

BARRY J. MILLER, MD

ORTHOPEDICS, SAN JOSE

2000 Sidney R. Garfield, MD EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Shortly after joining TPMG in 1986, Barry J. Miller, MD, began working to improve the level of care received by members with back problems.

His most notable accomplishment was the creation of the Medical Spine Unit, an evidence-based practice model that is managed by primary care physicians with special training in back care.

A study evaluating the Medical Spine Unit demonstrated that the new model reduced unnecessary hospitalizations and surgeries, while improving quality and patient satisfaction.

Dr. Miller continued his work with Gary Stein, MD, Ferdy Massimino, MD, and others throughout TPMG to implement the model in Northern California and other KP regions, to educate primary care physicians about lower back problems.

