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INTRODUCTION

Persistent or recurrent low back and Leg pain following operations for herniated Lumbar disc " Failed back syndrome " is a major health problem (Long , 1986) .

Prevention is the best treatment of failed back syndrome. The initial operative approach to the patient with Lumbar disc disease should be made with this in mind . Fager and others believe that a substantial number of patients with the failed back syndrome had poor indications for their initial operative procedure (Fagr and Frediberg, 1980) .

Burton and others found that frequently an inadequate procedure was performed leading to recurrence of pain (Burton , 1980) *.

Over 80 percent of patients with persistent pain or neurological deficit after initial operation had untreated central or lateral recess stenosis and presistent or recurrent disc herniation . The other 20 percent had adhesive arachnoiditis, dural or epidural fibrosis , nerve root injury caused by disc compression or previous operation , spinal instability , pseudoarthrosis , facet pain syndrome . pain from un recognized disease and even attempts to achieve secondary gain (Burton , 1985 , wilkinson , 1983) .

Evaluation of the patient with failed back syndrome requires an open mind , adequate time and a carefully planned approach .the evaluation includes the following :

1. Careful history and physical examination .
2. A thorough review of previous records , operative reports and radiographs .
3. Current plain X-Ray studies of the lumbar spine, high-resolution positive - contrast computed tomography and a water soluble contrast myelogram to include the conus medullaris are necessary (Brown et al. , 1986 , Byrd et al., 1985) .

Reoperation for failed back syndrome is indicated in patients with persistent symptoms and signs validated by the clinical examination , insufficient pain relief with adequate conservative therapy , myelographic and computed tomographic or magnetic resonance imaging evidence of neural compressive lesions and radiographic evidence of instability at the operated or degenerated site (Branch and Branch , 1987.)

The patient may undergo any of the following operative procedures .

1. Laminectomy .
2. Laminectomy and discectomy with medial facetectomy and bilateral foraminotomy .
3. Neural decompression and spinal fusion , posterior lumbar interbody fusion (Branch and Branch , 1987)

The Aim of the study is to review the common causes of failed lumbar disc surgery and the current methods of their management .