Lance S. Governale, MD UF Health Neurosurgery





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Lance S. Governale, MD, FAANS, FAAP, joined the University of Florida department of neurosurgery in 2017 after serving as a pediatric neurosurgeon at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and an assistant professor of neurosurgery at the The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Dr. Governale obtained a Bachelor of Science in physiology and neurobiology from the University of Maryland, research training from the National Institutes of Health and a medical degree from Harvard Medical School. He then stayed at Harvard to complete neurosurgical residency training at Brigham and Women's Hospital and pediatric neurosurgical fellowship training at Children's Hospital Boston.

Dr. Governale has received awards from his colleagues for excellence in research, teaching and clinical care, including the Harvard Medical School Richardson Research Fellowship for MD Scientists and a nomination for the Harvard Medical School Faculty Prize for Excellence in Teaching. He is a member of multiple professional societies, including the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgeons and the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is board-certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery and the American Board of Pediatric Neurological Surgery.

Dr. Governale sees patients in the office at UF Health's Gainesville, Tallahassee, Ocala and Lake City locations. Surgery is performed at UF Health Shands Children's Hospital.

Clinical Interests:

- Arachnoid cysts
- Brain/spinal cord tumors
- Cavernous malformations
- Craniosynostosis
- Hydrocephalus
- Minimally invasive neurosurgery/endoscopy
- Pediatric neurosurgery
- Pituitary disease
- Tethered spinal cords
- Skull base disease

Research Interests:

- Clinical outcomes
- Quality improvement
- Medical informatics