

## Three Generations of Einstein Excellence

"I have your back" is more than just a catch phrase to Einstein alumni. Dr. Sterling J. Haidt, Class of 1970—a retired vitreoretinal surgeon, founder of Northern California Retinal Vitreous Associates and an adjunct clinical associate professor of ophthalmology at Stanford University Medical School—recently went to Dr. Dimitriy Kondrashov, Class of 2000, a spinal surgeon at St. Mary's Medical Center in San Francisco, seeking relief from stenosis complicated by scoliosis.

Dr. Kondrashov obliged his fellow alum by performing a five-level spinal fusion at St. Mary's Spine Center, using the only robot designed for spinal surgery. Dr. Eric Holden, Class of 2011, Dr. Kondrashov's fellow, assisted.

"I am doing well and almost pain-free," Dr. Haidt reports. To express his gratitude, he made a gift to the Einstein Alumni Association in Dr. Kondrashov's honor.



From left, Eric Holden, M.D. '11; Sterling J. Haidt, M.D. '70; and Dimitriy Kondrashov, M.D. '00.