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According to Naya Kehayes, managing principal and CEO of Evela Health Consulting & Management. Data from Healthcare Appraisers' 2010 ASC Valuation Survey backs up her claim: According to responding ASC companies, orthopedic spine is the second-most desirable specialty in ASCs. She says the migration of laminectonics and the growing price of the special spe

for spine centers as more insurance companies feel comfortable moving the cases to ASCs. "Some payors are even open to the potential of surgery centers discharging bigger spine cases to skilled nursing facilities," she

- Goran Dragolovic, senior vice president at Surgical Care Affiliates, agrees
 that spine will see more attention over the next few years as minimally
 invasive procedures advance. We believe we have that scatched the
 number of imminially invasive spine into the ASC, surgeons must be comfortable
 moving their cases into the outpatient arena.
- Joe Zasa, managing partner at ASD Management, says an ASC planning to add spine should be ready to go through all its contracts and ensure the appropriate codes and carve-outs are included.

Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery (MIS) - A Definition

- Smaller Incisions/Less Scarring Typically Percutaneous, Laparoscopic or Through Tubes
- One to Two Levels
- Decreased Blood Loss/Soft Tissue Damage
- Equivalent or Better Recovery Times
- Reduced Anesthesia Time
- Reduced LOS/Reduced Post-Op Pain

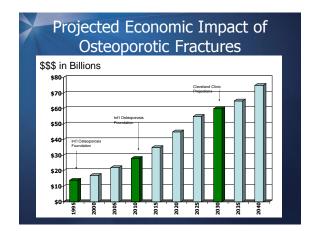


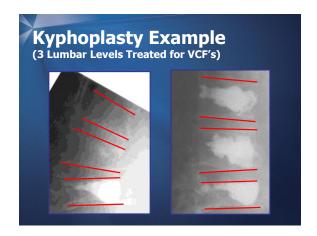
Vertebral Compression Fractures

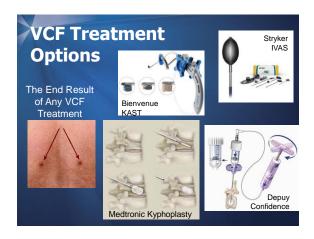
- Simple, Quick, Effective
- Percutaneous Delivery of Cement to Treat Compression Fractures (Internal Casting)
- 90%+ of Patients Receiving Treatment Report Good Results
- 70% of Fractures ARE NOT TREATED
- Treatment WILL NOT be replaced by Pharmaceuticals -Patients Simply Are Not Going to be Compliant EVEN WITH THE PERFECT DRUG – Compliance and Costs will be an issue

Fractures are THE Problem

Osteoporotic fractures are responsible for an estimated 800,000 emergency room visits, 500,000 hospitalizations, 180,000 nursing home placements, and 2.6 million physician visits in the US each year, costing the healthcare system approximately \$12.2 to \$17.9 billion annually.



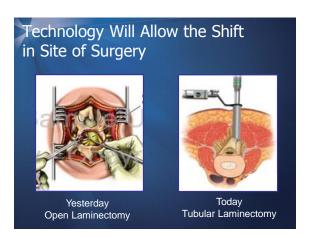


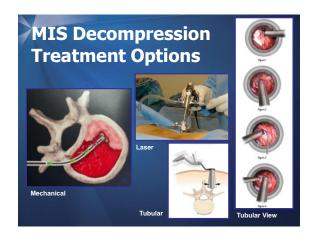




Decompression Procedures

- Simple, Quick, Effective
- Primarily Used in Treatment of Severe Arm/Leg Pain and Numbness Due to a Ruptured, Herniated, or Bulging Disc
- Small Amounts of the Disc Are Removed, Reducing The Compression Of The Disc And Relieving Nerve Pressure.
- The Procedures Typically DO NOT Affect the Stability of the Patient's Spine







MIS Fusion Procedures Used to Treat Patients With Back and Leg Pain Typically One to Two Levels Provide Stability for the Spine During Healing/Fusion Process Procedures May be Percutaneous or Use a Mini-Open Approach May Include Interbody/Cages or May be Pedicle

Screws Alone

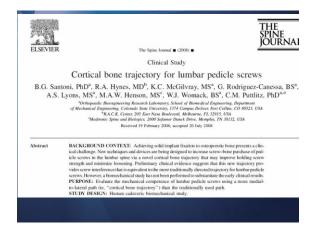
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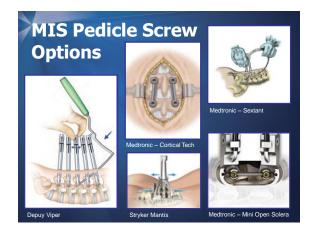
 Spine Surgery. "Spine surgery is the next great horizon for the ASC," Dr. Redler says. Anterior cervical discectomies and fusions (ACDs) and lumbar discectomies are the most common spine cases in surgery centers. Many highly skilled spine surgeons do not require a microscope for these cases, allowing expedited surgery and lower equipment costs. One challenge for spine in the ASC is carving out the reimbursement with insurance carriers. But Dr. Redler predicts success here, given the cost savings and the high quality of care in an ASC.

http://www.beckersasc.com/orthopedic-spine-driven-ascs/3-trends-for-orthopedic-surgery-in-an-asc.html

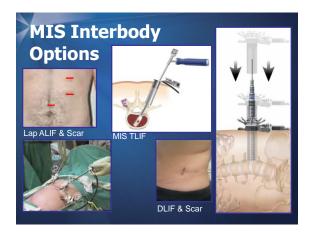














Dynamic Stabilization Procedures Used to Treat Patients With Issues Similar to Fusion Candidates Typically One to Two Levels Allow for Continued Motion While Providing Stability at the Instrumented Levels Typically Use a Mini-Open Approach May Include Total Disc Replacements (TDR) or May be Pedicle Screw Based Devices







