

Post-Laminectomy Syndrome



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Post-laminectomy syndrome, also known as failed back surgery syndrome (FBSS), is not actually a syndrome - it is a generalized term that is often used to describe the condition of patients who have not had a successful result with spine surgery and have experienced continued **pain after surgery**. Common symptoms associated with FBSS include diffuse, dull and aching pain involving the back and/or legs. Patients may also complain of sharp, pricking, burning or stabbing pain in the extremities.

Treatment for failed back surgery syndrome may include physical therapy, nerve blocks, medications or injections. Sometimes no correctable cause of the symptoms is identified. In these cases, spinal cord stimulation (SCS) or an intrathecal pain pump may be utilized for pain control. It is important to discuss treatment options with your provider in deciding which treatment, if any, may be best for you.

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