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General Posted by Becky - 08 Apr 2006 19:34
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Hi Doc Sarah,

I live in Columbus, Indiana USA. My Pain Doc says he has been in contact with you before.

Michael Whitworth, I think he is a great pain doc and is always trying to find different ways to help me. Recently he told me that he is trying to come up with a way to go into the spinal cord and unclump these nerves. Do you have any thoughts on this?

I still work and recently my docs took me off the shop floor because the pain was becoming unbearable, every night I would come home and get on my heating pad and cry myself to sleep. I have been off the floor for 3 months now and I feel so much better.

Doc Whitworth suggested that maybe my vertebrae was rocking because it is not fused and I do not have any disc in that area. We took x-rays and they showed there was no movement in that area. Now, he wants to do a Medial branch Blocks on L4-S1 to see if maybe this is the problem with my pain and walking. I am scheduled to have that done soon.

My question is, Do you think that this will help me? Is it the Arachnoiditis causing me the pain from walking?

I am only at Stage 1 right now. Any answers would be greatly appreciated.

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Becky	
Hugs,	

Re:General Posted by Becky - 27 Apr 2006 02:05

Hi Doc Sarah,

Today I went to pick up my Mri cd from the ortho's it had the reading in it which I have never seen. When I asked for this MRI to be done, the Ortho told me that nothing was wrong. NOBODY has ever even mentioned the A word to me down at the ORtho's office.

Could u kinda tell me what this all means. I know the A stuff LOL.

Thanks Doc

Hugs,

Becky

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