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Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy
treated by
Unilateral Biportal Endoscopy

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Microendoscopic decompression for cervical spondylotic myelopathy

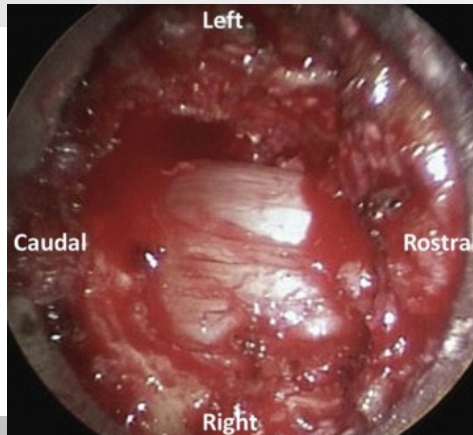
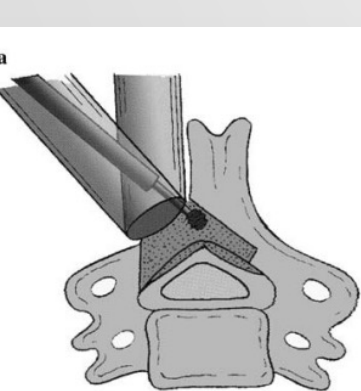
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Long-term Clinical Outcomes of Microendoscopic Laminotomy for Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy: A 5-Year Follow-up Study Compared With Conventional Laminoplasty

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Conclusions: CMEL is a novel, less invasive, technique that allows for multilevel posterior cervical decompression for treatment of CSM. Our 5-year follow-up data demonstrates that patients after CMEL have similar neurological outcomes to conventional laminoplasty, with significantly less postoperative axial pain and improved subaxial cervical lordosis when compared with their traditional laminoplasty counterparts.

Endoscopic surgery for cervical spondylotic myelopathy

Microendoscopic decompression

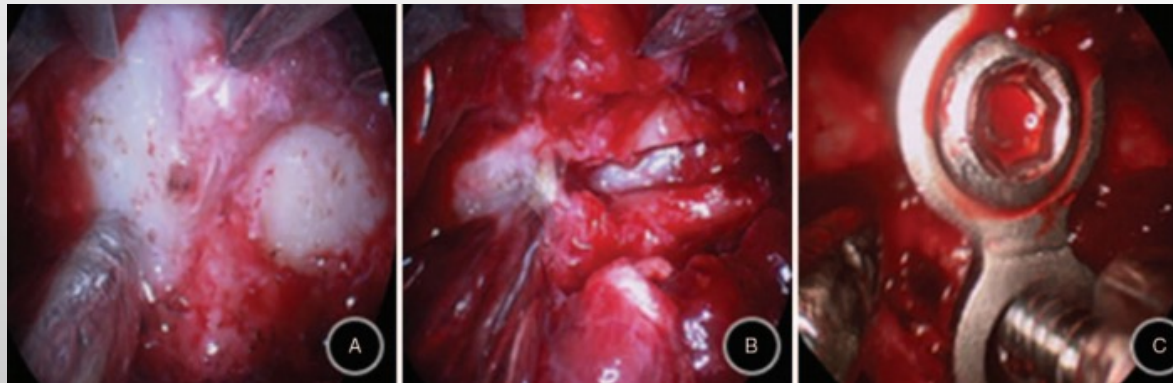
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Cervical Endoscopic Laminoplasty for Cervical Myelopathy

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Full Endoscopic Spine Surgery for Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy: A Systematic Review

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Results: The study included 183 patients and their age was 56.78 ± 7.87 years. The average surgical time calculated was 96.34 ± 33.58 minutes. Intraoperative blood loss ranged from a minimal amount to 51 mL. The average duration of hospital stay was 3.56 ± 1.6 days. The average span for follow-up was on an interval of 18.7 ± 6.76 months. Significant improvements were noted in all aspects of functional outcomes and image results after full endoscopic cervical spine surgery, with no major complications.

Conclusions: The current study found that both anterior transcorporeal and posterior surgical approaches could be used for the treatment of CSM with a full endoscopic technique. Indications of full endoscopic cervical spine surgery for CSM included cervical disc herniation, central canal stenosis, calcified ligamentum flavum, and ossification of the posterior longitudinal ligament. Improved postoperative outcomes with acceptable surgical complications were noted in this systematic review.

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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Clinical efficacy and safety of posterior minimally invasive surgery in cervical

spo **Results:** We identified 14 observational studies of cervical spondylosis with 479 patients, mainly including 197 cases of myelopathy and 207 cases of radiculopathy. Channel and endoscopic techniques were used. This study was certified by PROSPERO: CRD42021290074. Significant improvements in the quantitative indicators (Neck-VAS in 9 studies, JOA in 7 studies, NDIs in 5 studies, Nurick, ARM-VAS, and EQ-5D in 2 studies each, and the SF12-PCS, SF12-MCS, and HF-36 in 1 study each) were observed between pre- and postoperation ($P < 0.05$), and satisfactory clinical significance was acquired in the descriptive indicators [average surgery time (94.56 ± 37.26 min), blood loss volume (68.78 ± 103.31 ml), average length of stay (2.39 ± 1.20 d), and cervical spine stability after surgery]. Additionally, we showed that there was a 4.9% postoperative complication rate and the types of complications that may occur.

Conclusion: Posterior minimally invasive surgery is an effective and safe method for the treatment of cervical spondylosis and is a recommended optional surgical procedure for single-segment myelopathy and radiculopathy.

Subgroup	Channel technique	Endoscopic technique
Overall	3	11
Population:	93	386
Cervical:	YES	YES
Cervical:	NO	NO
Other type	YES	YES
Surgical approach		

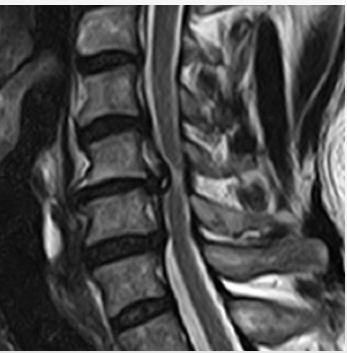
Table 7 Summary characteristics of included studies (cervical spondylotic myelopathy)

Characteristics	No. of trials (no. of participants)	Study (no. of participants)
Double-door laminoplasty	1 (46)	Oshima [20] (46)
Unilateral laminectomy	2 (40)	Dahdaleh [14] (10), Ross [22] (30)
Bilateral laminectomy	1 (50)	Yadav [25] (50)
Herniated nucleus removal	1 (16)	Yu [14] (16)
Bilateral laminoplasty with spinous process ligament complex and deep extensor muscle retroposition	1 (45)	Zhang [23] (45)
Bilateral partial laminectomy	1 (10)	Yabuki [26] (10)



Will It Help or Harm the patients

Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy



- Surgical Technique
- Advantages
- Indication/ Contraindication
- Complications

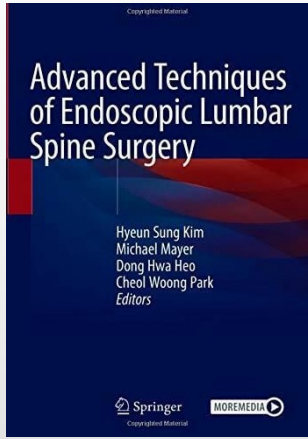
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UBE로 무슨 수술을 할 수 있나?

	UBE	microscope
Cervical, post. approach	○	○
1) discectomy, 2) foraminotomy, 3) hemilaminectomy		
Cervical, ant. approach	X	○
Thoracic, post. App	○	○
1) discectomy, 2) foraminotomy, 3) hemilaminectomy		
Lumbar, post. App	○	○
1) discectomy, 2) sublaminaoplasty, 3) foraminotomy		
Lumbar PLIF	○	○
Thoracolumbar trauma (bursting fx)	○	○
Infection	○	○
Tumor	?	○



Cervical laminectomy

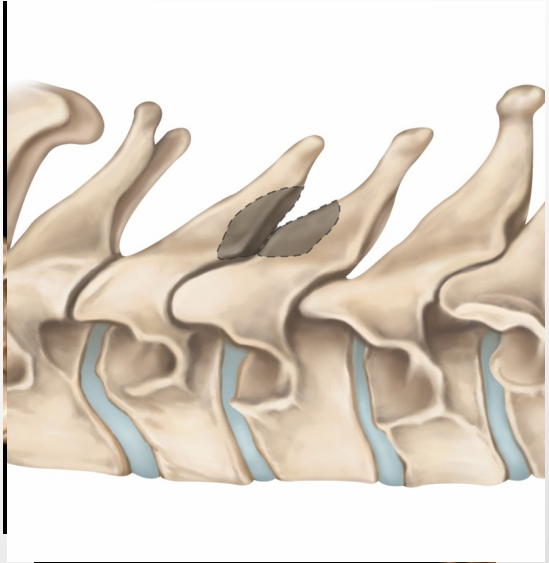
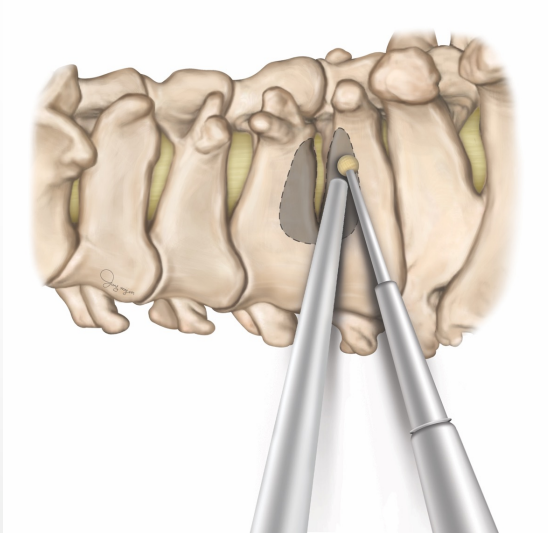
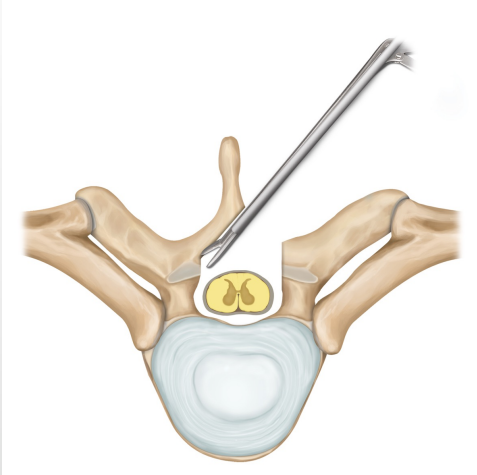
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Biportal endoscopic unilateral laminotomy with bilateral decompression for the treatment of cervical spondylotic myelopathy

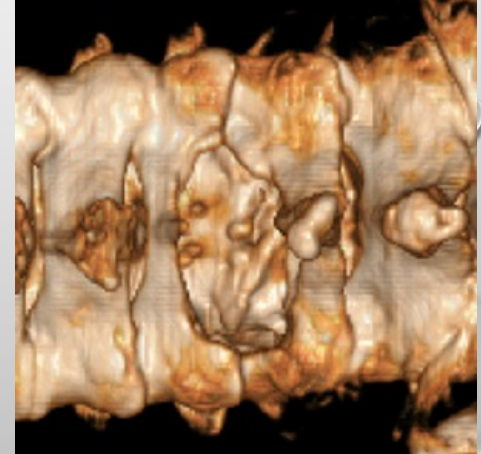
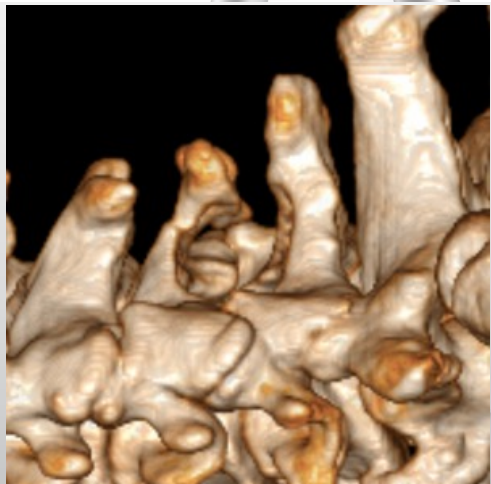
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Lumbar, Thoracic ULBD

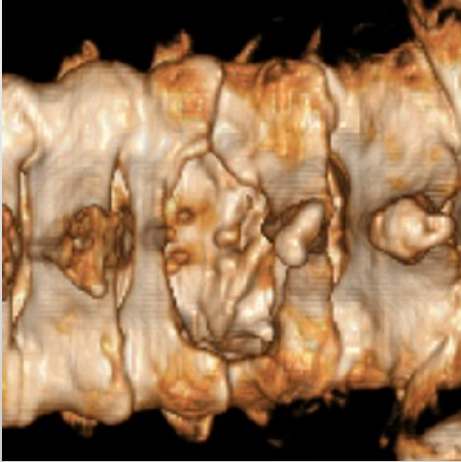
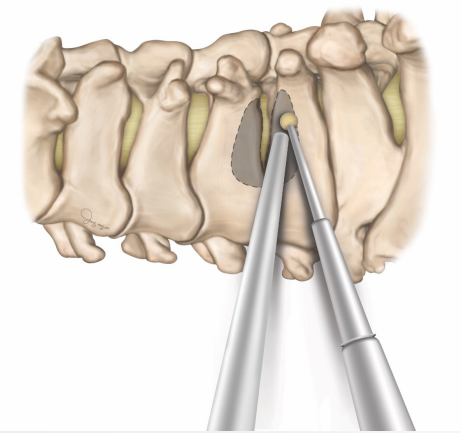
Cervical laminectomy via interspinous approach



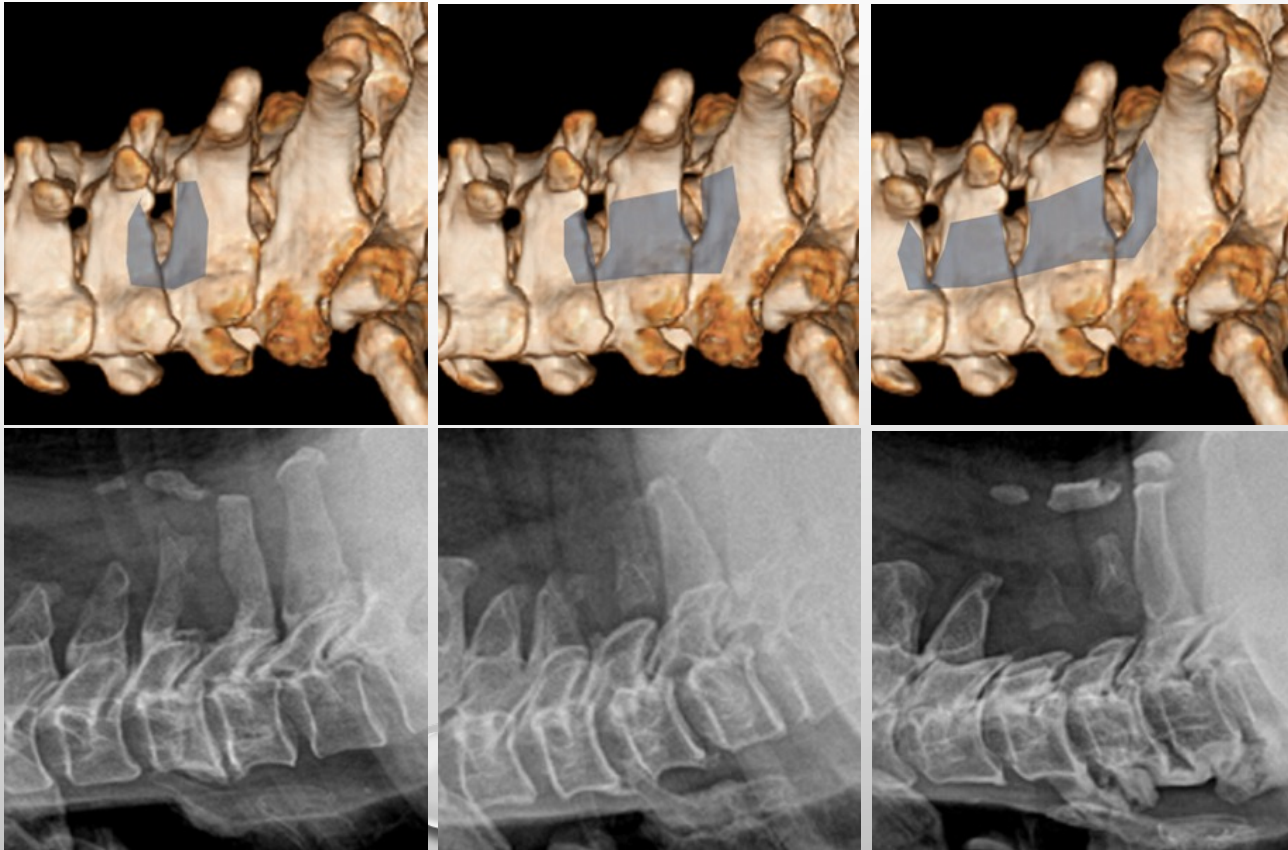
Contralateral decompression
- Sublaminar decompression



Cervical laminectomy via interspinous approach

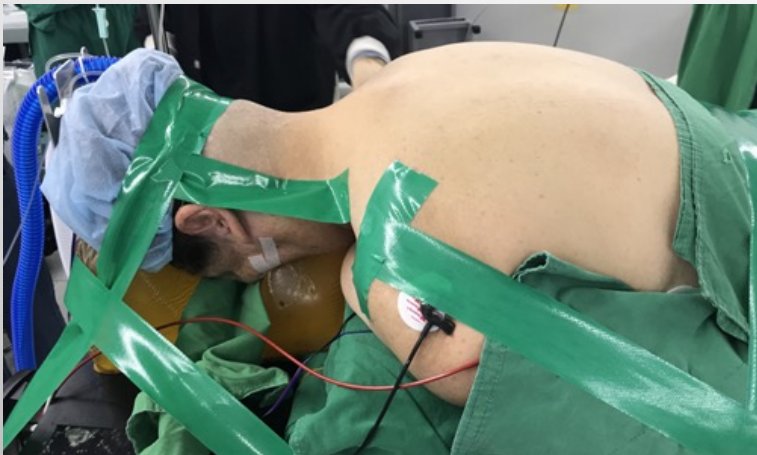
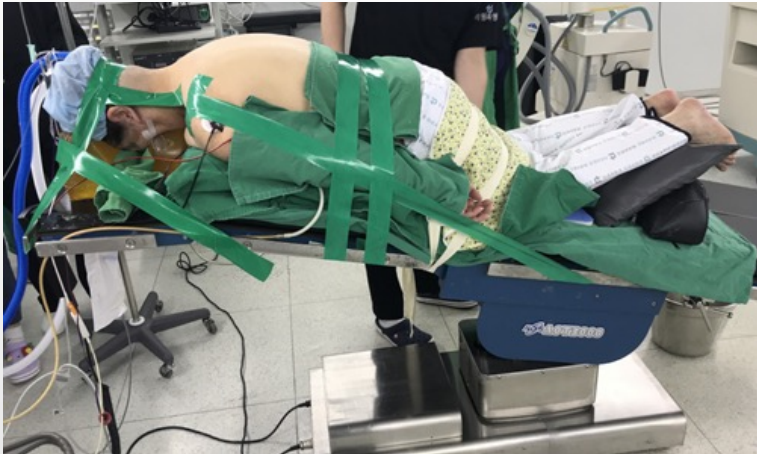


**Contralateral decompression
-Modified subtotal laminectomy**



Cervical laminectomy by UBE

Position



Minimal neck flexion

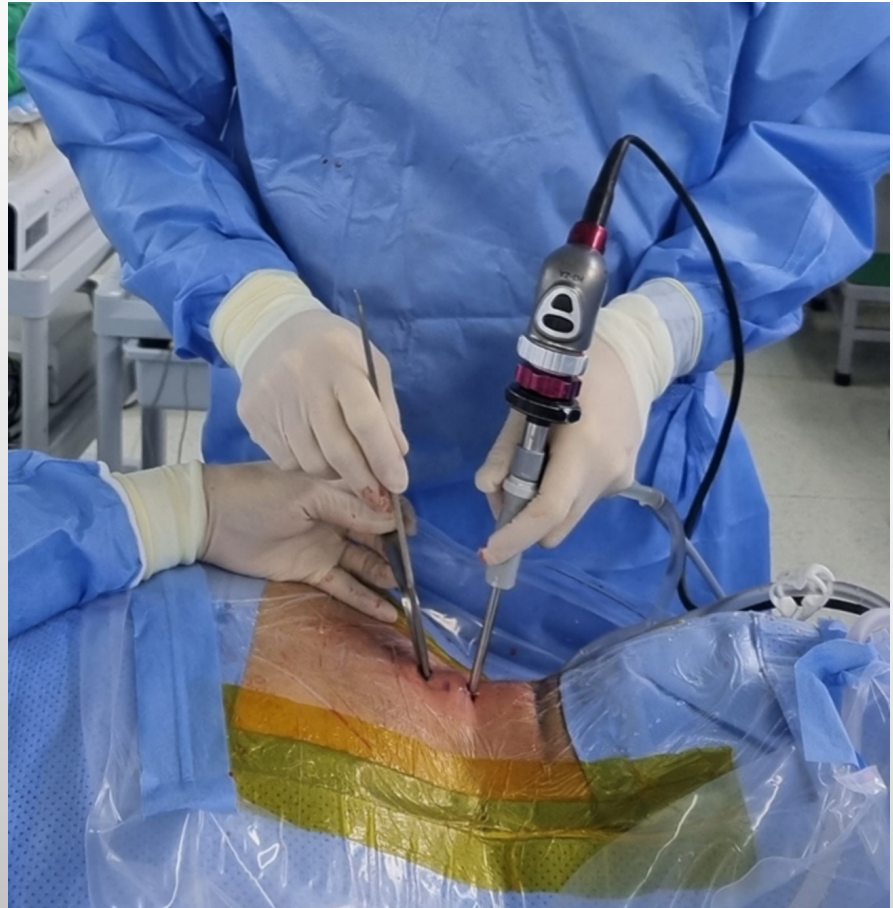
Minimal skin crease

Minimal pressure

Mayfield system X

Cervical laminectomy by UBE

Skin incision

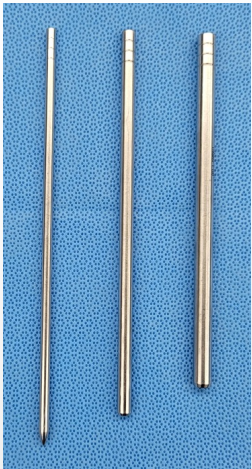


Stiff nuchal ligament

Cord injury, laminar fracture d/t dilator

Tip)

- 1.Fascia incision
- 2.Laminar docking



Spinous process tip bifid

C2,C3,C4 always bifid

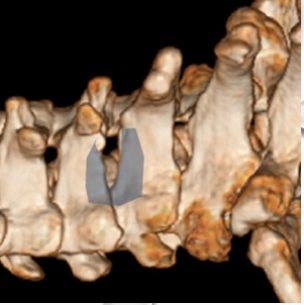
C5 almost bifid

C6 is frequently bifid

Tip)

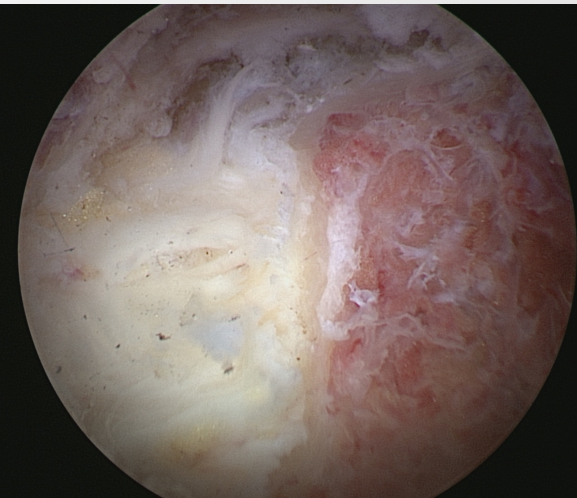
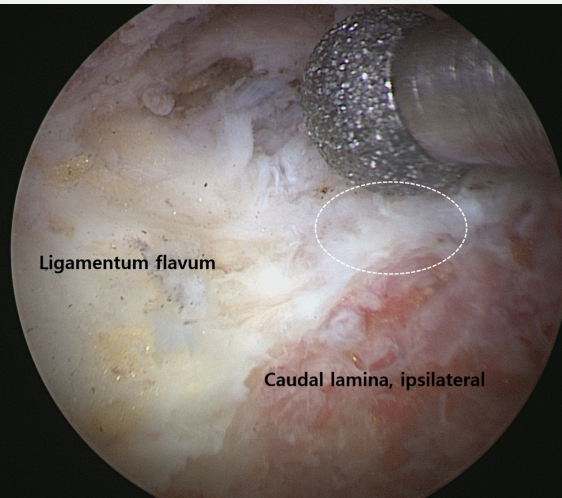
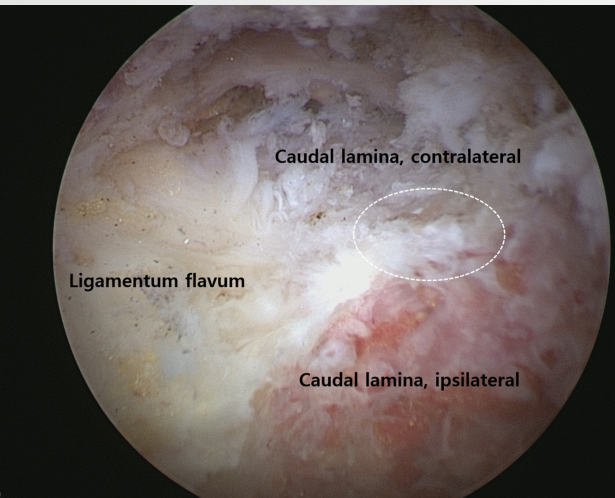
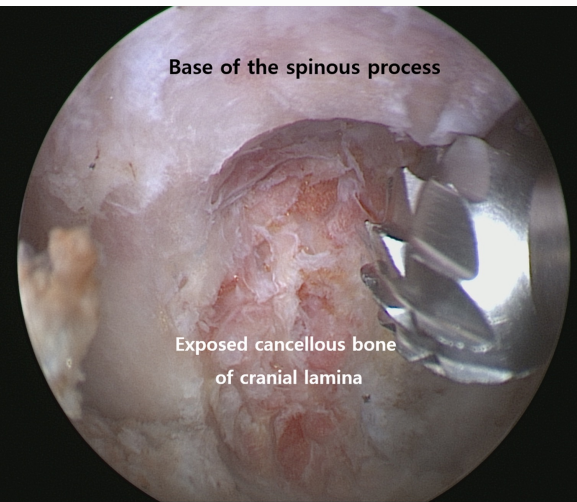
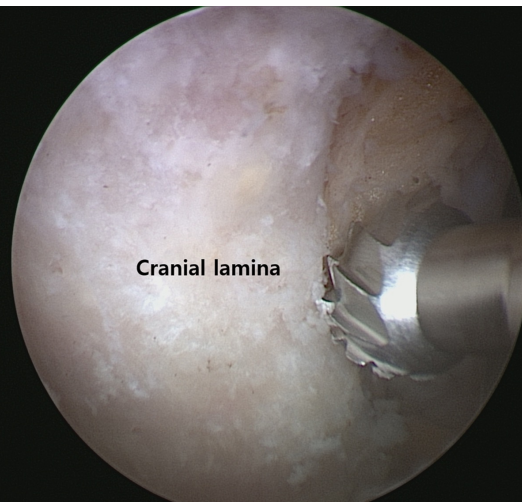
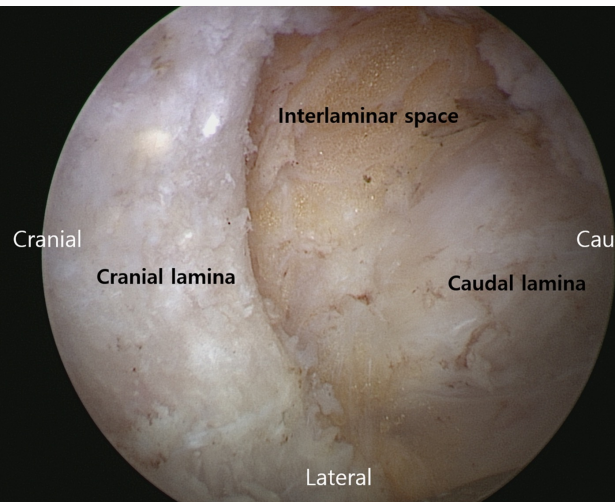
- 1. Pre op image, intra op C –arm (lateral)
- 2. Drilling of tip of spinous process





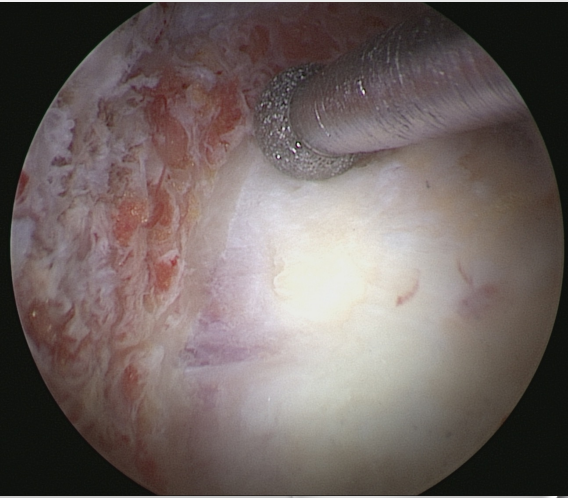
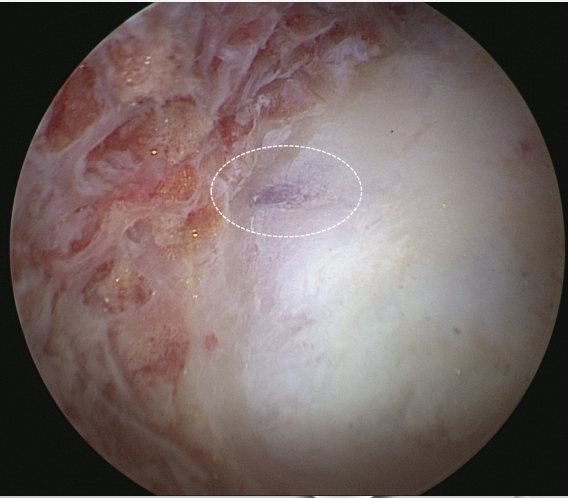
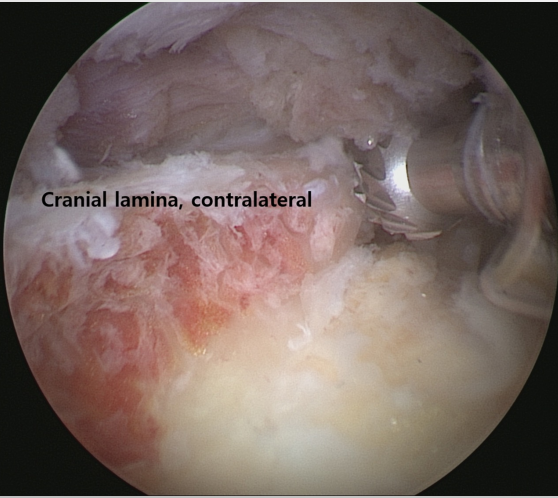
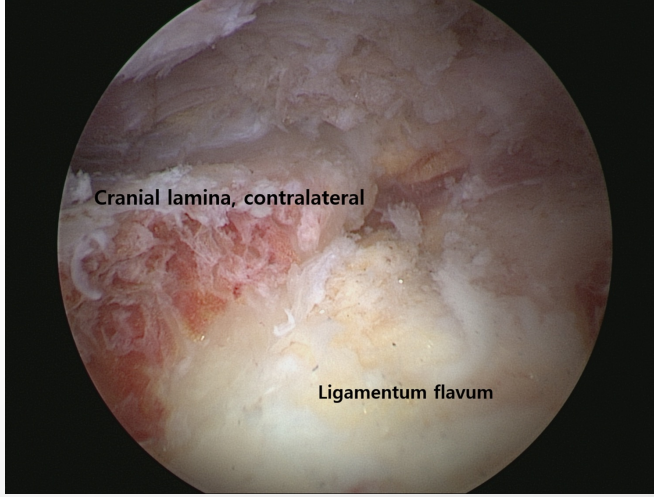
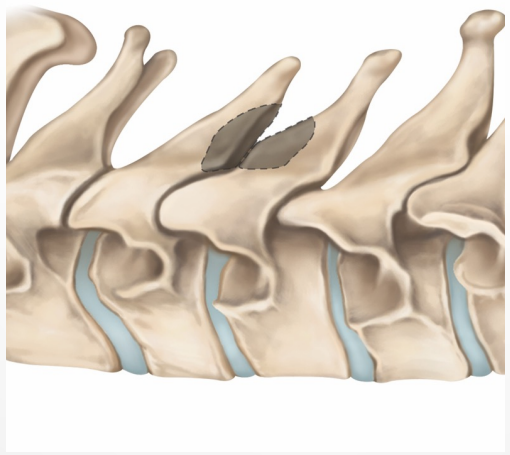
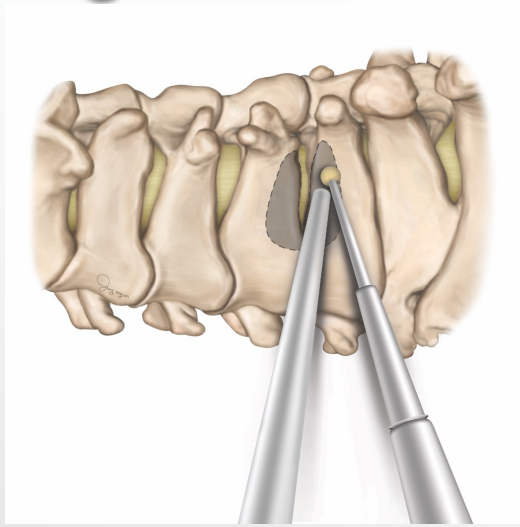
Cervical laminectomy by UBE

Bone working



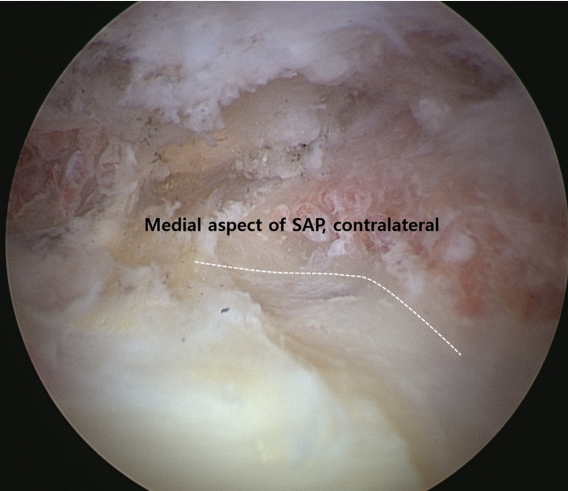
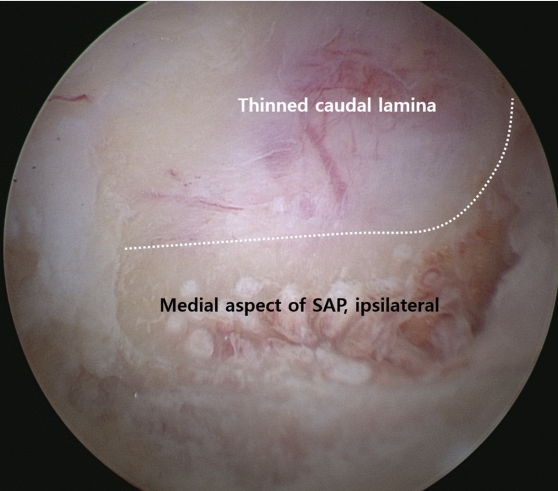
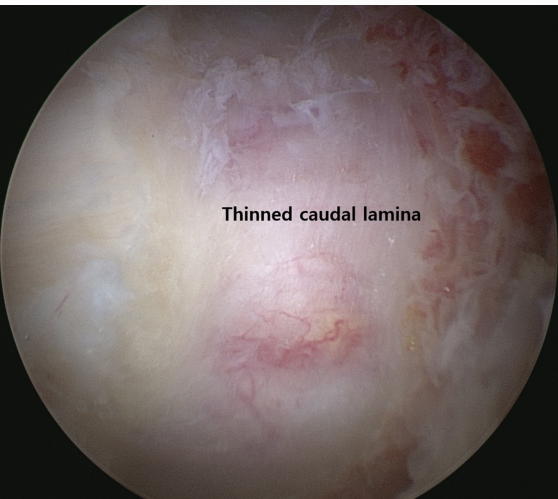
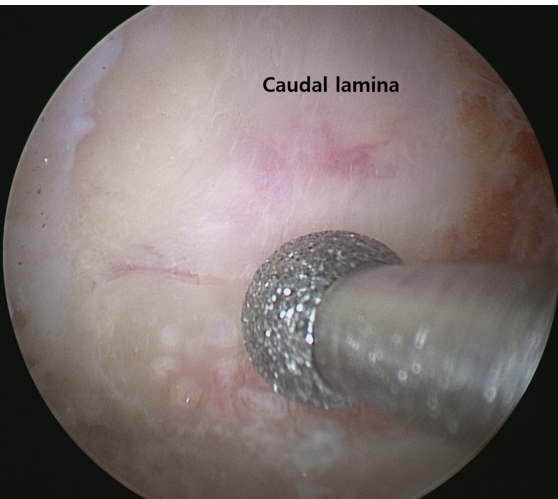
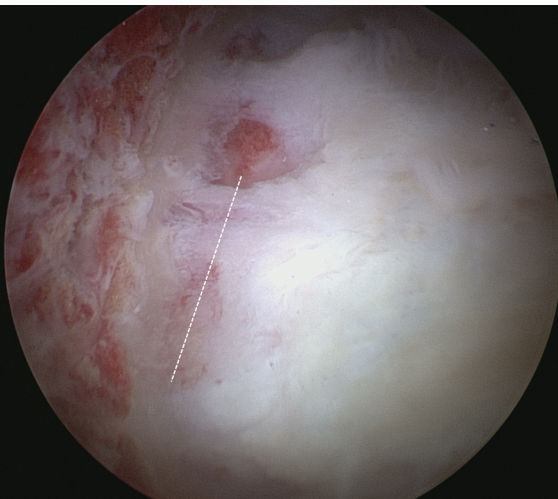
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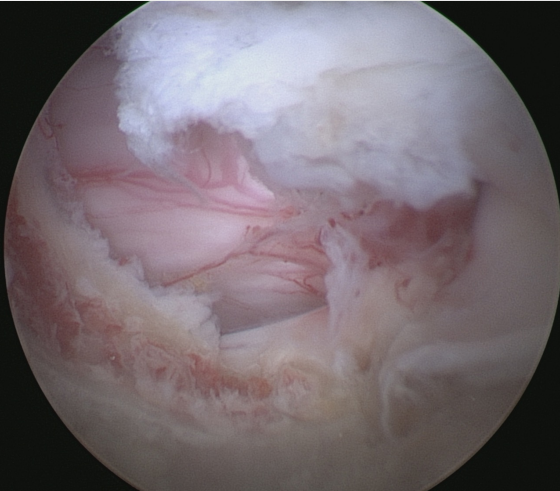
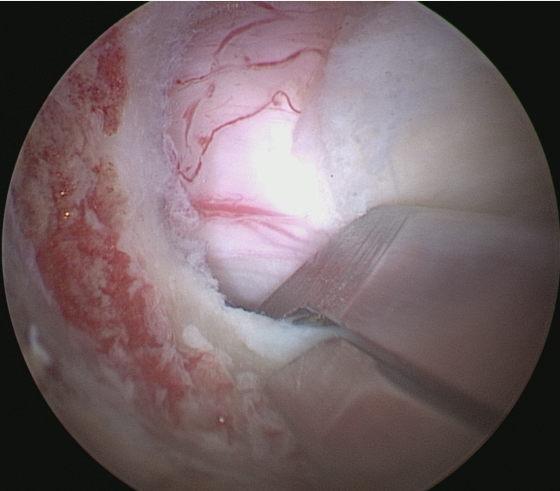
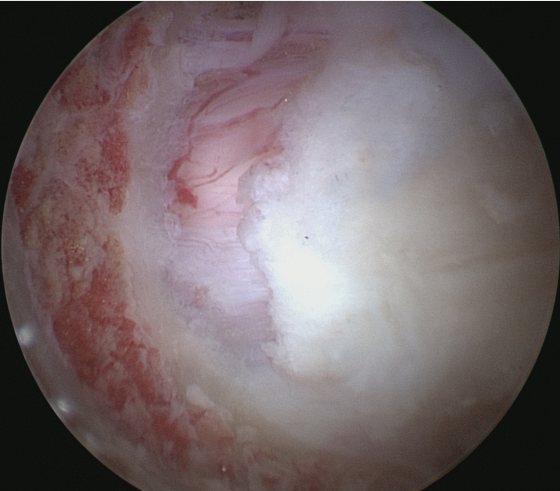
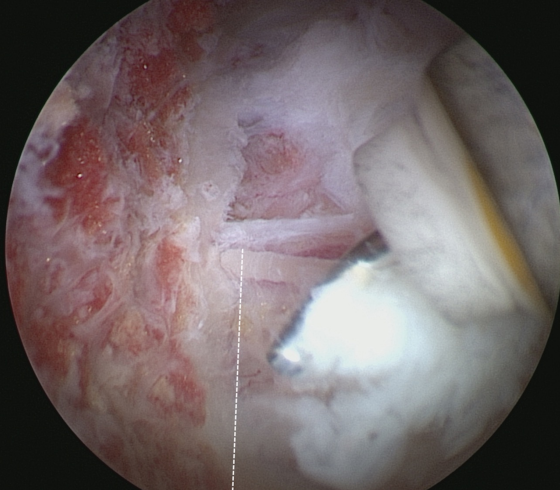
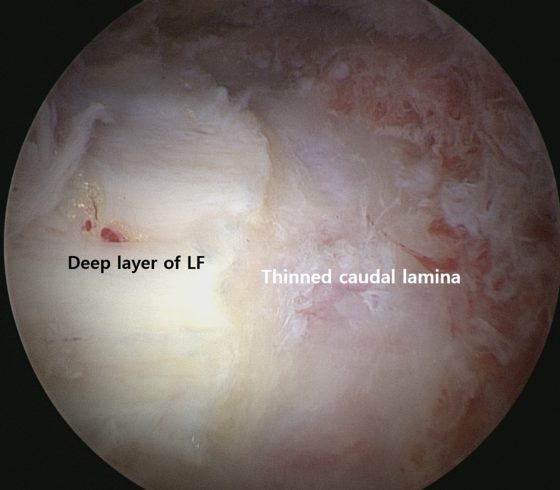
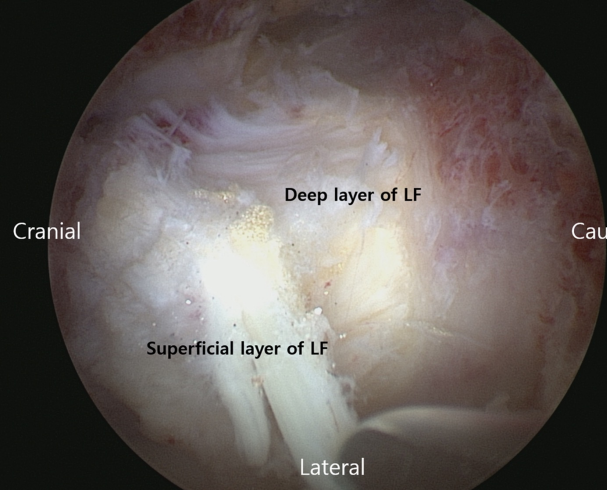


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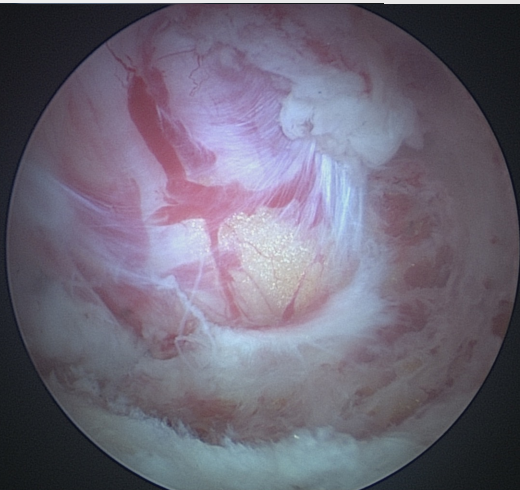
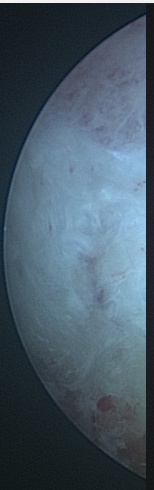
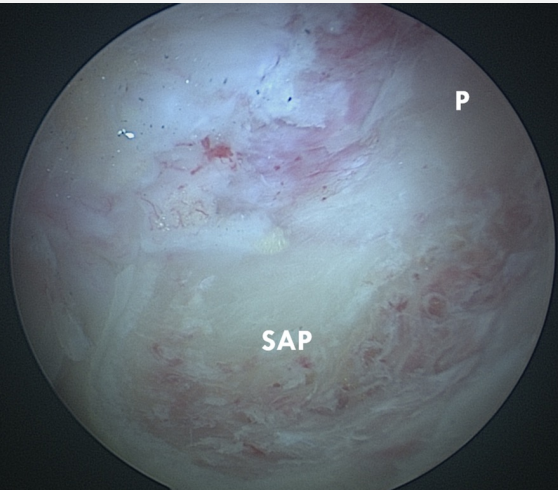
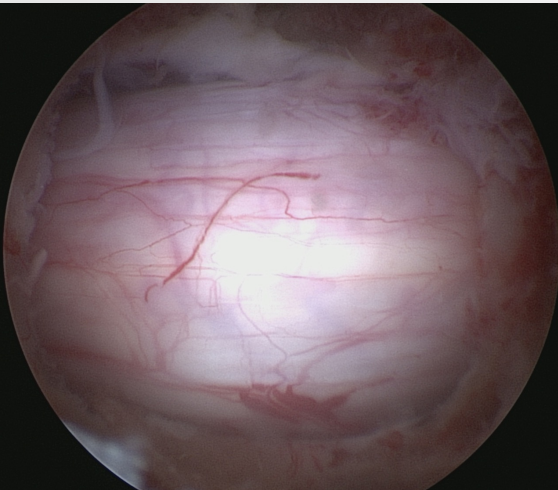
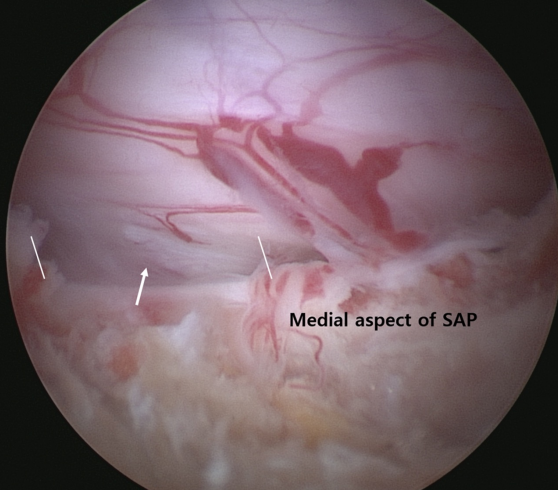
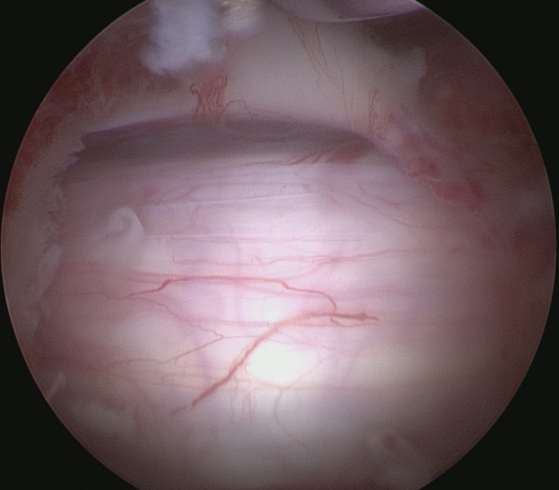
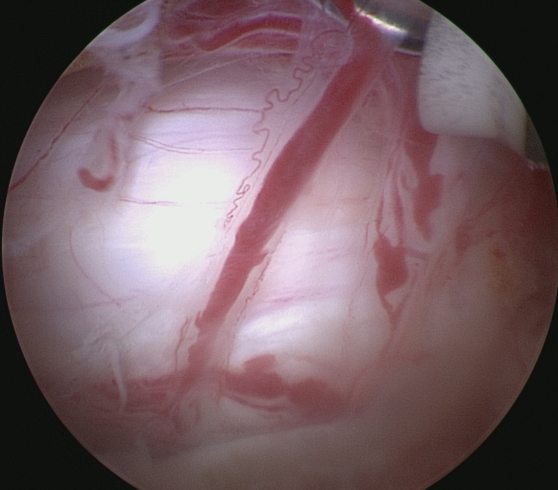


Flavectomy



Cervical laminectomy by UBE

Flavectomy

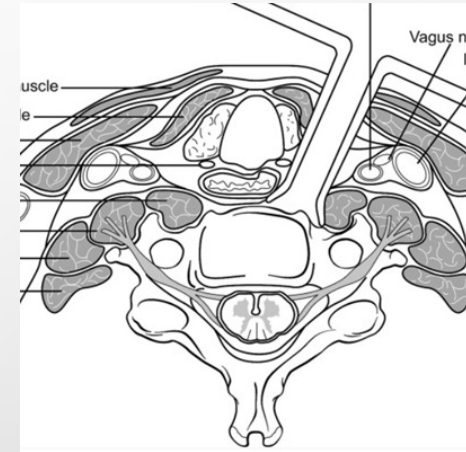


Anterior approach

Stress in adjacent segment



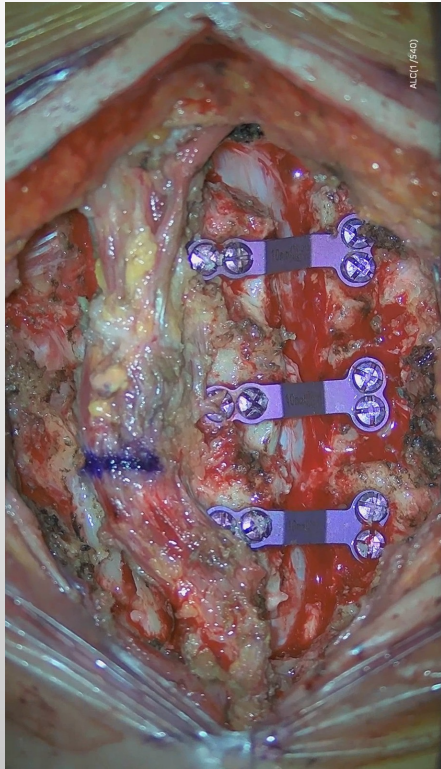
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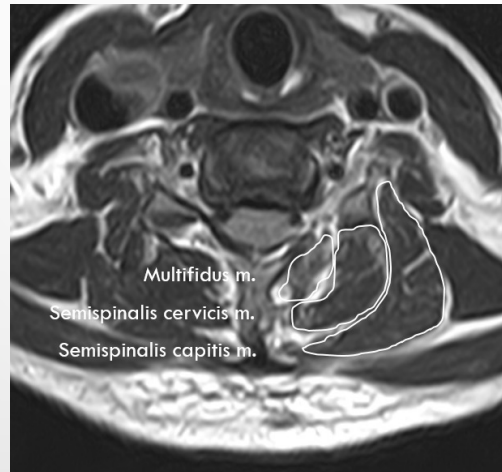
Approach-related Cx

Lamina were reconstructed but muscle attachments was not achieved

Disruption of the muscle attachment



Laminoplasty



Spinous process – Semispinalis cervicis

Splenius capitis

Facet joint –

Semispinalis capitis

Lamina -

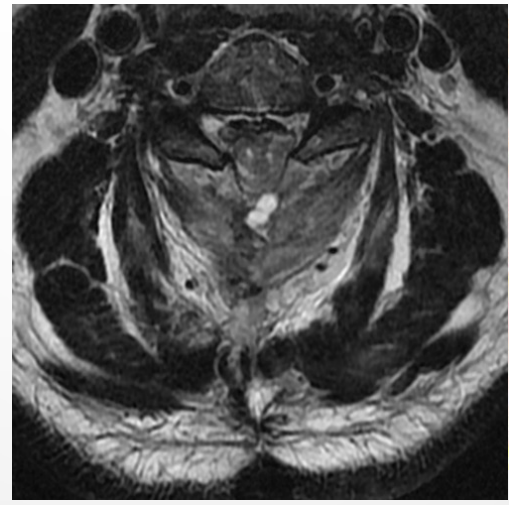
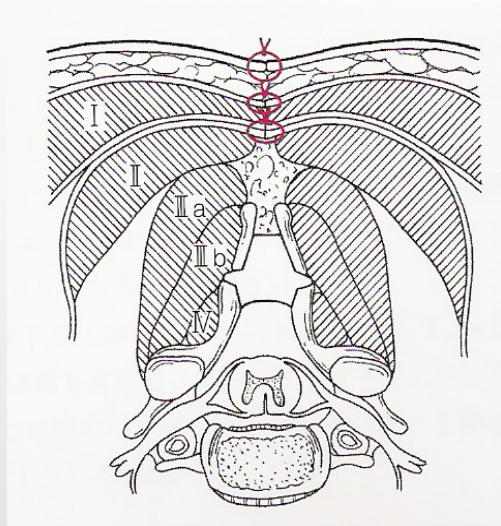
Multifidus

Posterior tension band

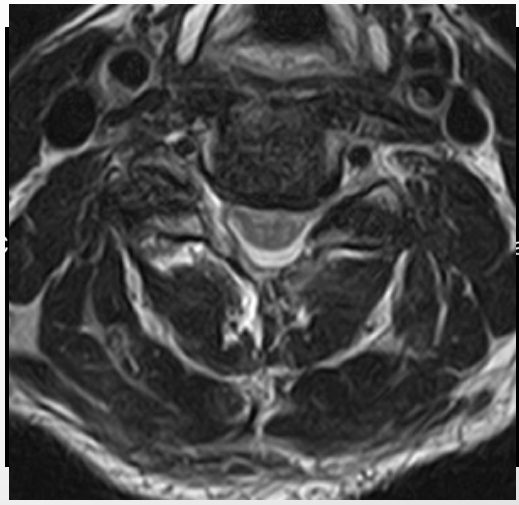


Minimal Invasiveness

Posterior cervical musculature



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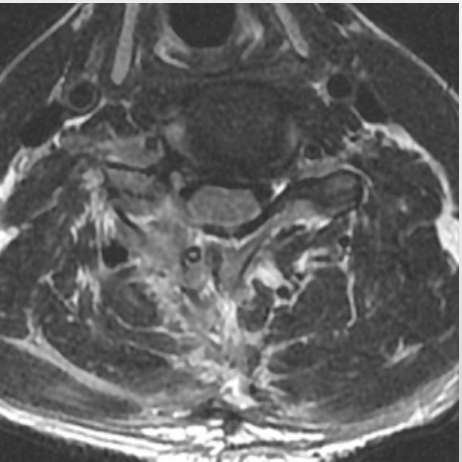
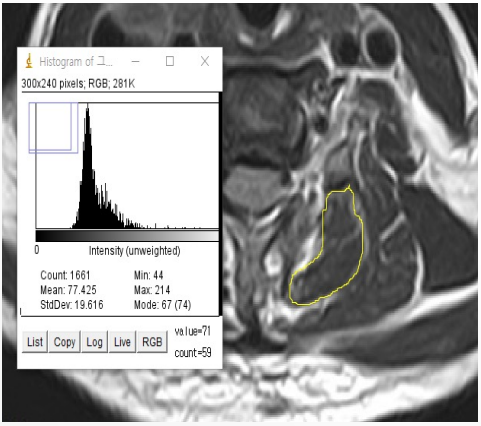
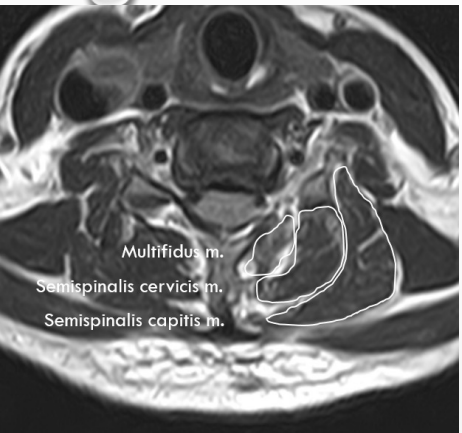


- 1st layer : Trapezius
- 2nd layer : Splenius capitis
- 3rd layer : Semispinalis capitis
- Semispinalis cervicis
- Multifidus

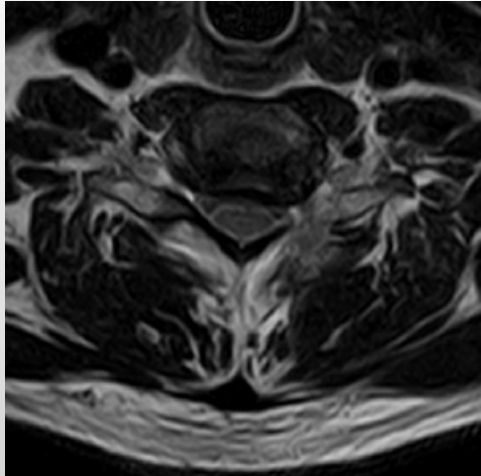
Weakness of extensor muscle and posterior tension band
→ Neck pain, shoulder strain
→ Postoperative kyphosis

Cervical laminectomy by UBE

Minimal invasiveness



Microscopic-PCF



UBE-PCF

Characteristics	UBE-PCF (n=31)	M-PCF (n=34)	p value
Sex (M:F)	22:9	26:8	0.614
Age (years)	54.0 ± 8.2	51.8 ± 10.0	0.352
Symptom duration (months)	3.8 ± 2.5	4.9 ± 3.0	0.113
Diagnosis [n (%)]			0.394
Foraminal HNP	8	9	
Foraminal Stenosis	18	15	
Both	5	10	
Level [n (%)]			0.931
C4-5	3	2	
C5-6	13	15	
C6-7	13	14	
C7-T1	2	3	
Operation time (minutes)	63.9 ± 9.7	67.2 ± 10.5	0.197
Facet joint removal	30.7 ± 6.4	34.3 ± 8.3	0.054

Variable	UBE - T2-SIR	M - T2-SIR	p value
Preoperative			
Multifidus	1.21 ± 0.12	1.20 ± 0.13	0.693
Semispinalis cervicis	1.13 ± 0.22	1.14 ± 0.13	0.892
Semispinalis capitis	1.16 ± 0.21	1.16 ± 0.13	0.991
Deep extensor muscle	1.17 ± 0.13	1.16 ± 0.13	0.569
Postoperative			
Multifidus	1.57 ± 0.28	1.60 ± 0.22	0.608
Semispinalis cervicis	1.35 ± 0.16	1.47 ± 0.16	0.003*
Semispinalis capitis	1.26 ± 0.19	1.34 ± 0.17	0.071
Deep extensor muscle	1.45 ± 0.21	1.57 ± 0.18	0.013*



Cervical laminectomy by UBE

Minimal Invasiveness

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The Source of Axial Pain After Cervical Laminoplasty-C7 Is More Crucial Than Deep Extensor Muscles

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Extensor Musculature of the Cervical Spine After Laminoplasty

Morphologic Evaluation by Coronal View of the Magnetic Resonance Image

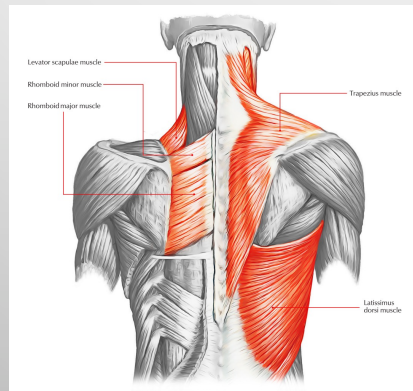
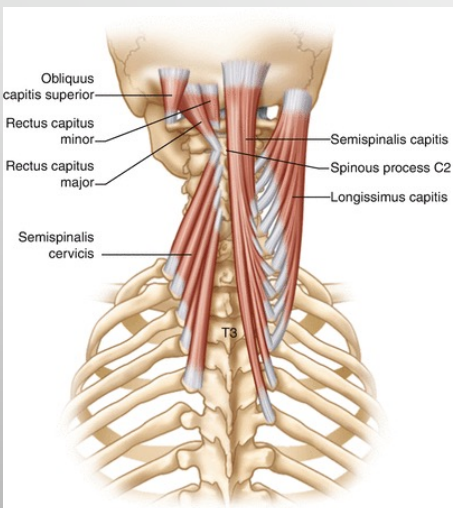
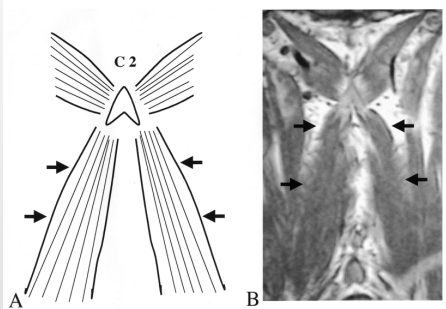
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Cervical malalignment after laminoplasty: relationship to deep extensor musculature of the cervical spine and neurological outcome

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C2, C7 spinous process tip preserve

C2- Semispinalis cervicis

C7- Trapezius, Splenius capitis

→ Kyphosis, axial neck pain ↓

Flexion/Extension C-MRI

Long-term radiological outcome

Floating of spinous process



Pre-op



POD 2D



POD 1Y

Decision making of cervical spondylotic myelopathy

Consideration

Dorsal compression vs Ventral compression

Canal compromise rate

How many levels

Lordosis vs Kyphosis , K line

Indication

One to three levels Cervical spondylosis

One to three levels OPLL

Neutral or lordotic cervical spine

Need in combination with the anterior approach

Contraindication

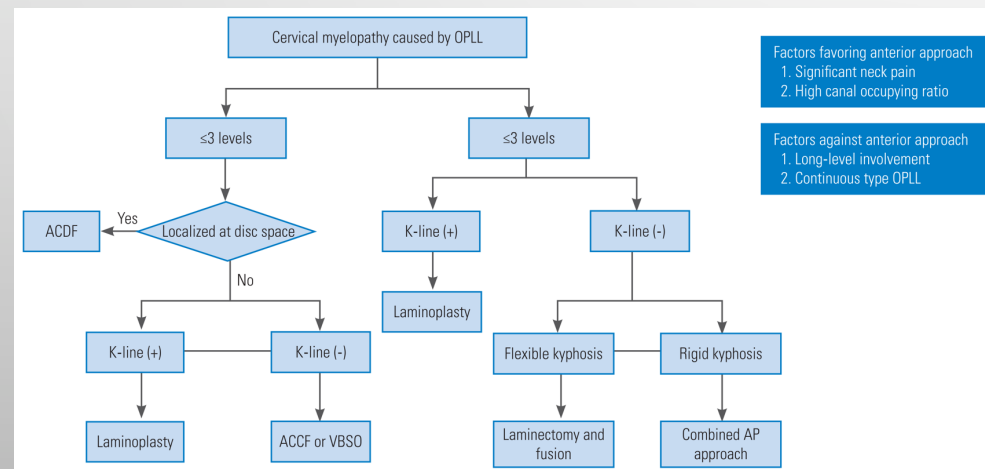
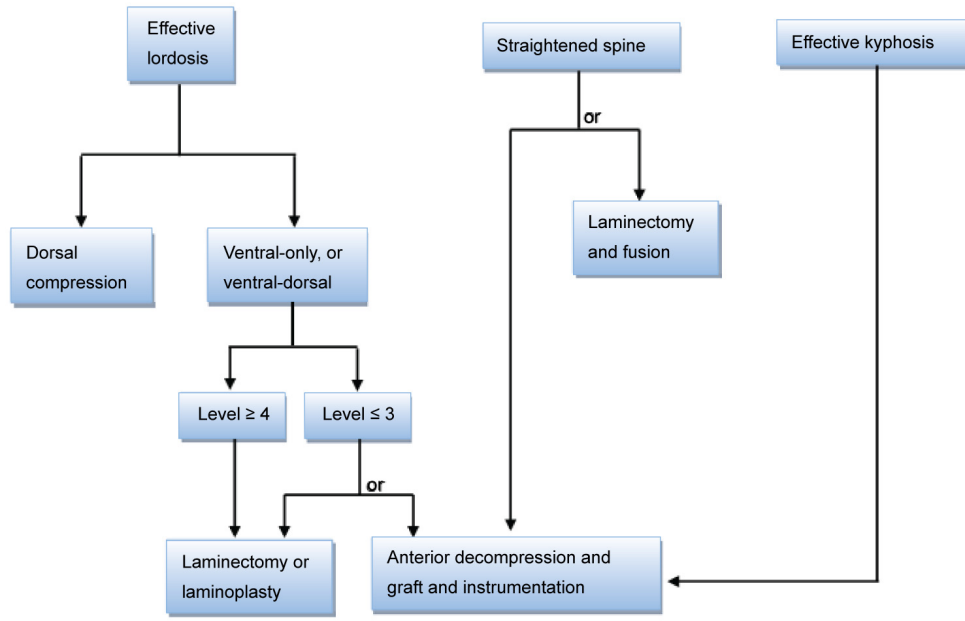
Multiple segmental CSM (>4 level)

Severe OPLL with continuous type

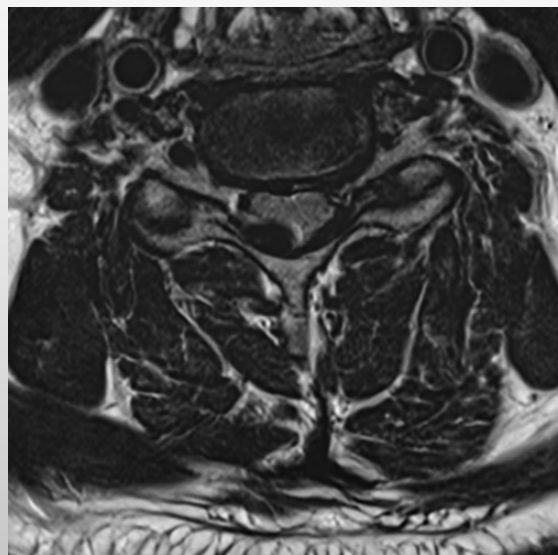
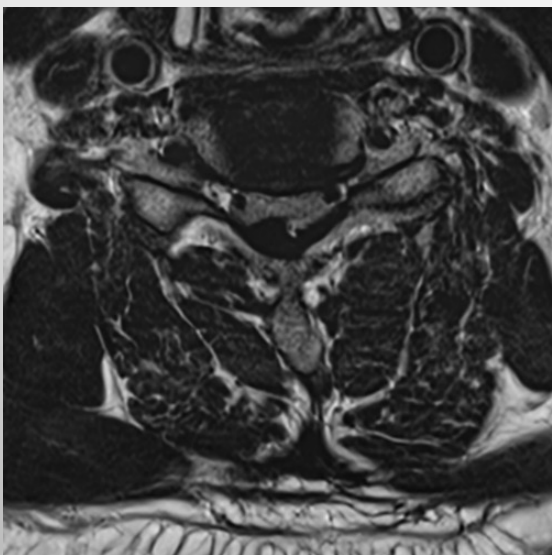
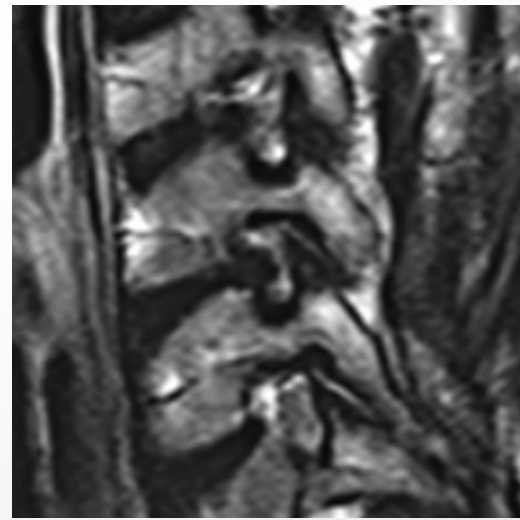
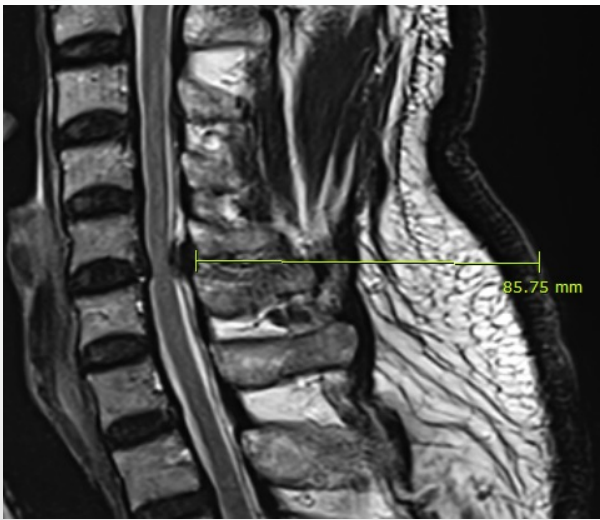
Centrally located disc herniation

Cervical spine instability

Significant kyphotic deformity

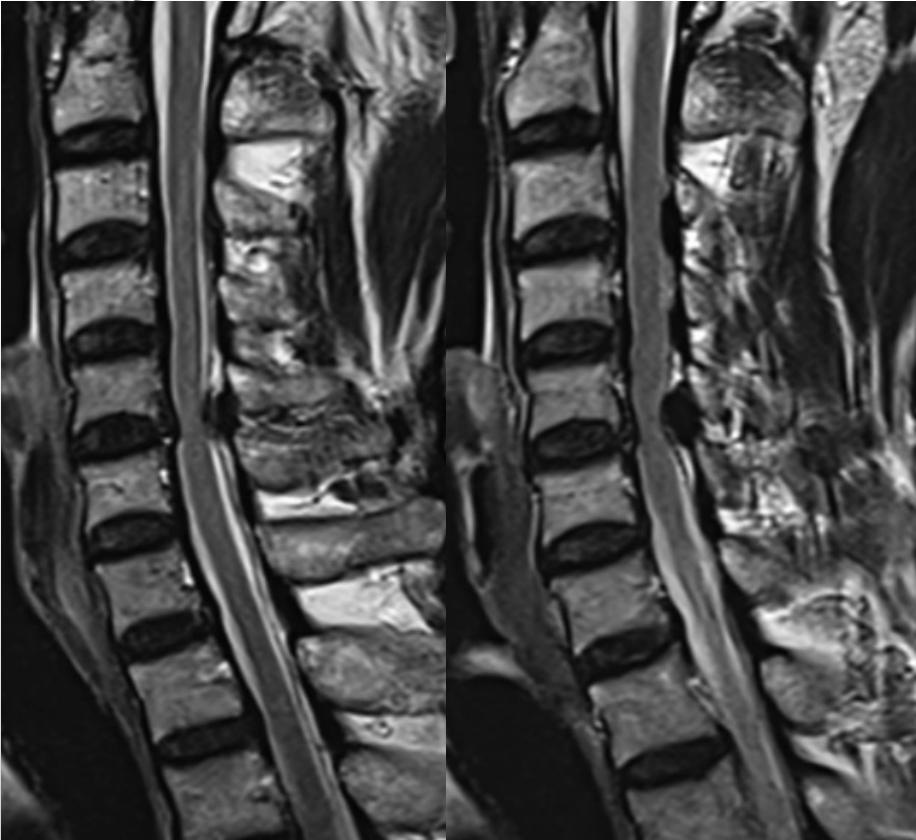


Calcium pyrophosphate dehydrate deposition with myelopathy/ Foraminal stenosis



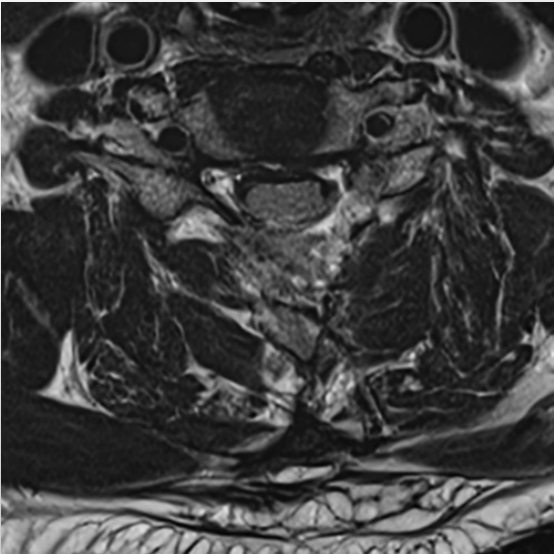
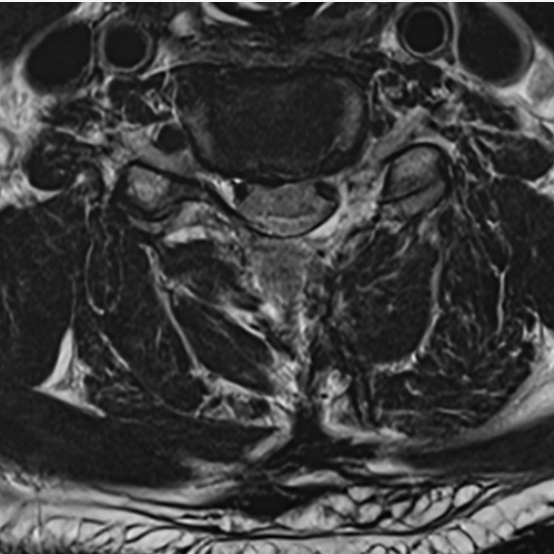
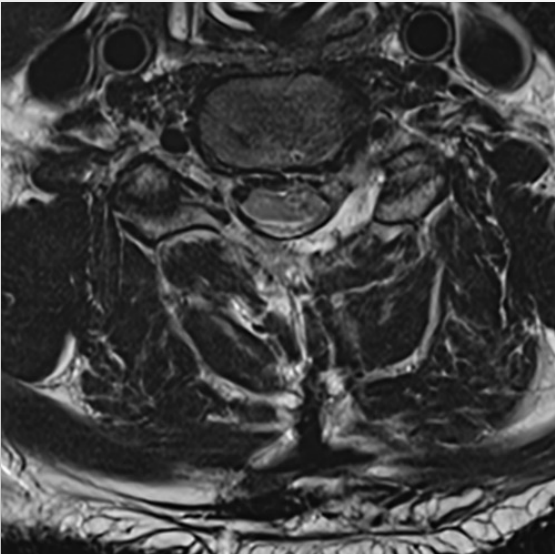
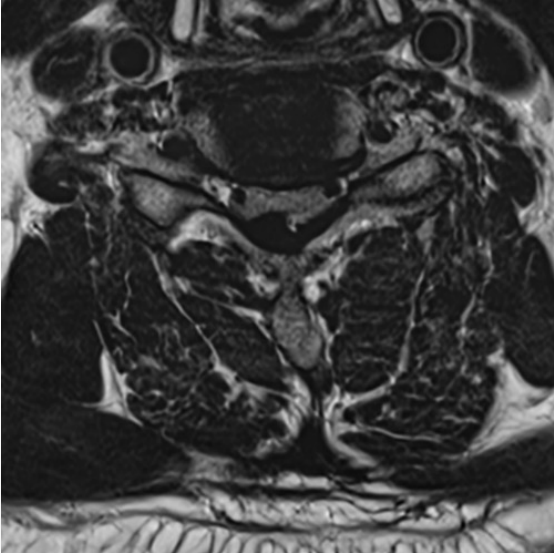
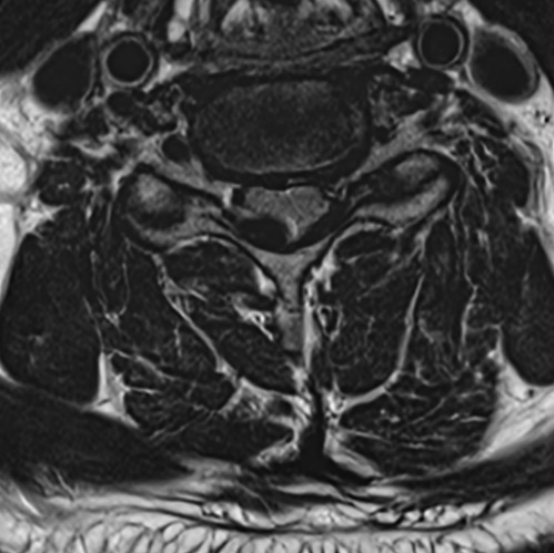
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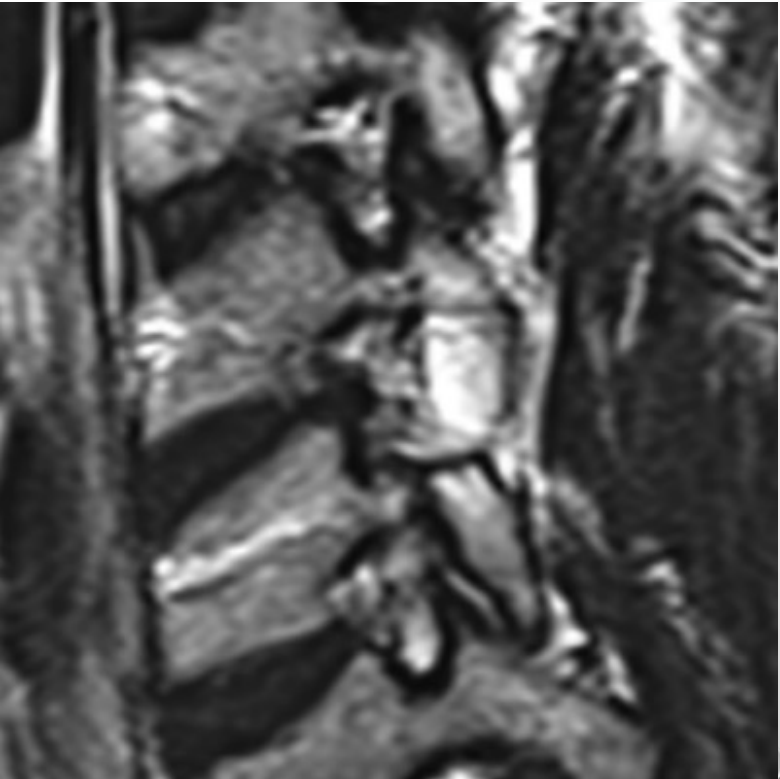
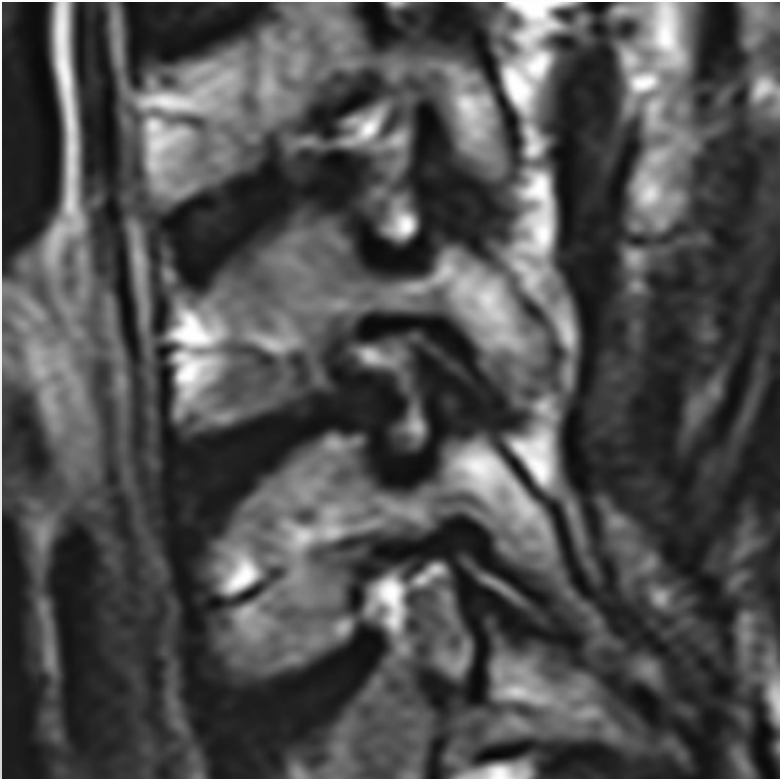


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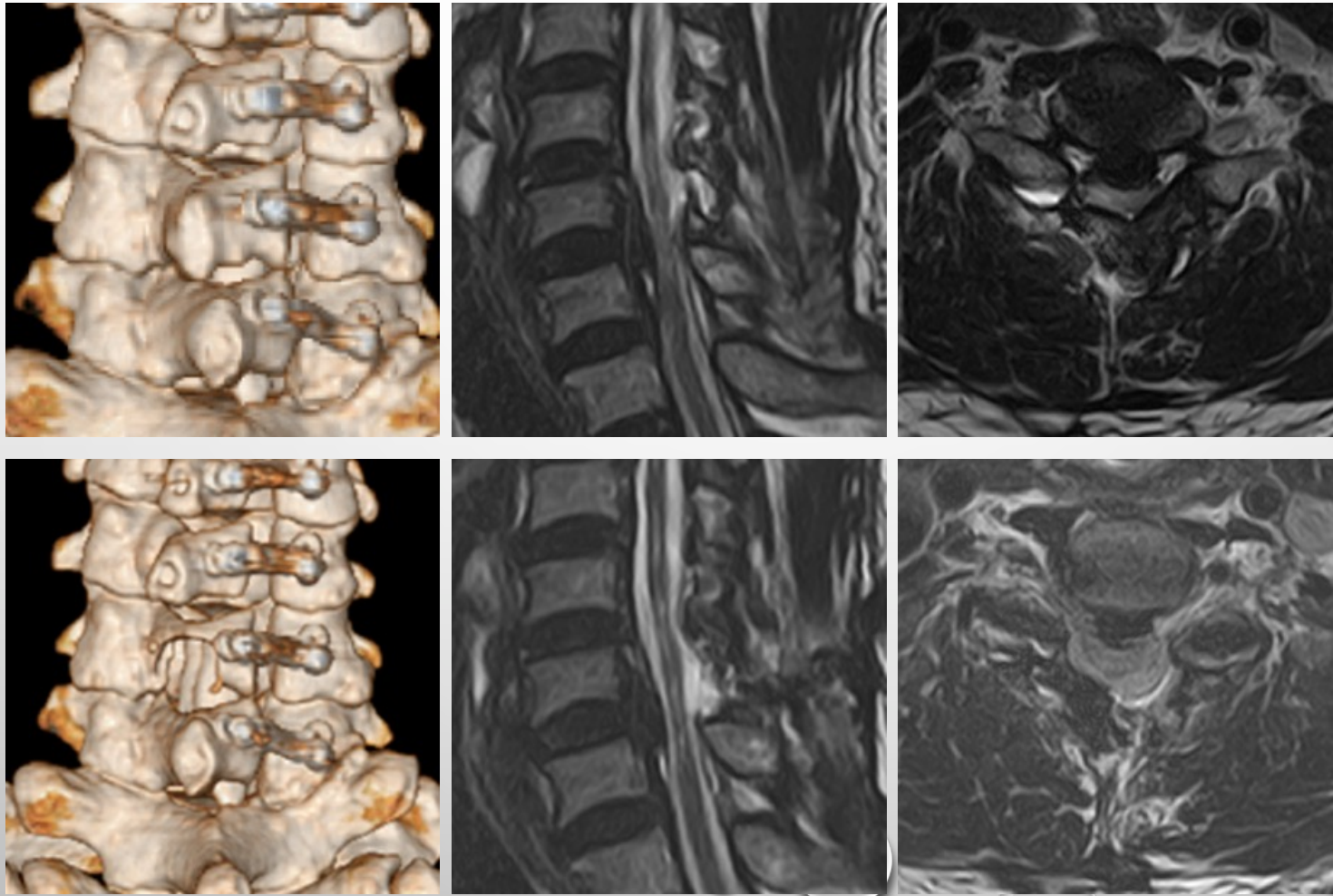
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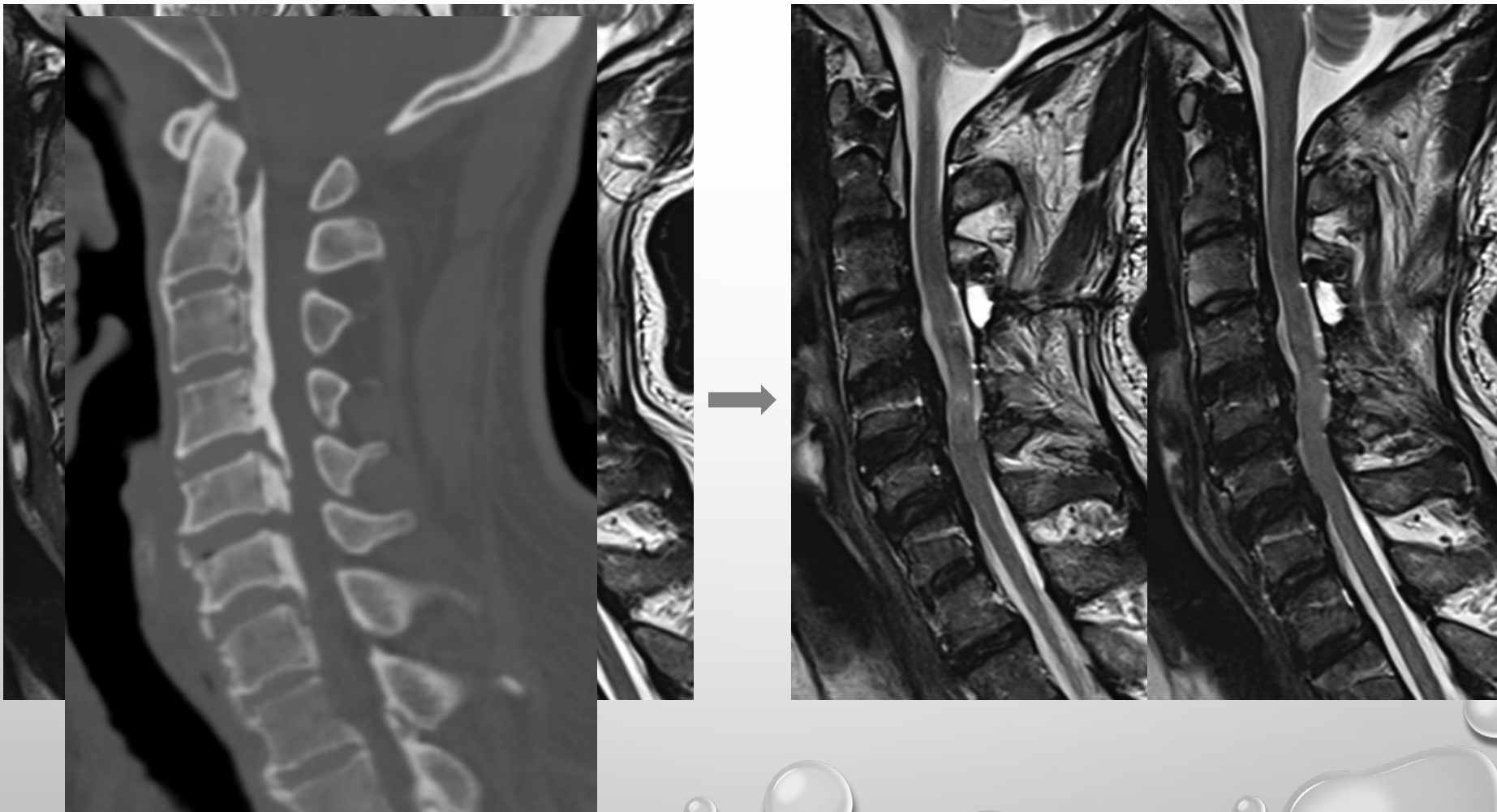
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Calcified HNP on C6-7 (Laminoplasty state)

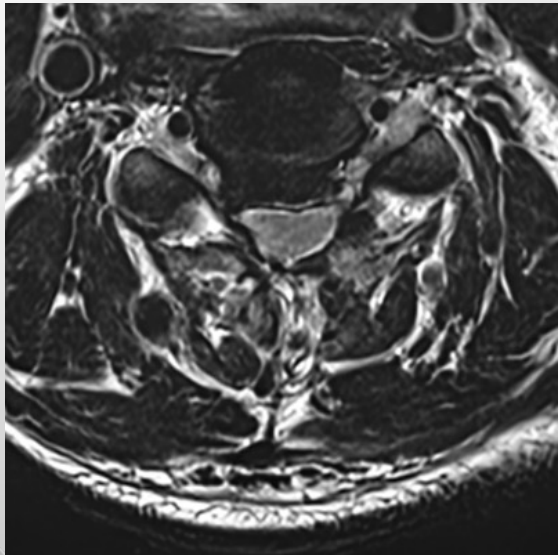
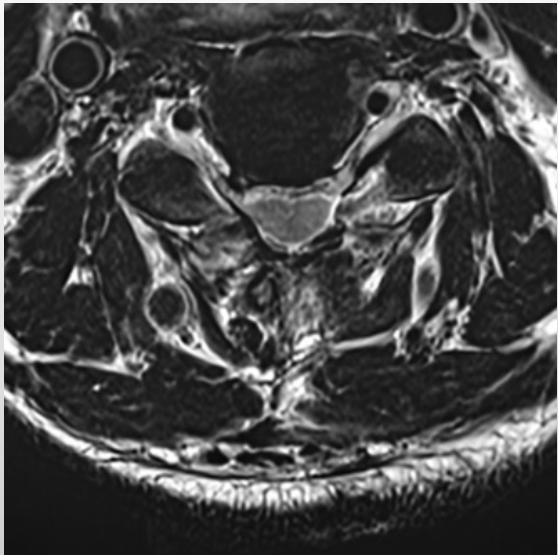
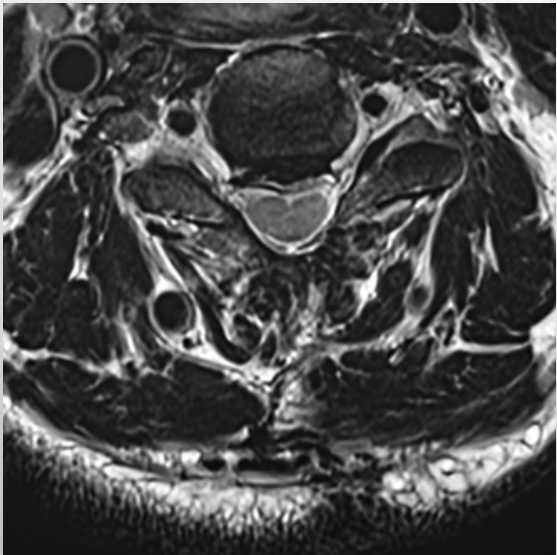
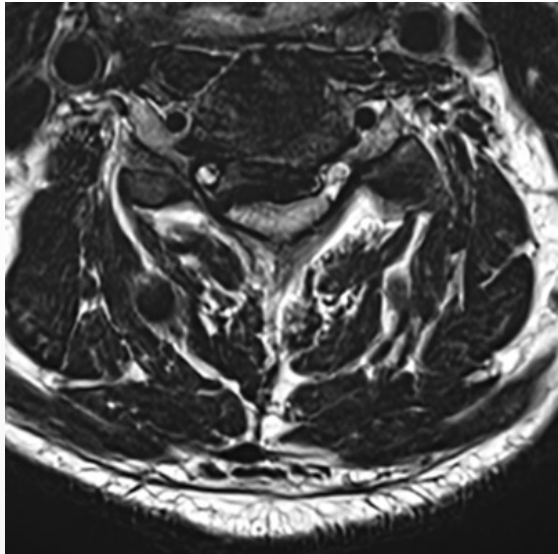
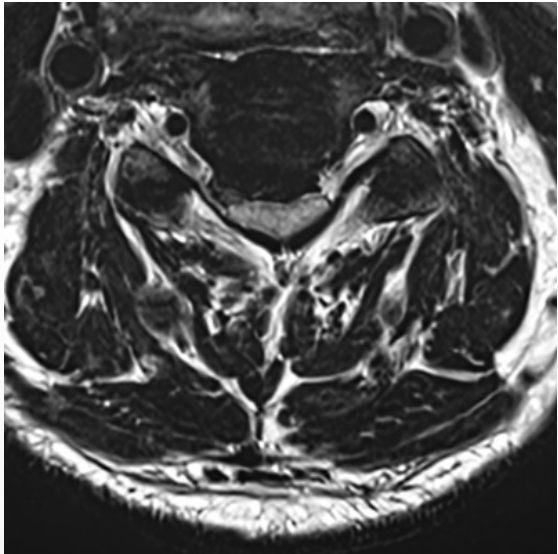
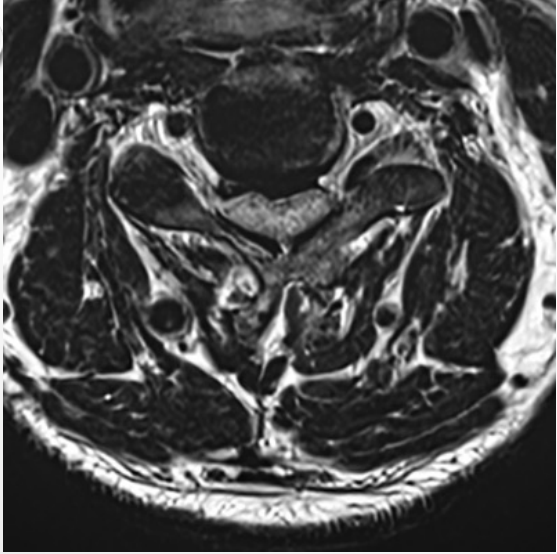


Incomplete cord injury associated OPLL on C3-4-5-6



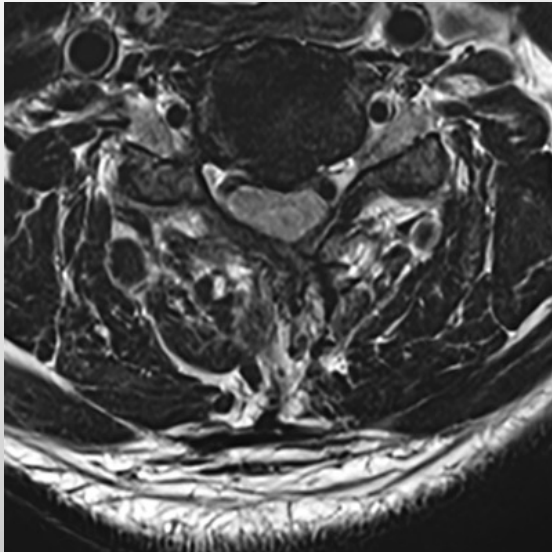
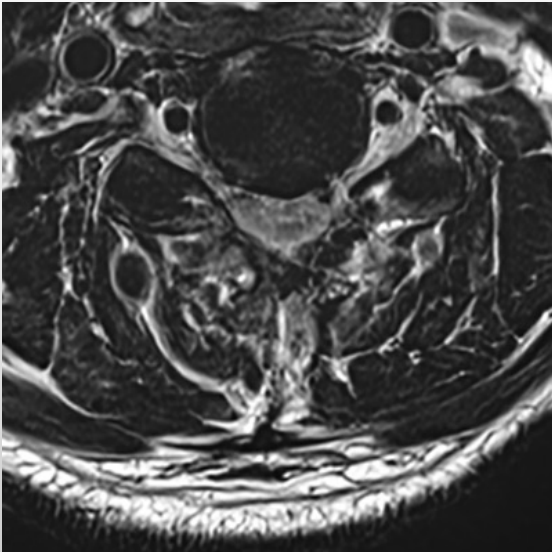
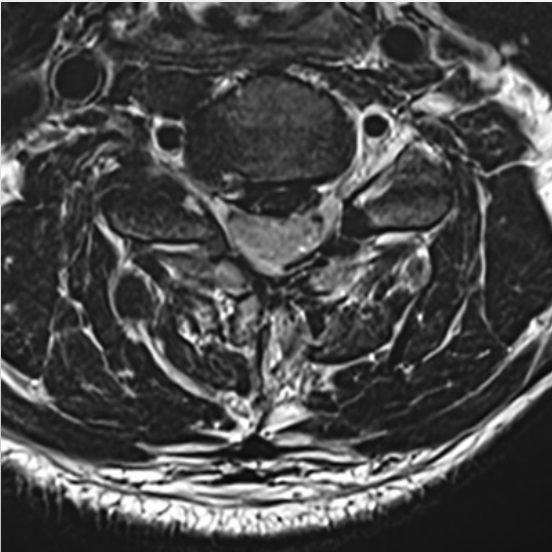
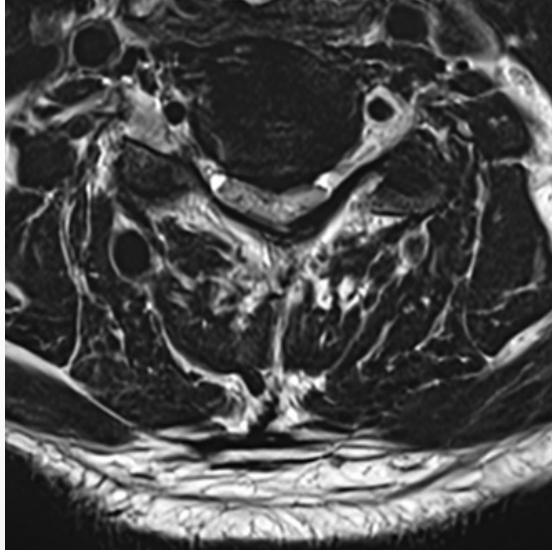
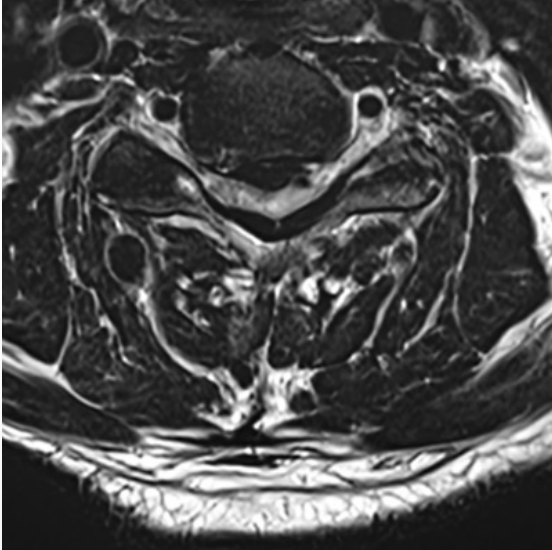
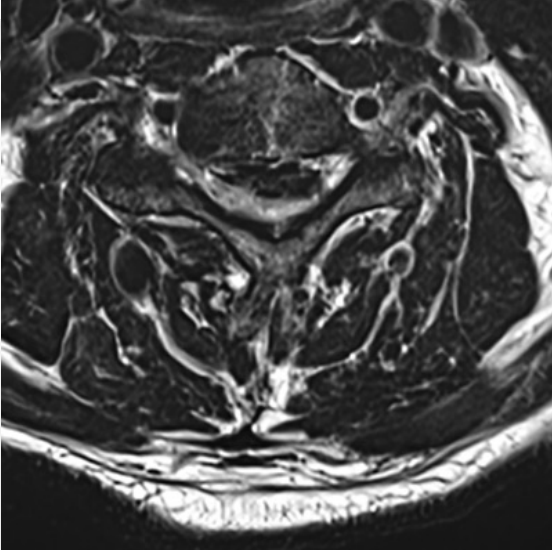
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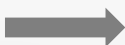
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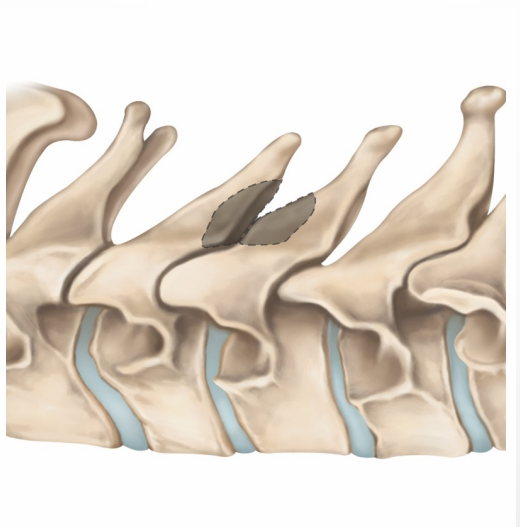
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Complications

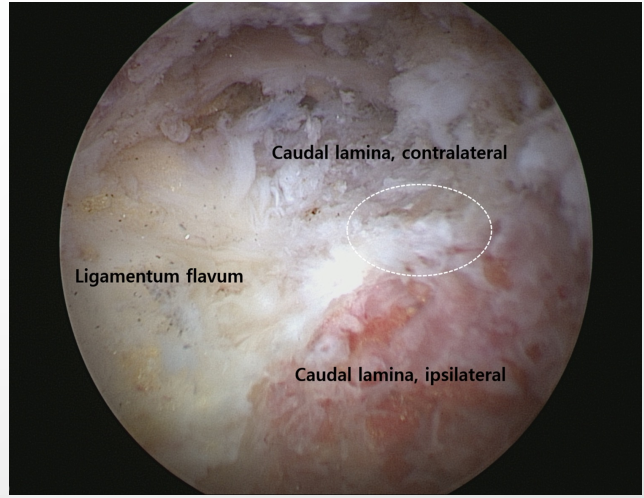
Cord injury



Fluid output
One hand surgery

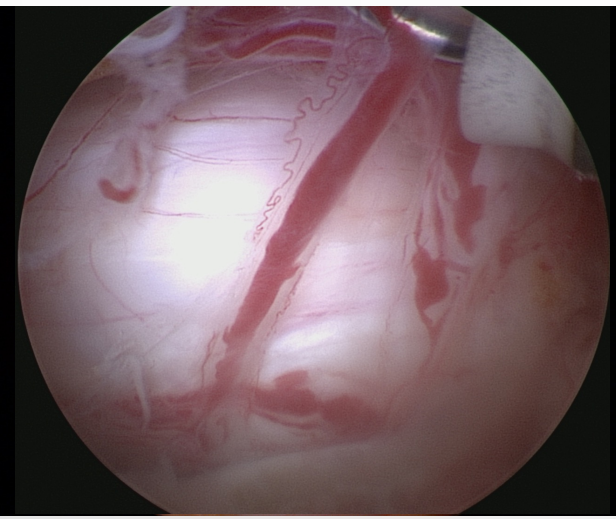


Space
Interspinous approach



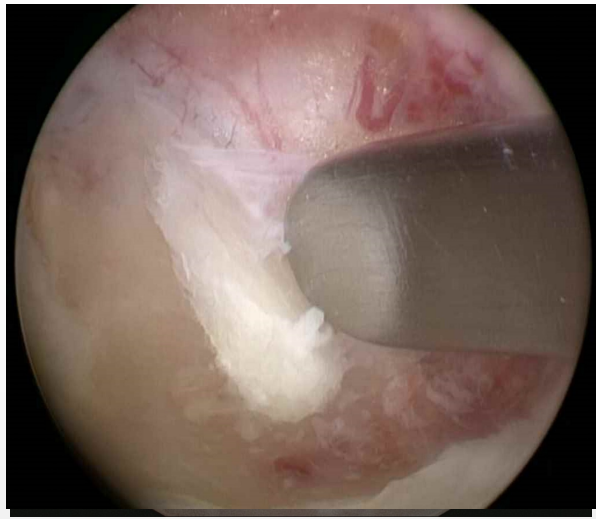
Complications

Cord injury



Radiofrequency probe

- Coagulation/ Ablation
- Against neural structures
- Hook type RF probe



Thin out using diamond drill

Floating method



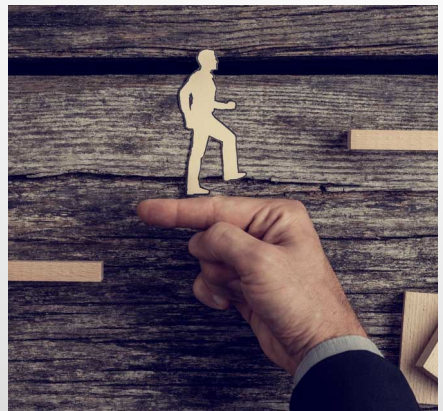
Intraoperative cord monitoring

Microscopic surgery

Mentor

Indication

Evidence



Do's



Don'ts


Comparative cohort studies

Randomized clinical trials with long-term follow-up



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