

Success Stories

The Center for Spinal Disorders is proud of its success with patients. Read stories of success and testimonials here:

JENNIFER EMMETT, Back Pain & Artificial Disc Replacement

For Dr. Jennifer Emmett, a surgeon at Denver Health Medical Center, constant back pain was not an option. While going through years of medical school and surgical training, her back pain continued to worsen and affect her way of life . . . On Sept. 20, 2006, Emmet's life changed forever. She underwent artificial disc replacement performed by Dr. Michael Janssen, orthopedic spine surgeon and member of Thornton's Center for Spinal Disorders. Within hours after surgery, she was up and walking. Two days later she was driving. She was back to work within two weeks. Read more on Dr. Emmett's success after surgery.

JOHN BECKHAM, Degenerative Disc Disease & Artificial Disc Replacement

Mr. John Beckham had been suffering from back pain for years. He had tried physical and injection therapy; these modalities had only provided him with temporary relief of his back pain. He was unable to golf at full capacity and had difficulty performing at work. Over time, the back pain became more profound and unrelenting forcing John to stop competing in golf tournaments due to the fact that he was unable to complete an 18-hole game. Ultimately his condition reached the point where his passion for golf was out weighed by the continual pain that disabled his performance. Read about his successful surgery.

JOHN IRELAND, Bulging Disc & Artificial Disc Replacement

Mr. John Ireland is an Emergency Medical Officer with the Pueblo Fire Department in Pueblo, Colorado. In November of 2003, he sustained an injury while performing his duties. His initial diagnosis was a bulging disc. His symptoms included severe lower back pain, radiating down both legs, decreased mobility and flexibility, and numbness and tingling in both legs and feet. He was placed on light duty. As a result of the ProDisc surgery, he returned to full duty after 6 months. He compliments the staff at the Center for Spinal Disorders as being world class. Read this patient's testimonial.

ROBERT ZABEL

Mr. Zabel returned from a 3 day backpacking trip. Had he not undergone surgery with Dr. Janssen, he would not have enjoyed his trip to the Big Horn Mountains in north central Wyoming with his family. Read his thank you letter.

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