

How does your spinal condition affect your daily life?

I have pain...it gets in the way of my normal activities and I can work through it, but it is a constant bother to me.

How does your condition affect your family?

I think they feel bad for me but I'm not sure if affects them as much as me.

How does your condition affect your income or ability to work?

I am able to work but the pain is a constant bother to me, it does limit how long I can work and the time I need to take breaks.

How does your condition affect your ability to enjoy life?

I'm not able to participate in the activities that matter to me...golfing, spending time with grandchildren, my friends. I am slower these days and just want to be independent and enjoy life.

Describe what you hope to gain from surgery:

I want some quality of life back, I want to be able to get back to golfing and spending time with my family.

What are your fears regarding treatment of your condition?

I don't have too many fears I trust Dr. Ames and his team

In general, do you feel optimistic and lucky or do you feel pessimistic and unlucky?

Optimistic and lucky

What is your highest level of education (high school, GED, college, other)?

College