

Spine Surgery Reduces Pain Associated With Rheumatoid Arthritis in 82-Year-Old Patient

An 82-year-old patient suffering from stiffening and immobility of joints, ankylosing spondylitis also known as bamboo spine has got a new lease of life after a minimal access spine surgery at Global hospitals, Mumbai, India.



The patient, Abhrahim Mullaji suffered a fall in November 2014 and was, ever since, complaining of excruciating back pain. His condition deteriorated in February 2015, leading to paralysis of his legs.

Ankylosing Spondylitis is a form of rheumatoid arthritis associated with long-term inflammation of vertebral joints in the spine. Its symptoms include pain and stiffness from neck down to the lower back.

The vertebrae of the patient's spine may grow or fuse together, resulting in a rigid spine. In case the severe symptoms, it may lead to stooped posture.

Experts at Global Hospitals in Mumbai diagnosed three Andersson Lesions (AL) and recommended surgery. However, because of pleural effusion fluid in Mullaji's lungs and very low protein levels - which could have resulted in further complications and posed risk to his life - doctors opted for minimal invasive surgery.

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