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Spinal Fracture Repair

- Careful selection of these cases is paramount to successful outcomes.
- Since most of these cases are motor vehicle accidents, careful evaluation for polytrauma is necessary.
- The client must be on board for a difficult and protracted case with extensive nursing care and therapy. A negative outcome is a very real possibility in even the best of cases. Substantial financial commitment is required.
- If the canal is compromised by 1/3 or more of its diameter, the spinal cord has more than likely suffered irreparable damage. Plain radiographs are most often diagnostic for this predictor of return to motor function.
- If further evaluation is needed, myelography is indicated.
- Since many of these patients have multiple and severe injuries extended hospital stays will be required.
- Multiple methodologies are used in spinal fracture repair, alone and sometimes together.
- Please send any radiographs.
- Call ASAP with your request for referral. It is appropriate to call Dr. Martinson after hours to coordinate this.
- Surgery is done daily on an emergency basis.
- Immediate referral is imperative. Call as soon as possible!
- We will coordinate all possible postoperative aftercare with your hospital. Due to the individuality of each case, we will communicate aftercare needs with the client and you.
- We will discuss costs on an individual basis upon referral. Clients are always free to discuss costs with us, as well as prognosis, and what our best assessment is for the appropriate and ongoing medical, surgical, and after care plan.