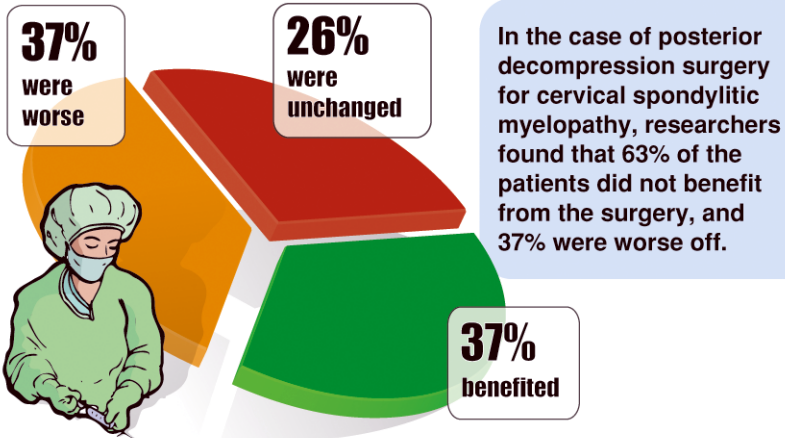


Poor Results for Posterior Decompression Surgery



Patients need to understand that all surgeries include a certain amount of risk. In addition to the risks of mortality and morbidity is the very real possibility that patients will have no improvement or be worse off.

SOURCE: Ebersold MJ, Pare MC, Quast LM. Surgical treatment for cervical spondylitic myelopathy. *J Neurosurg* 82:745-751, 1995.