

What are some of the risks with cervical herniated disc surgery

Any type of surgical procedure has risks. Typically, the cervical spine surgery is quite safe, and again in my hands, we have never had a patient be paralyzed or die, but everybody has complications. Any type of surgery has complications associated with it. The things we worry about with the cervical spine are always things involving the nerves, so we do a lot of safety measures to make sure that you are protected. During surgery, we have you being monitored. There are electrodes from your head to your toes, and we have a physiologist in the operating room with a computer monitoring the function of your spinal cord to make sure that everything is intact and protected. If there is a problem with the spinal cord, we are alerted to it and hopefully can take some sort of action to prevent any type of damage, but certainly, with cervical surgery on the list of risks are things such as nerve injury which may involve a problem with numbness or weakness in the arms, but this is very very rare. Things like infection are things you have to think about. Reaction to a medication, anesthesia problem. If you have a heart problem and you are going through anesthesia, you may have to think of that as a potential problem, but typically, the surgery is very safe and very effective and most people do go home the same day.

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