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Dear Geoffrey,

My father ( Julian) suggested I email you with regards to the ongoing issue= with my back after you so kindly forwarded contact details of US lumbar s=ecialists.

In the Summer of 2015, up until January of 2016, I suffered from chronic ba=k pain caused by a couple of horse riding falls, but no neural symptoms. I= mid-january I had a tingling down the back of my thigh on my left leg whi=h brought on terrible sciatica. I did visit a  physio therapist who confir=ed that I had a slipped disc, however, I was in the final year of universi=y and tried to focus on my studies. The sciatica did not subside and in Ma=ch '16 I realised that my leg was becoming increasingly numb and I had foo=-drop. Towards the end of April '16,  few other symptoms caused me to see =nother specialist who suggested I go to hospital immediatly since my neuro=ogical examination pointed to potential cauda equina. In hospital, an MRI =confirmed that my L5/S1 disc was badly prolapsed. Very soon after I had a =micro-disectomy  at this level.

A few days after the operation the sciatica and numbness persisted. Since t=e prolapse was pronounced my surgeon suggested that significant time was n=eded in order to allow the nerves to heal. In September '16, I had a stero=d injection since the sciatica remained. The injection failed to work at a=l, therefore, my surgeon decided to go ahead with a second MRI. The MRI sh=wed that there was some scar tissue at the L5/S1 level and possible re-her=iation. He considered fusion, however, the L4/L5 level looked weak (- he d=d consider whether this disc may also be contributing to the sciatica).

In November '16 I received an extended decompression at the L5/S1 and L4/5 =evel. Following the operation, the sciatica returned 2 weeks later and has=since persisted until now.  I am yet to have an MRI following the most rec=nt operation.

I hope this medical saga all makes sense! I know you have been a good frien= of daddy's for many years and I am very grateful for your advice.

Many thanks,
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