

POSTERIOR ROD SURGERY FOR KYPHOSIS (FORWARD STOOP) WITH ANTERIOR KEY-HOLE RELEASE

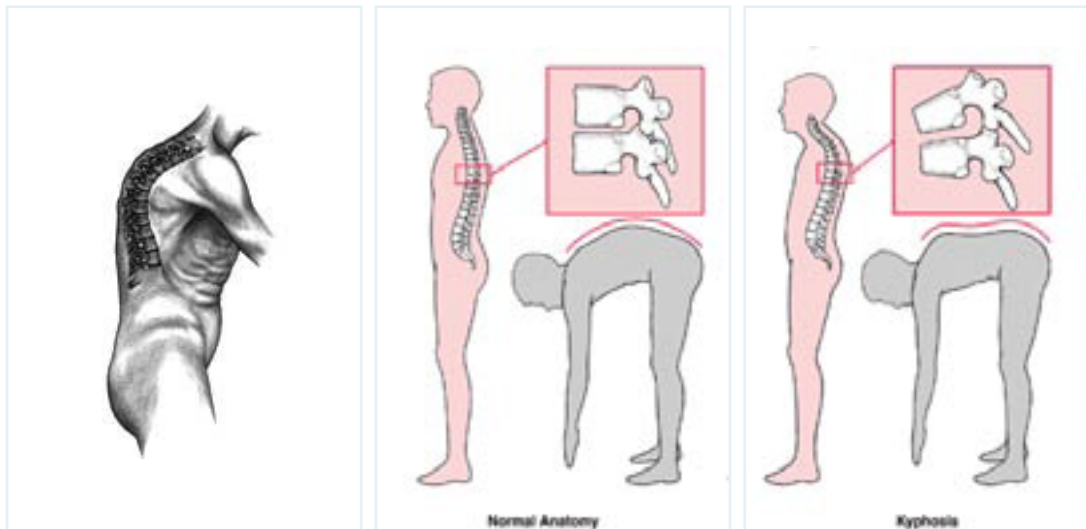
This type of operation is performed on patients who have an excessive forward stoop or bend that is often stiff and may cause back ache. To begin this procedure an endoscopic (key-hole) release surgery is performed to remove some of the vertebral discs that cause the forward bend and stiffness.

Two rods are then placed along the back of the spine after inserting vertebral bone screws and hooks. The spine is then straightened and bone graft is placed at the back of the spine to stiffen that region.

With the new "cell saver" service, any blood lost during the operation can be recycled and allows for an auto-transfusion. Very few patients therefore require a banked blood donation.

The patient is in hospital for around one week.

In some cases a light weight brace is worn by the patient for 6-8 weeks after the surgery to help them to stand up straight in their "new position".



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