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## hi all im new

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hi everyone im new, im awaiting my confirmation for 5 months time to have a anterior double discetomy . Im 29 and have been suffering with spine problems since the age of 18 and i have already had two lumber ops, one was in 2005 for a microdiscetomy and then again in 2010 on the same area for a laminectomy and microdiscetomy. It was noted after my first operation that i suffered with failed back syndrome and the second operation was to correct the original level. I have had caudual epidurals and facet joint injections with no success .Over the years i have discovered i have quite a few thorasic discs which are prolapsed but not currently compressing any nerves. I new that i had neck problems and previous scans had shown this but due to being brushed off and basically told that i have ddd and to get on with it i opted for a second opinion and im so glad that i did as i really thought my lower spine was the worst and in fact it was my neck and i have been told that if these problems were not found out like they have been within 10 years time i would have deteriorated and lost my whole lower half from the neck down, my second opinion found that my cervical discs are compressing the spinal cord guite alot, no wounder i have so much weakness and when i had an examination my bicep and tricep reflexes are diminished and not there and they also found a synovial cyst at I4-I5 which was at the same level as my lumber surgery that i had done previously they also found severe narrowing of the spine and they was at shock as to how much but i have a lot of scar tissue that my nerve endings are trapped in also at I4-I5 but Im so glad that i got my second opinion and found a hospital and a neurological department that know what they are doing and the surgeons that have found these problems who knows where i would have been in a few years, i have suffered so much due to my spinal problems i could write a book of the pain and the struggle that this cripling disease has given me, my previous hospital consultants said i was imagining the pain i even went to moorfields eye hospital to get my eyes checked because i suffer everyday with headaches but my eyes were perfectly fine and she said she thought it had something to do with my spine i have had lots of gastric problems too i could even hear a fluidy noise in my ears sometimes i know it sounds silly but im sure its the fluid in the spine regarding my neck problems but lucky i have every single copy of my records.

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