somewhere. That is a great feeling.

What's up next for you? Well, my son's science fair project is due soon and I am told it will involve bubbles.

What do you do for fun? My favorite activity is finding new, interesting and educational experiences with my wife and kids, since making memories is a priority for us. We like to ski, golf and play tennis together. We also love quizzing each other on areas of knowledge at the dinner table. This has become a fun and often competitive family pastime.

Favorite place to go in the Rock River Valley? Aldeen Golf Course with my wife and kids.

Compiled by Kathi Edwards. Have a suggestion for a Get to Know Me? Email kedwards@rrstar.com or call 815-987-1350.