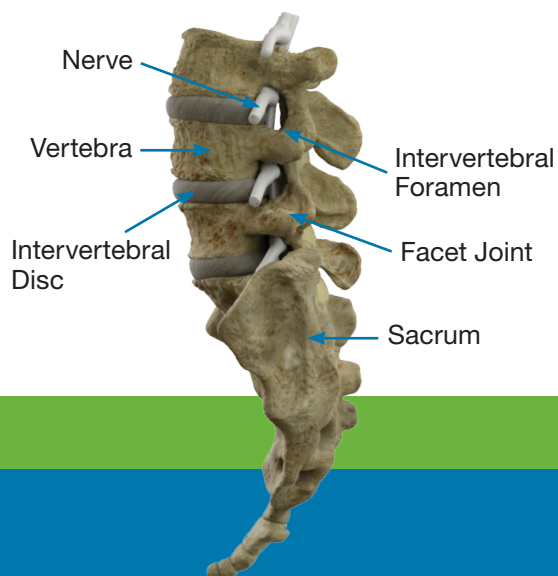


How your spine works



Your spine is made up of 33 bones each called a vertebra. The low back area, or lumbar spine, is typically made up of 5 vertebrae, the lowest of which attaches to the tailbone (sacrum). In between the vertebrae is the intervertebral disc.

Each vertebra also has two pairs of facet joints. These joints link the vertebrae together in the back, and help control amount of and type of motion in your spine. There are also strong bands of tissue (ligaments) that connect the vertebrae together.

The spinal column houses and protects the spinal cord and spinal nerves. In the lumbar spine, these nerves exit through side openings called the intervertebral foramen, and are responsible for leg movement and sensation.

Talk with your doctor about the iO-Flex® System

For more information on spinal decompression and the iO-Flex® System, please talk with your doctor.

Are you experiencing
back pain and/or
numbness, tingling
or **weakness**
down your legs?

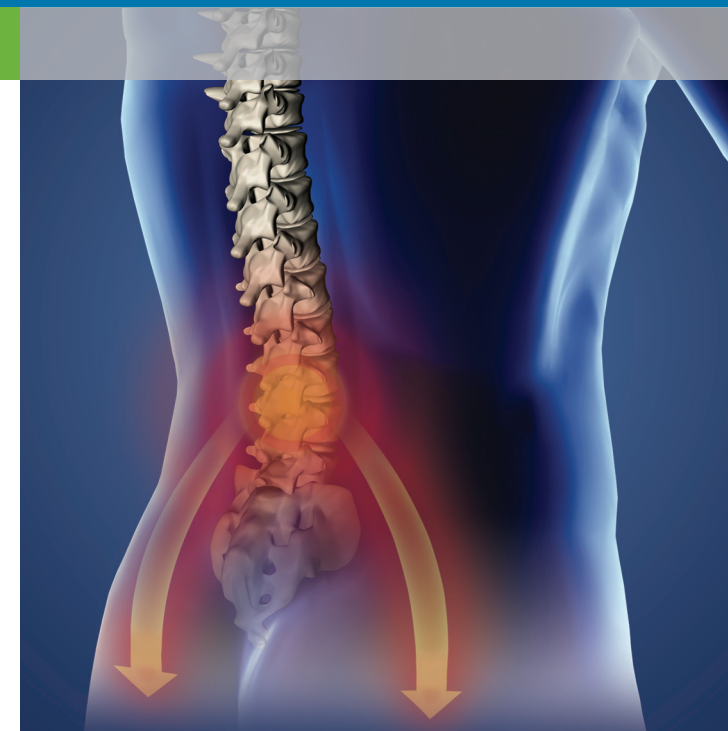


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There are risks associated with any type of surgery. Your doctor will help explain the risks associated with lumbar decompression surgery using the iO-Flex® System.

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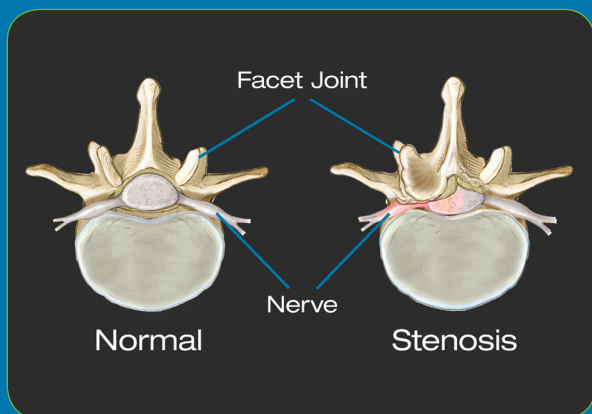
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Ask your doctor about your options

About Lumbar Spinal Stenosis

Overgrowth of bone and ligament into the space where your spinal nerves exit between the vertebrae in your low back (lumbar spine) can put pressure on the nerves, resulting in pain, weakness, numbness and/or tingling that you feel in your back and legs. This is called “lumbar spinal stenosis.”



Lumbar spinal stenosis is treated first with non-surgical care, such as physical therapy, anti-inflammatory medications and possibly epidural steroid injections. Lumbar spinal stenosis is a degenerative condition, meaning the symptoms can become more severe over time. Non-surgical care may provide relief for some patients, but other patients may need surgery.

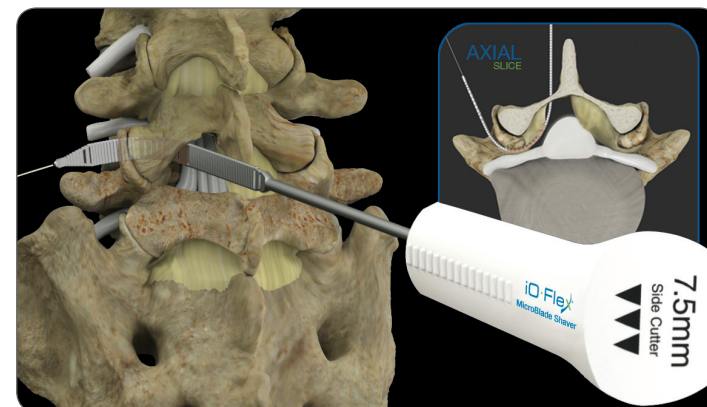
Surgery for lumbar spinal stenosis is performed using surgical instruments to remove the diseased tissue pressing down on the spinal nerves. This surgery is called “decompression” surgery.

About Decompression Surgery and the iO-Flex® System

In traditional decompression surgery, the surgeon will make an incision in your back, and use rigid instruments to remove the bone and tissue in the way until pressure on the nerve is relieved. Because the nerves lie behind the facet joints that link one vertebra to another in your back, occasionally some or all of the facet joints will have to be removed in order to access the bone and ligament that’s pressing on the nerve and causing your symptoms of lumbar spinal stenosis.

The facet joints provide stability by limiting the amount and type of motion in your spine. If too much facet joint or too little compressing tissue is removed, it can result in more surgeries or cause symptoms even after your surgery.

Now, there is a new alternative to decompression surgery with rigid instruments. The iO-Flex® System provides surgeons with thin, flexible instruments to easily access and remove tissue from the “inside out” (or “iO”). The iO-Flex System instruments allow your surgeon to remove tissue crowding your spinal nerves without removing the facet joint. This helps your surgeon give you a more complete decompression from the inside-Out.¹



iO-Flex® Patient Stories



“My back pain started over a year ago. It started in my back and then began traveling down into my legs. The pain was so severe that I was taking pain medication every four hours just to cope. Surgery was the last resort. After surgery, I woke up in the recovery room, and I thought thank you God and thank you doctor! I’m riding the stationary bike and walking a mile per day. I feel like I’ve been reborn and rejuvenated! I’m totally happy.”



“I always kept physically active. I went to the gym four or five times a week, played the drums and enjoyed woodworking. I started to have pain that became gradually worse over time. It started in my lower back and then crept into my hips and legs. I could no longer do any of my normal activities. I avoided exercise and standing to avoid the severe pain. Having surgery was my last resort. My improvement after surgery was immediate and dramatic. Within a week I felt good & was ready to play the drums again.”