



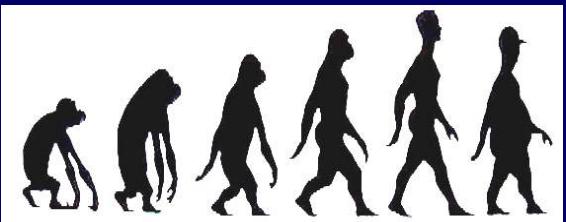
## 腰椎微創手術治療新趨勢

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## Low Back Pain



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## LBP & Sciatica



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## Incidence



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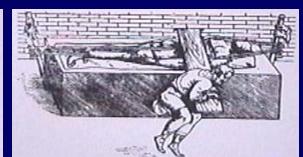
## Prevention



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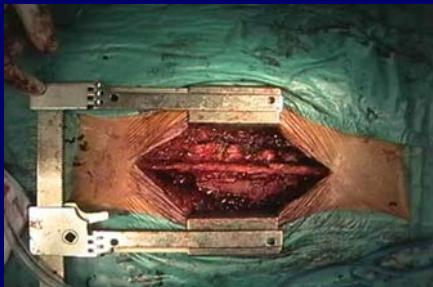
## Traditional Treatment



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## Traditional Surgery



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## Traditional Surgery

- Prolonged general anesthesia & operation
- Large surgical field
- Lengthy hospitalization and recovery
- Significant blood loss
- Damage to paraspinal soft tissues
- Infection
- More expance

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## 內視鏡 vs 通水管



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New technological advances usher us into a newer and higher standard of spinal surgery:

### *Minimal Invasive Spine Surgery*

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## Minimal Invasive Surgery

- Less wound size
- Less traumatic ( physically and psychologically )
- Less surgical & anesthesia risk
- Same-Day surgery or Less hospitalization
- Early recovery & rehab
- Less cost

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## Stanford Medical Center



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## Trip to Phoenix



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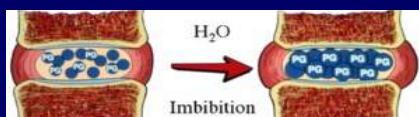
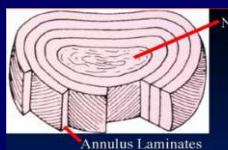
## Minimally Invasive Posterior Lumbar Surgery in CGMH

- Since 2000
- Intradiscal Electrothermal Therapy (IDET)
- Transforaminal Nerve Block
- Percutaneous Endoscope Discectomy (PED)
- Microendoscopic Discectomy (MED)
- Endoscope Assisted PLIF, TLIF
- Percutaneous Vertebroplasty

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## InterVertebral Disc



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## After Excessive Stress

- Matrix protein loss
- Loss of hydrostatic pressure
- Bulking of annular lamellae
- Annulus wall shear stress ↑, Tear
- Axial back pain & dysfunction

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## Degenerative Disc Disease without Sciatica



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## Treatment

- Aggressive non-operative cares
- Fusion ( potential complications )
- IDET

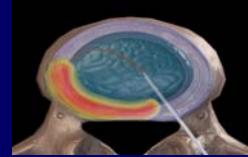
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# IntraDiscal ElectroThermotherapy ( IDET )

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- **85-90 °C**
    - Raised to 90 °C over 13 minutes
    - Maintained at 90 °C for 4 minutes



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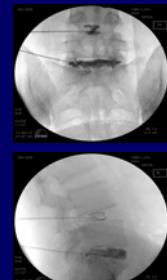
## Indications

- back pain > 6 months
  - Poor response to conservative treatment
  - No psychosocial problems
  - SLRT (-)
  - MRI: no compressive lesion
  - Provocative discogram (+)

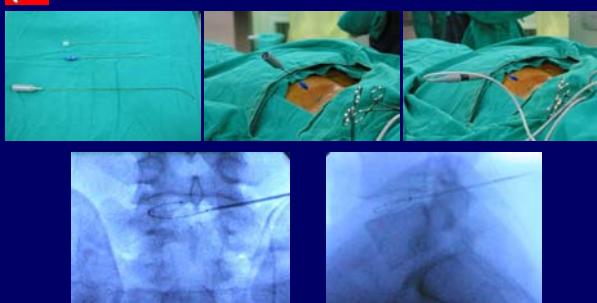
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## **Provocative Discogram**



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## Results of IDET

- 70% satisfied result Saal JA. Spine. 2000
  - 50% were dissatisfied Davis TT. Spine. 2004
  - Not effective Spruit M. Eur Spine J. 2002
  - Potentially beneficial in carefully selected patients Biyani A. Spine. 2003
  - Worthwhile in a small proportion of strictly defined patients Pauza KJ. Spine J. 2004

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## Complications

- Discitis
- Nerve root injury
- Catheter breakage
- Cauda equina syndrome

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## General Concept of IDET

- IDET should be considered as “Experimental Procedure”
- Maybe useful in highly selected patient

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## HIVD with Sciatica



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## Radiculogram & Transforaminal Nerve Block

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## Indications

- Radicular pain resistant to other therapeutic means
- Radicular pain for which operation is contraindicated

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## Contraindications

- Infection
- Disturbed consciousness
- Emotional instable
- Lack of understanding of the procedure

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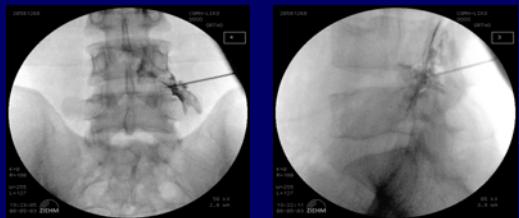
## L4 Needle Position



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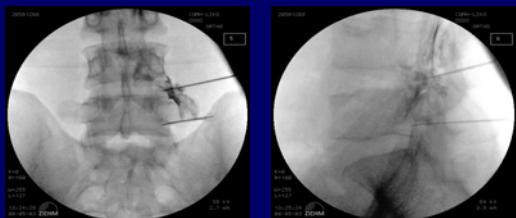
## L4 Radiculogram



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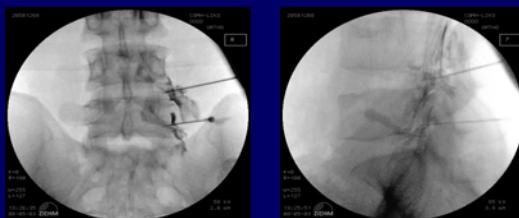
## L5 Needle Position



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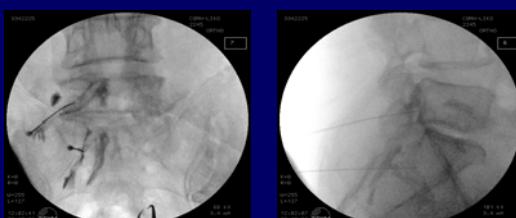
## L4 & L5 Radiculogram



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## L5 & S1 Radiculogram



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## Results

- 47% improved, 28% unchanged, 16% worse  
Tong HC. Spine J. 2003
- 84% success rate  
Vad VB. Spine. 2002
- 75.4% had a successful long-term outcome  
Lutz GE. Arch Phys Med Rehabil. 1998

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**Original Article**

**Transforaminal Epidural Steroid Injection for Discectomy Candidates: An Outcome Study with a Minimum of Two-Year Follow-up**

Shih-Chieh Yang, MD, Ming-Jui Fu, MD, Po-Ling Lin, MD, Chi-Chien Lin, MD, Li-Hsien Chen, MD, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

**Background:** The efficacy of epidural steroid injection for sciatica due to lumbar disc herniation is controversial. This study evaluates the therapeutic effect of an epidural steroid injection on patients with sciatica due to lumbar disc herniation.

**Methods:** A total of 160 patients with sciatica due to lumbar disc herniation were randomly assigned to receive transforaminal epidural steroid injection or conservative treatment. The primary outcome measures were the visual analog scale for low back pain and sciatica at baseline and at 3 months and 6 months after surgery. The secondary outcome measures were the visual analog scale for low back pain and sciatica at 12 months and 24 months after surgery.

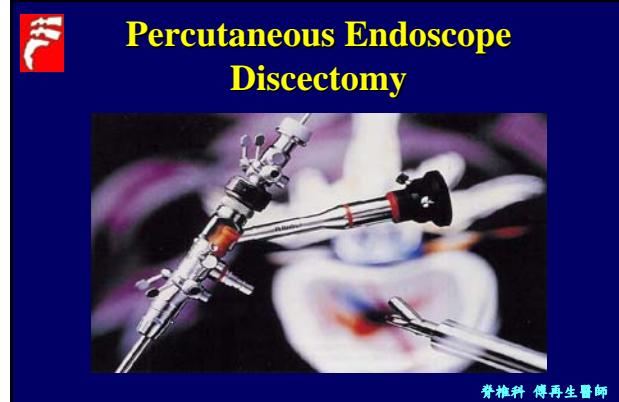
**Results:** The transforaminal epidural steroid injection group had significantly lower scores for low back pain and sciatica than the conservative treatment group at all time points. The final analysis comprised 119 patients with a mean follow-up of 2.2 years.

**Conclusion:** Transforaminal epidural steroid injection is effective for sciatica due to lumbar disc herniation in selected cases. The procedure significantly alleviates the symptoms of sciatica and improves the patient's daily activities; this reduces the need for surgical decompression.

**Key words:** epidural steroid injection, sciatica, lumbar disc herniation, decompression

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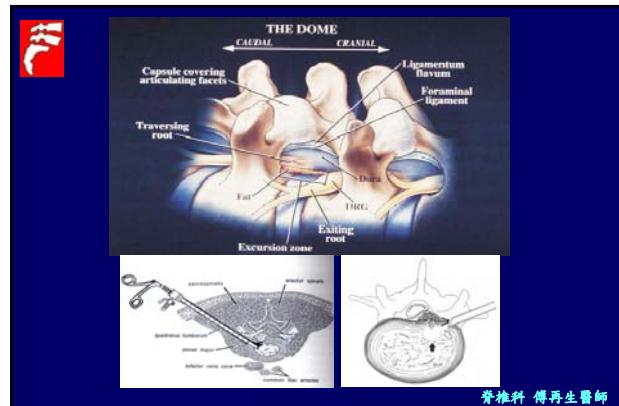
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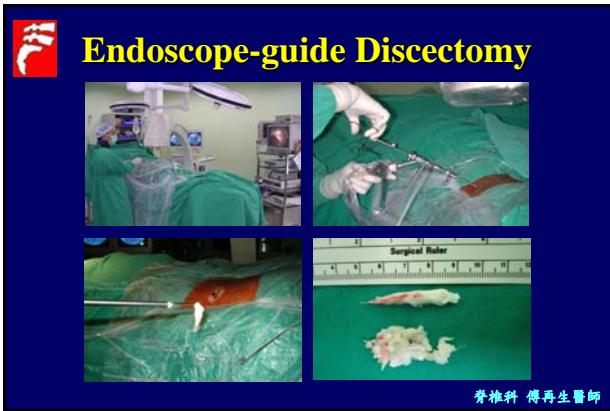
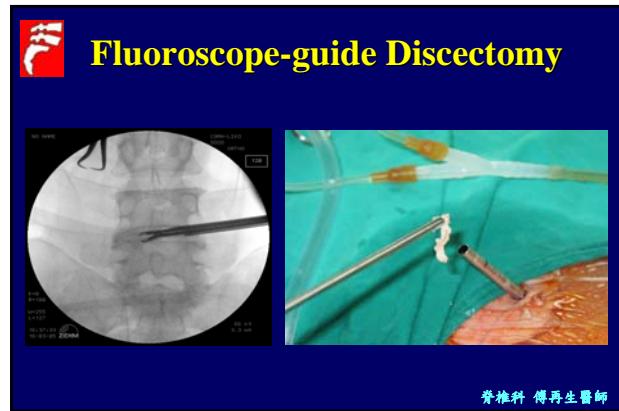
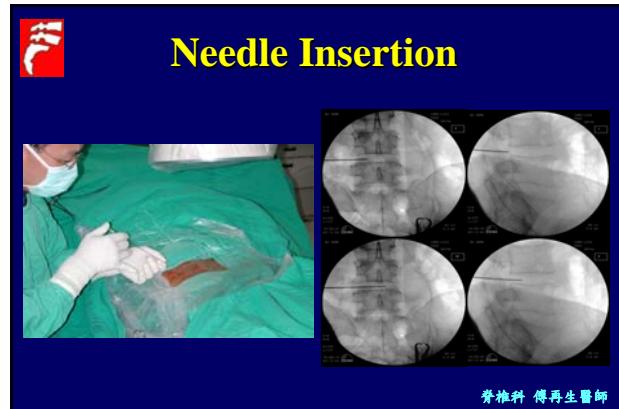
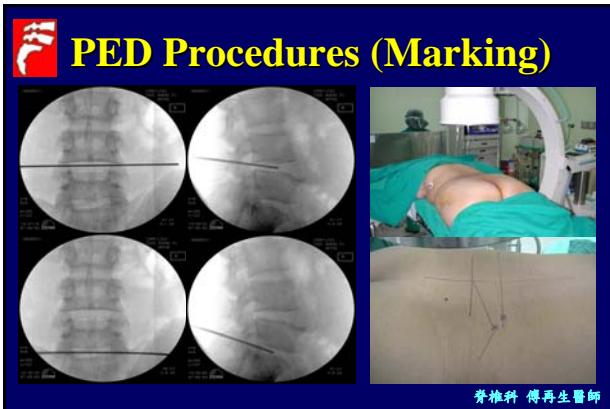


## Indication

- HIVD with radicular pain
- Positive root tension sign
- Correlate image findings
- 6 weeks of proper treatment → fail

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## PED Wound



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## Advantages

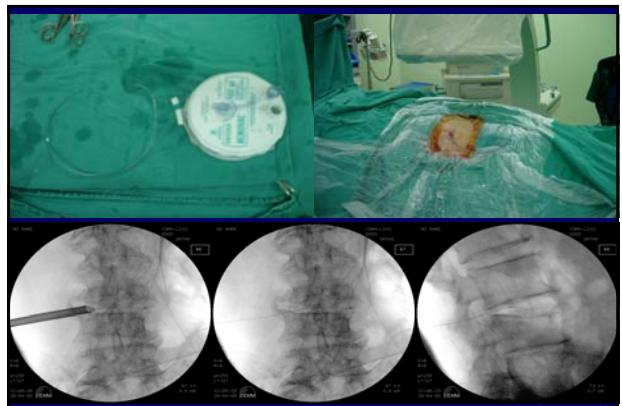


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## Percutaneous Endoscopic Discectomy and Drainage (PEDD) in Spine Infection

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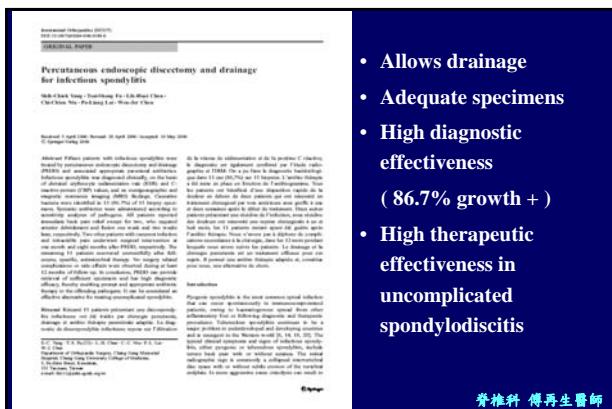
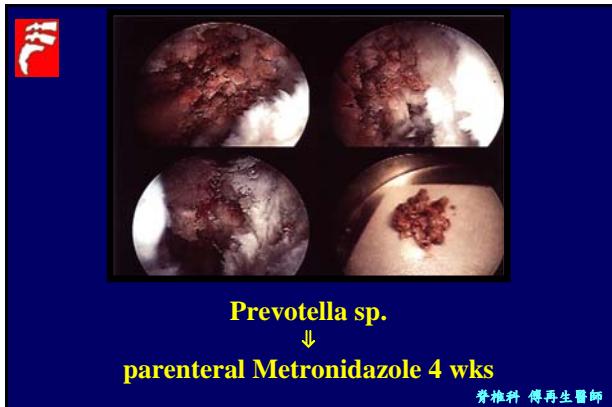


45 Y/O female with L4-5 infectious spondylitis  
intractable low back pain / CRP: 96 & ESR: 69

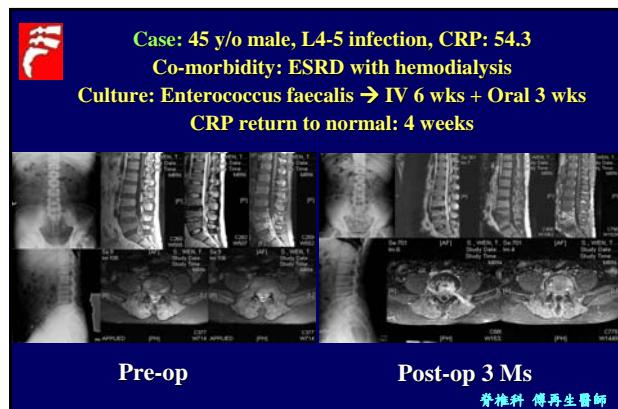


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- Allows drainage
- Adequate specimens
- High diagnostic effectiveness
- ( 86.7% growth + )
- High therapeutic effectiveness in uncomplicated spondylodiscitis





## MED

( MicroEndoscopic Discectomy )

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## MED

- 1997 , Smith & Foley
- Minimal damage & Direct visualization by
  - Muscle-splitting dilators
  - Endoscope and Video monitor



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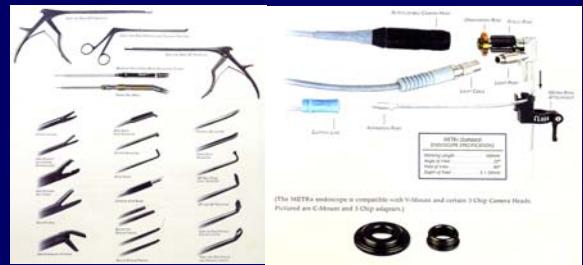
## METRx System



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## Instruments & Scope



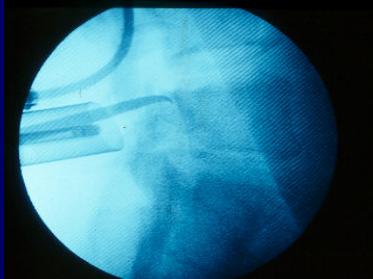
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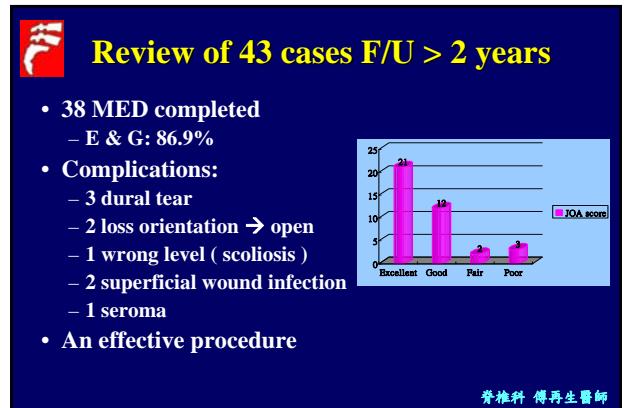
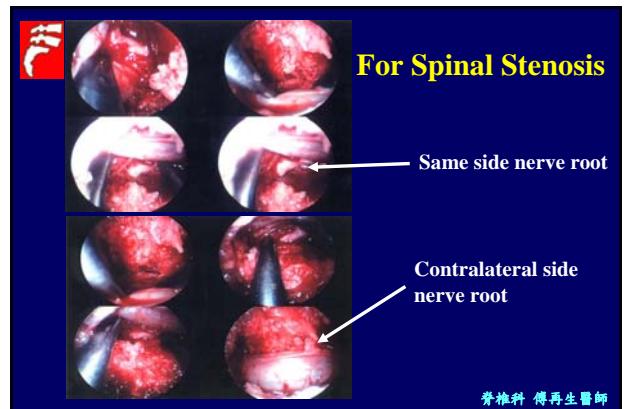
## MED Procedures



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## Endoscope Assisted TPS Instrumentation and Fusion

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## Challenges for Posterior Endoscopic Spinal Surgery

- No physiologic potential working space
- Need cannula to create a working space
- Small working space for instruments

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## Surgical Procedures

Step Dilators and FlexPosure™ Endo Retractor



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## FlexPosure Retractor



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## Soft Tissue Dissection



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## FlexPosure Retractor FlexArm Endoscope



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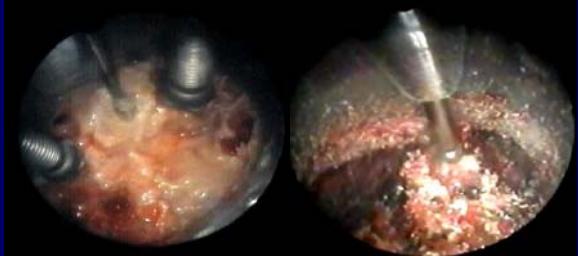
## Adjust Endoscope



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## Pedicle Screw Insertion Burr Decortication



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## Bone Grafting Plate Assembly



Posterior washer and nut placed on each screw

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## Fluoroscope Imaging



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## Wound Size



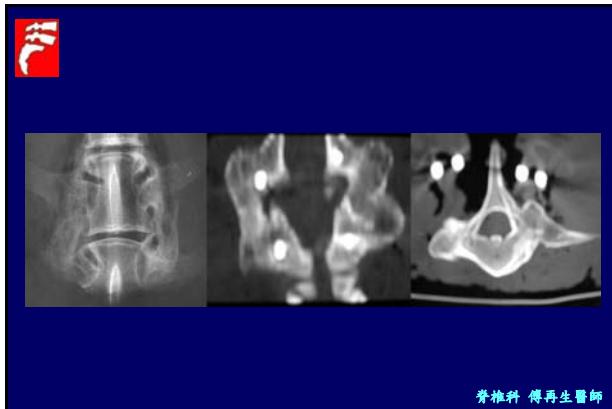
Endoscope

Open

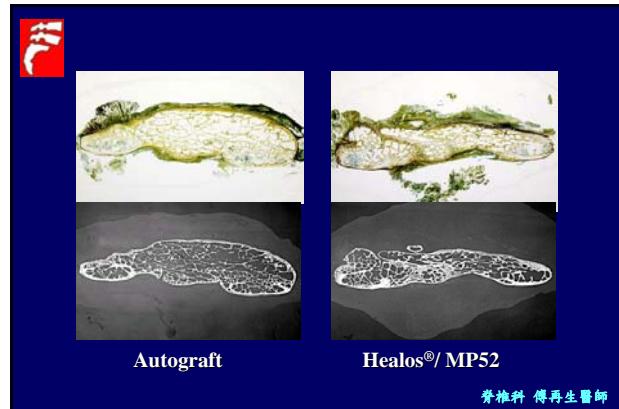
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Autograft

Healos®/ MP52

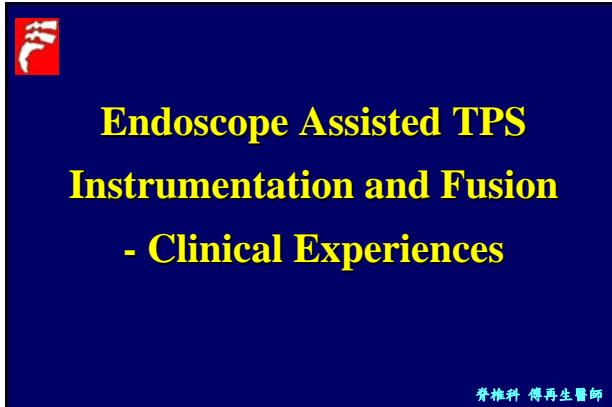
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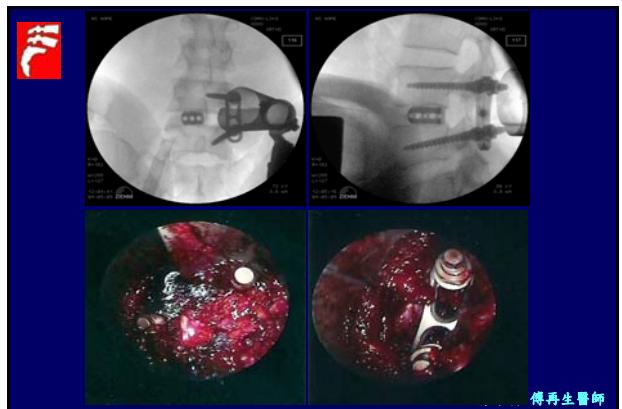
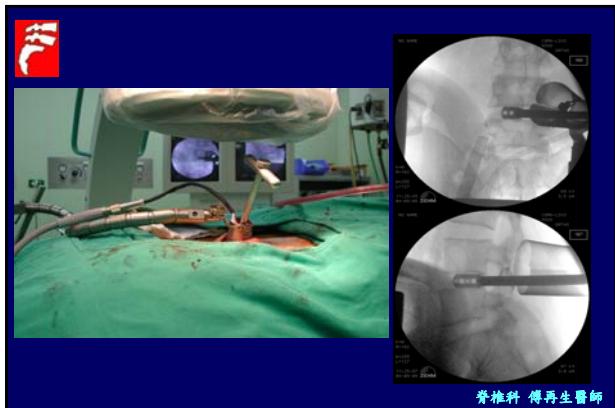
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## Discussions

- A feasible technique
- Safe and reliable implants insertion
- Blood loss and OP time
- Decrease after learning stage
- With more experiences & practices
- Offer promise in the future

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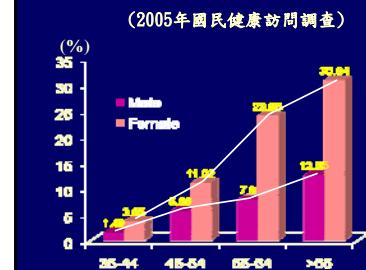


## Vertebroplasty for osteoporotic vertebral compression fracture

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## Osteoporosis Prevalence in Taiwan



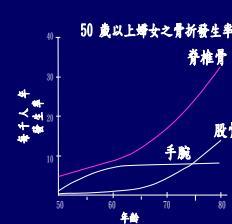
台灣	65歲以上 人口	65歲以上 骨鬆人口
男性	114萬	14萬 (12.55%)
女性	118萬	36萬 (30.84%)
合計	232萬	49萬 (21.12%)

Hip fracture incidence per year in Taiwan:  
 • Female: 7000  
 • Male: 5000

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## Ignore Osteoporosis: Fracture ↑



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## Management of VCF

- Medical treatment first
- Bed rest
- Narcotic analgesics
- Braces
- Medical therapy to minimize on-going bone loss
- About 70% improves

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## Painful VCF

- 260,000 patients/yr (30%) refractory to medical therapy
- No treatment may lead to long-term increased morbidity, mortality
- Surgical treatment

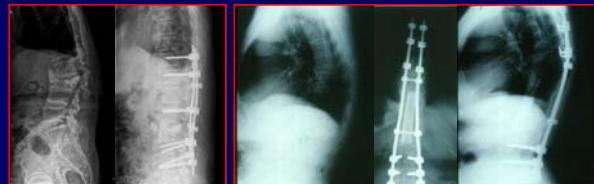


Cooper et al, J Bone Min Research, Vol 7, No 2, 1992

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## A+P long instrumentation



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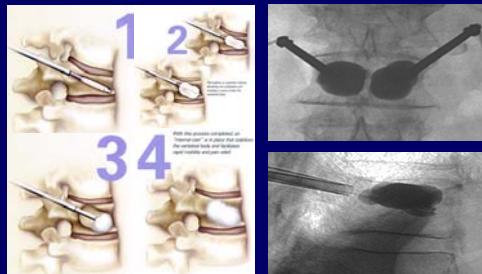
## Vertebral vacuum cleft



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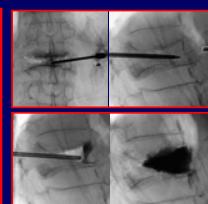
## Kyphoplasty



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## Vertebroplasty



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## CGMH experience

- Pain , assessed by VAS : 80 to 36 mm
- 86% quickly returned to the pre-injury activity level
- PV is effective in pain reduction for painful vertebral compression fracture



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**Less could be better**

**Less could be more**

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