

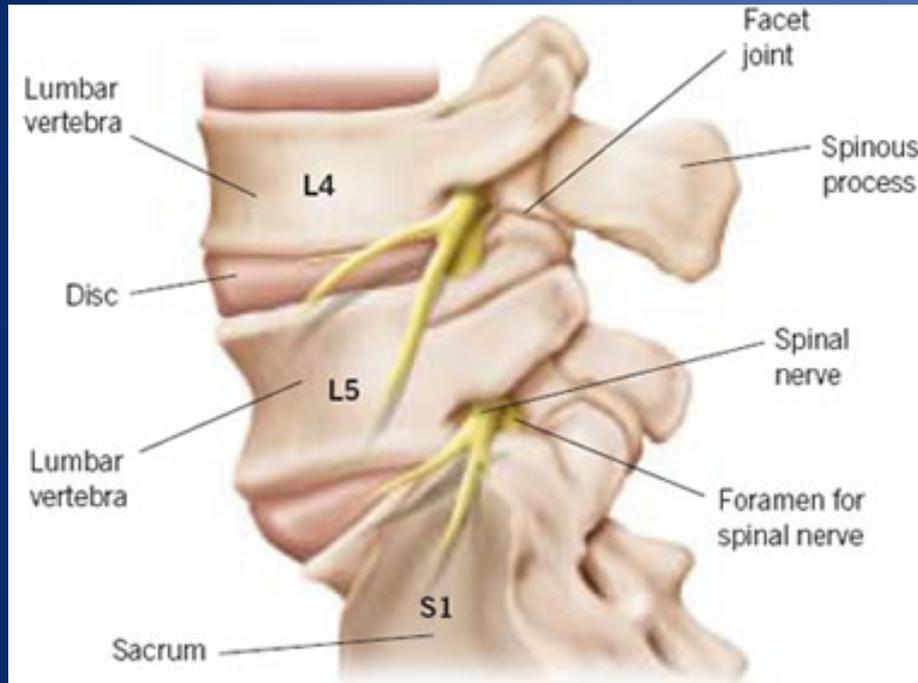
# Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery

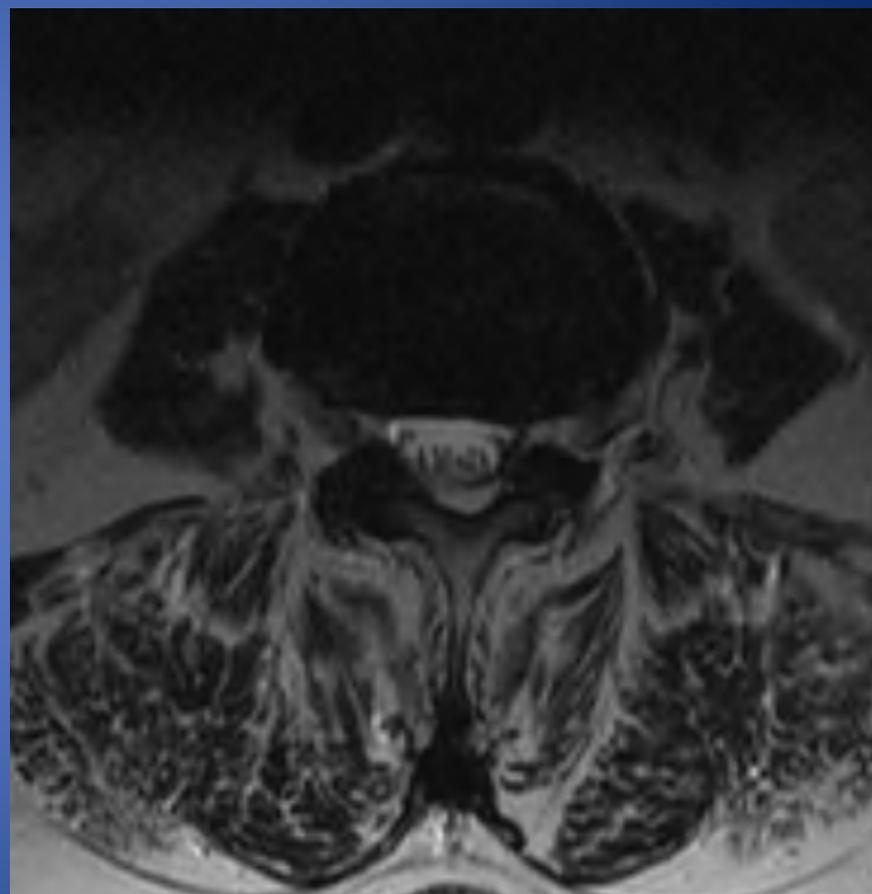
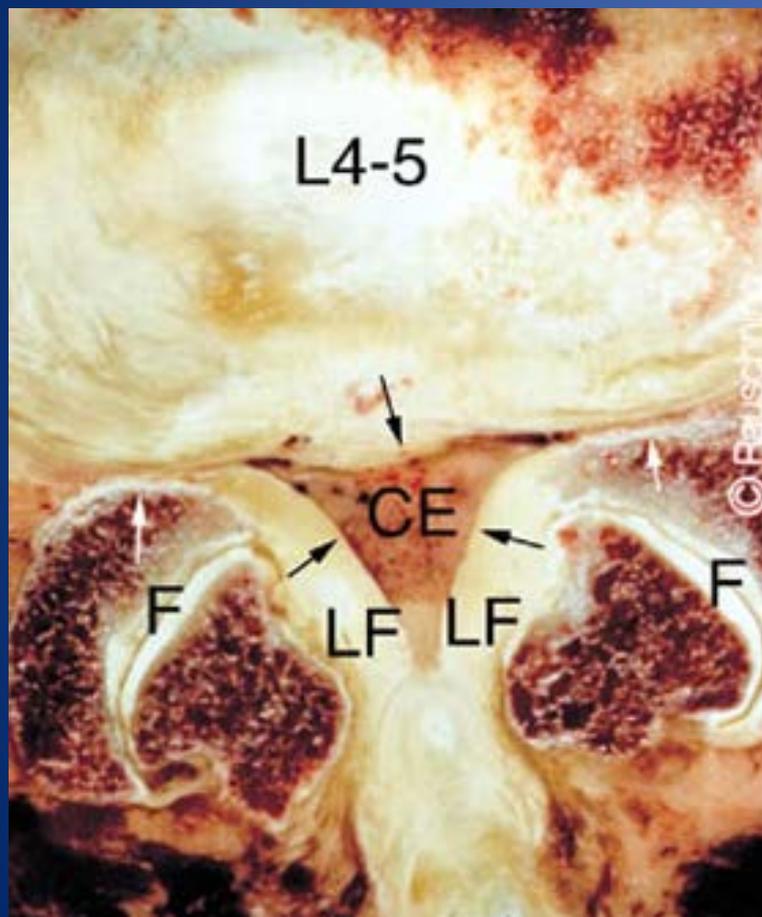
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*Decades of Integrated Spine Care*

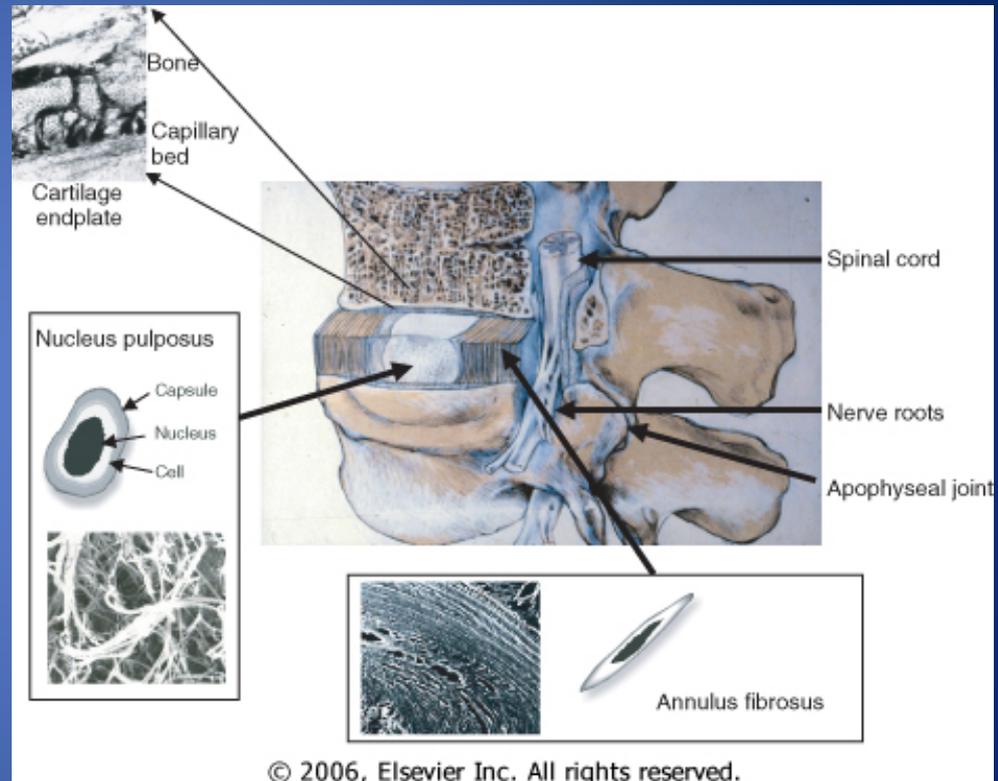
# The Lumbar Spine





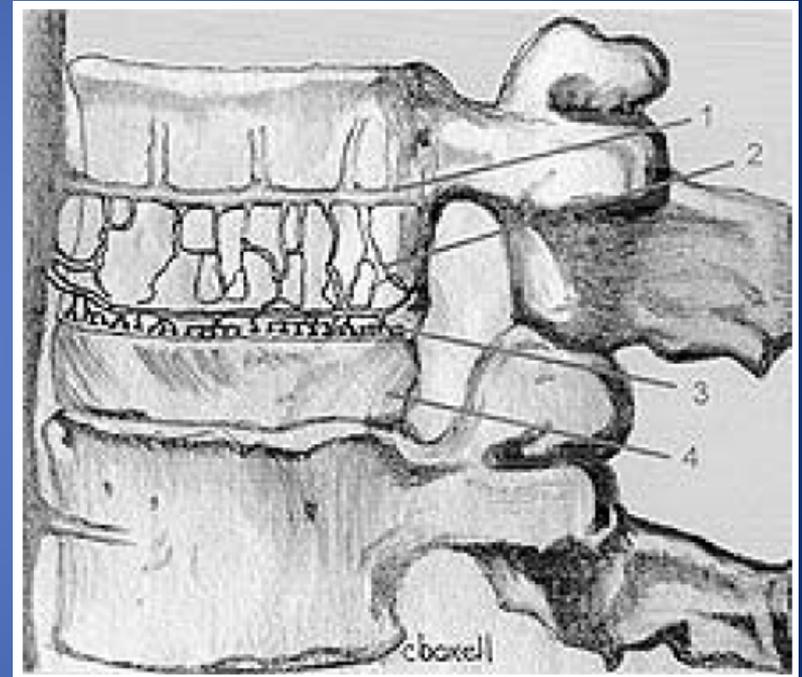
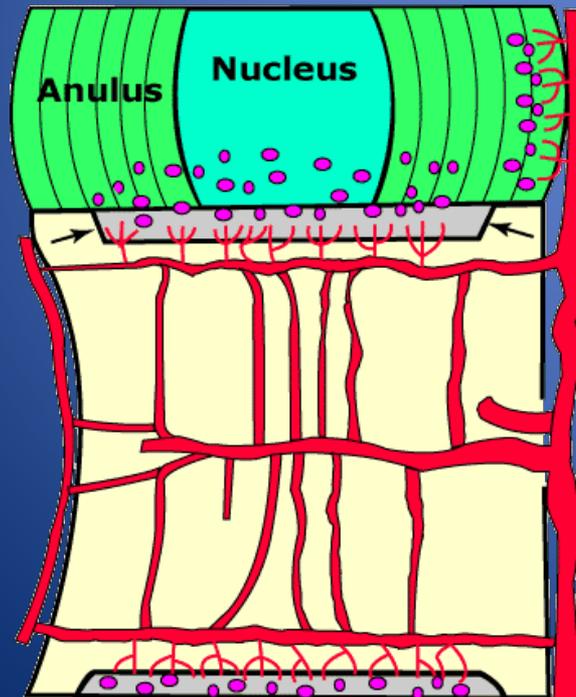
# Lumbar Disc

- Annulus Fibrosus
  - High collagen content
  - Concentric layers of intertwined annular bands
- Nucleus Pulposus
  - Hydrated
  - Proteoglycans



# Blood Supply

- Capillary beds of endplate
- Nutrition by diffusion



# Disc Degeneration

Narrowing

Settling



# Spinal Stenosis

Facet hypertrophy

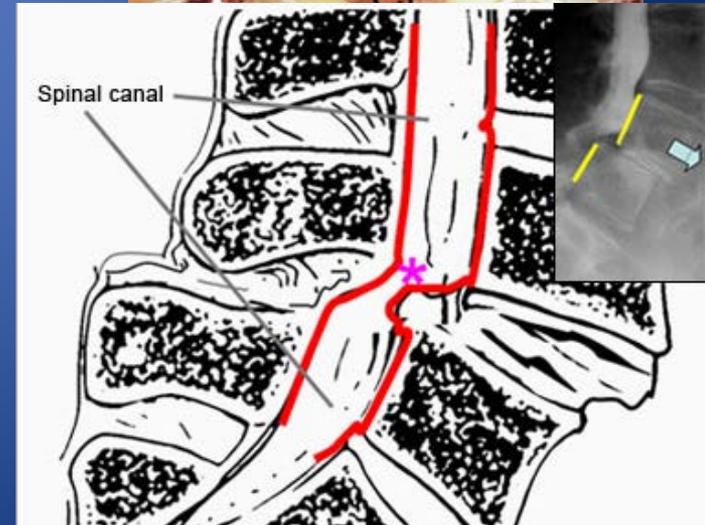
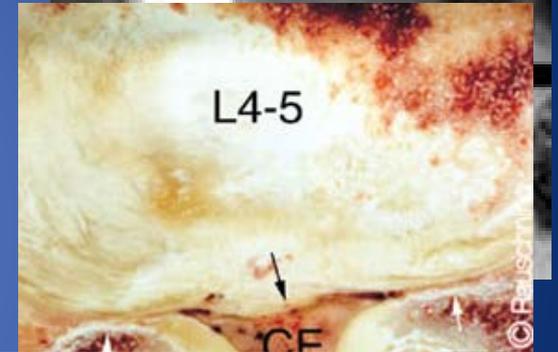
Ligamentum infolding



# Spondylolisthesis

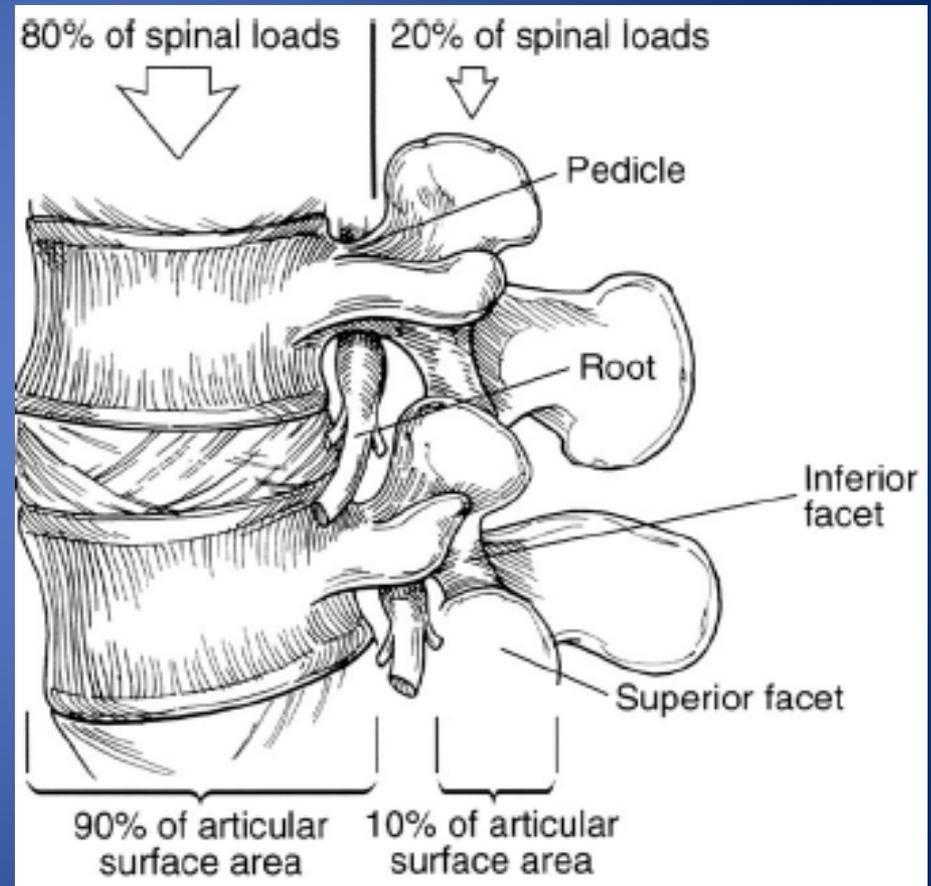
Stable

Unstable



# Pain Generators

- Disc - annulus
- Facet Joints
- Nerve compression
  
- 80% mechanical stress through disc
- 20% through posterior elements



# Pain Patterns

## Nerve Compression



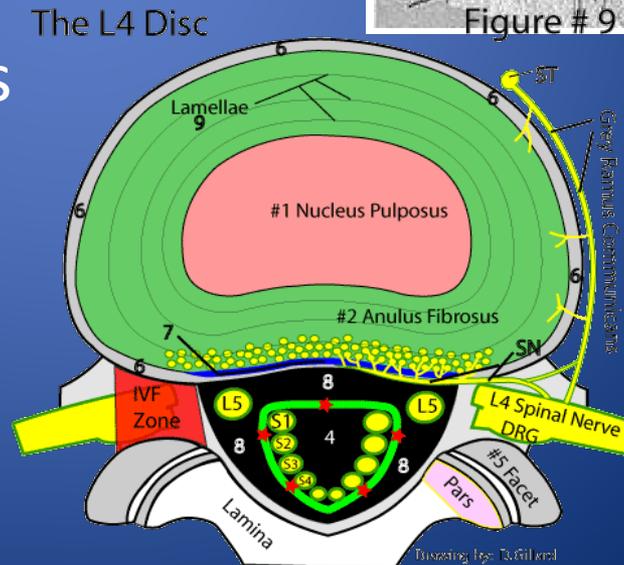
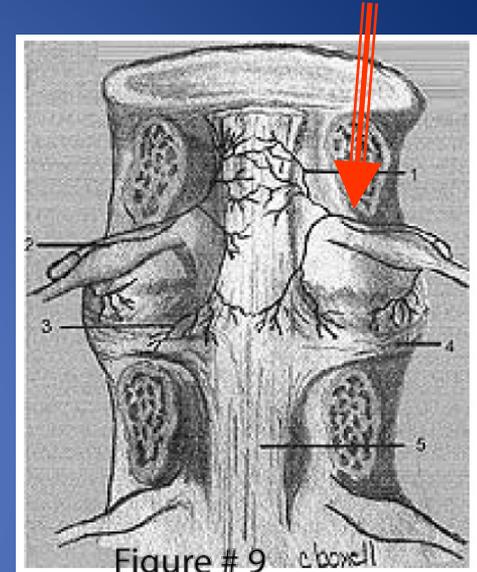
## Facet Degeneration and DDD



**BUT**

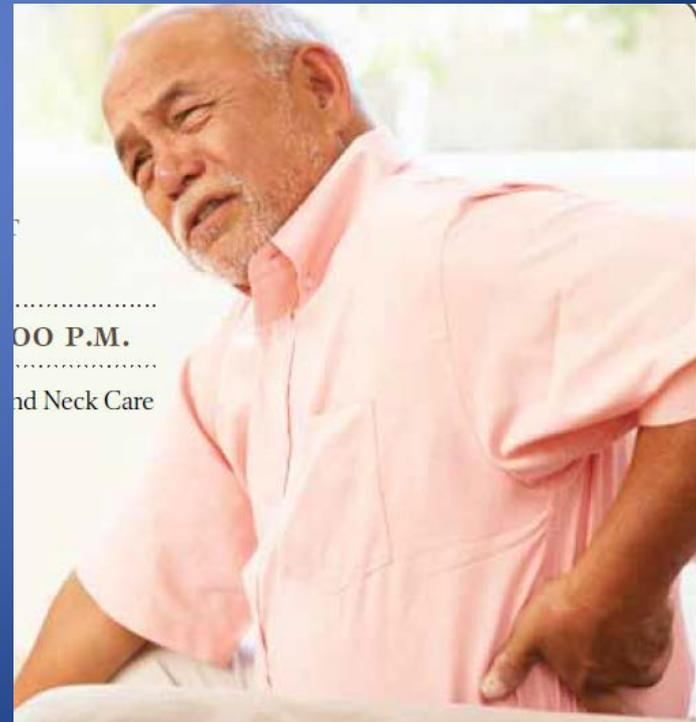
# Sinuvevertebral Nerve

- Outer annulus innervated
- Nucleus pulposus not innervated
- ALL and PLL also innervated by branches from DRG



# Low Back Pain

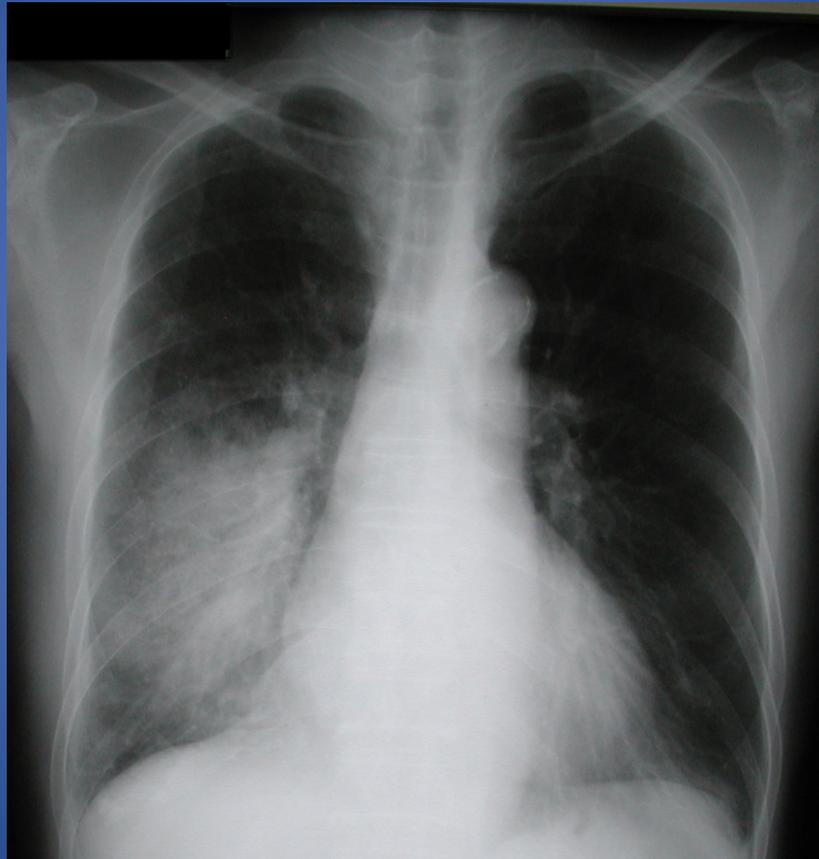
- Muscle pull or strain
- Degenerative Disc Disease
- Facet degeneration / arthritis
- Tumor
- Infection
- Fracture
- Pinched Nerves
  - Spinal Stenosis
  - Spondylolisthesis
  - Herniated Disc



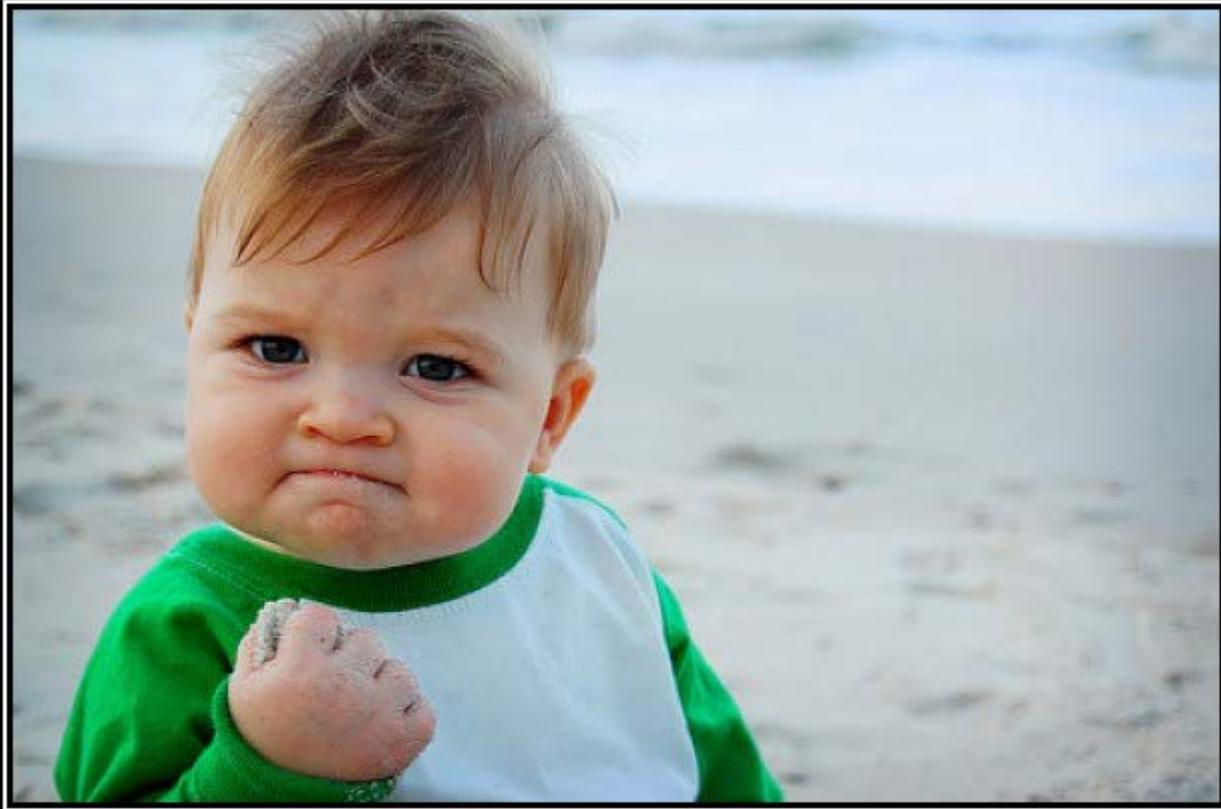
THE NATIONAL DEBATE  
**LOW BACK PAIN**

# Shortness of Breath

## Treatment: Antibiotics



Pneumonia



# S U C C E S S

Because you too can own this face of pure accomplishment

# Shortness of Breath Treatment: Antibiotics



Congestive Heart Failure



# FAILURE

Sometimes you can see it coming around the bend

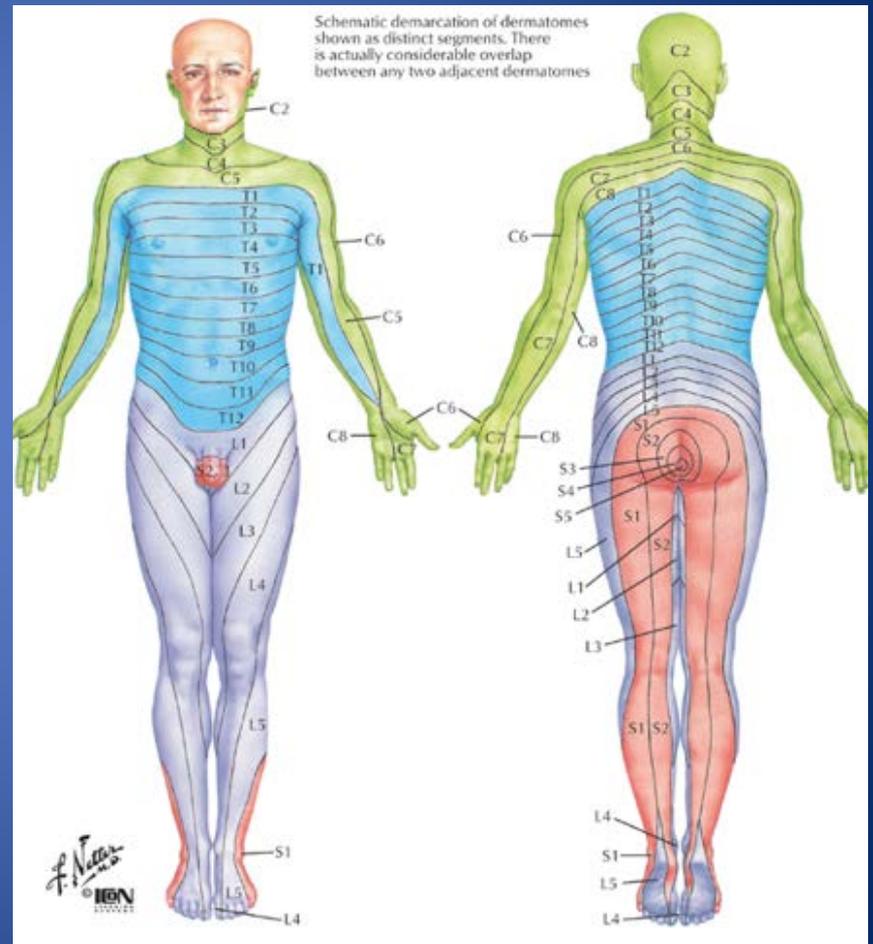
# Common Spine Conditions

- Herniated Discs
- Degenerative Disc Disease
- Spinal Stenosis
- Spondylolisthesis

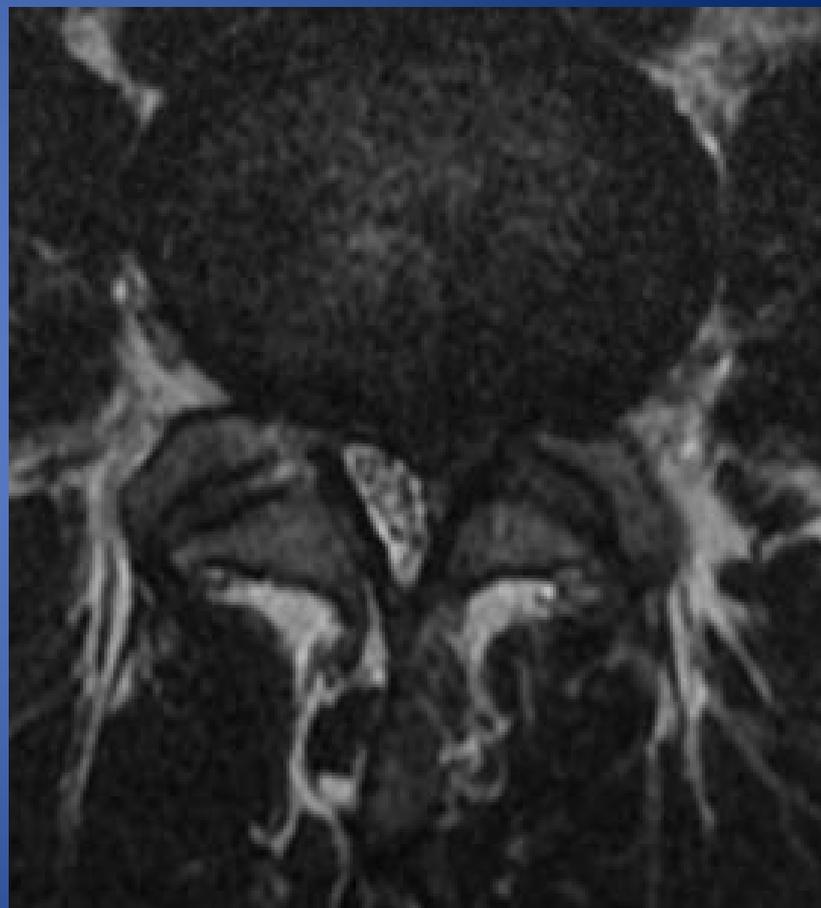


# Disc Herniation

- Sudden severe pain
- Typically legs > LBP
- Unilateral
- Radicular
- Positive tension signs



# Disc Herniation



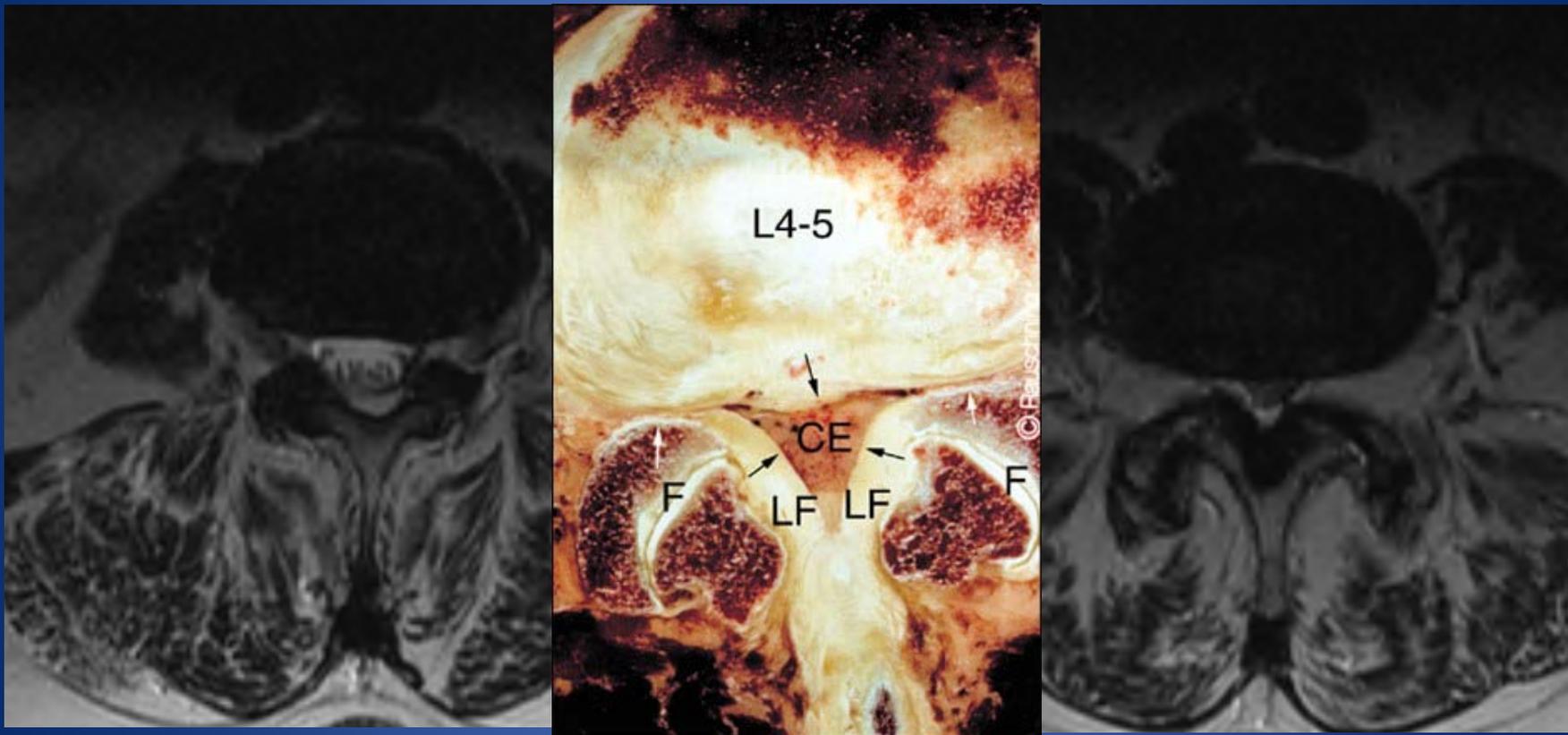
# Clinical Presentation

## Symptomatic Disc Degeneration



Pain worst with sitting  
Constantly shifting to get comfortable

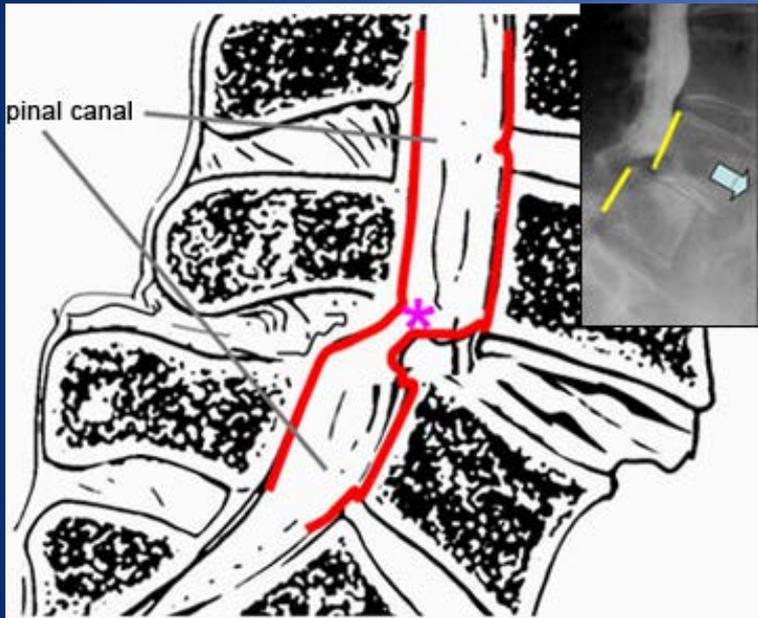
# Spinal Stenosis



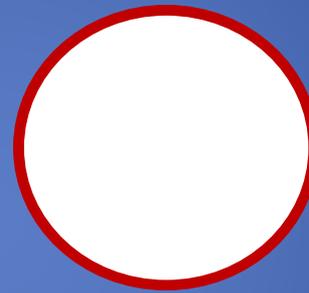
# Clinical Presentation: Spinal Stenosis



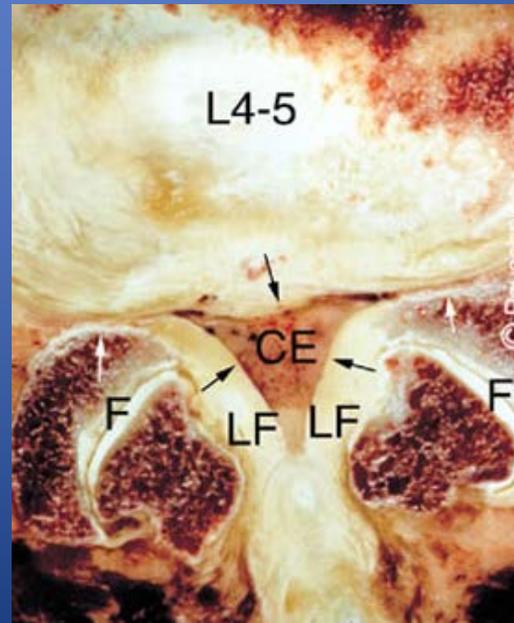
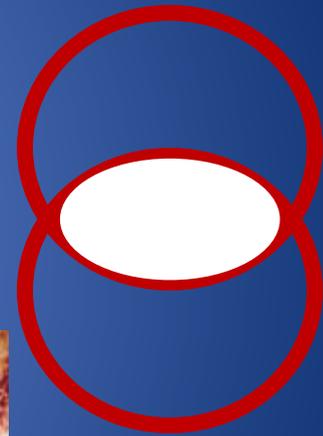
# Degenerative Spondylolisthesis



NORMAL



SPONDYLOLISTHESIS



# Clinical Manifestations Degenerative Spondylolisthesis



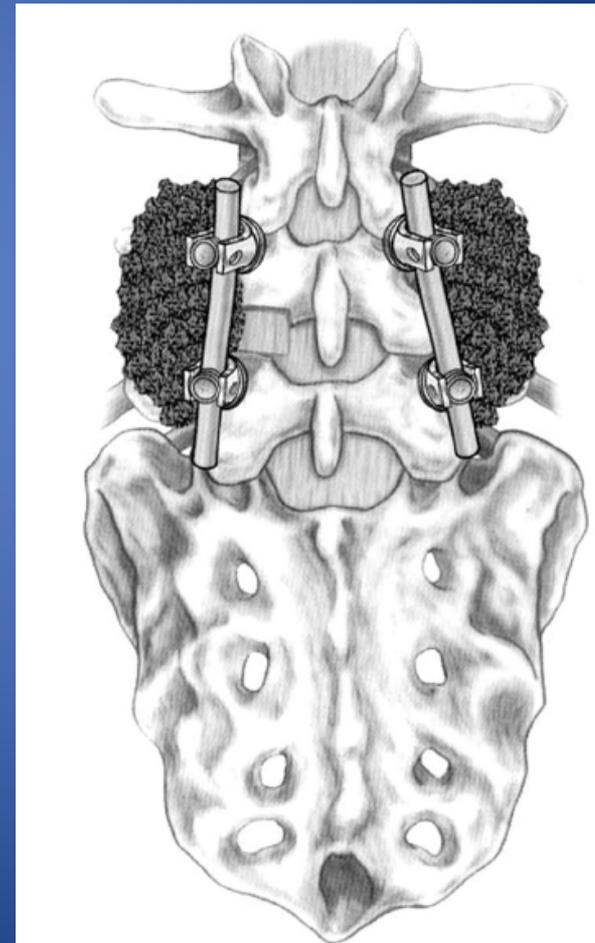
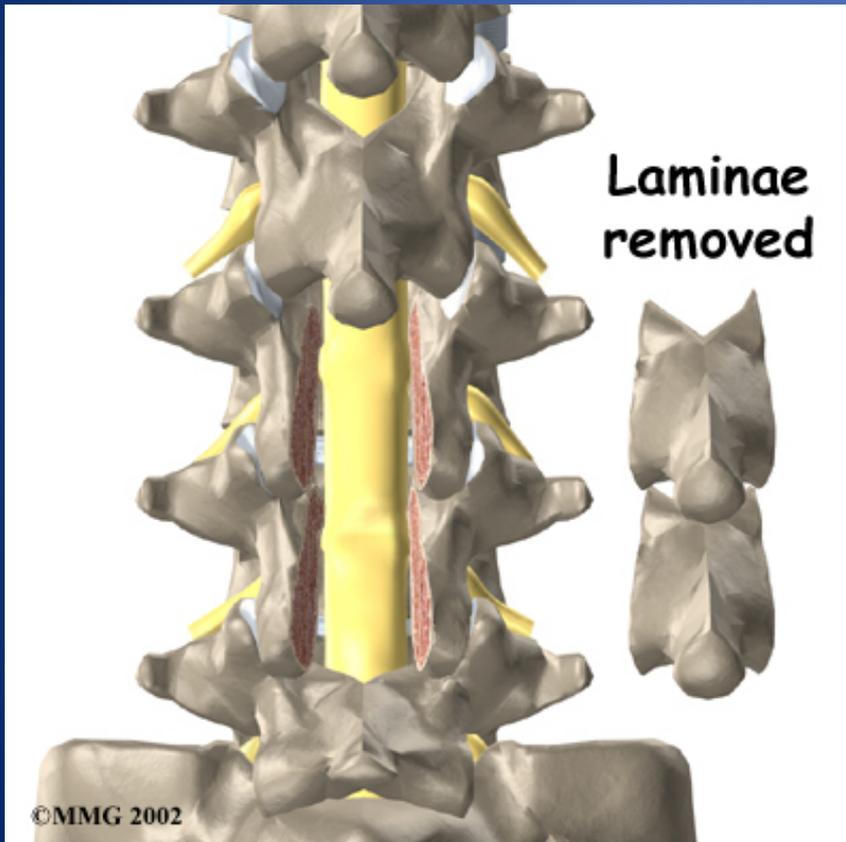
+/-



Worst with standing and walking  
Initial relief with sitting  
Better pushing a cart

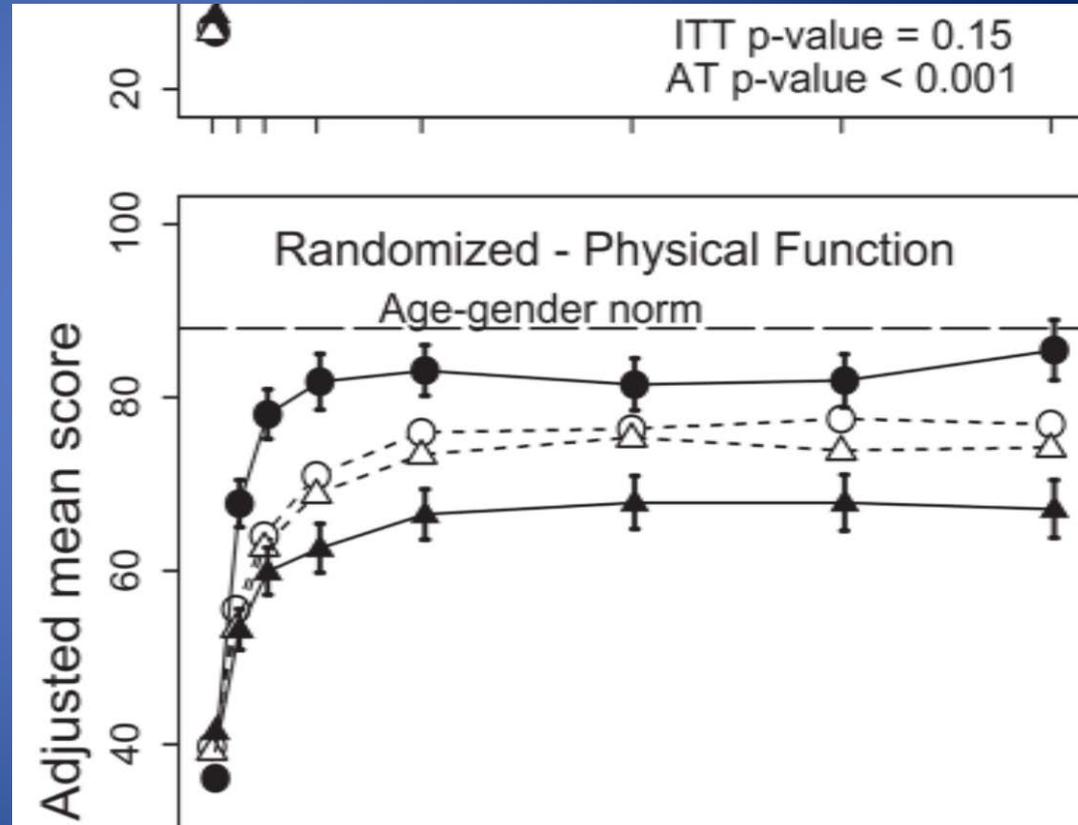
# Surgical Treatment Options

## Decompression vs Fusion



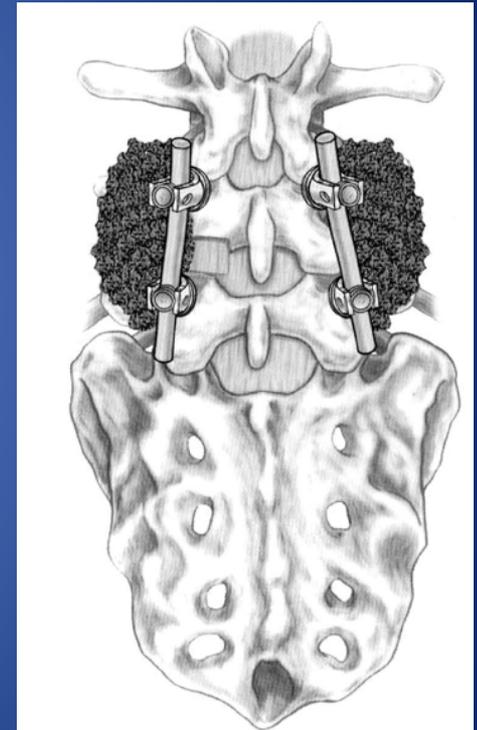
# Surgical Treatment Options

## Discectomy



# Surgical Treatment Symptomatic Disc Degeneration

- Disc Replacement
- FUSION
  - Anterior
  - Anterior and Posterior
  - Posterior alone



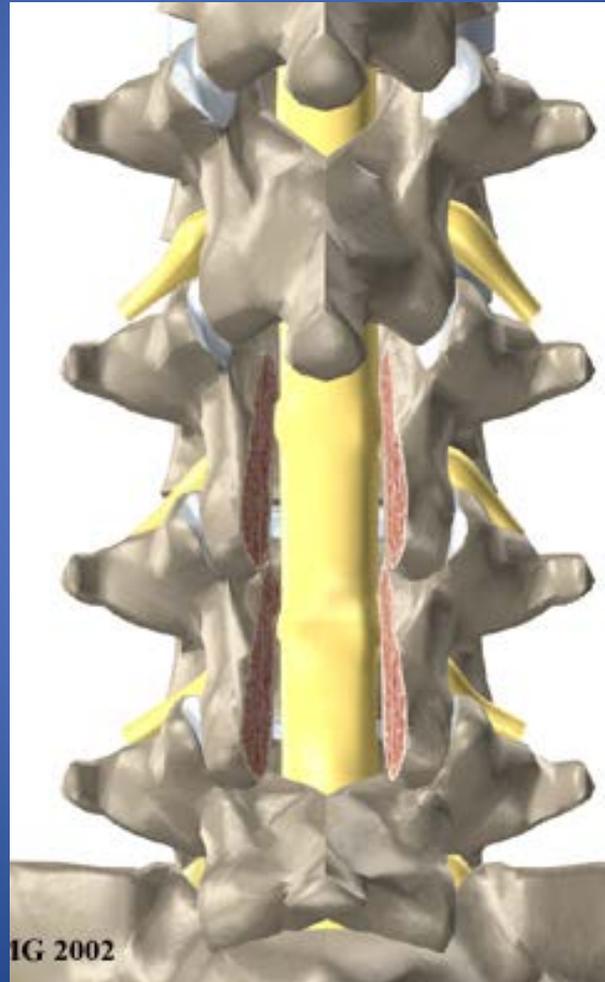
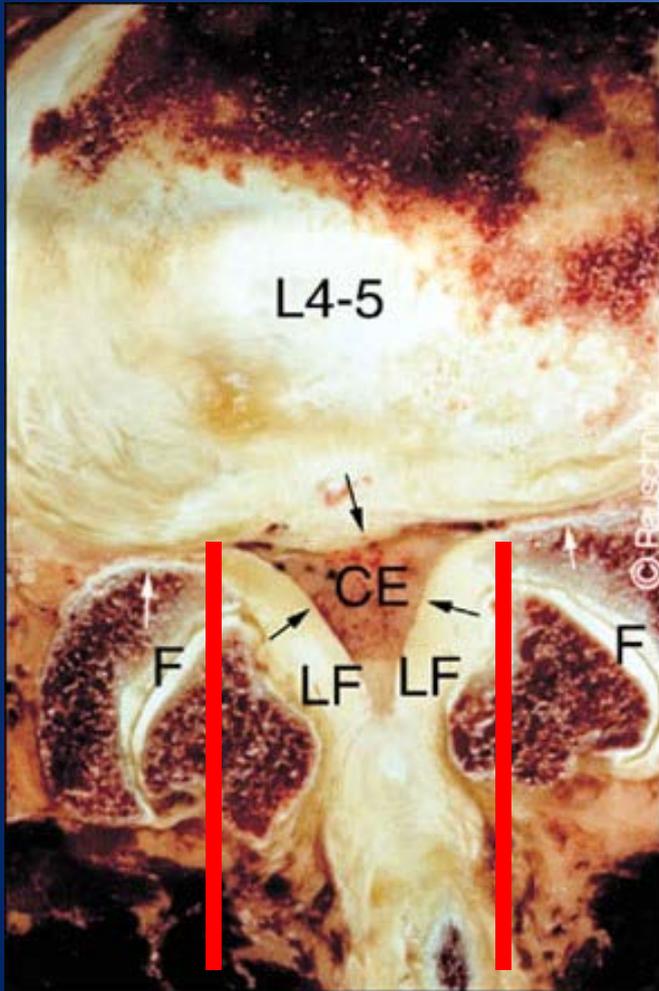
**Variable Results!**

63% of patients improved (29% non-op)

75% would do it again

(Fritzell 2001)

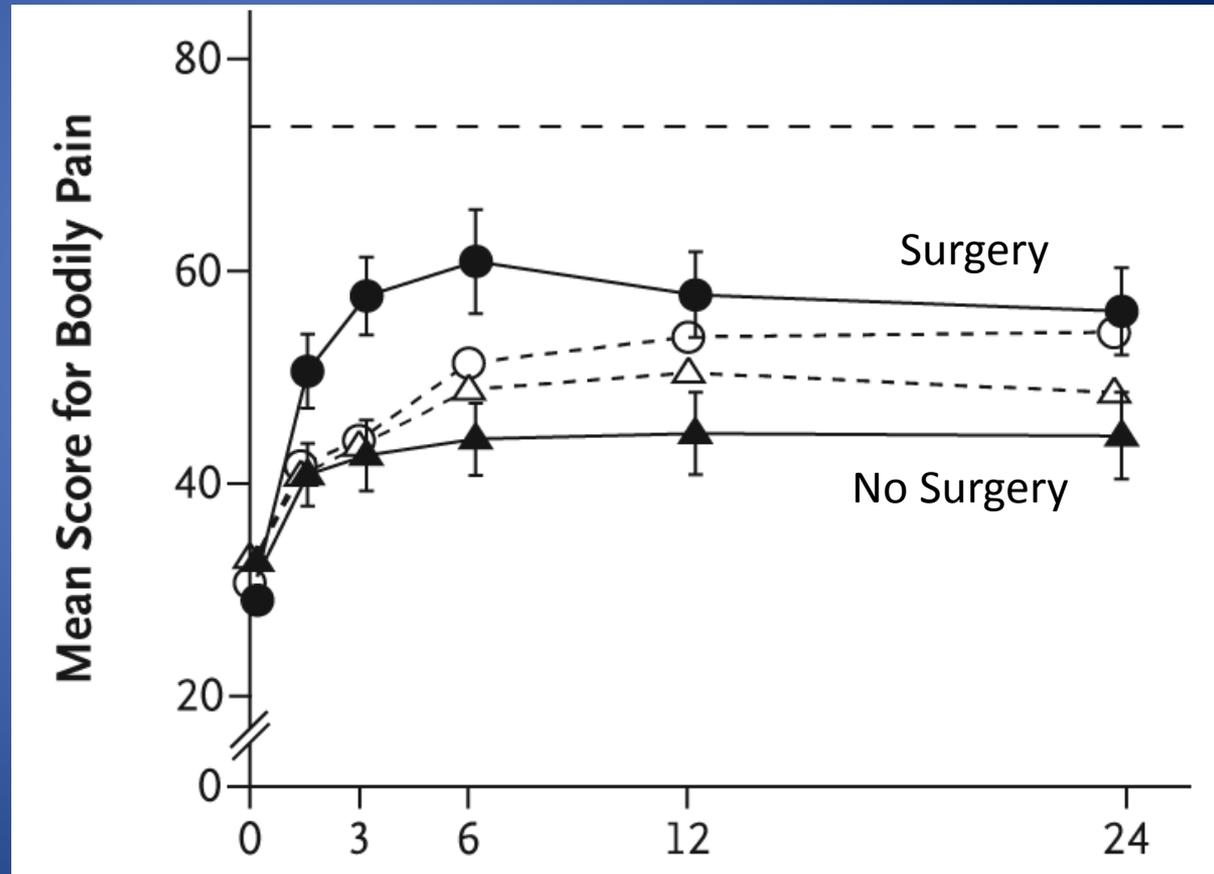
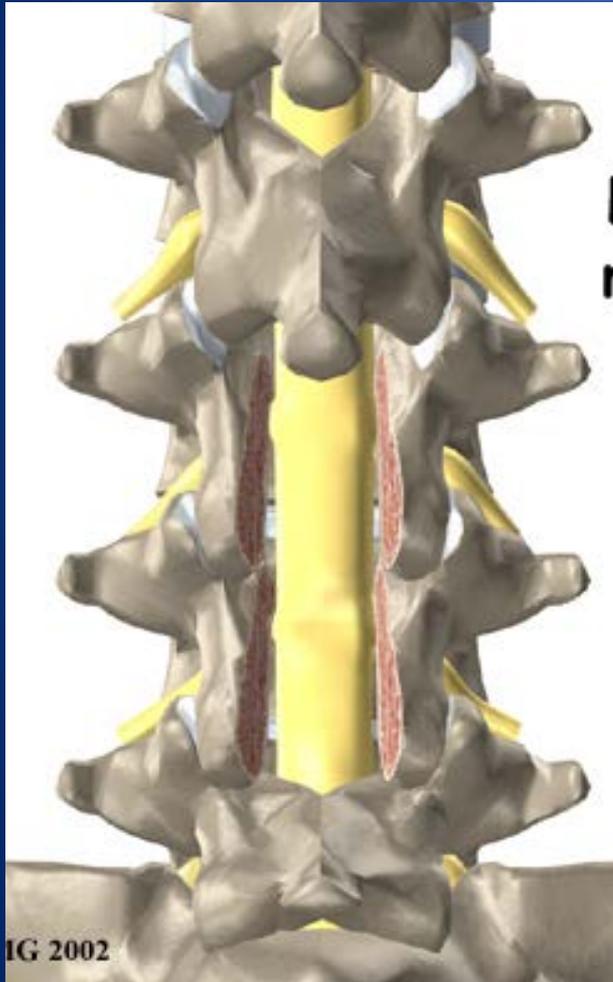
# Surgical Treatment Spinal Stenosis



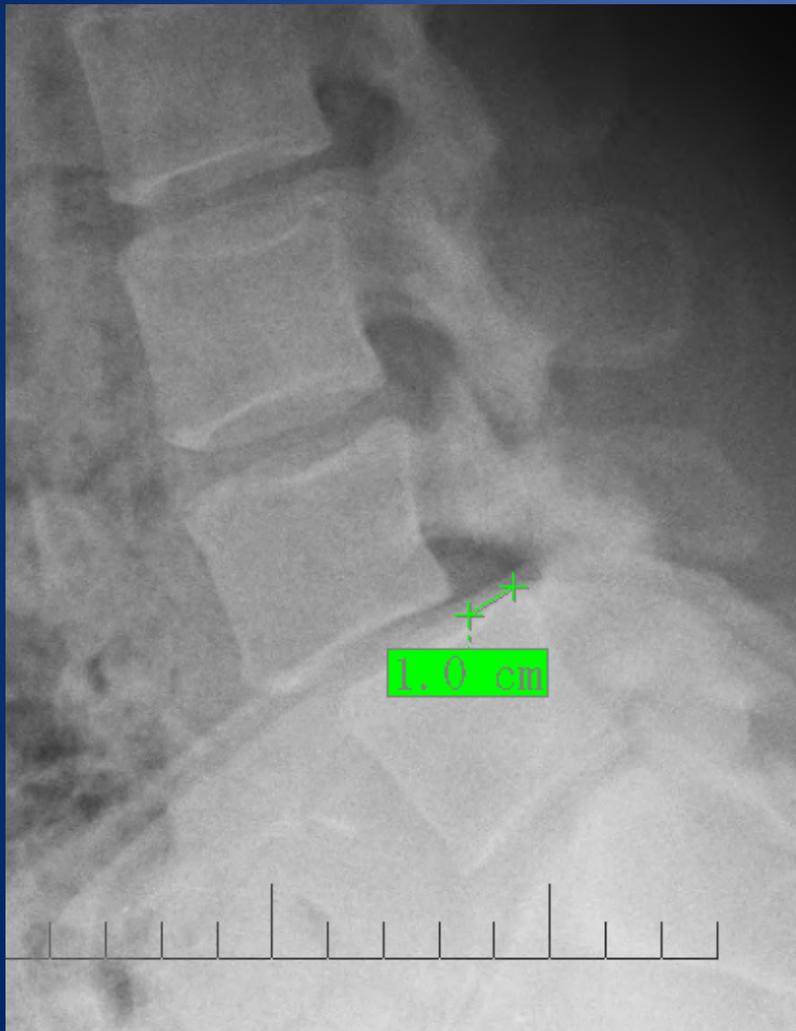
- Laminectomy
- Minimally invasive vs Open

# Spinal Stenosis

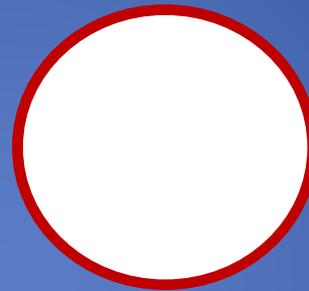
## SPORT Trial Results



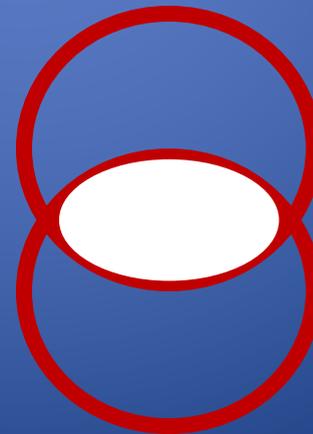
# Surgical Treatment Degenerative Spondylolisthesis



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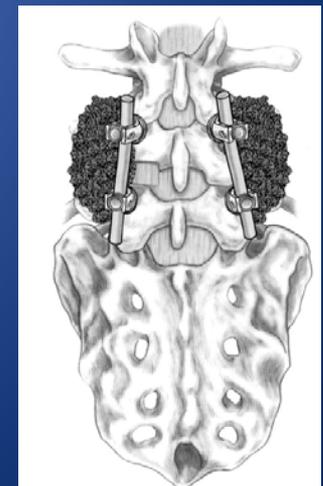
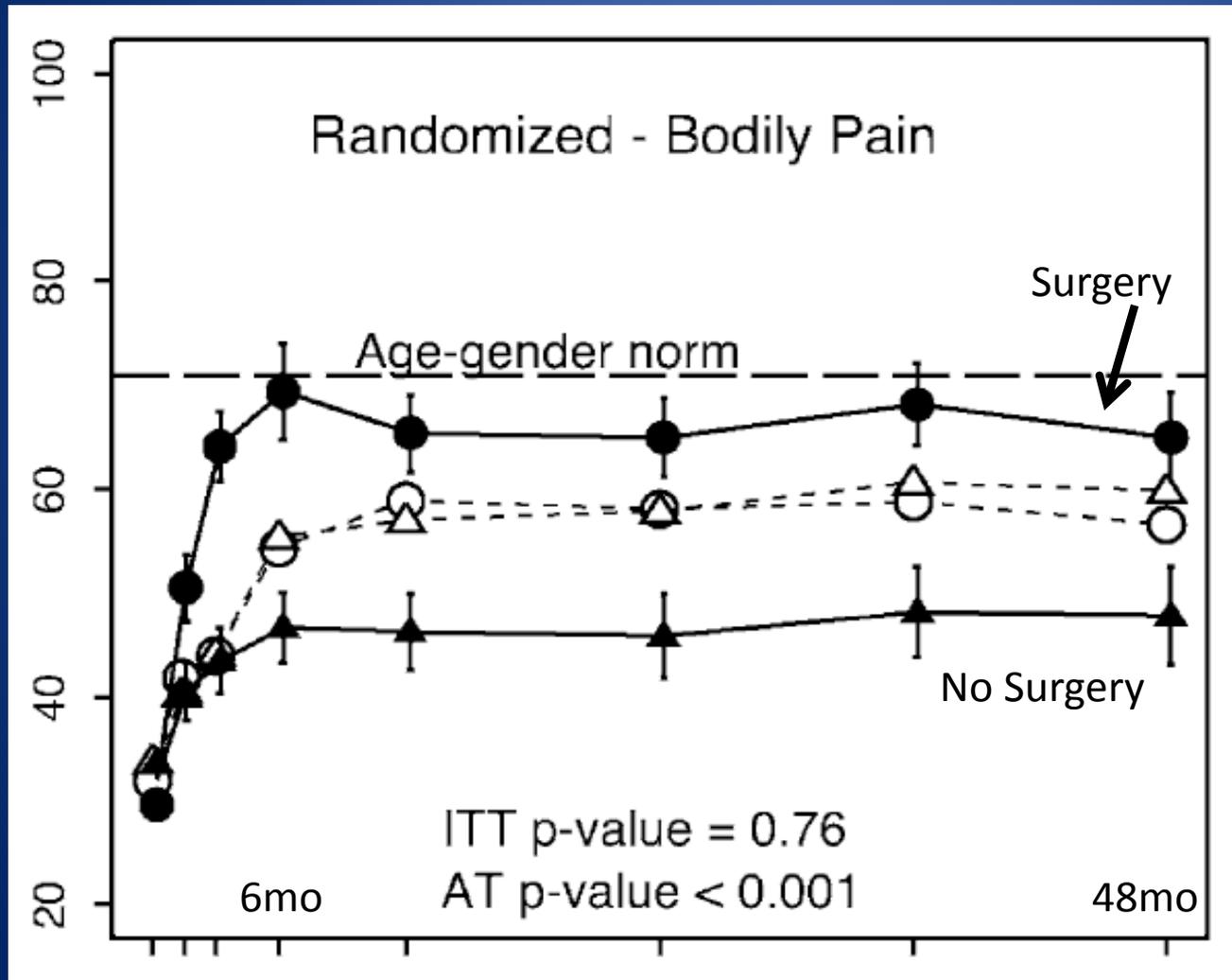


SPONDYLOLISTHESIS



# Degenerative Spondylolisthesis

## 4 year SPORT Trial Results



2007 Outstanding Paper Award: Surgical Science

Assessment of health-related quality of life after surgical treatment of focal symptomatic spinal stenosis compared with osteoarthritis of the hip or knee

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- **No difference in SF36 scores in decompression or decomp + fusion vs THA and TKA**

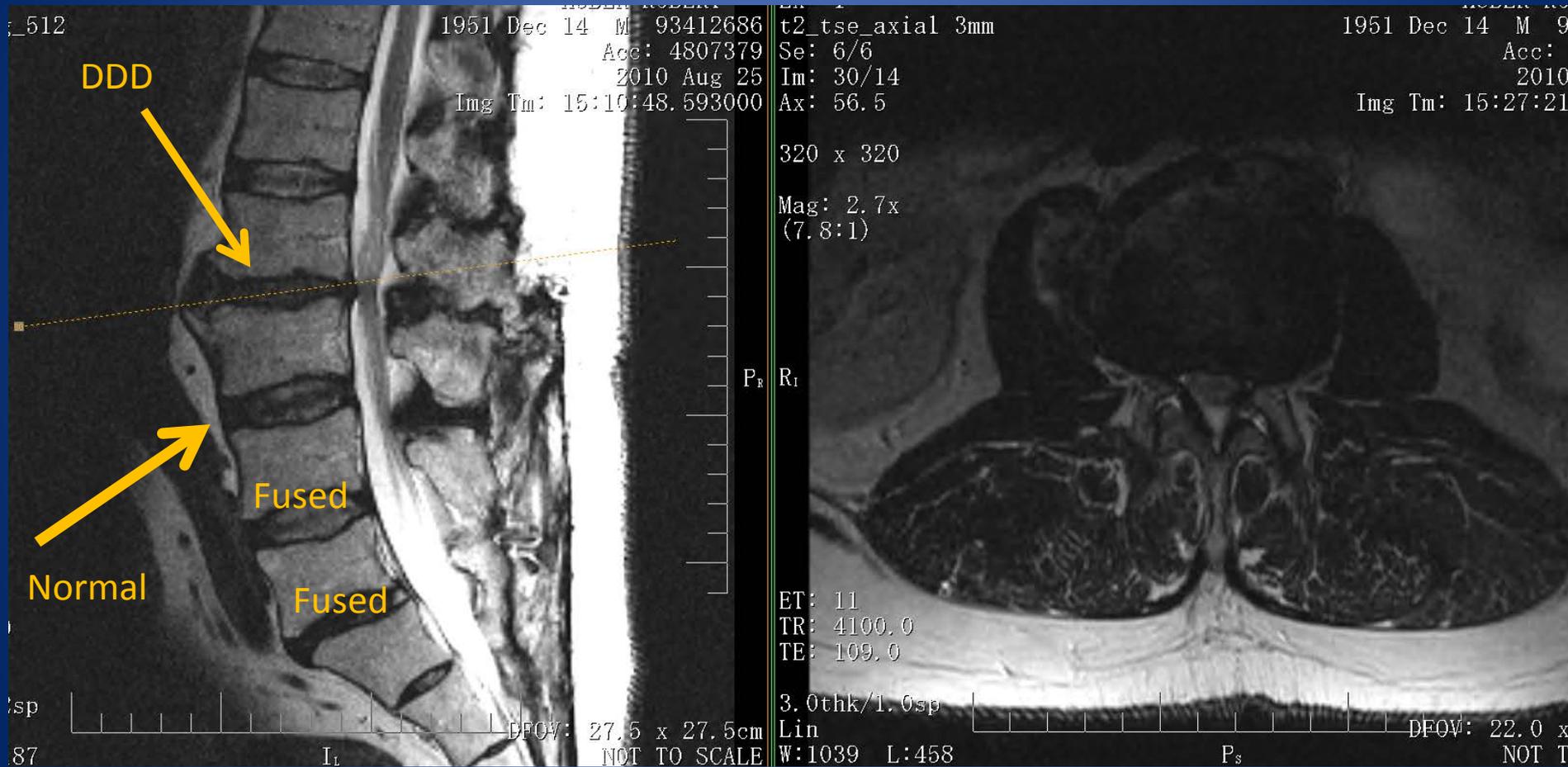
Table 2  
SF-36 PCS and MCS scores for the entire cohort

SF-36 component summary	Time interval (years)	FLSS (n <sub>0</sub> =90; n <sub>1</sub> =80; n <sub>2</sub> =80)	H-OA (n <sub>0</sub> =90; n <sub>1</sub> =80; n <sub>2</sub> =80)	K-OA (n <sub>0</sub> =90; n <sub>1</sub> =80; n <sub>2</sub> =78)
PCS	0	32.0	30.2	31.3
	1	39.6 <sup>a,1</sup>	44.5 <sup>c,1</sup>	38.5 <sup>1</sup>
	2	38.6 <sup>a,2</sup>	43.2 <sup>c,2</sup>	37.1 <sup>2</sup>
MCS	0	43.5	45.0	46.2
	1	47.1	45.5	47.8
	2	50.3 <sup>b,2</sup>	50.9 <sup>c,2,3</sup>	44.8

# Adjacent Segment Disease

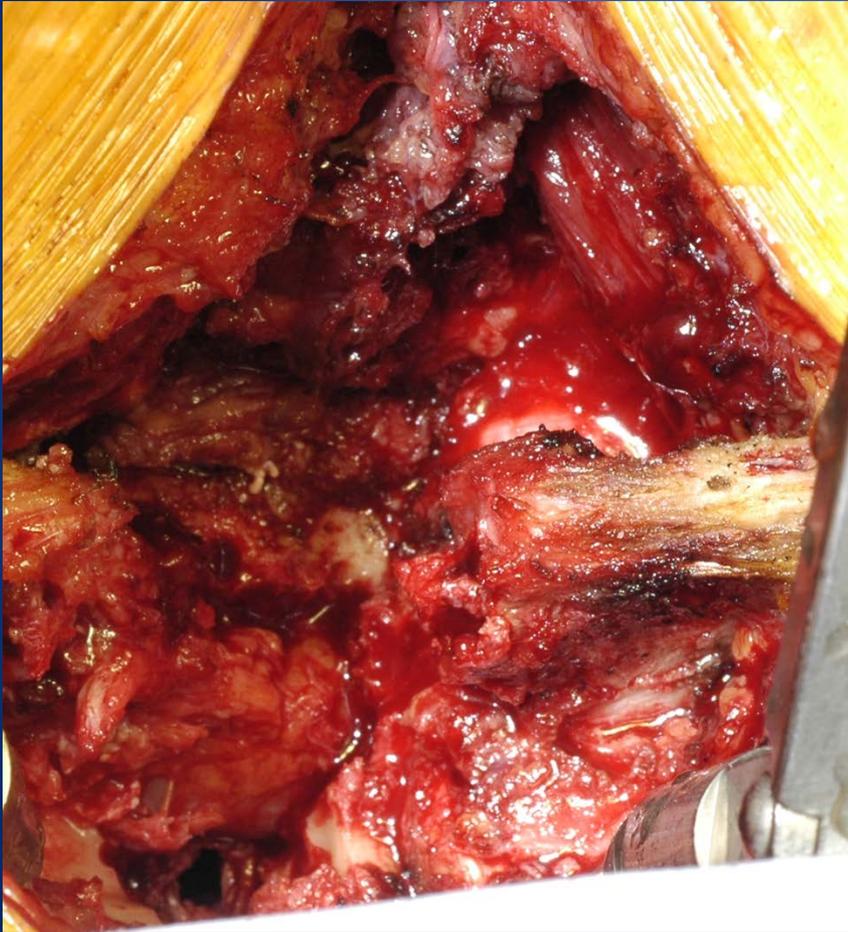
- Gillet 2003
  - 78 pts with instrumented posterolateral fusion
  - Minimum follow up 5 years
  - 32/78 (41%) evidence for adjacent segment changes
    - 47% had second operation
  - 1 segment fusions: ASMA: 12 (32%), Reop: 4 (11%)
- Ghiselli et al. 2004
  - 215 patients PSF
  - 27.4% (59/215) re-operation for adjacent segment
  - **Kaplan-Meier predicted adjacent disease warranting decompression or fusion in 16.5% at 5 years and 36.1% at 10 years**
- Biomechanics
  - Adjacent segments have increased motion and 45% increase in intradiscal pressure

# BUT



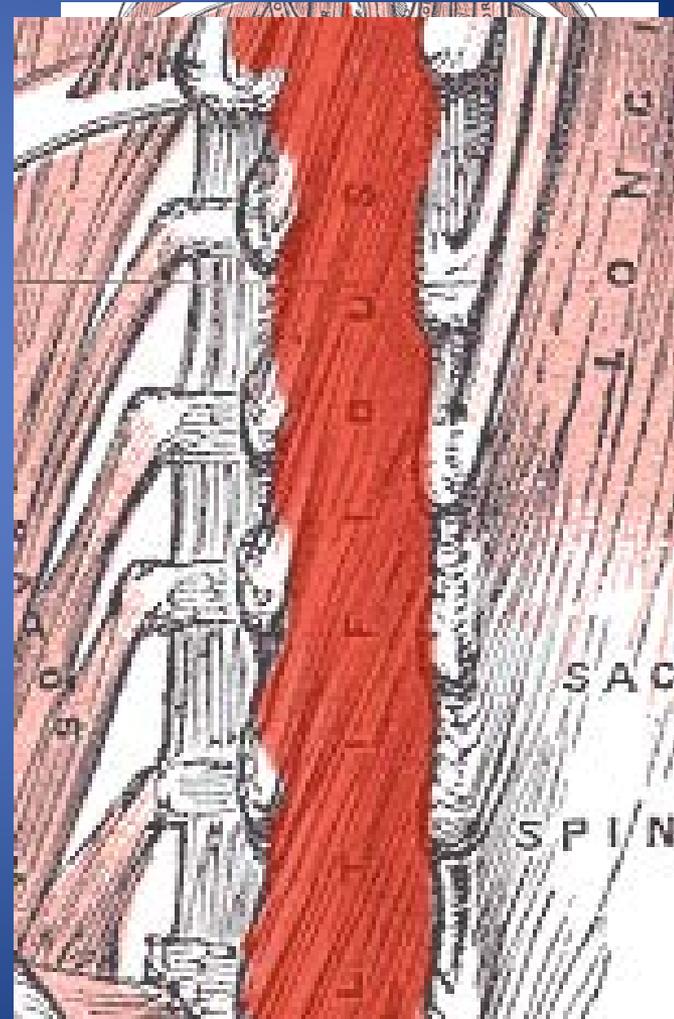
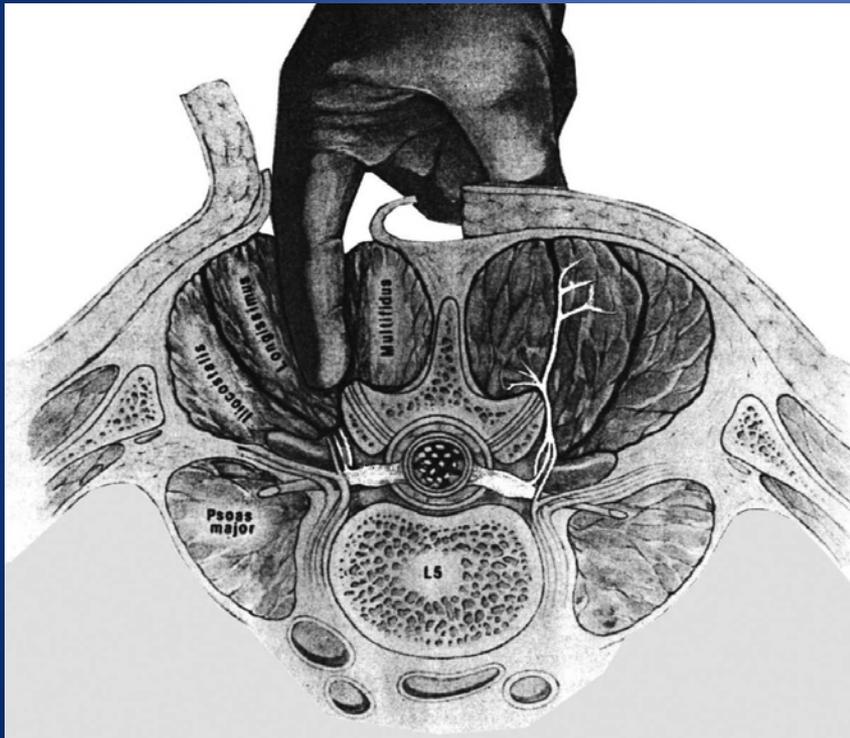
# What is Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery?

# Problems with Open Spinal Surgery



- Paraspinal muscle damage
- Blood loss
- Prolonged Recovery
- Adjacent Segment Degeneration
- Failed back syndrome

# Problems with Open Surgery Multifidus and Longissimus



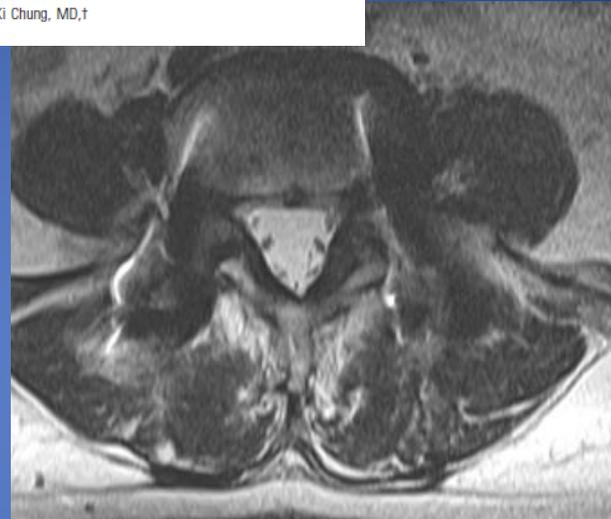
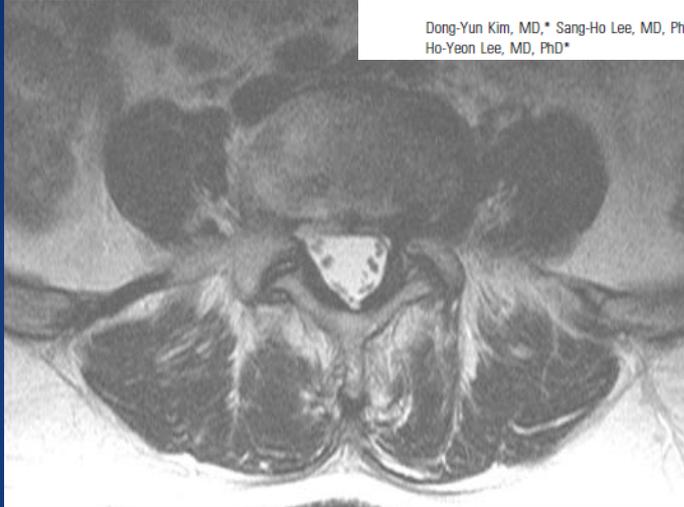
# Multifidus Atrophy

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## ■ Comparison of Multifidus Muscle Atrophy and Trunk Extension Muscle Strength

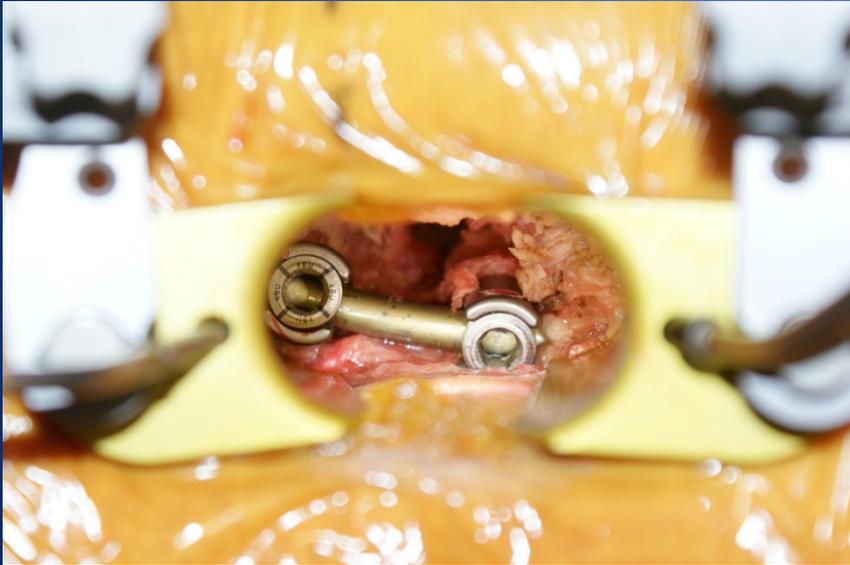
Percutaneous *Versus* Open Pedicle Screw Fixation

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# Exposure

MIS

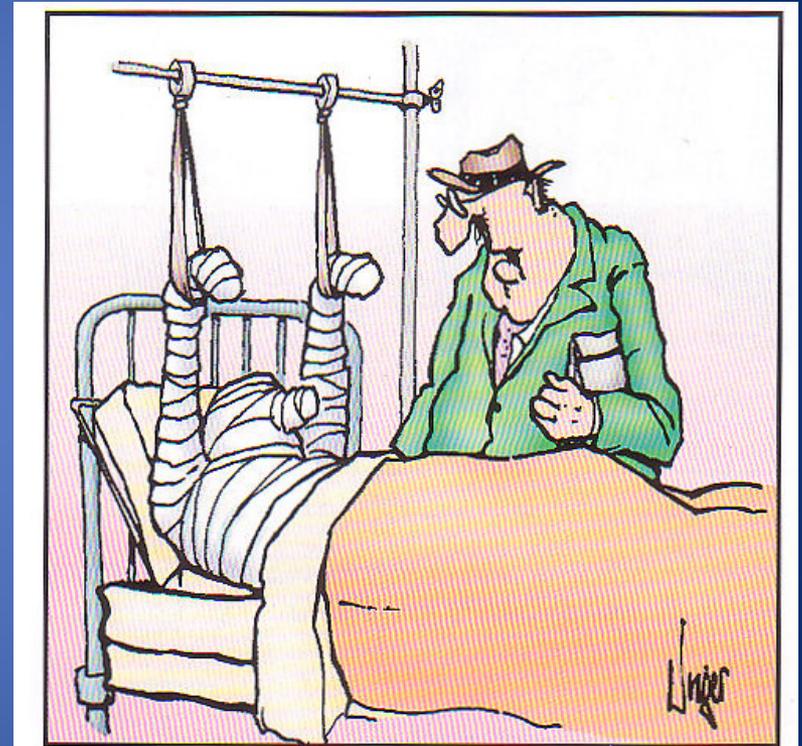


Open



# Reported Advantages

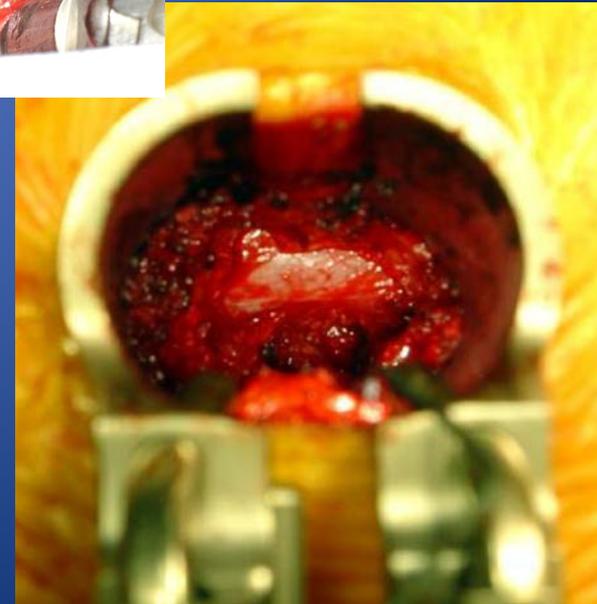
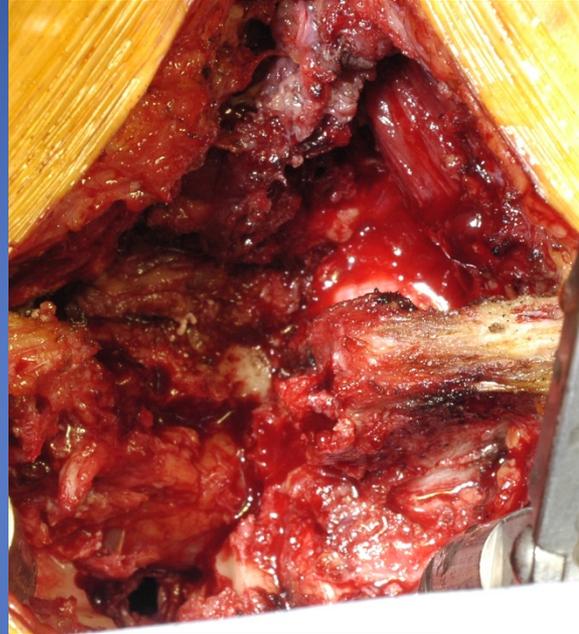
- Less soft tissue damage
- Less blood loss
- Shorter hospital stay
- Lower infection rate



“You’re looking a lot better today, Ralph.”

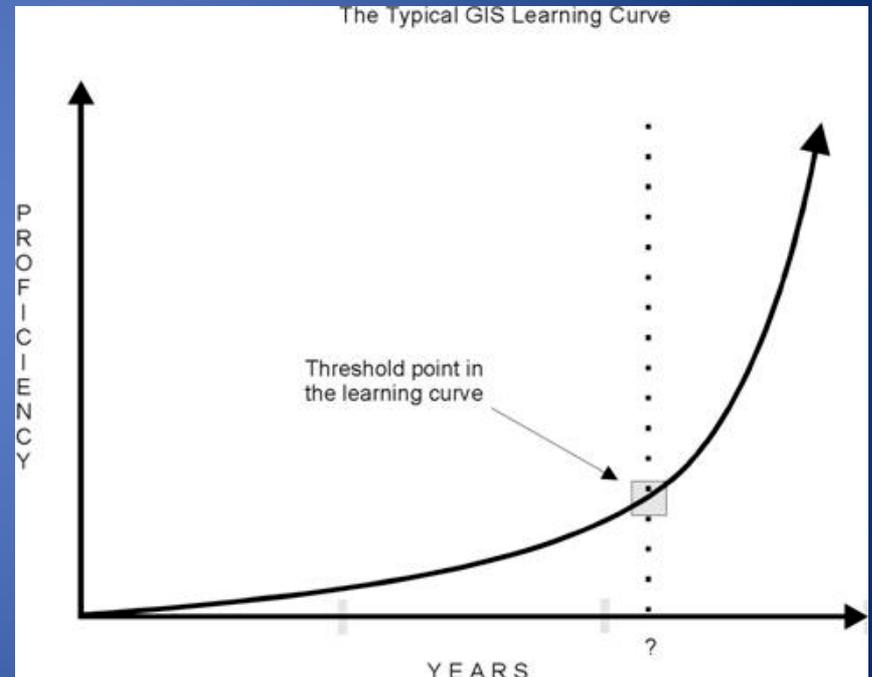
# Proposed Advantages

- Faster initial recovery
- Less adjacent segment disease
- Maintained paraspinal muscle function
- Improved overall patient outcomes



# Disadvantages

- Increased O.R. Time
- Increased use of fluoroscopy
- Steep learning curve
- Long term outcome data missing
  - Fusion Rates?
  - Outcomes?
  - Technical complications?



# Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery



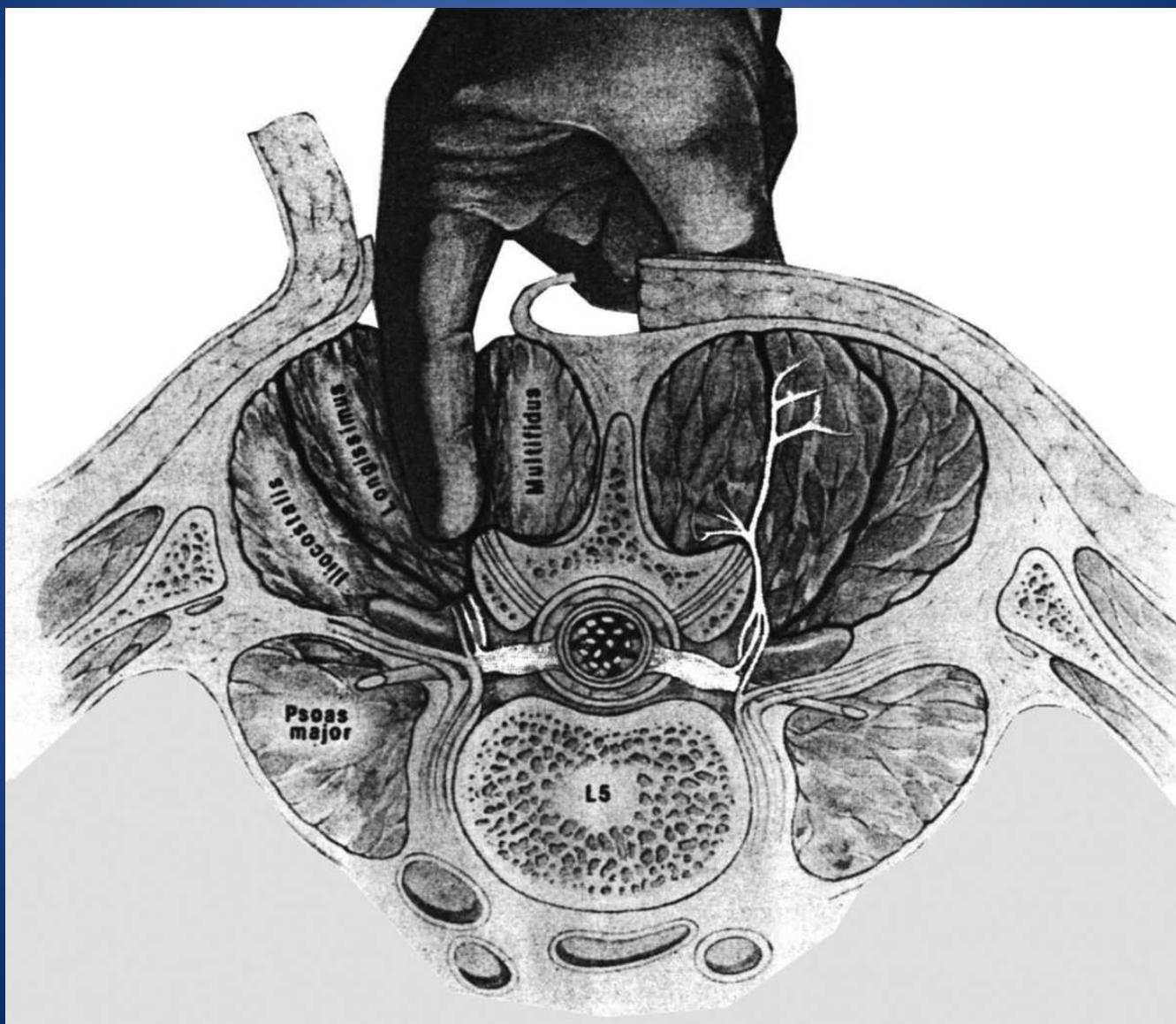
Incision length  
is NOT  
important!

# The MIS Mantra

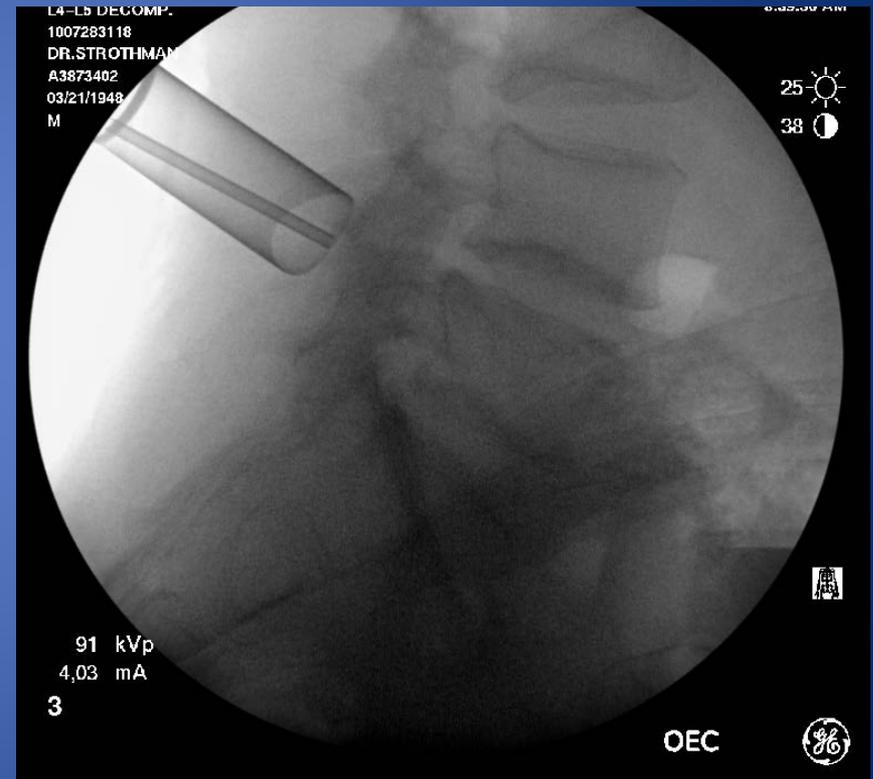
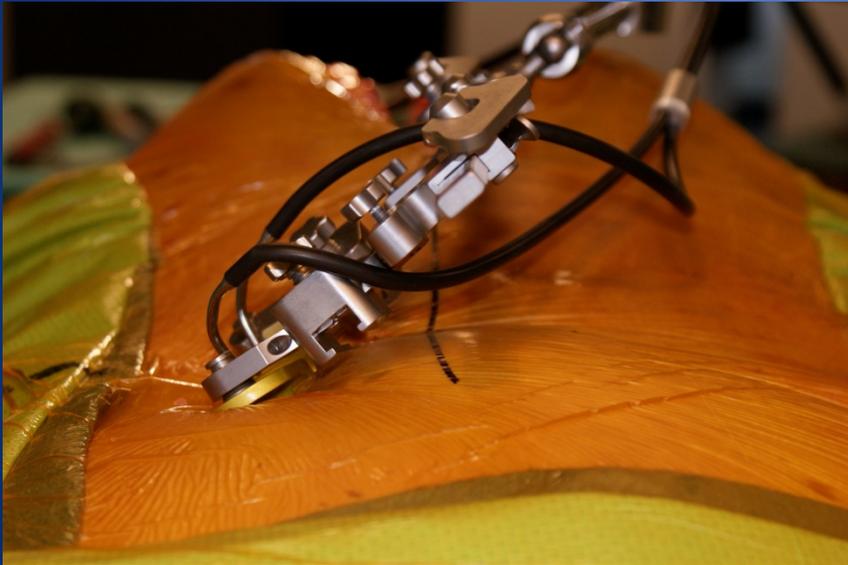
- Perform the same surgery as you would perform open!
  - Nerve Root compression = Decompress the nerve root
  - Instability / DDD = Achieve a solid fusion



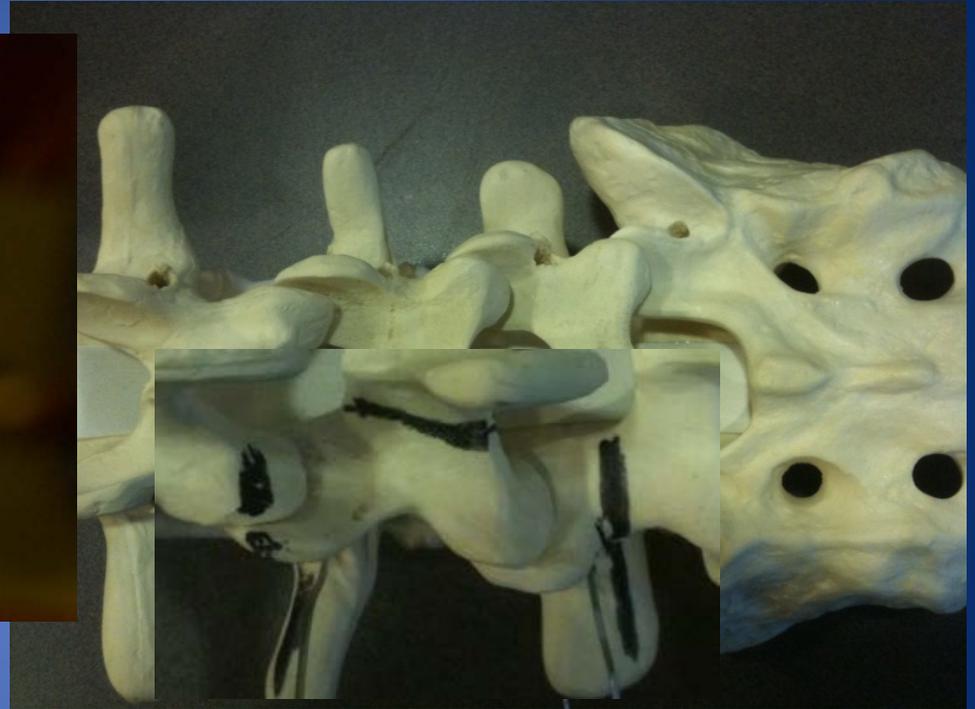
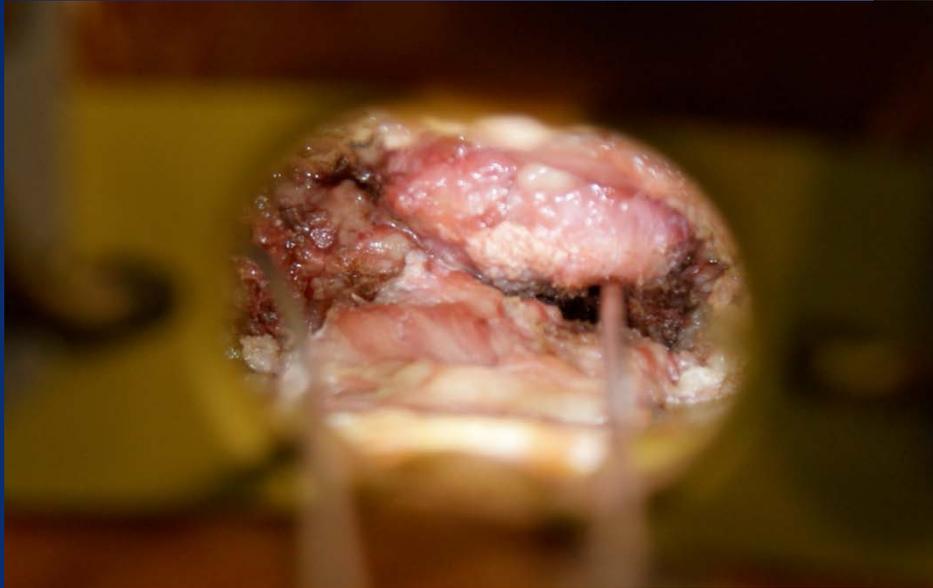
# SURGICAL CORRIDOR



# Tubular Retractors



# Tubular Retractor Expansion



# Indications

- Spinal Stenosis
- Herniated Disc
- Degenerative Spondylolisthesis
- Isthmic Spondylolisthesis
- Degenerative Disc Disease
- Trauma
- Scoliosis?



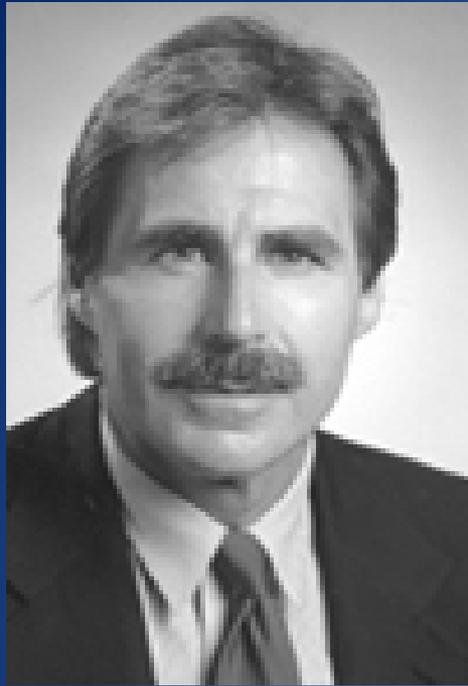
# Contraindications

- Extension of previous instrumentation
- Morbid obesity



# INDICATIONS

Degenerative Spondylolysthesis  
The Role for Minimally Invasive  
Decompression



The Gold Standard?

# DECOMPRESSION AND FUSION FOR DEGENERATIVE SPONDYLOLYSTHESIS

# Degenerative Lumbar Spondylolisthesis with Spinal Stenosis

## A PROSPECTIVE STUDY COMPARING DECOMPRESSION WITH DECOMPRESSION AND INTERTRANSVERSE PROCESS ARTHRODESIS\*†

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TABLE I  
DATA ON THE FIFTY PATIENTS

	Arthrodesis (N = 25)		No Arthrodesis (N = 25)	
	Preop.	Postop.	Preop.	Postop.
<b>Result</b>				
Excellent		11 (44%)	44%	2 (8%)
Good	96%	13 (52%)		9 (36%)
Fair		1 (4%)		12 (48%)
Poor		0 (0%)		2 (8%)
<b>Mean scores for pain (points)</b>				
Back	3.3	1.3	2.9*	2.5†
Lower limbs	4.3	1.0	4.0*	1.7
<b>Mean height of disc space (mm)</b>	6.8	5.7	7.4	5.8
<b>Mean olisthesis (mm)</b>	4.8	5.3	5.3	7.9‡
<b>Mean olisthesis on flexion and extension (mm)</b>	2.8	0.1	3.4	5.8
<b>Mean vertebral motion (degrees)</b>	9.3	4.2	9.6	12.8‡

\* The patients who had not had an arthrodesis had significantly more pain in the low back and lower limbs at the most recent follow-up evaluation.

† P < 0.01 (chi-square test).

‡ P = 0.002 (Student t test).

- 50 pts assigned alternatively to laminectomy and laminectomy + intertransverse process arthrodesis
- Mean f/u 3 years (2.4-4 yrs)

Pseudarthrosis = 36%

- All with good or excellent result

**1997 Volvo Award Winner in Clinical Studies: Degenerative Lumbar Spondylolisthesis With Spinal Stenosis: A Prospective, Randomized Study Comparing Decompressive Laminectomy and Arthrodesis With and Without Spinal Instrumentation**

[Clinical Studies]

Fischgrund, Jeffrey S. MD\*; Mackay, Michael MD\*; Herkowitz, Harry N. MD\*; Brower, Richard MD; Montgomery, David M. MD\*; Kurz, Lawrence T. MD\*

- PRCT, 68 pts
- Instrumented vs noninstrumented fusion
- Mean f/u: 28mo (2-3 yrs)

	Successful Arthrodesis	Pseudarthrosis
Instrumentation	29 (83%)	6 (18%)
No instrumentation	15 (45%)	18 (55%)

	Instrumentation (N = 35)		No Instrumentation (N = 33)	
	Preoperative	Postoperative	Preoperative	Postoperative
<b>Result</b>				
Excellent		20 (57%)		16 (49%)
Good		7 (21%)	—	12 (36%)
Fair		4 (12%)	—	1 (3%)
Poor		4 (12%)		4 (12%)
<b>Mean scores for pain (points)</b>				
Back	4	1	4	2
Lower limbs	4	1	4	1
Mean olisthesis (mm)	8	6	7	7
Mean sagittal motion on flexion and extension (mm)	3	1	3	2
Mean angulation (°)	9	1	9	5

# Degenerative Lumbar Spondylolisthesis With Spinal Stenosis

A Prospective Long-Term Study Comparing Fusion and Pseudarthrosis

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## Fusion (22pts)

- Excellent/Good: **86%**
- Back pain (5 pt scale)
  - Preop 3.7 to 1.4 postop
- Leg pain (5pt scale)
  - Preop 4.5 to 0.5 postop

## Pseudarthrosis (25 pts)

- Excellent/Good: 56%
- Back pain (5 pt scale)
  - Preop 3.5 to 2.6 postop
- Leg pain (5pt scale)
  - Preop 4.2 to 2.1 postop

Mean Follow up: 7yrs 8months (5-14 yrs)

Spondylolysis

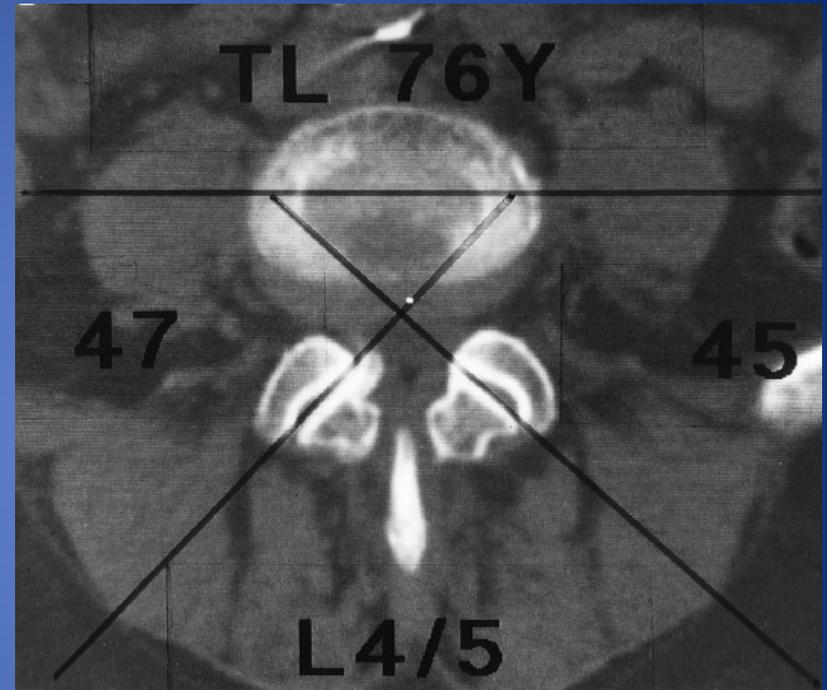
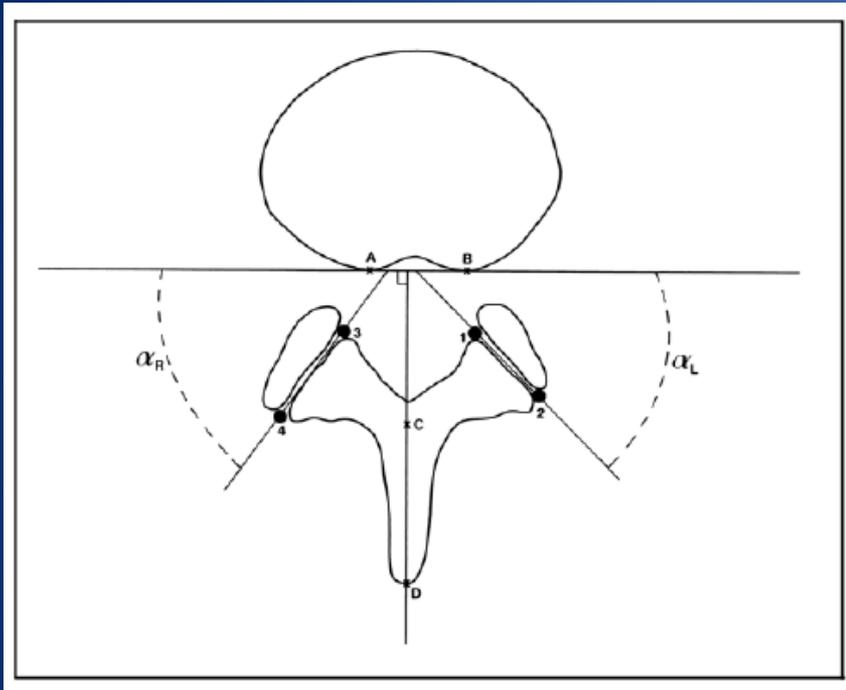
**STABLE VS UNSTABLE**

# Stable vs Unstable

- Stable Degenerative Spondylolisthetic Segment:
  - Flex/Ext slip change <4mm (Ha et al. JSDT 2008)
  - Slip angle <10deg (Ha et al. JSDT 2008)
- Unstable Degenerative Spondylolisthetic Segment:
  - Flex/Ext slip change >4mm (Ha et al. JSDT 2008)
  - Slip angle > 10 deg (Ha et al. JSDT 2008)



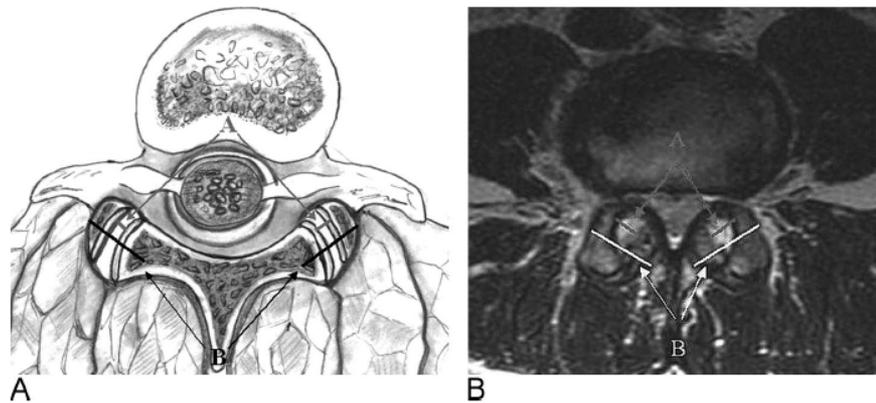
# Facet Orientation



**If facet angle  $>45$  deg bilaterally then 25x more likely to have Degenerative Spondylolisthesis**

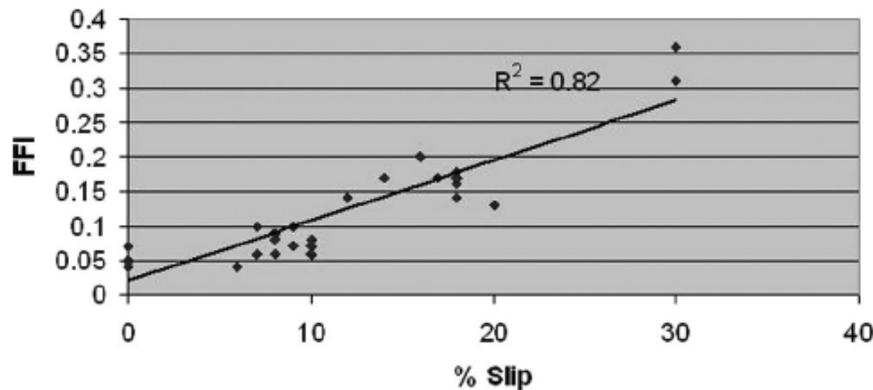
# Does Lumbar Facet Fluid Detected on Magnetic Resonance Imaging Correlate With Radiographic Instability in Patients With Degenerative Lumbar Disease?

Jeffrey A. Rihn, MD,\* Joon Y. Lee, MD,\* Mustafa Khan, MD,\* James A. Ulibarri, MD,\* Chadi Tannoury, MD,† William F. Donaldson, III, MD,\* and James D. Kang, MD\*



0.12% and 11.1%, respectively. There was a positive linear association between these values (Pearson correlation coefficient of 0.90,  $P < 0.001$ ). The positive predictive value of L4–L5 facet fluid on MRI as an indicator of radiographic instability was 82%.

**Linear Relationship of Facet Fluid Index (FFI) and % Radiographic Slip**



**Conclusions.** There is a close linear association between the facet fluid index and the amount of radiographic instability at L4–L5. Facet fluid on MRI should raise high suspicion of lumbar instability.

# Risk Factors for Instability

## Likely Unstable

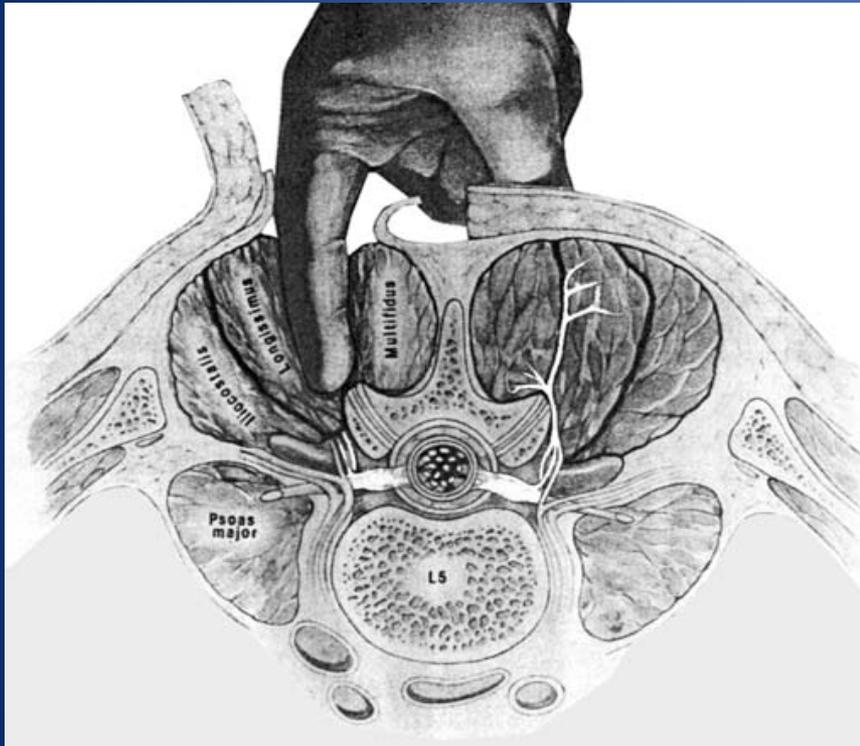
- Disc space narrowing  $< 50\%$ ,  
No osteophytes (Tall Space)
- Bilateral facet angle  $>45$  deg
- Positive facet synovitis
  - $>1$ mm
- Preoperative instability on  
flexion and extension xrays



Current Debate

# **ADVANTAGE MINIMALLY INVASIVE DECOMPRESSION**

# Minimally Invasive Lumbar Decompression



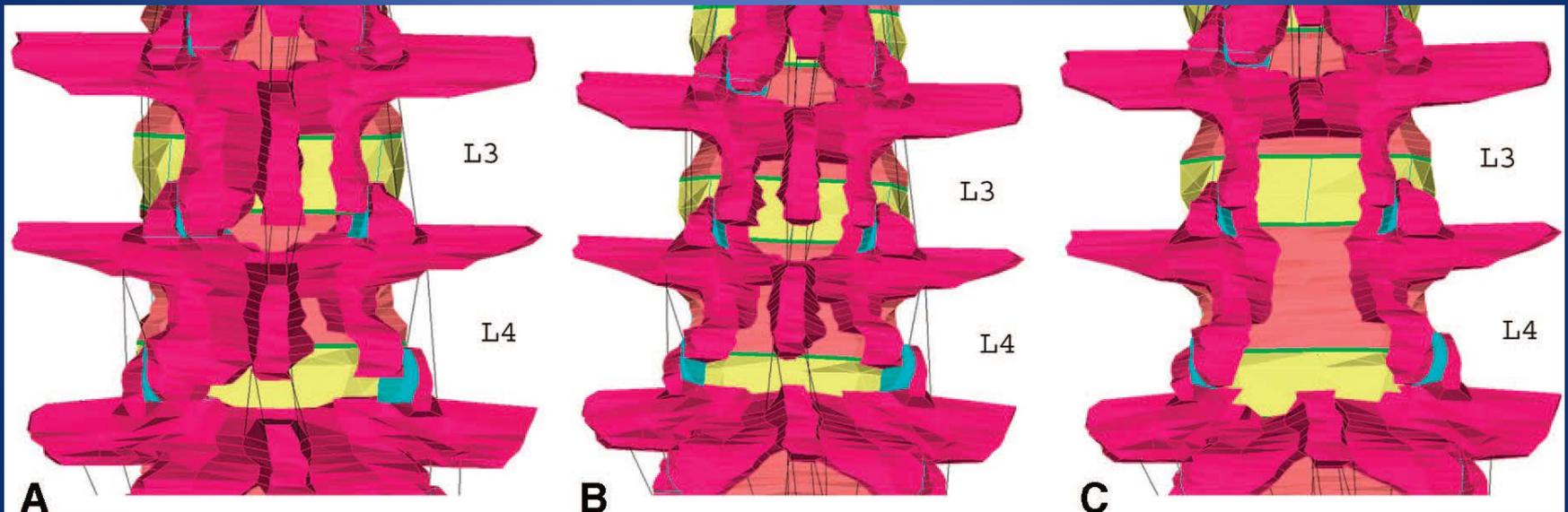
## Advantages

- Less muscle damage
- Less blood loss
- Shorter hospital stay
- Possible
  - Less adjacent tissue damage

## A Biomechanical Evaluation of Graded Posterior Element Removal for Treatment of Lumbar Stenosis

Comparison of a Minimally Invasive Approach With Two Standard Laminectomy Techniques

Lacey Bresnahan, MSE,\*† Alfred T. Ogden, MD,\* Raghu N. Natarajan, PhD,†  
and Richard G. Fessler, MD, PhD\*



A Microendoscopic decompression

B Bilateral laminotomies

C Open Laminectomy

**4x ↑ Flex / Ext  
motion**

# Degenerative Spondylolysthesis Summary

- Current Gold Standard
  - Decompression and Fusion
- Risk Factors for Instability
  - Tall disc without osteophytes
  - Facets parallel (>45 deg)
  - Facet fluid (>1mm)
  - Instability on preop flexion / extension xrays
- Stable Spondylolysthesis without risk factors
  - MIS Decompression is reasonable

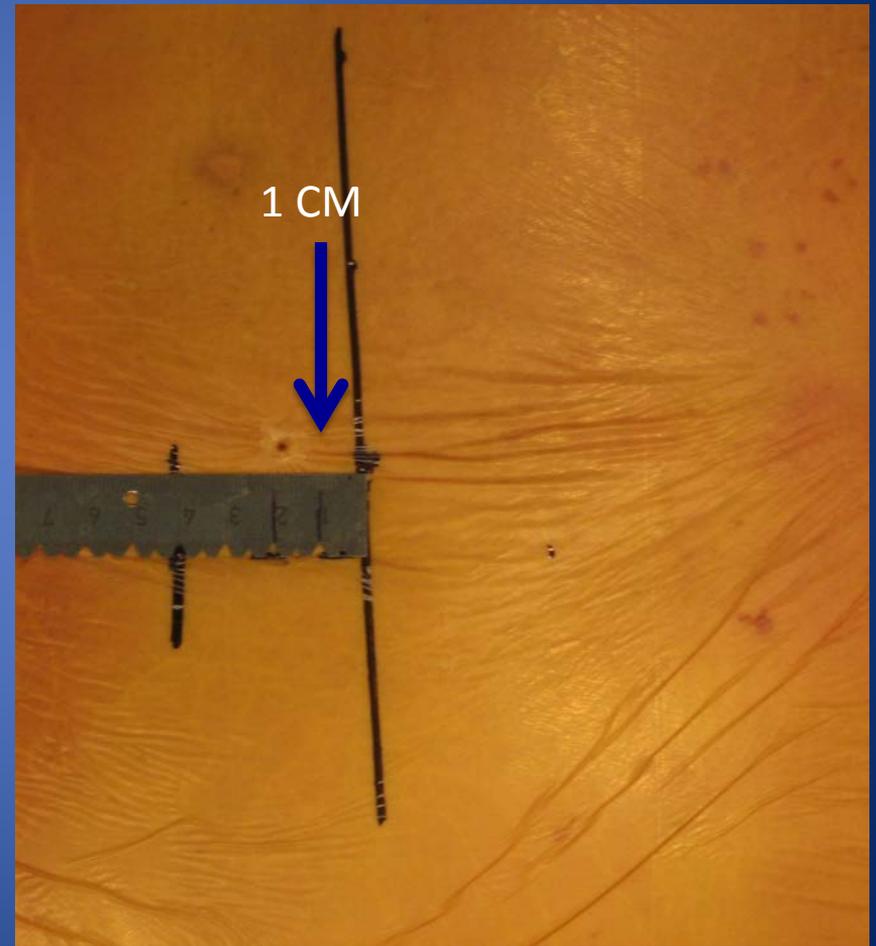


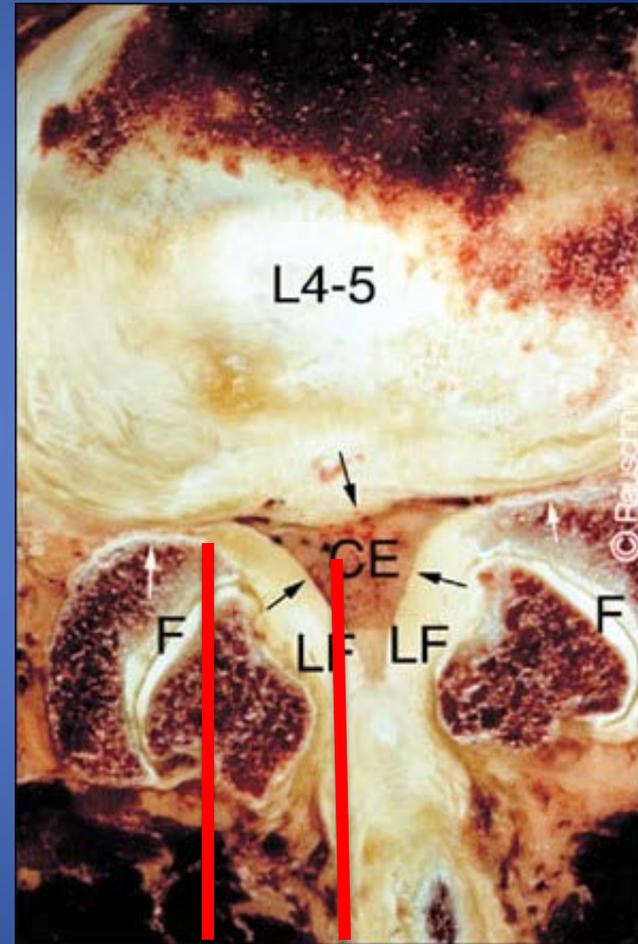
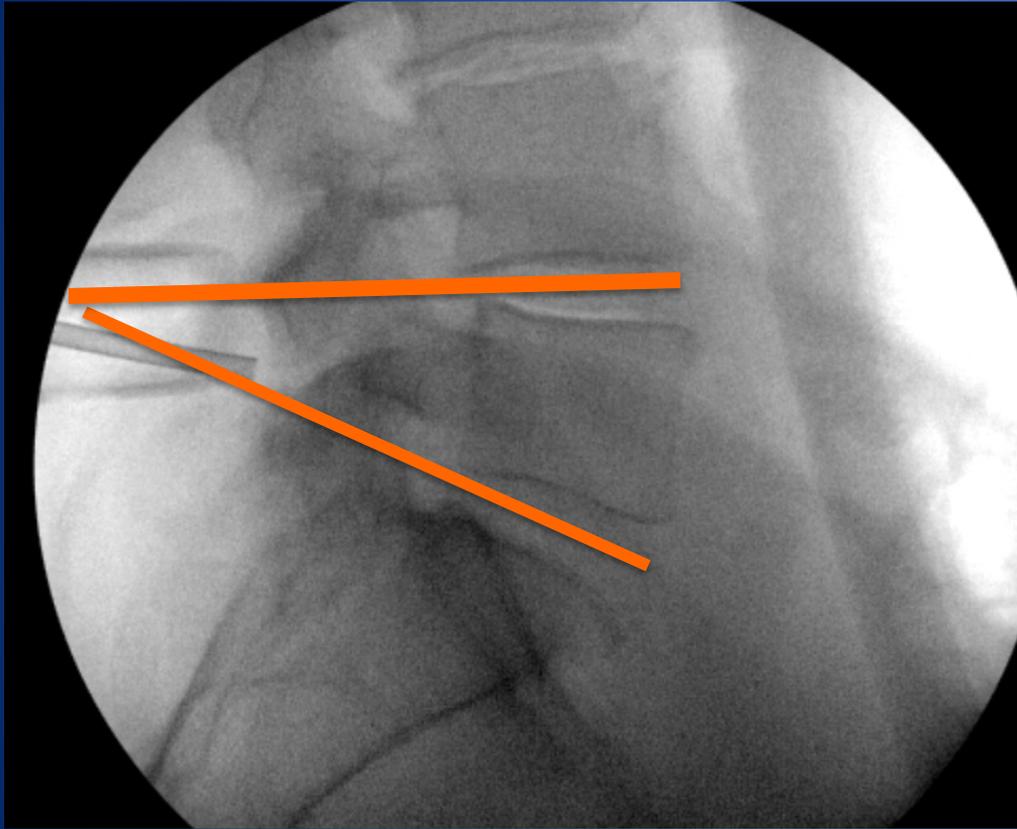
# HOW TO: THE NUTS AND BOLTS



# Minimally Invasive Discectomy

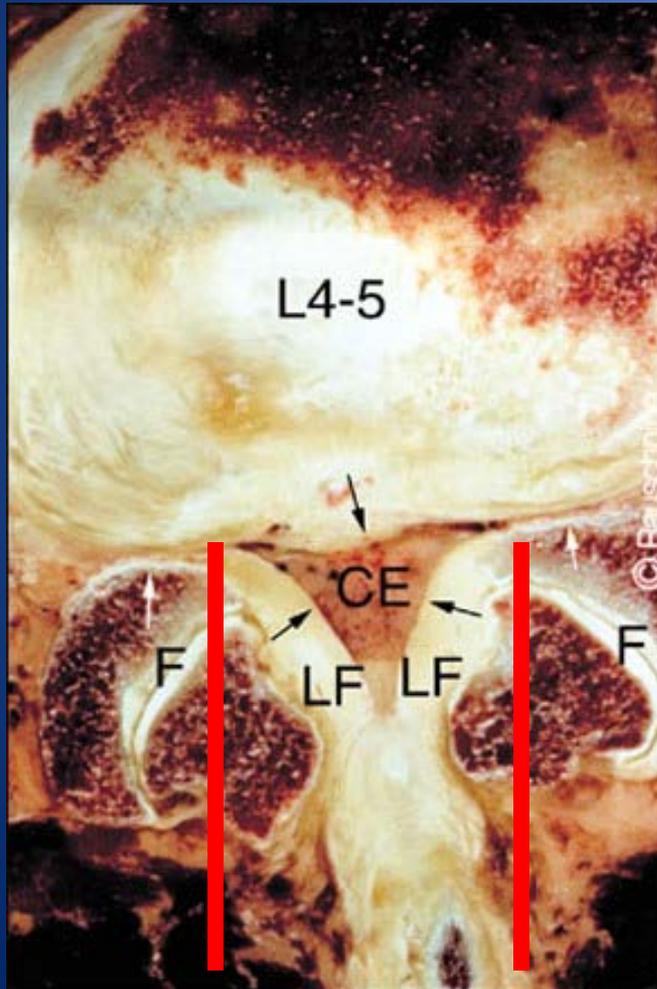
- Starting point 1cm lateral to midline
- Dock retractor on posterior lamina in line with the disc space
- Standard laminotomy and discectomy
- Bayonetted dural retractors are helpful
- Know where to expect the herniation by looking at the preop MRI



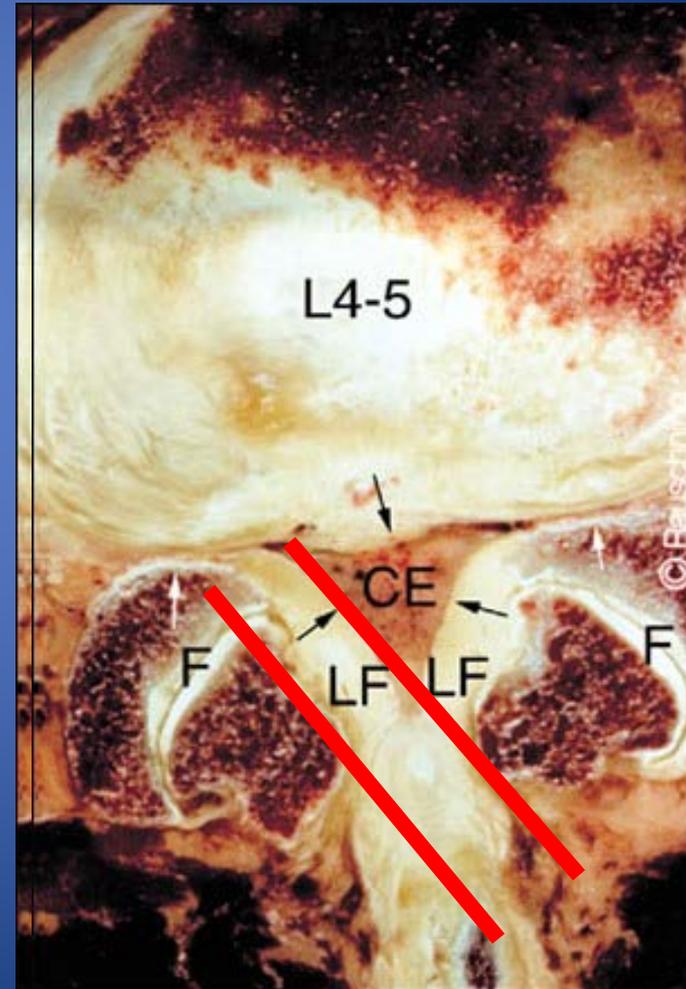


# Surgical Decompression

OPEN

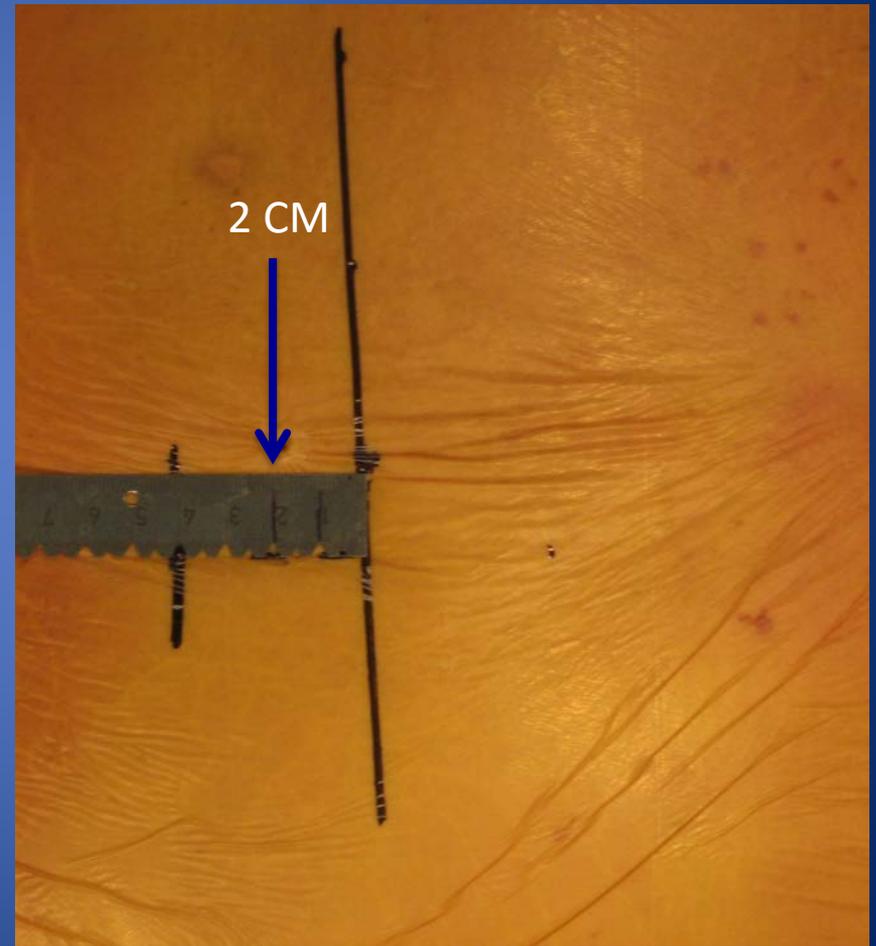


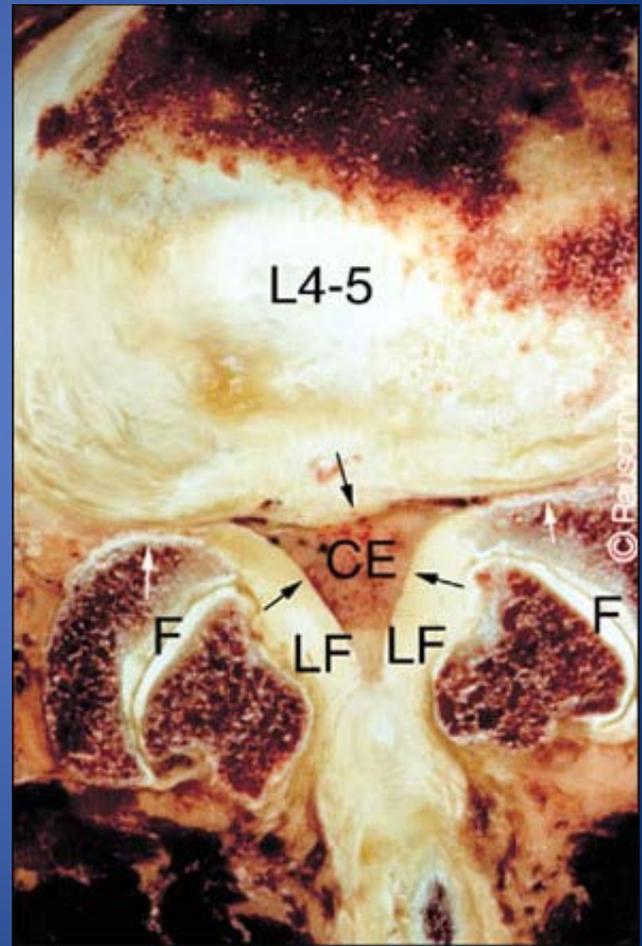
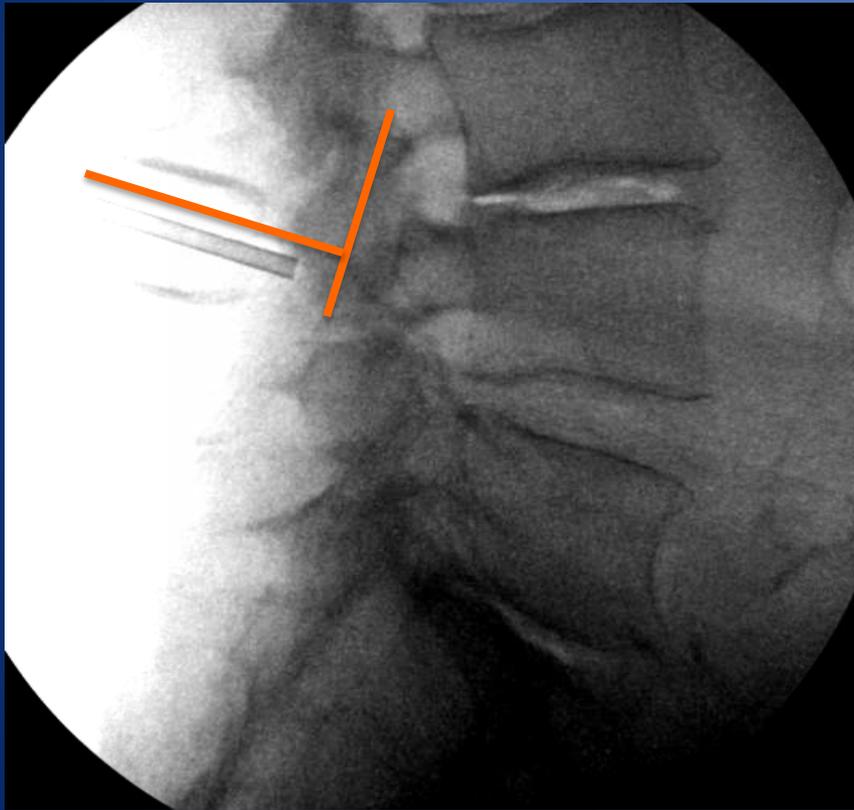
MIS

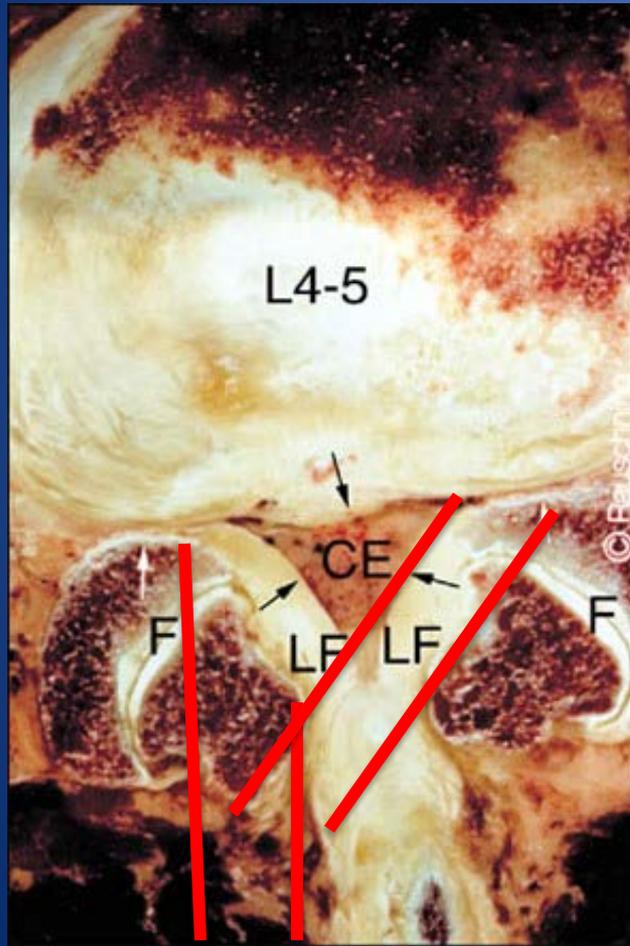


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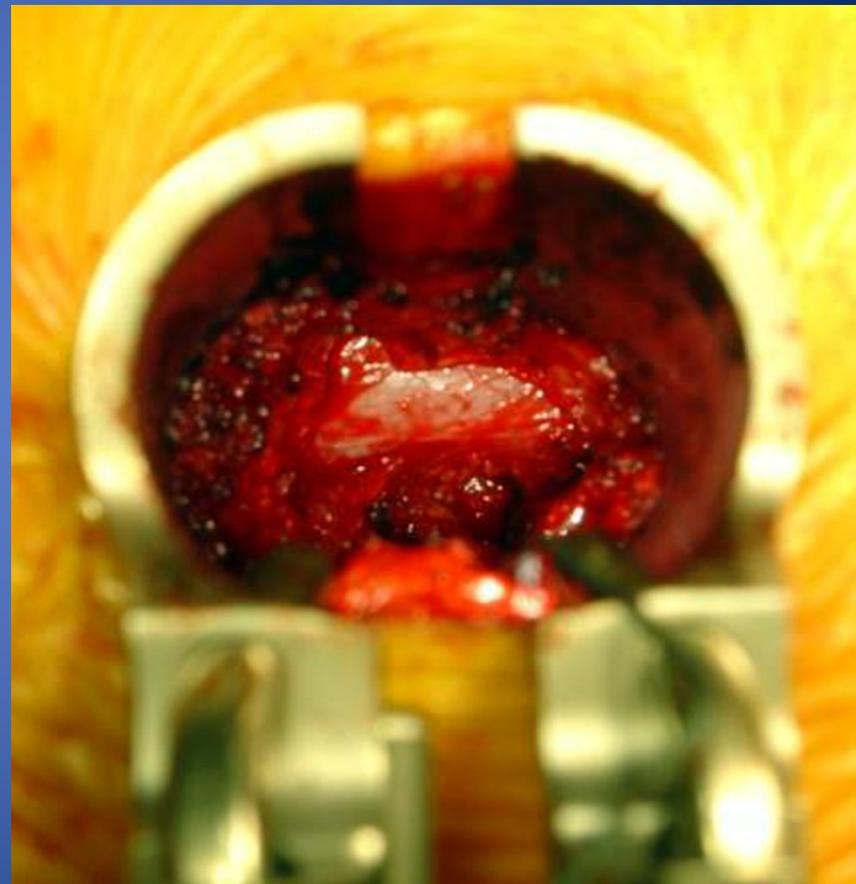
- Start 2cm lateral to midline
- Split lumbodorsal fascia in line with incision
- Split muscle fascia slightly medial
- Dock on posterior edge of lamina perpendicular to lamina





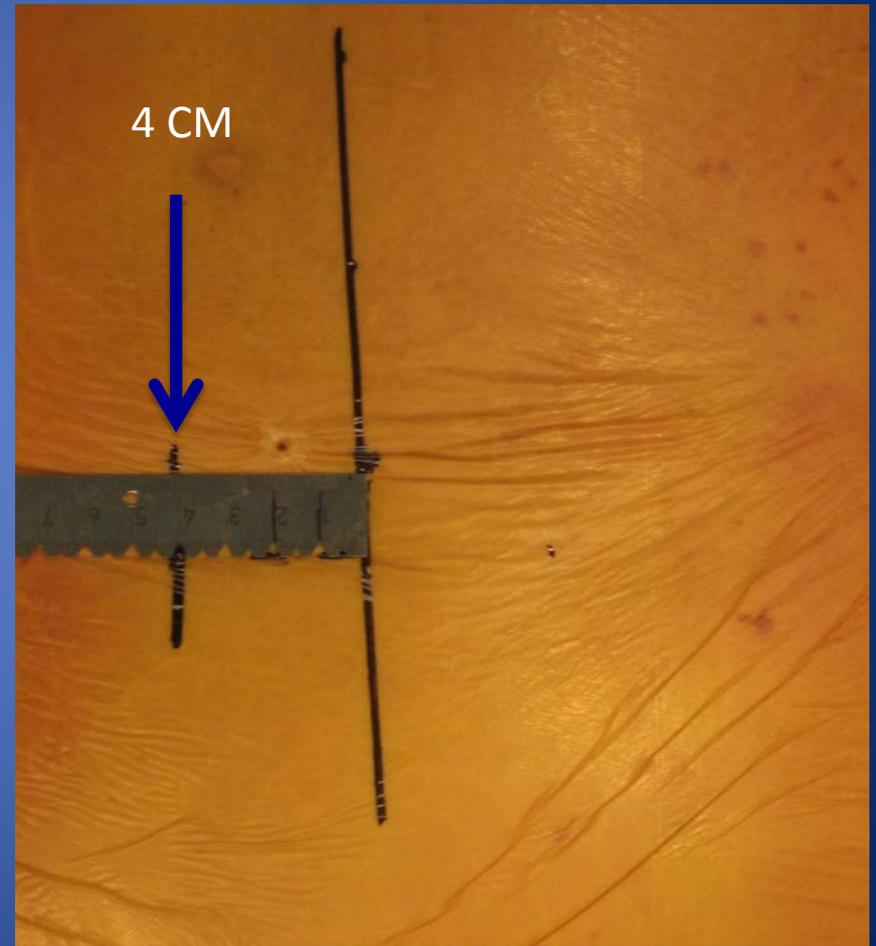


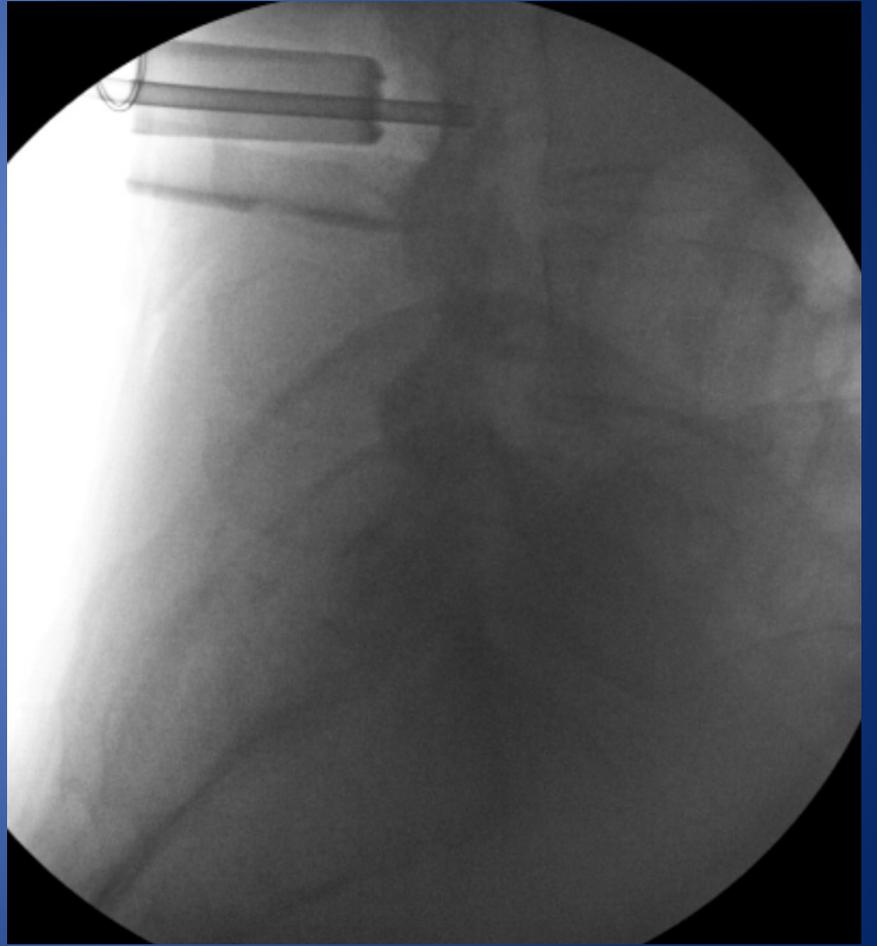
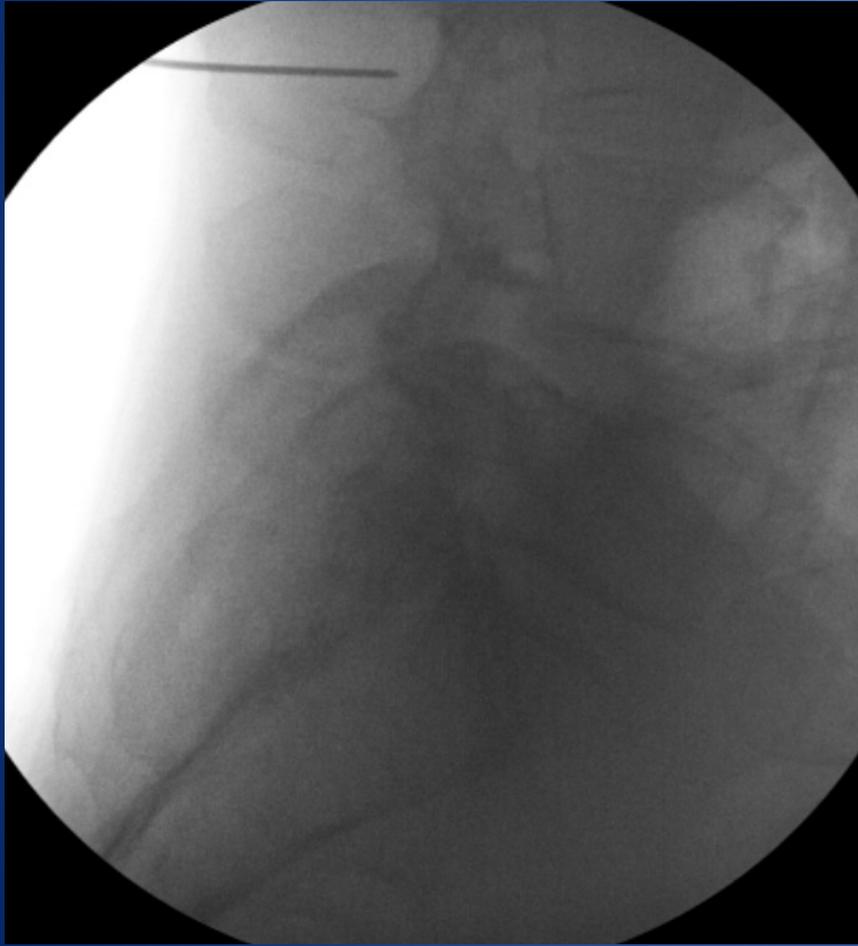
# MIS Decompression



# Minimally Invasive Far Lateral Discectomy

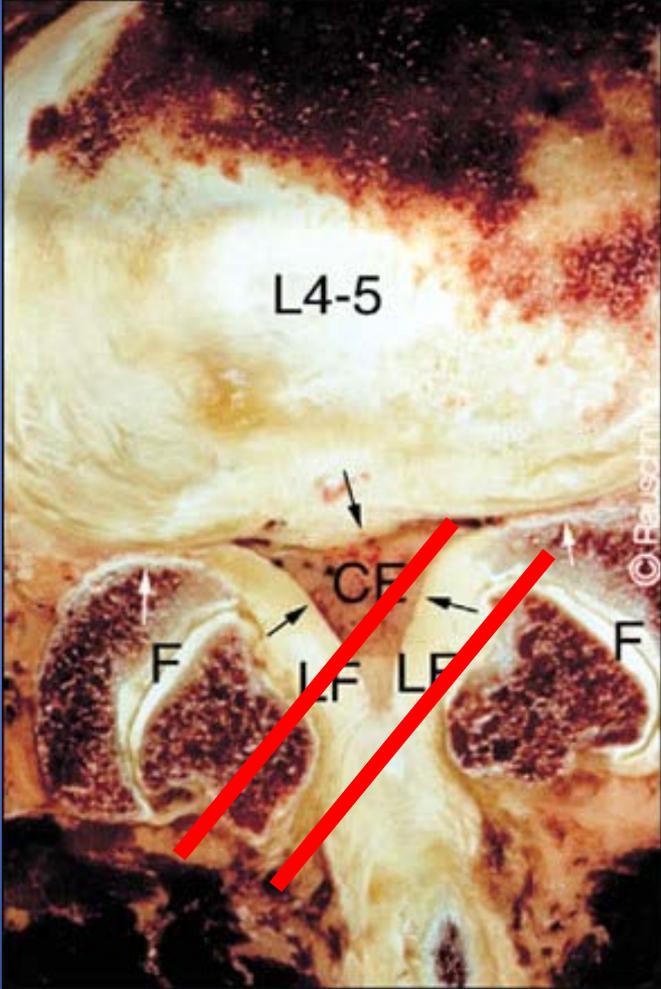
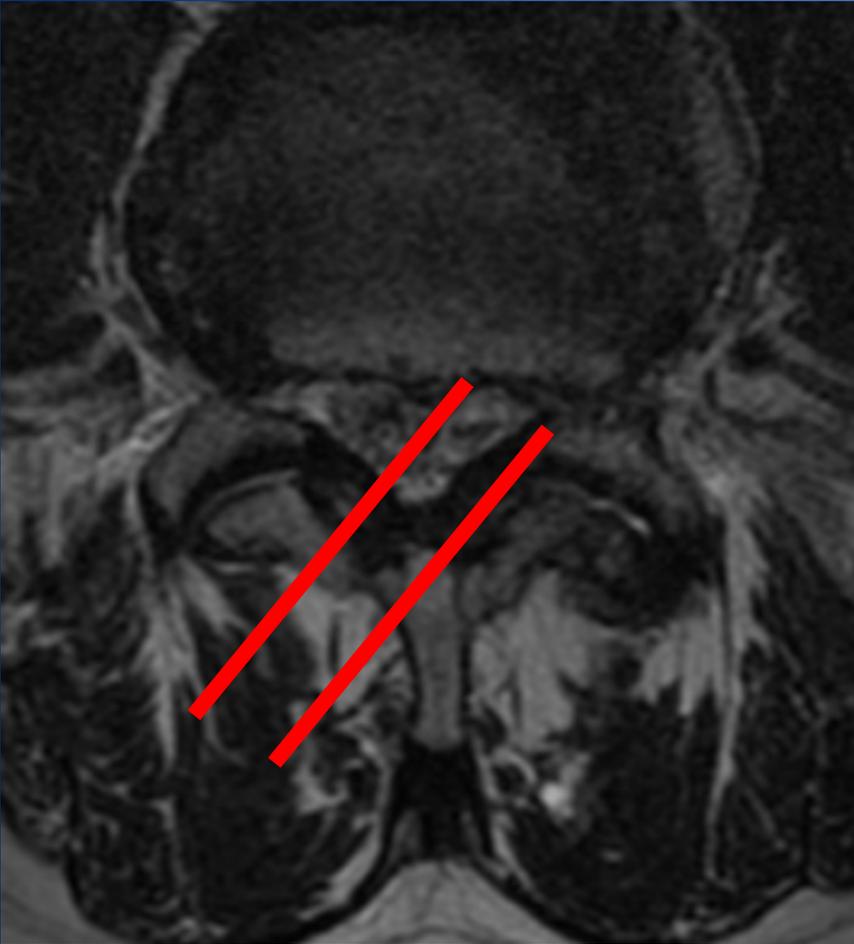
- Skin incision 4cm lateral to midline
- Offset fascial incisions
- Dock on lateral pars
- Expose pars and cephalad TP







# MIS Decompression: Synovial Cyst



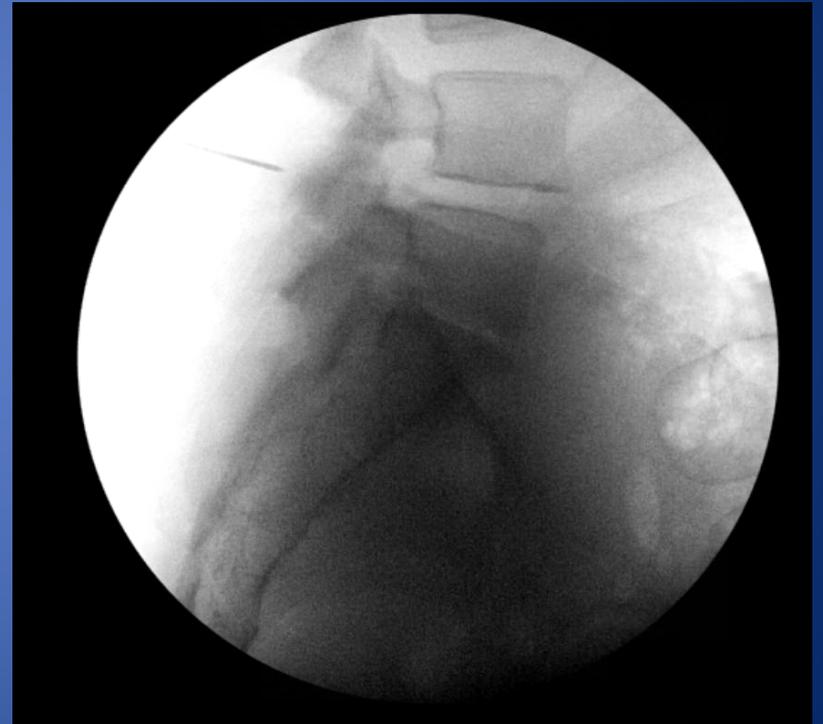
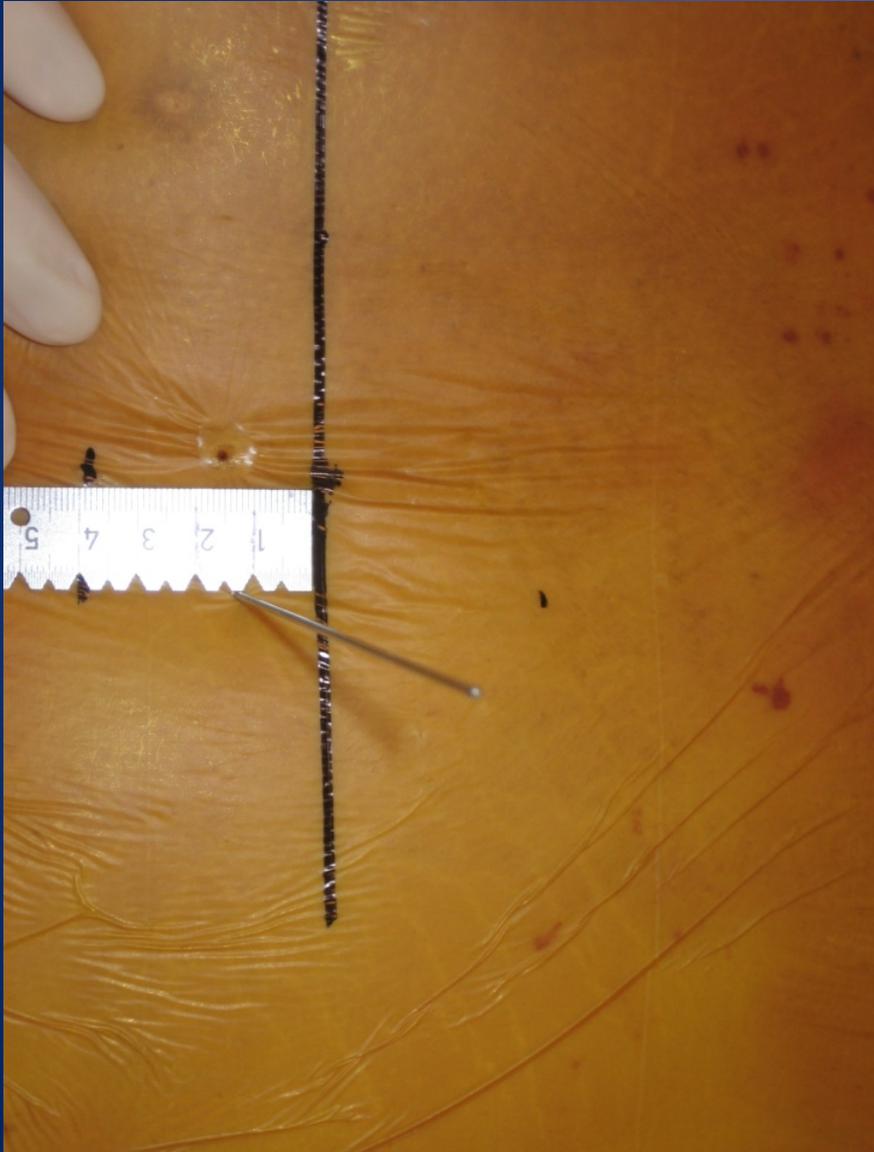
MIS TLIF

# Positioning

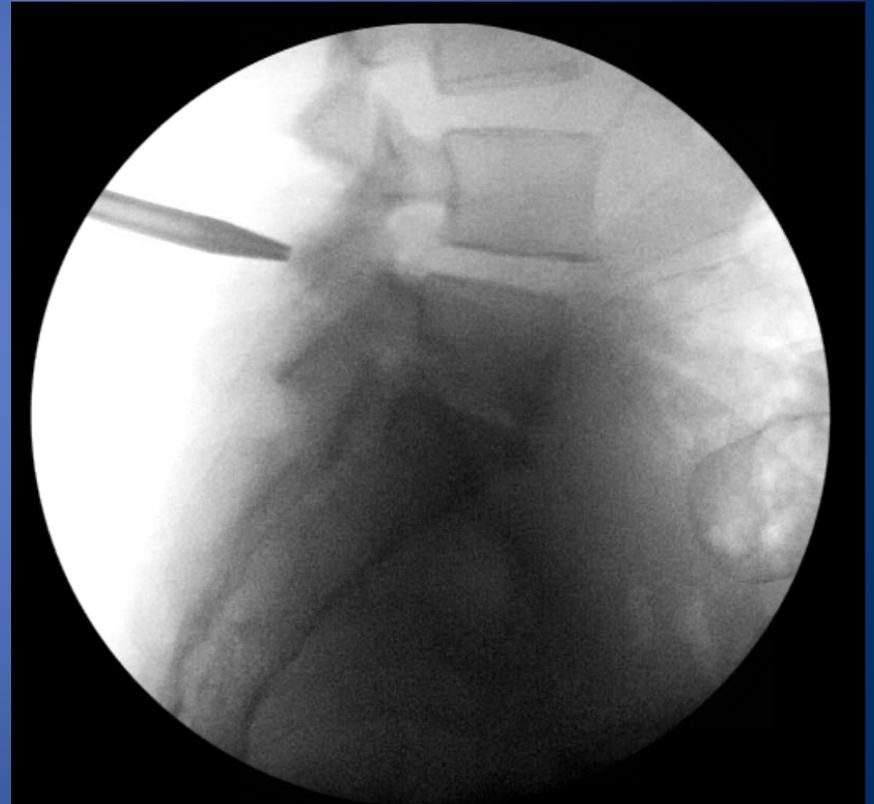


- Axis Table or Wilson Frame
- 25 deg kyphosis
- Reverse Trend (L5-S1)

# Localization



# Initial Dilation

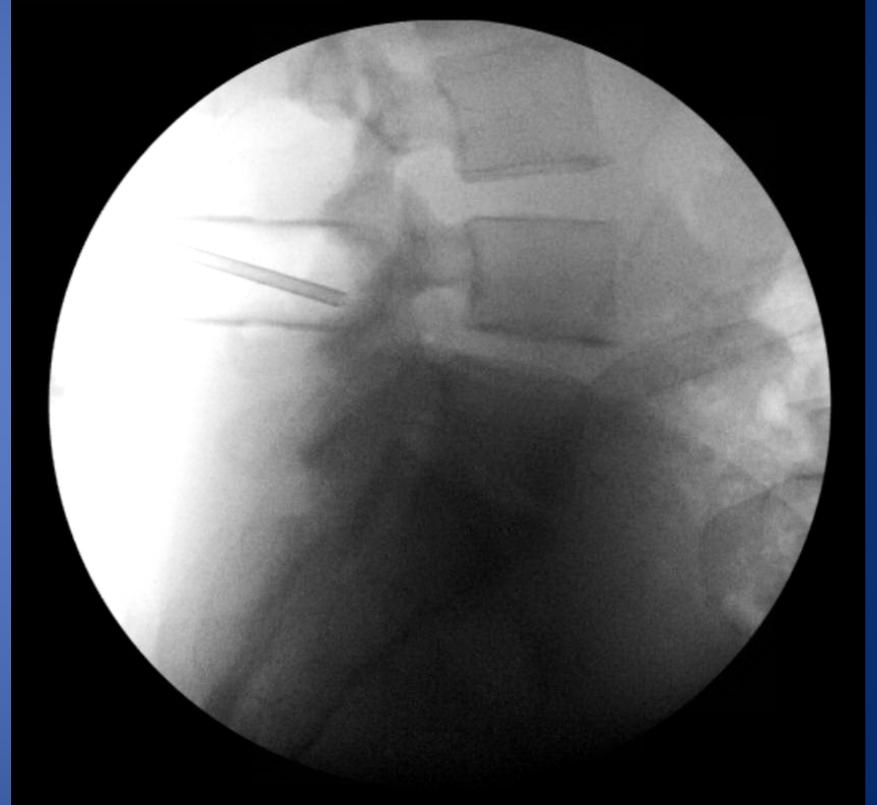


Fix retractor

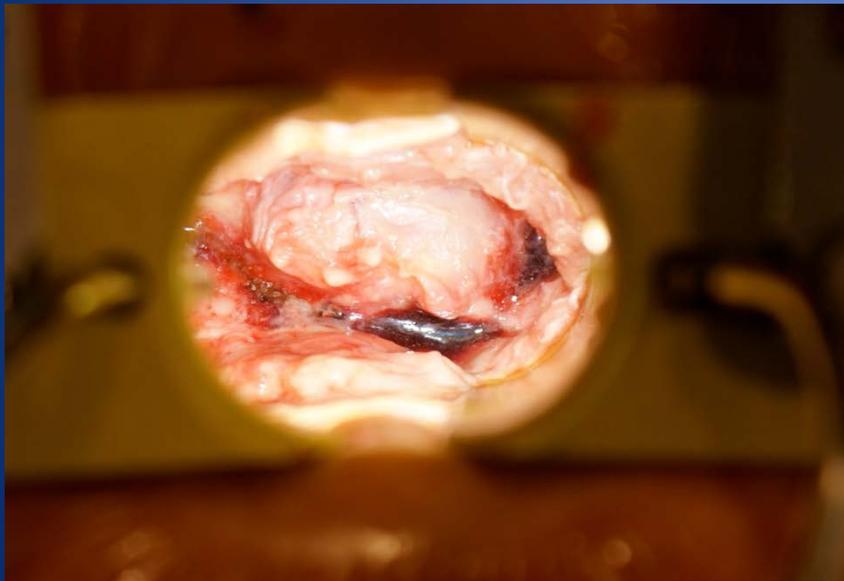
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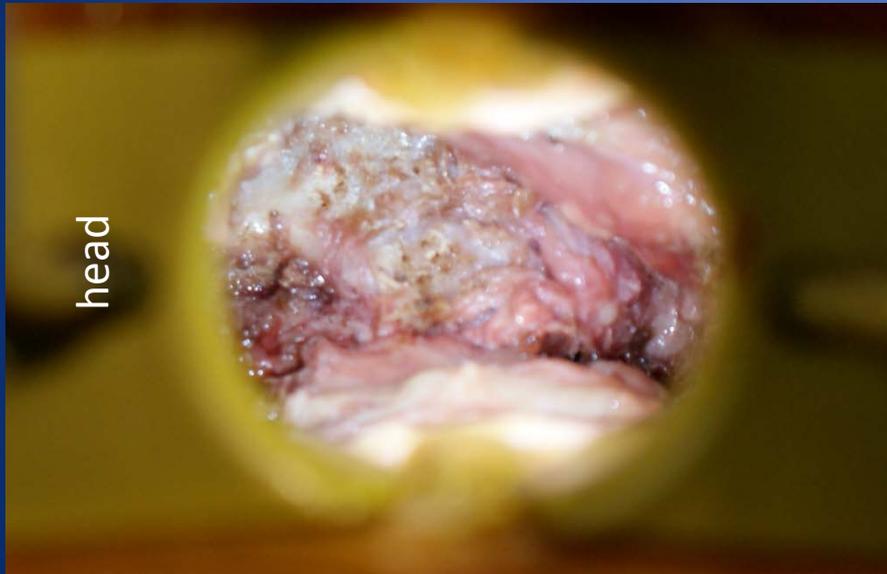
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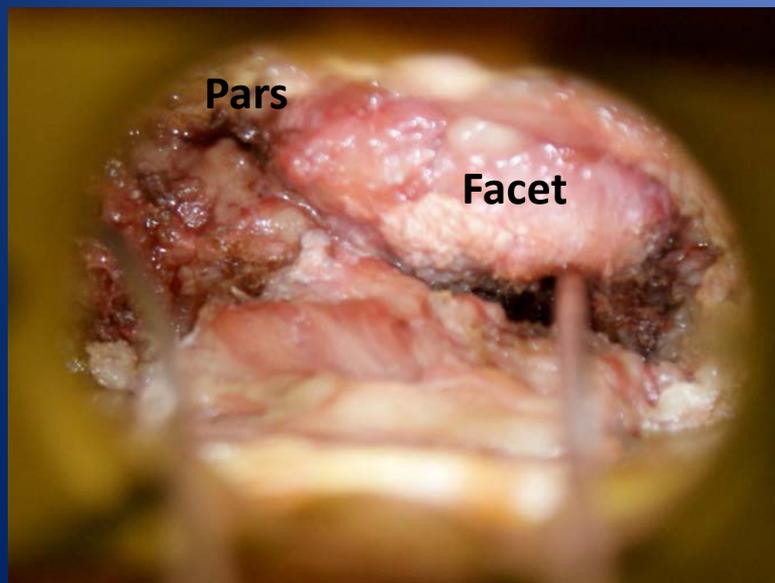
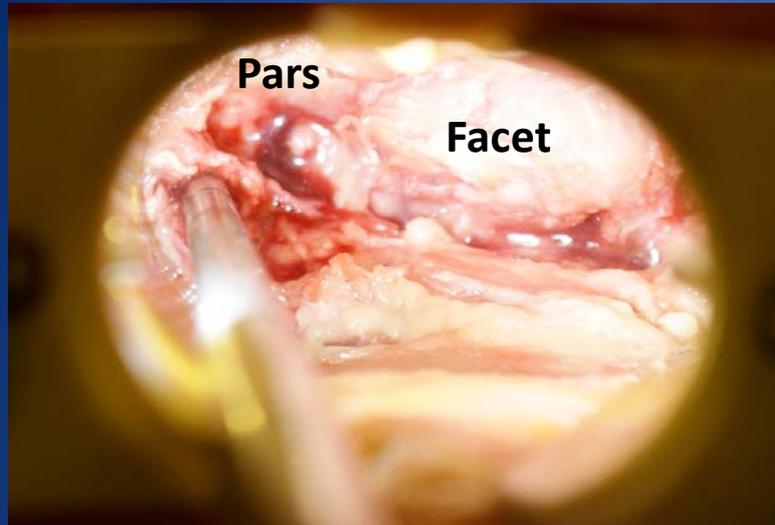
# Initial view



# Exposure of Lamina

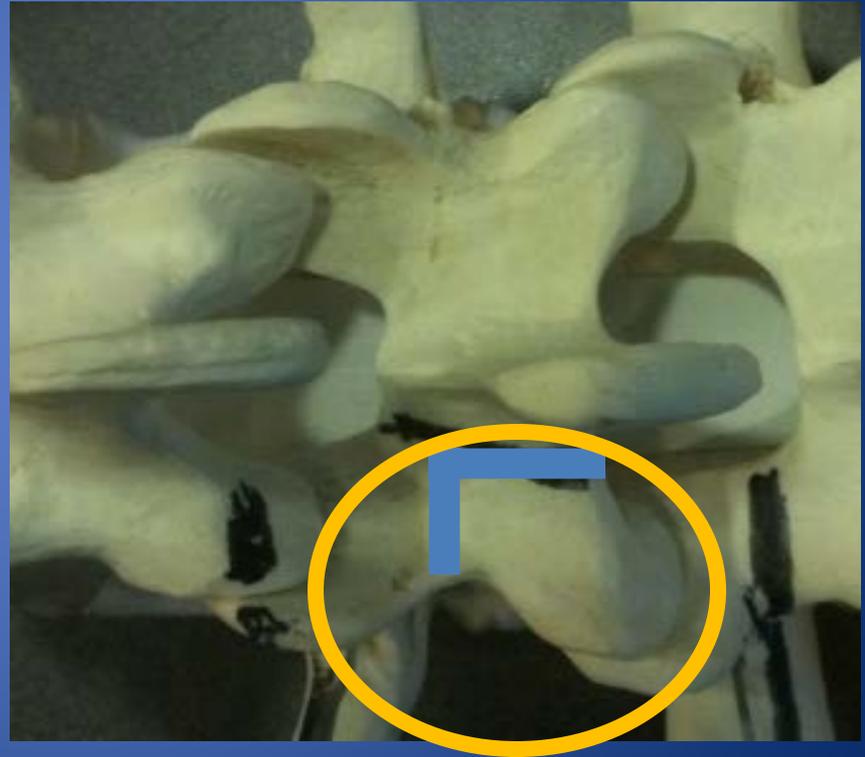
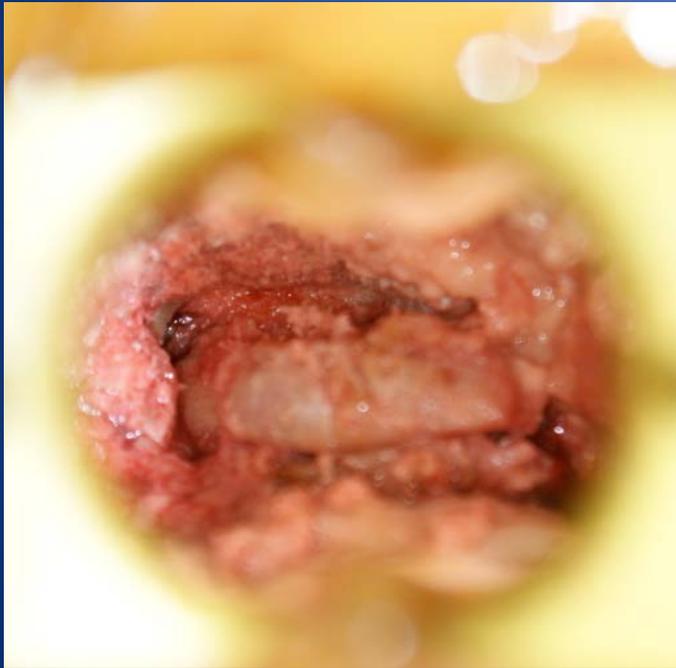


# Pedicle Screw Preparation

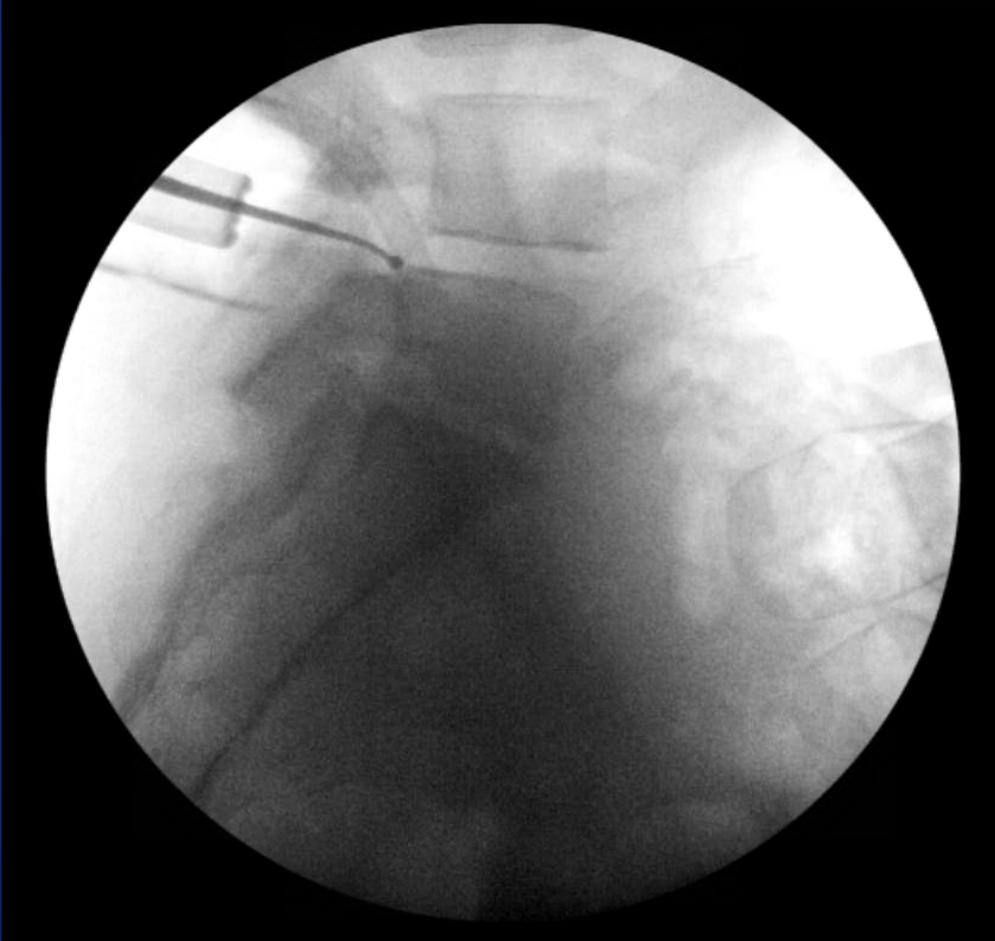


# Facetectomy: Descending Articular Process

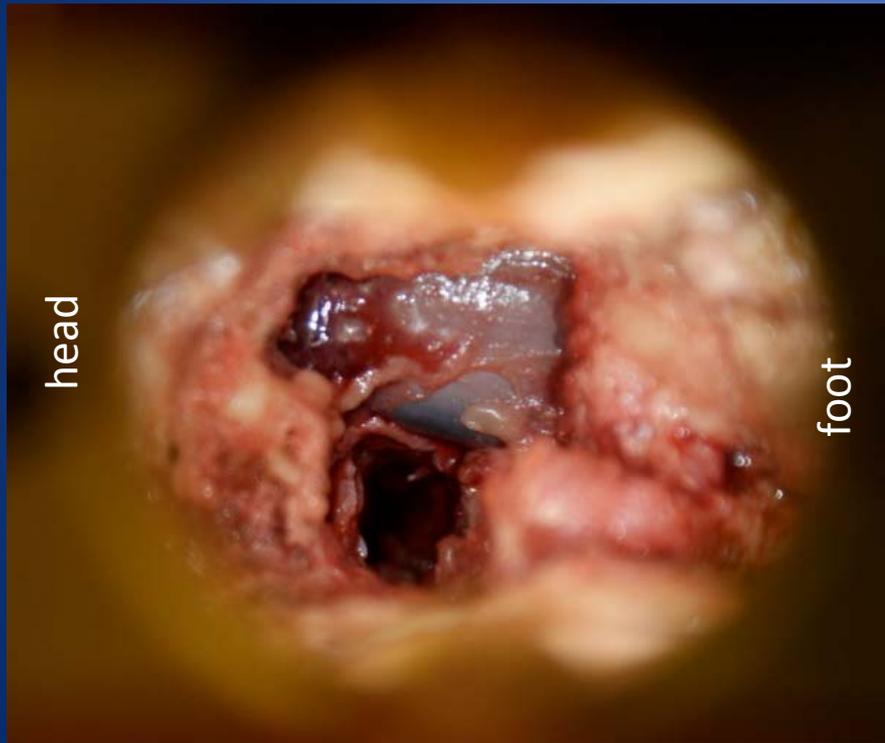
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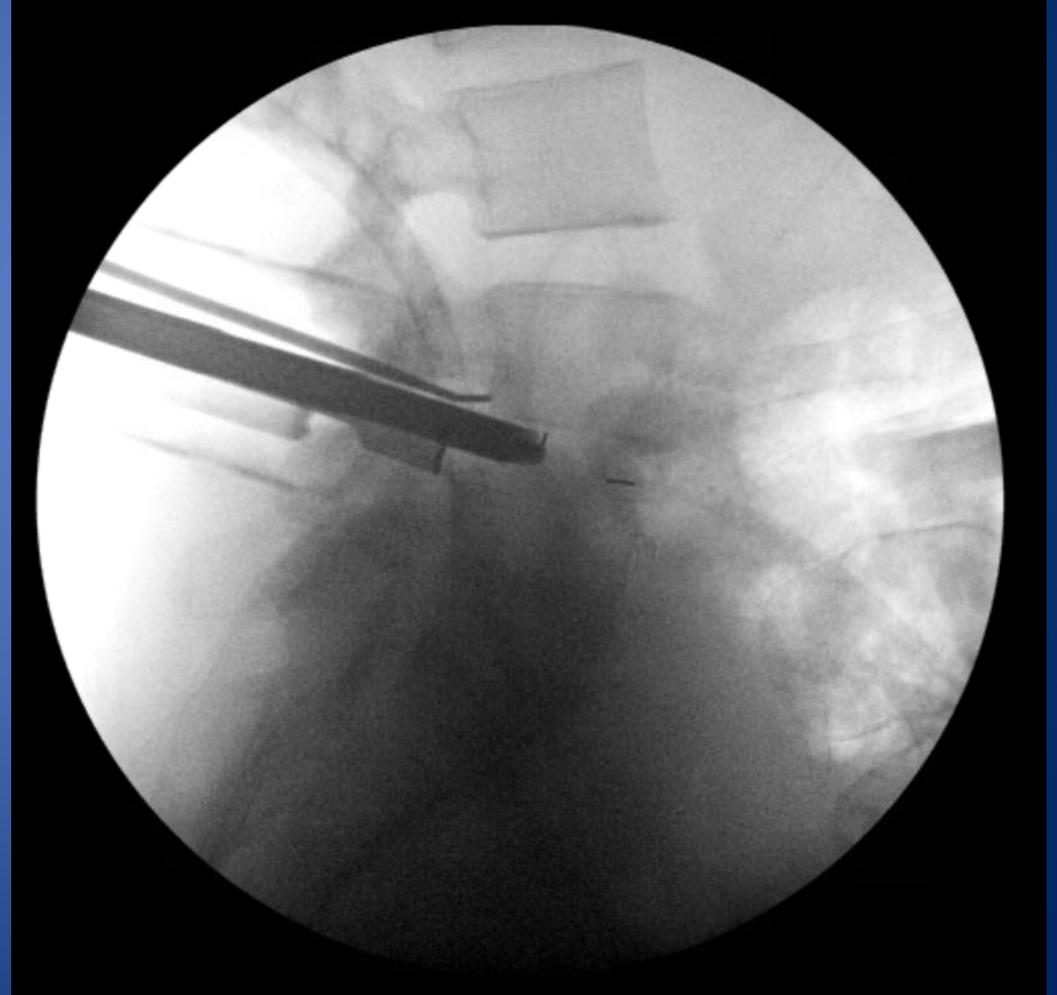
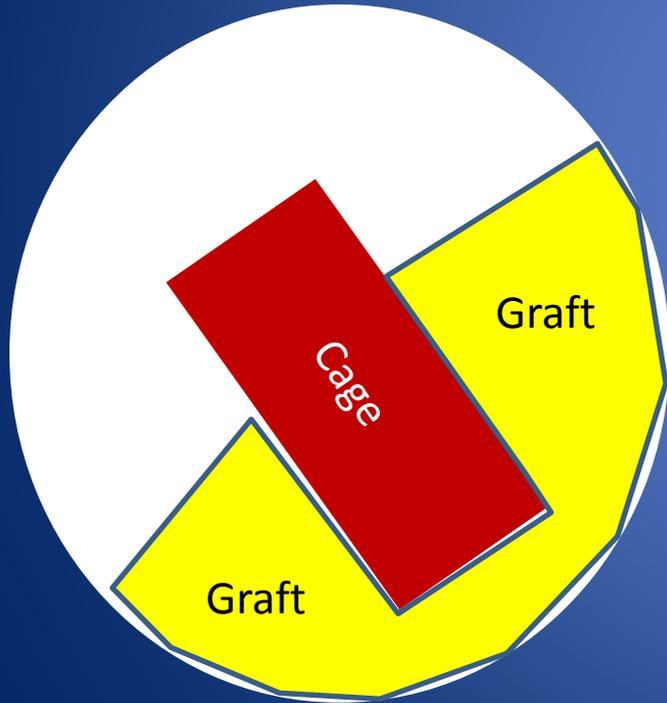
# Facetectomy: Ascending Articular Process / Subarticular Decompression



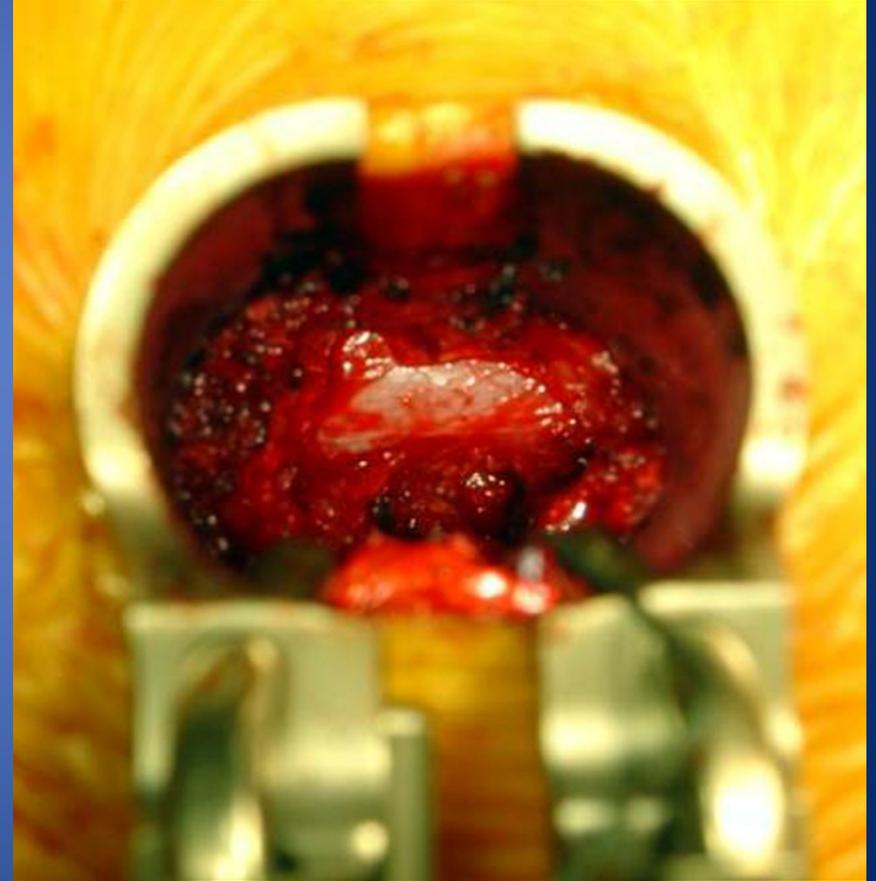
# Discectomy



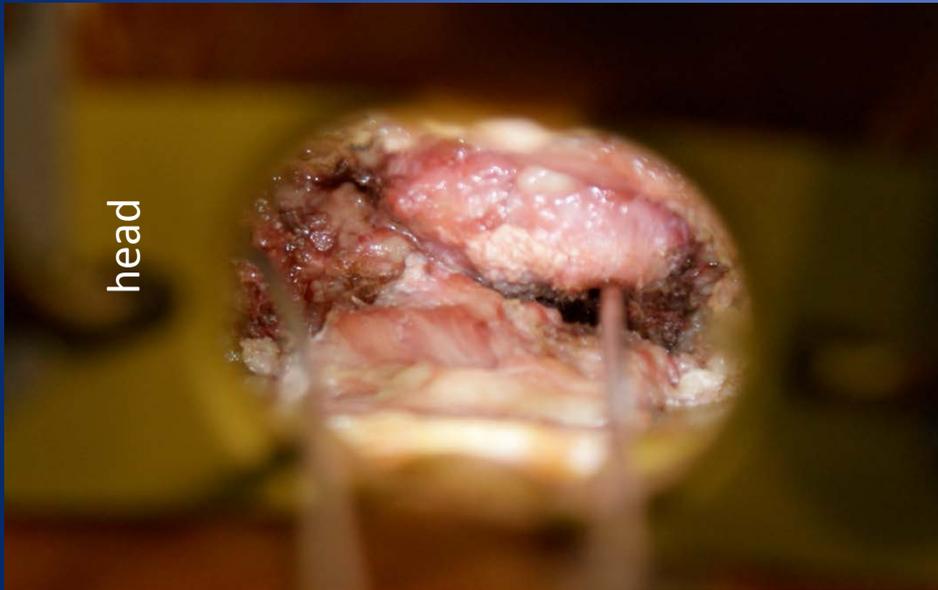
# Placement of Graft / Interbody Cage



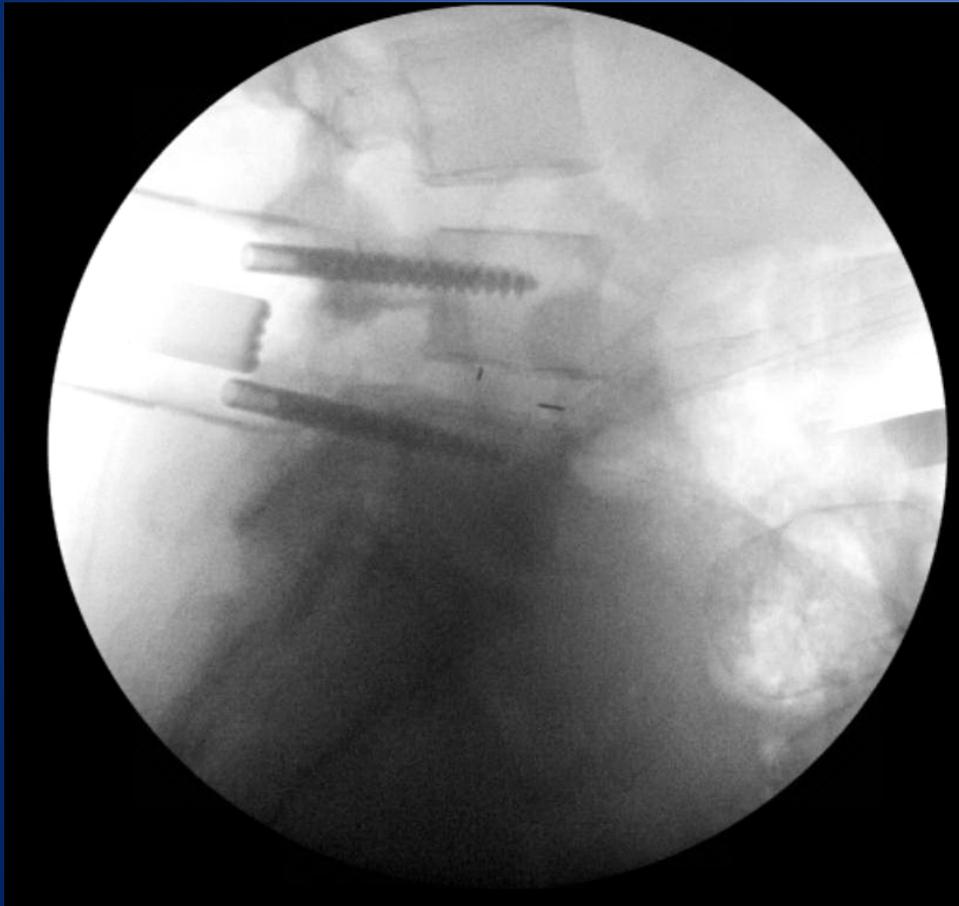
# Decompression



# Free Hand Pedicle Screw Placement

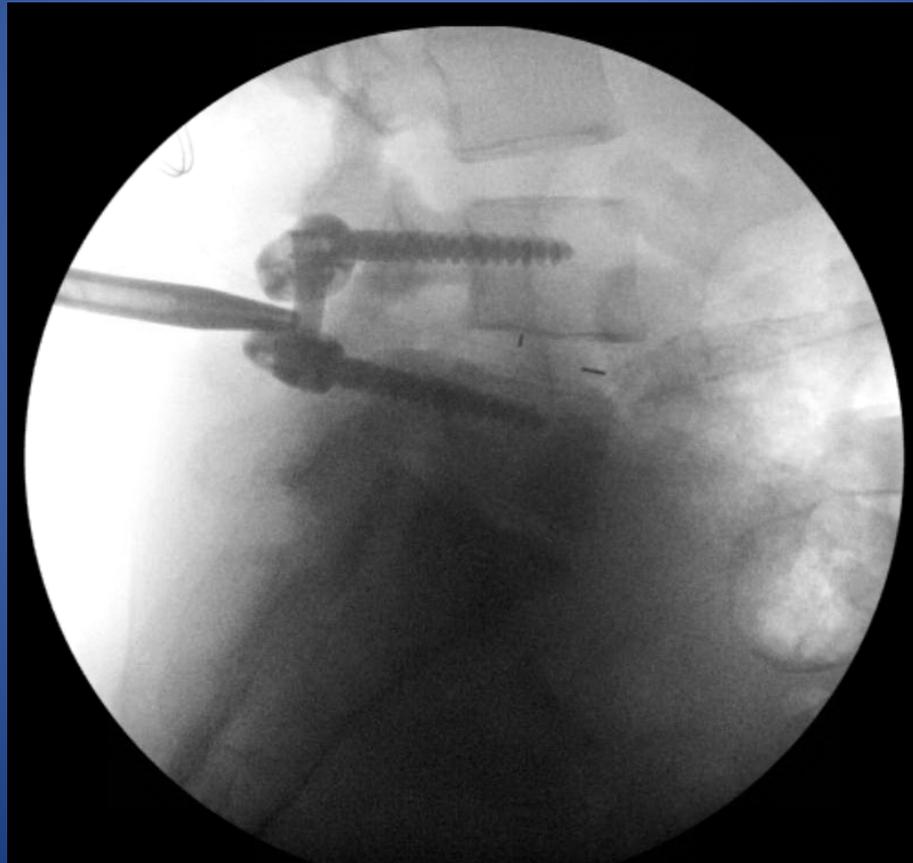


Place rods and compress  
Take table out of kyphosis!

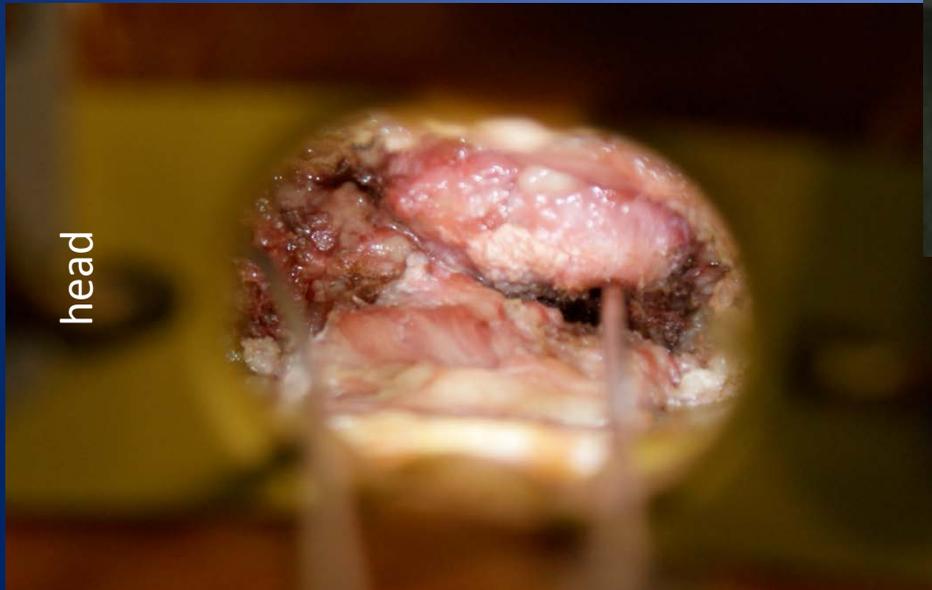
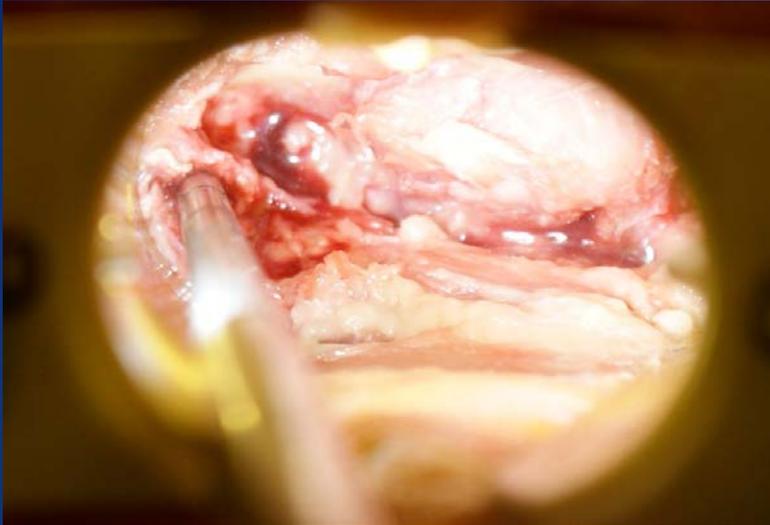


Compression

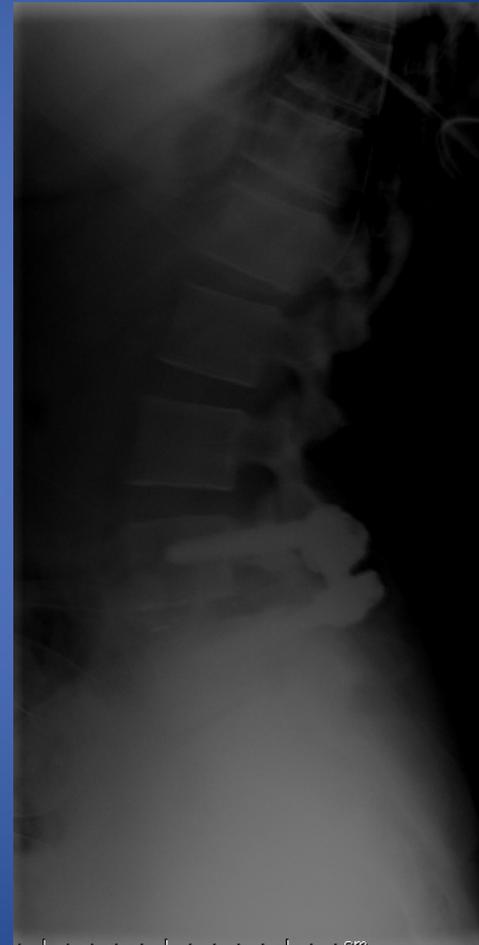
Dilate and secure retractor on  
contralateral side



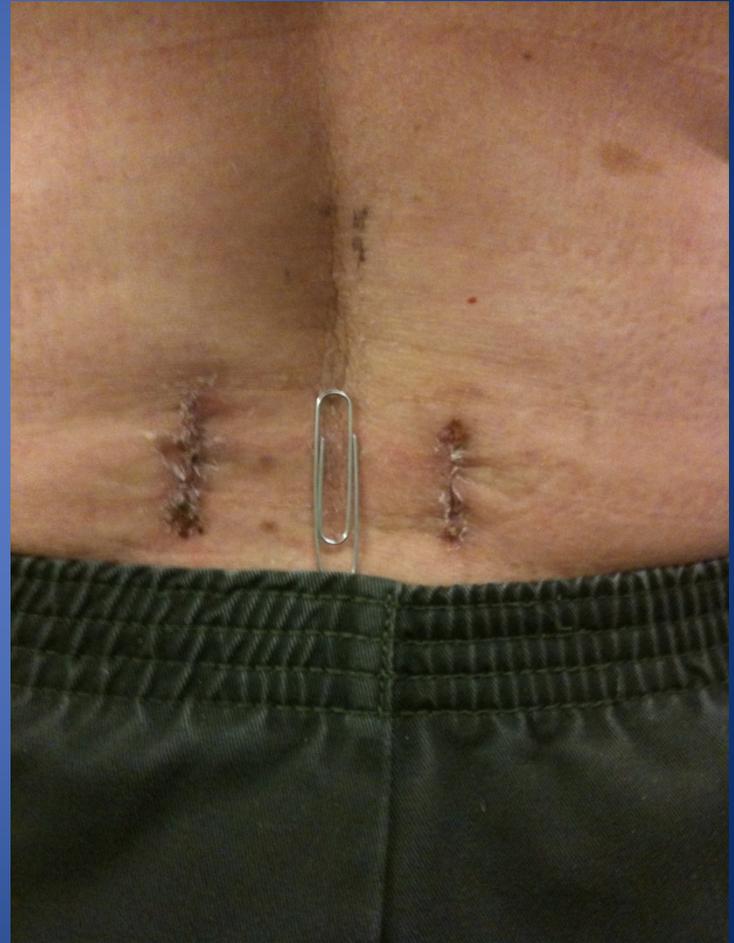
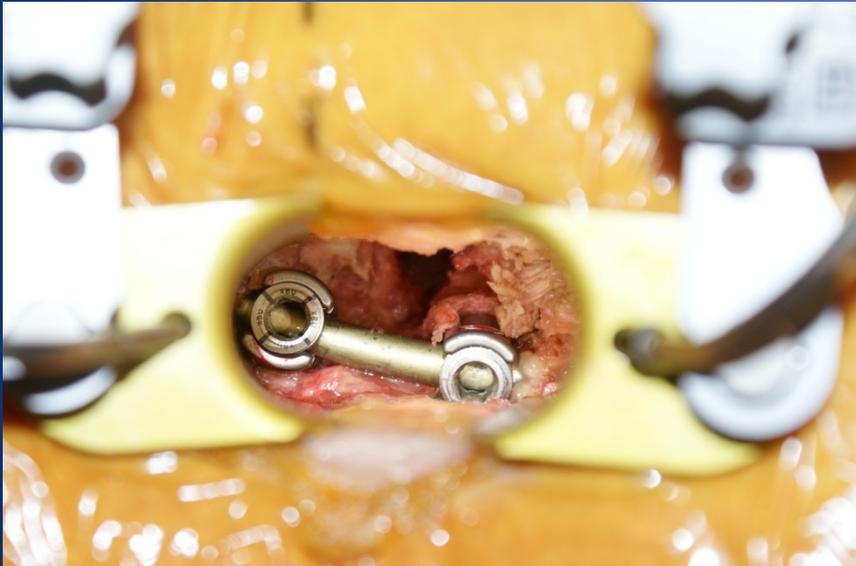
# Contralateral Pedicle Screw Placement and Facet Fusion



# Final Xrays



# Final

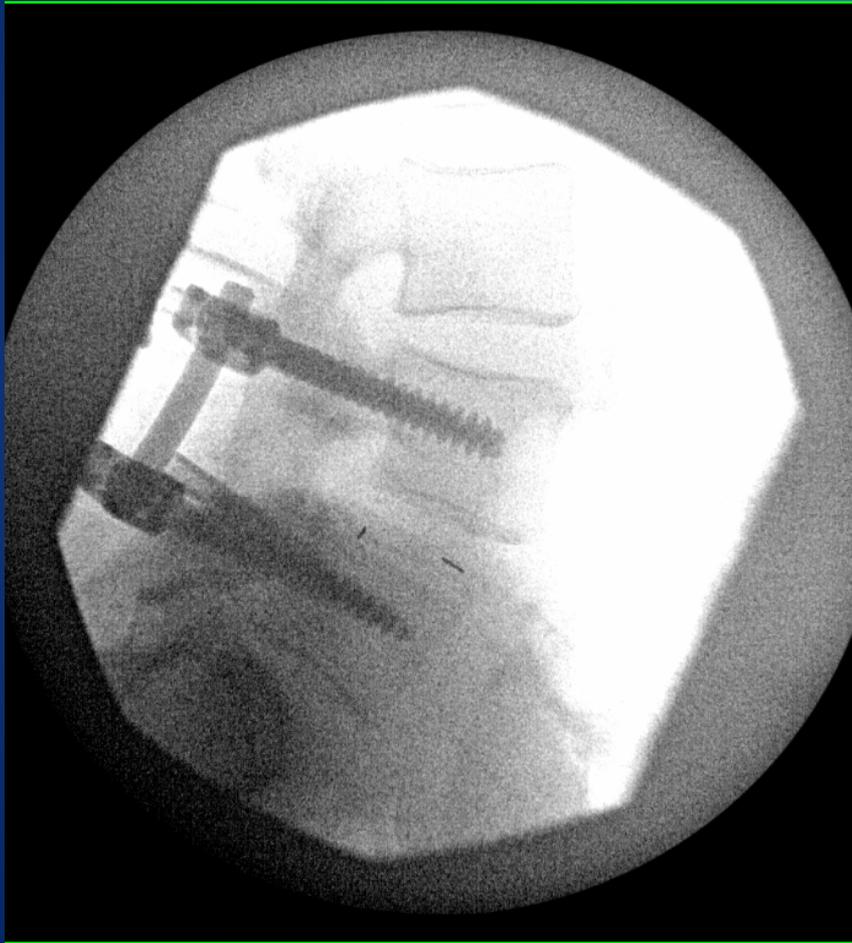


# Morbid Obesity

- Need extended tubes (100mm and greater)
- Axis Jackson Table
- Long Kerrisons
- Trajectory is very important
- Start a little more lateral
- Consider adding a posterolateral fusion
- Small movements at top of tube = large movements at bottom



# Percutaneous vs Open screws



Author(s) (Year)	Procedure N	EBL (mL)	OR Time (min)	Hospitals Stay (days)
Schwender et al. 2005	MIS TLIF – PS n= 49	<140	240	1.9
Park and Ha 2007	MIS PLIF – PS n=32	433	192	5.3
	Open PLIF n=29	738	149	10.8
Schizas et al. 2008	MIS TLIF – PS n=18	456	NR	6.1
	Open TLIF n=18	961		8.2
Peng et al. 2009	MIS TLIF – PS n=29	150	216	4
	Open TLIF n=29	681	171	6.7
Dhall et al. 2008	MIS TLIF – MO n=21	194	199	3
	Open TLIF n=21	505	237	5.5

### MIS TLIF Results

EBL: MIS << Open

OR Time: MIS > Open

Hospital Stay MIS < Open by about 2 days.

Table 2: MIS Decompression

Author (s) (Year)	Procedure # of patients	Diagnosis	EBL (mL)	OR Time (minutes )	Hospital Stay (days)	Clinical results
Sasai et al. 2008	MIS Decompression	Spondylolysthesis N=23 patients Stenosis N=25 patients	97 65	186 191	NR NR	ODI Δ: 12 ODI Δ: 17
Podichetty et al. 2006	MIS Decompression	Stenosis Spondylolystehsis (31%)	92	91	1.2 days 88% <24 hours	NR
Weinstein et al. 2008	Laminectomy Randomized: 280 Observational: 365	Stenosis without Spondylolysthesis	314	120	3.0	As Treated Analysis ODI Δ Surgery: 21 ODI Δ No Surgery: 9

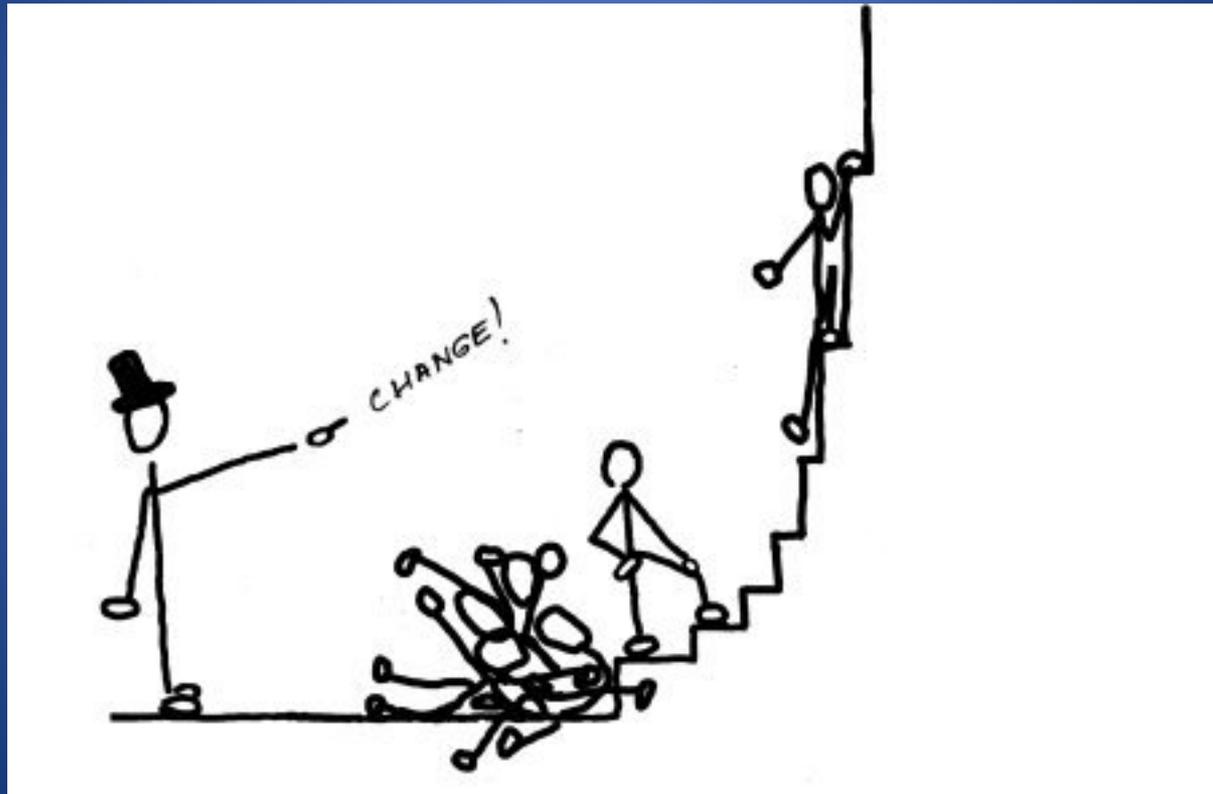
## MIS Decompression Results

EBL: MIS < Open

OR Time: MIS = Open

Hospital Stay: MIS < Open (2 days)

# Why doesn't everyone do this?



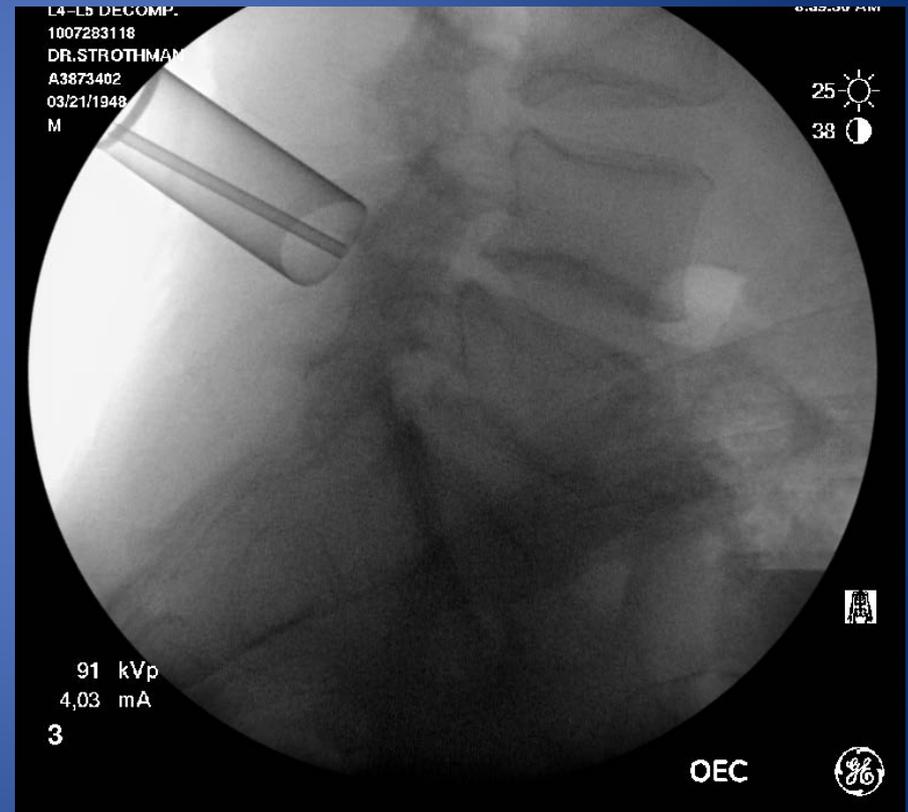
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# Case MF

## MAST Decompression L4-5



Patient eating at McDonalds POD#0



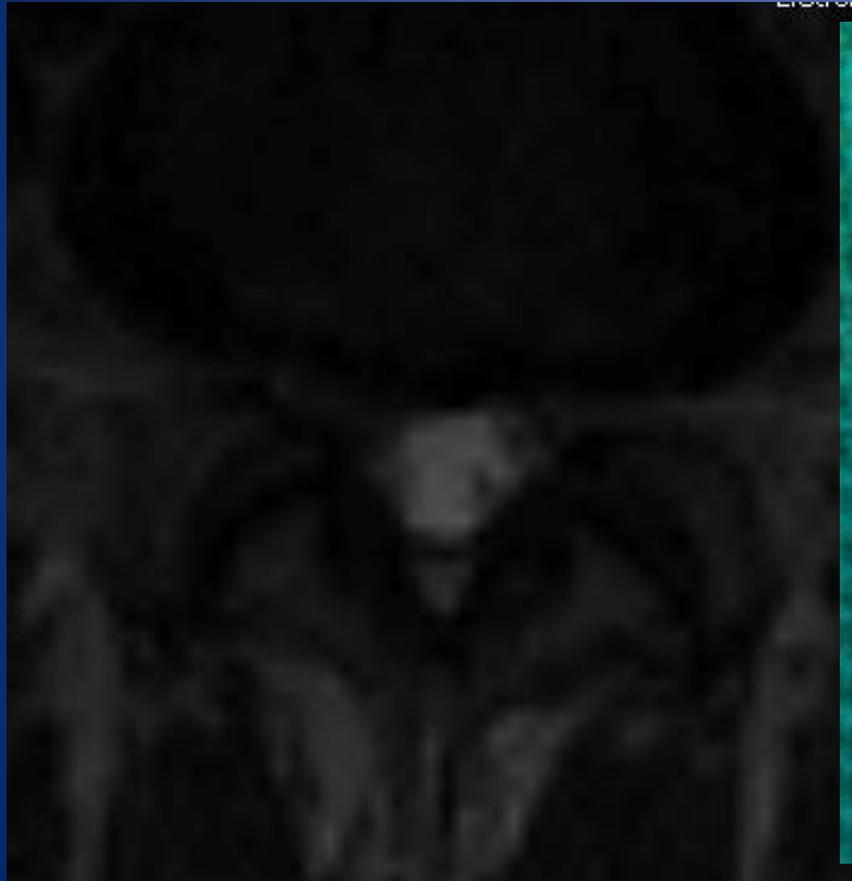
# Incision MIS Decompression



IDEAL CASE

**RIGHT L4-5 HERNIATED DISC**

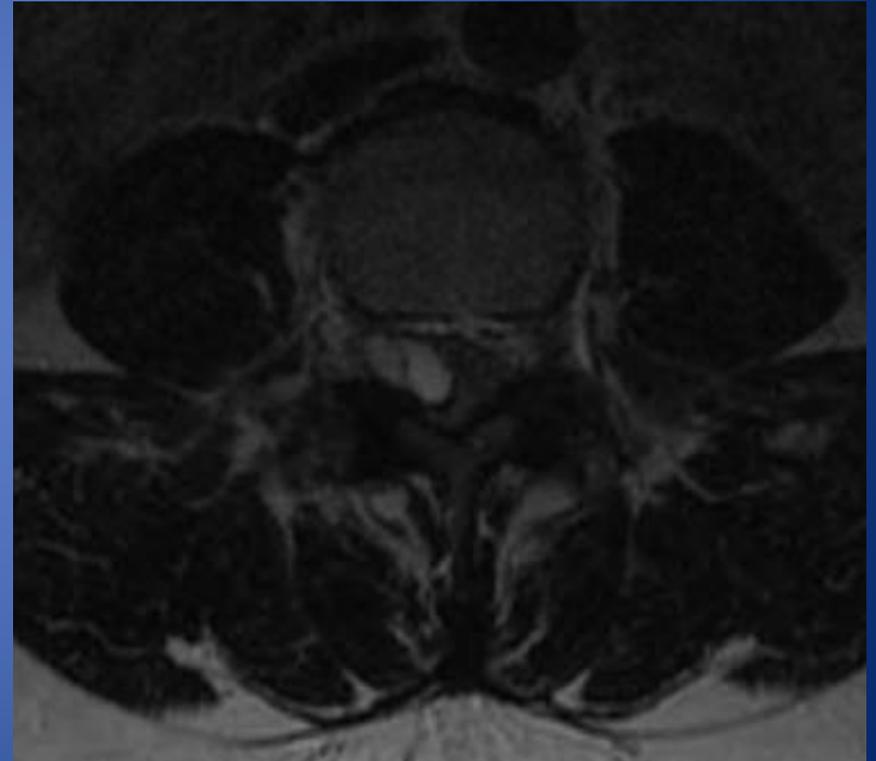
# MIS Discectomy



Ideal Case

# **SYNOVIAL CYST**

# Minimally invasive decompress / excision of synovial cyst



Ideal Case

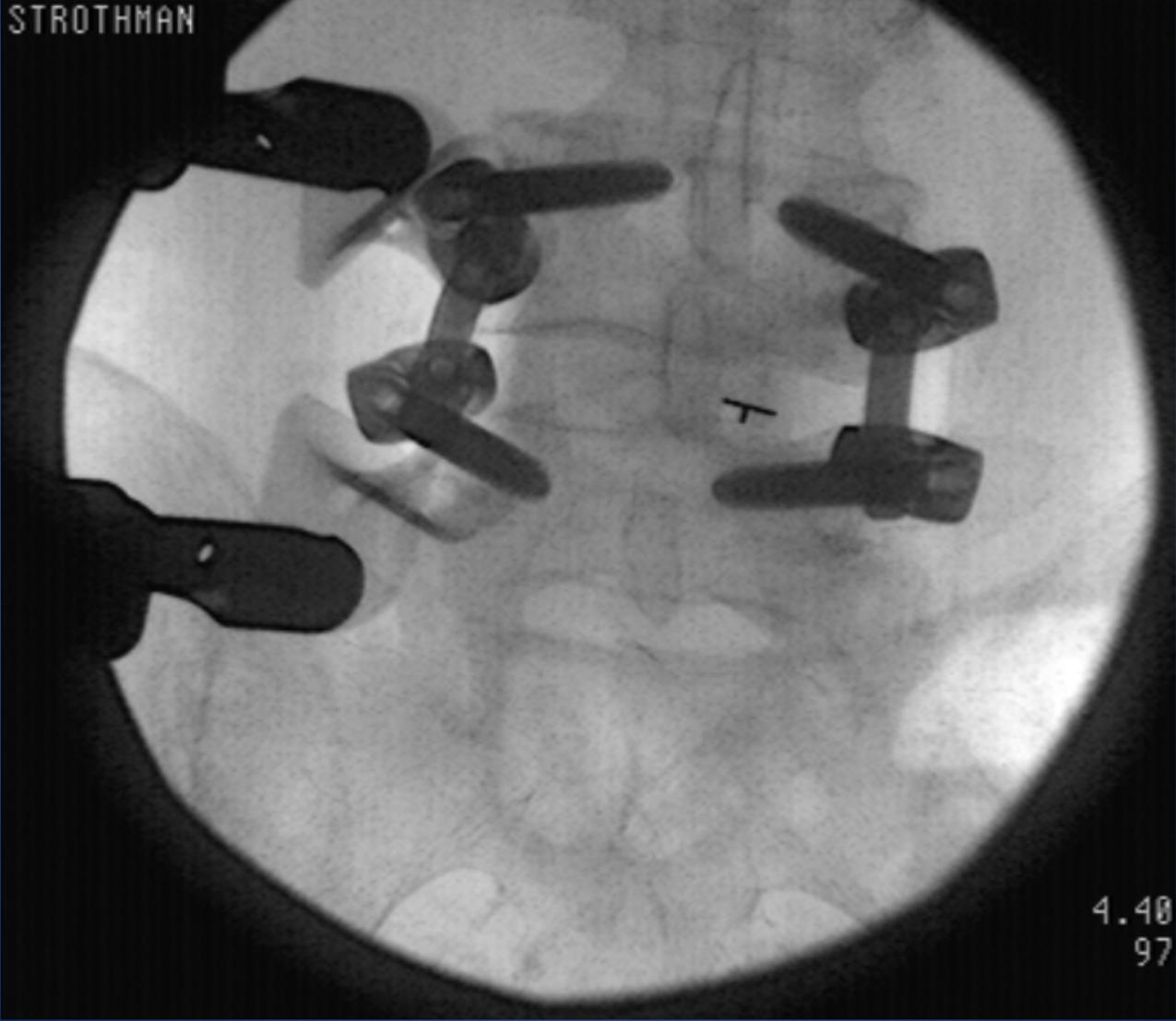
# **SEVERE FORAMINAL STENOSIS**

# 74 yo Male with Right Leg Pain





# MIS TLIF, Decompression, PSF L4-5







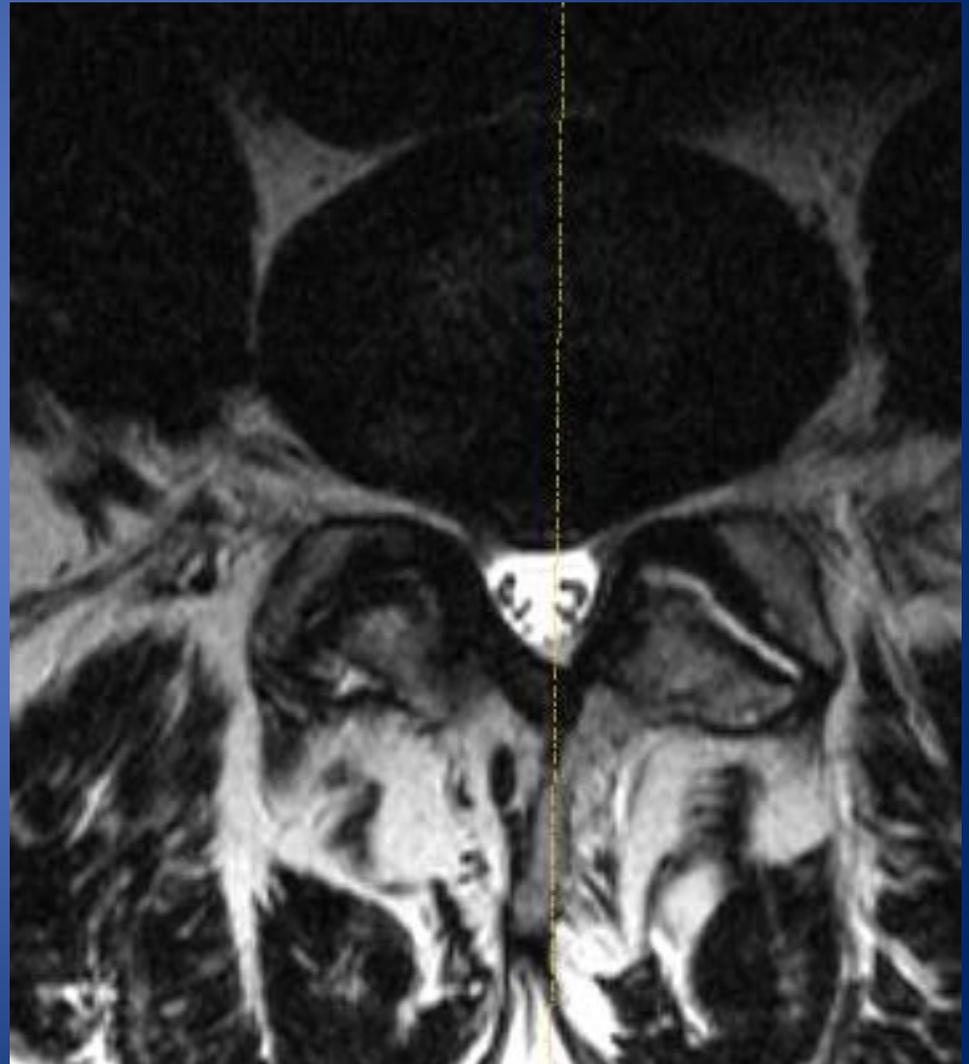
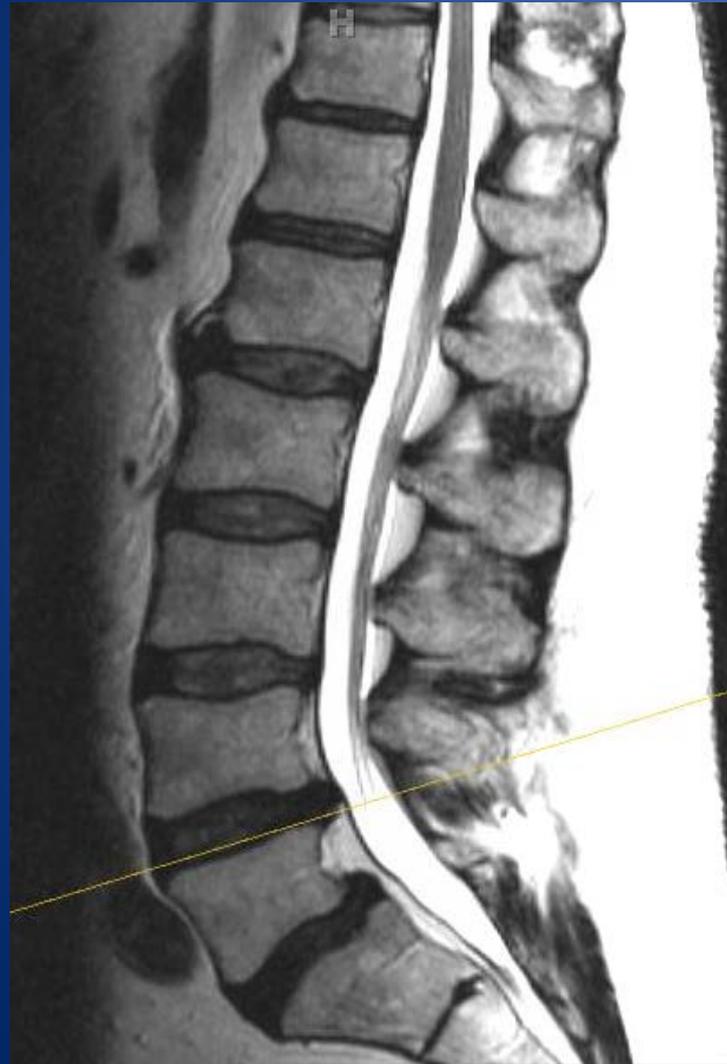
Ideal Candidate

# **ISTHMIC SPONDYLOLISTHESIS**

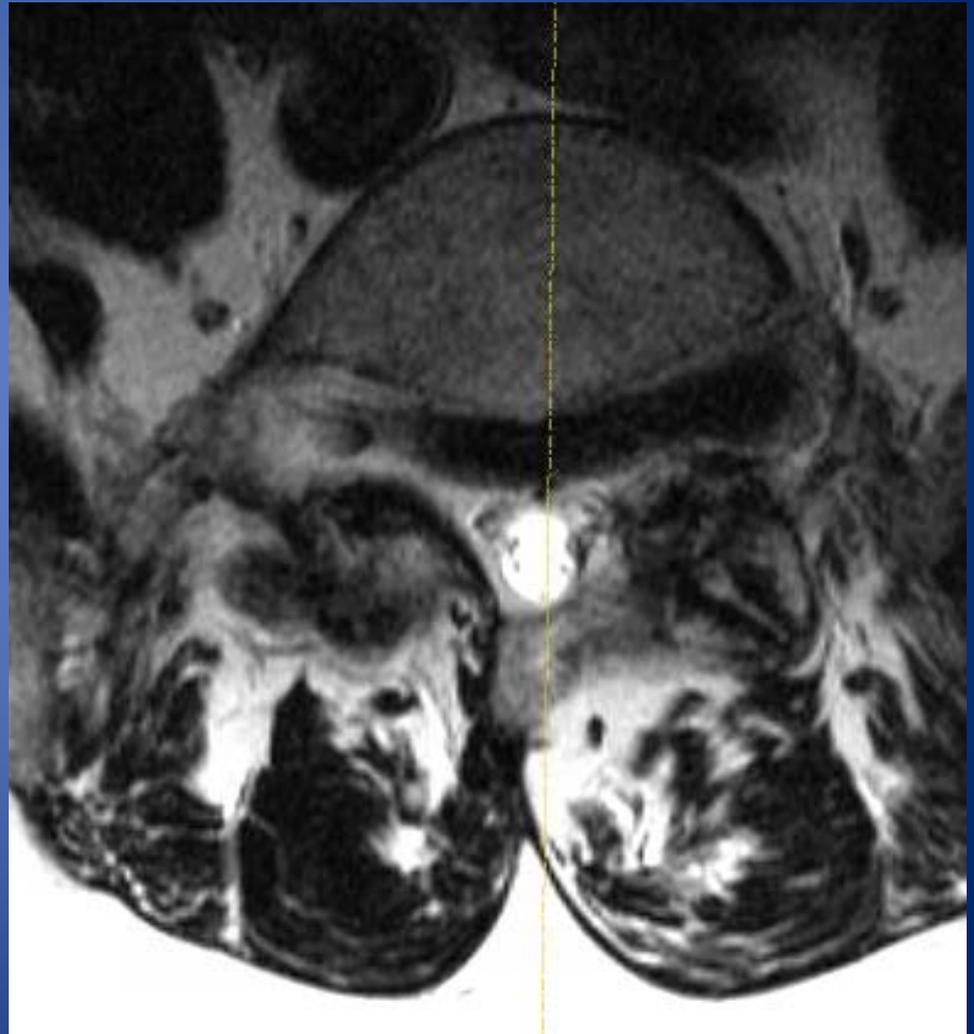
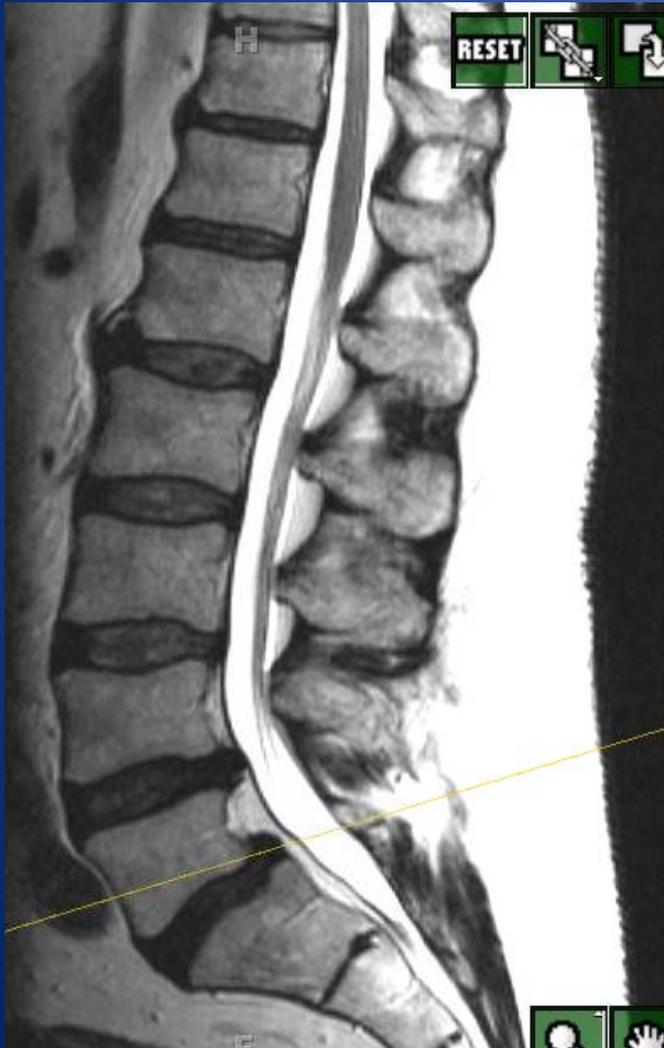
# CASE JH

- CC: 80% LBP, 20% Left Leg Pain
- HISTORY: Long history for low back pain, but pain has been severe x 5 months. Walk 1-2 blocks. Stand 5 minutes. Sit for hours. Relief of pain with bending forward and sitting.
- Left L5 NRI: 80% relief for 3 hours, No long term relief.
- Has failed non surgical care (PT, Chiro, etc.)
- EXAM: 5/5 BLE and WNL

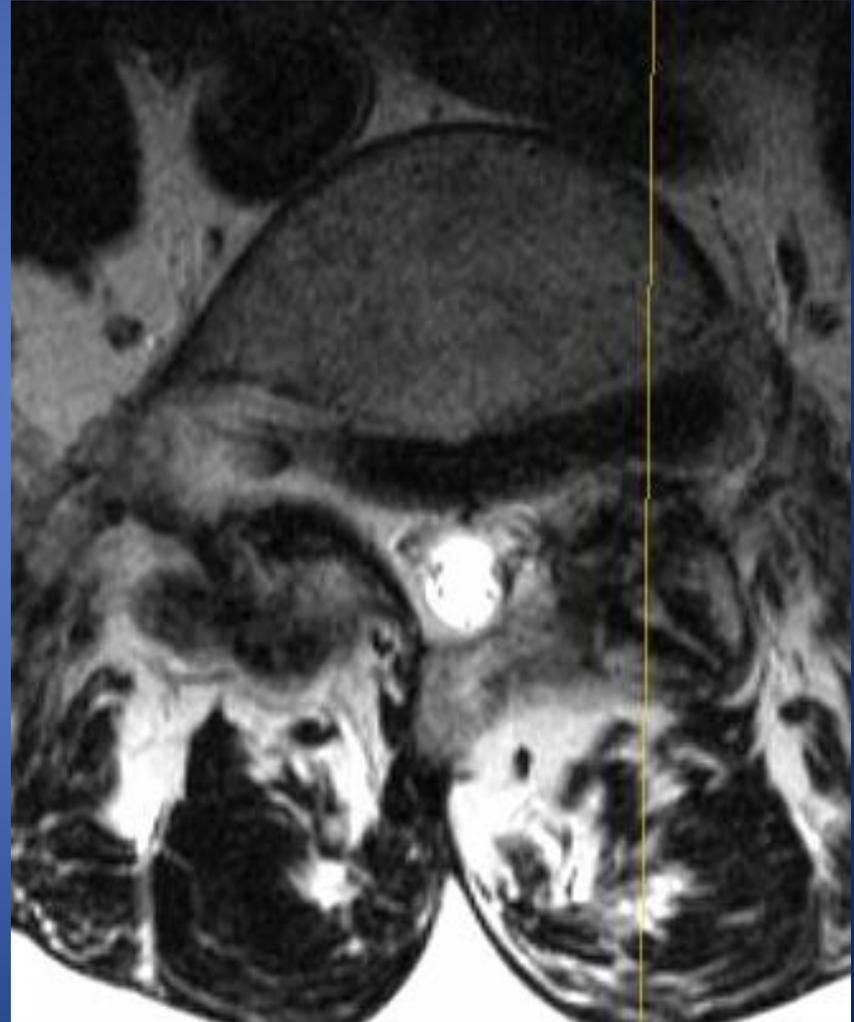
L4-5



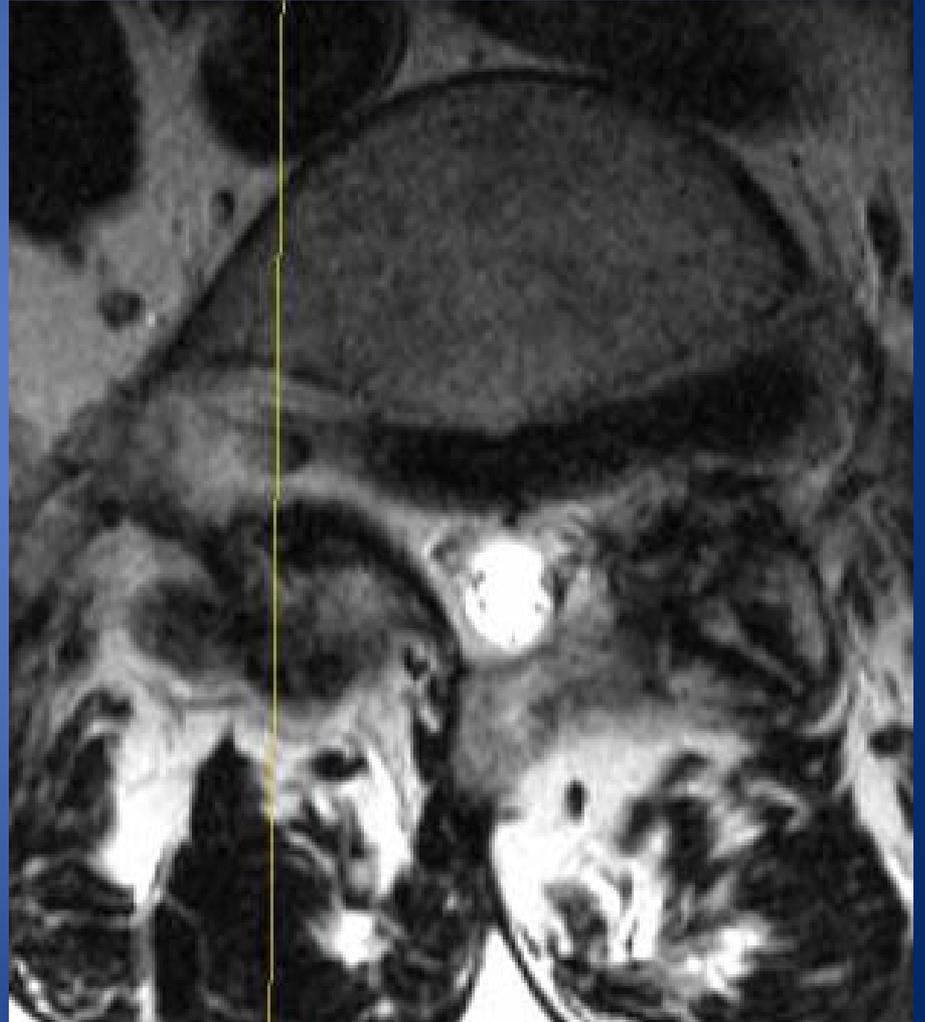
# L5-S1



Left



Right

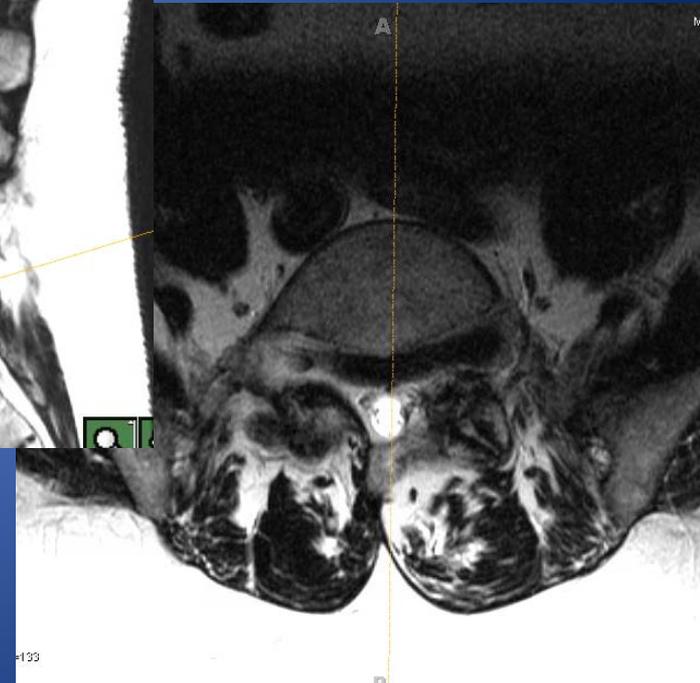
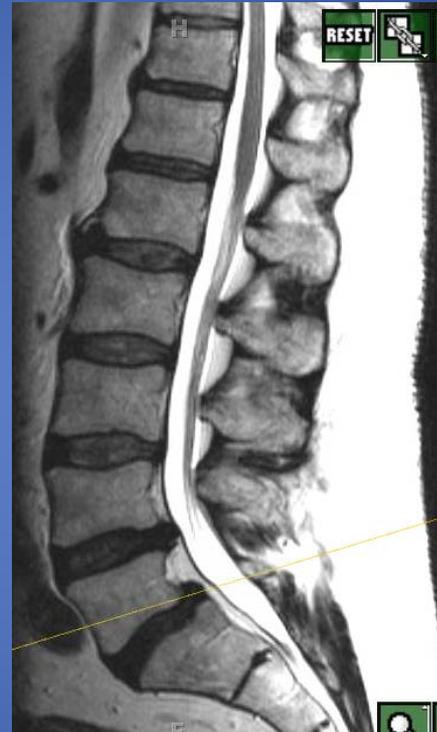






# Diagnosis

1. Left L5-S1 foraminal stenosis
2. Left L5-S1 foraminal HNP
3. Isthmic spondylolisthesis L5-S1
4. DDD L4-5



# MIS Decompression L4-5

MIS Left L5-S1 Transpedicular Decompression

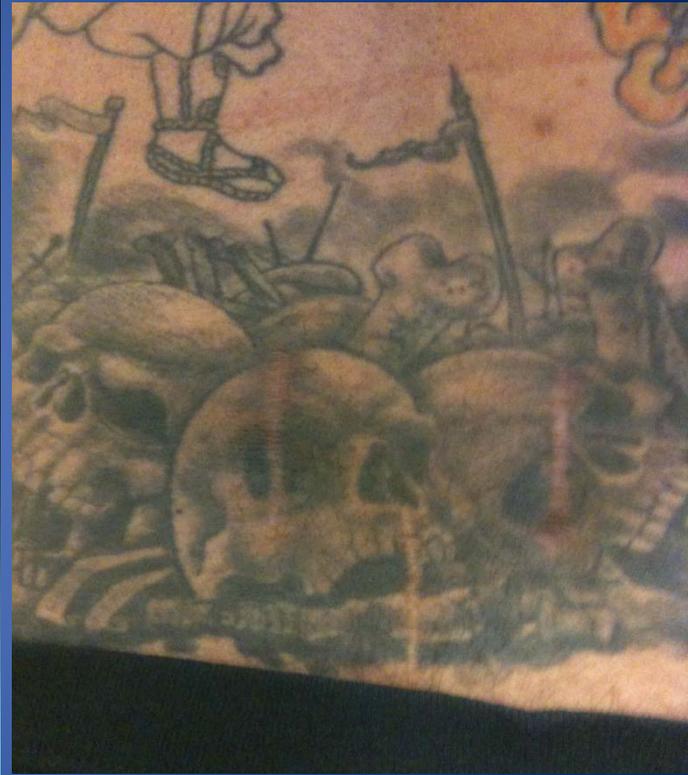
MIS TLIF/PSF L5-S1



Case Example

**2 LEVELS**

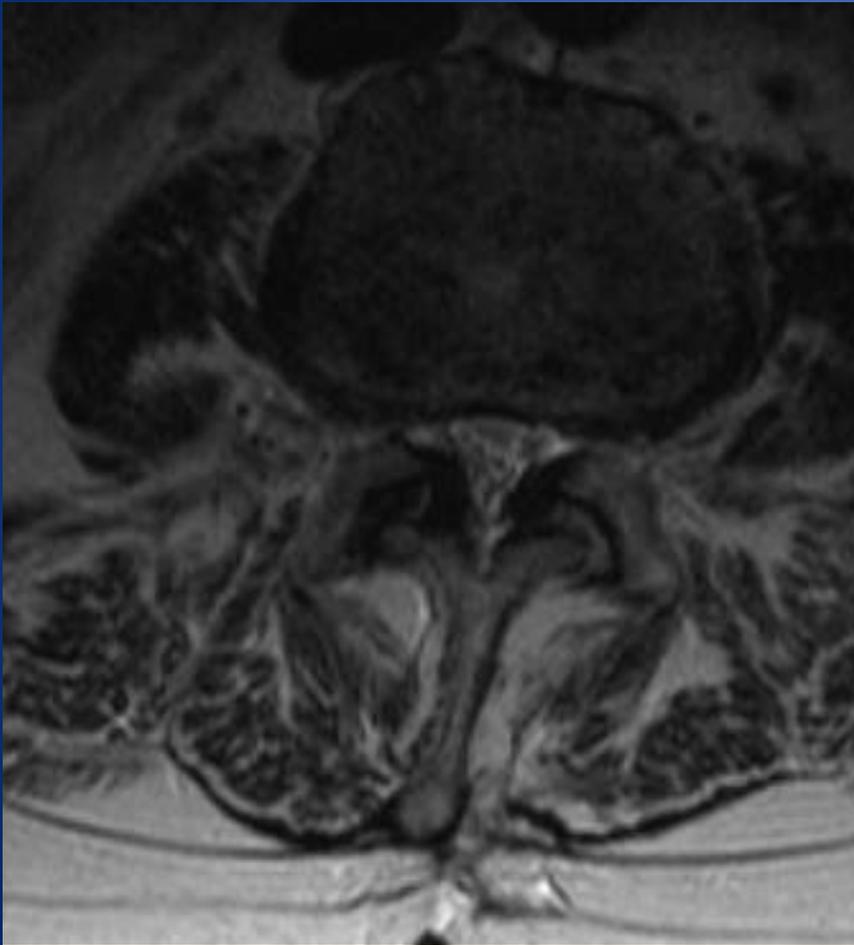
2 levels



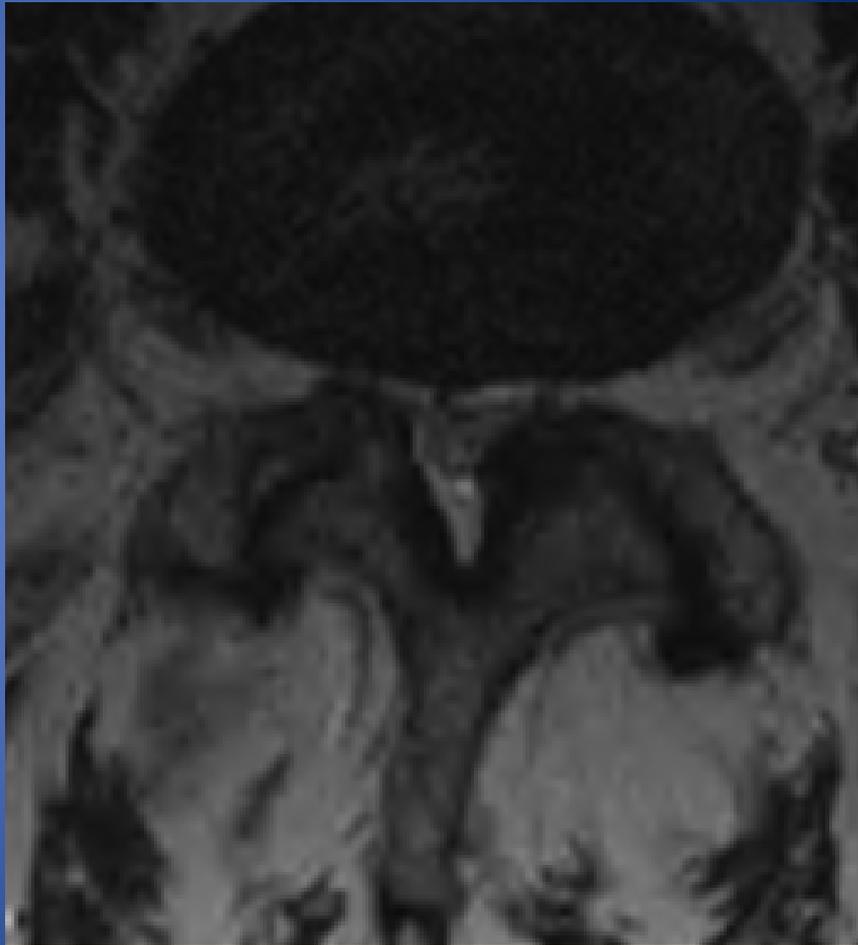
MIS Decompression

**GOOD CANDIDATE**

Patient MB



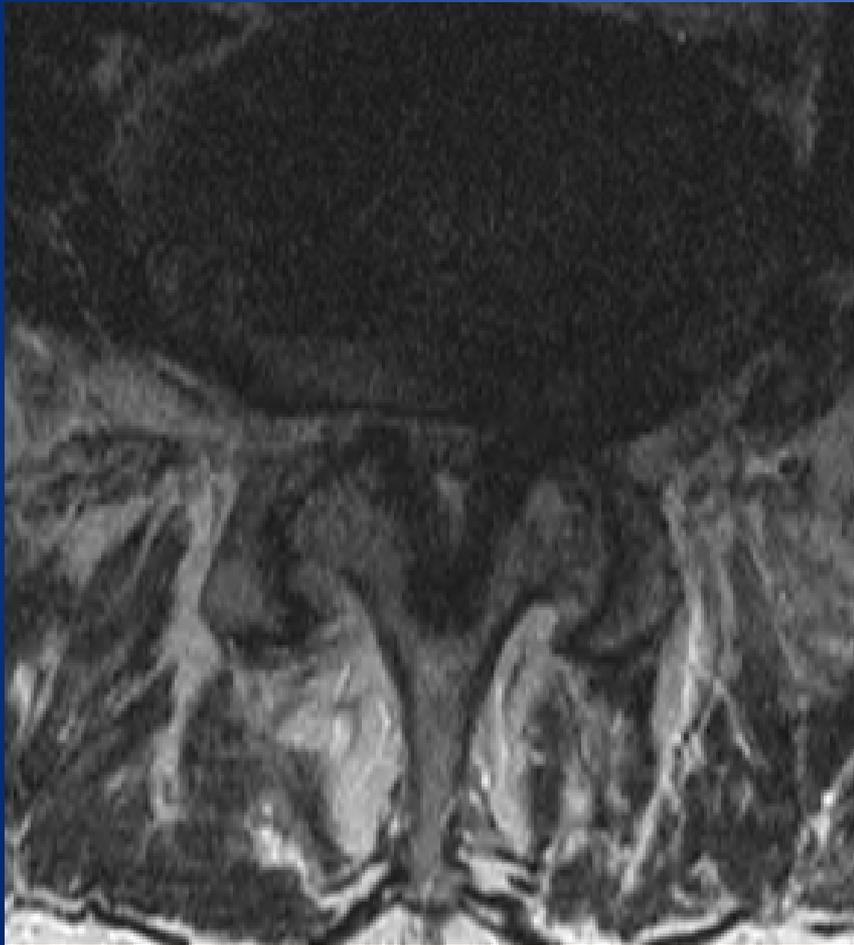
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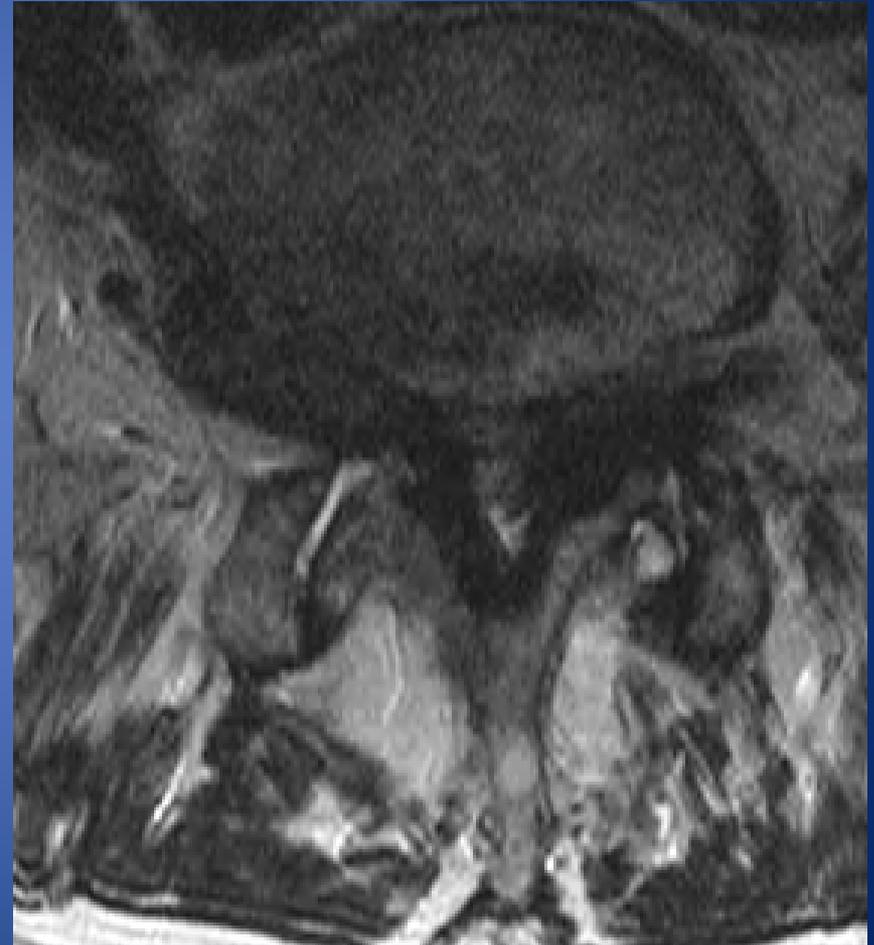
MIS Decompression

**POOR CANDIDATE**

**L3-4**



**L4-5**



# OUTPATIENT: Spine Surgery

ILBNC EXPERIENCE

# ILBNC Surgery Center Plymouth, MN



- Surgical Cases done to date
  - Discectomies
  - One level decompressions
  - Two level decompressions
  - Synovial cyst resection
  - Lumbar hardware removals
  - Anterior cervical decompression and fusion
  - Lumbar fusions

# Overnight Stay Available

- Quiet and Comfortable
- Concierge level care
- Private ILBNC RN



# THE ILBNC OUTPATIENT ADVANTAGE

- Better patient experience
- Better Outcomes
- Lower Cost



Patient Satisfaction: 100% Good or Excellent quarter 1, 2015

# PATIENT SERVICE / EXCELLENCE!



# Questions

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