

Fictional Patient # 2:

How does your spinal condition affect your daily life?

Not much, I feel fine. Just minor aches and pains.

How does your condition affect your family?

Not much they are very supportive and help me. They want me to get better.

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

I am retired. But when I was working it didn't affect my work much.

How does your condition affect your ability to enjoy life?

I am still able to go on walks and spend time with my family, I feel slower and stiffer but not terrible.

Describe what you hope to gain from surgery:

I want to be pain free, stand up straight, and get back to work.

What are your fears regarding treatment of your condition?

I have no fears, I trust Dr. Ames and his team.

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

Lucky

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

College