

Cervical Posterior Foraminotomy

This surgery removes bone and/or portions of a herniated or diseased disc to relieve neck and radiating arm pain caused by parts of the disc pressing on nerve roots.

STEP 1

An incision in the neck exposes the back of the spine.

STEP 2

Surgical instruments are used to clear away bone and soft tissue. This gives the surgeon access to the pinched nerve root and herniated disc in the spinal canal. It also reduces pressure on the nerve root.

STEP 3

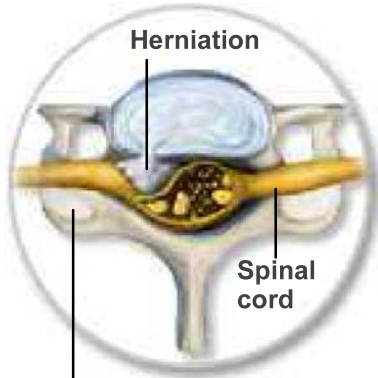
A small instrument is used to check the freedom of the nerve.

STEP 4

If the surgeon finds a fragment of herniated disc beneath the nerve root, the fragment is removed.

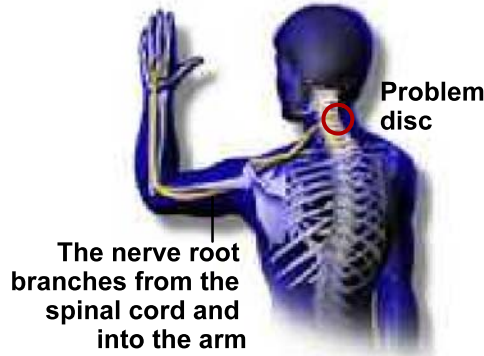
END OF PROCEDURE

Allowed to move freely, the nerve root returns to a normal, comfortable position.



CERVICAL DISC BEFORE PROCEDURE

Surgery removes portions of herniated disc to relieve neck and radiating arm pain.



1 An incision on the neck exposes the spine

Base of the skull

3 A small instrument is used to check the freedom of the nerve.

vertebra

4 The herniated disc beneath the nerve root is removed.

2 Surgical instruments are used to clear away bone.

CERVICAL DISC AFTER PROCEDURE

The nerve root returns to a normal, comfortable position.

