



Spinal Fusion

Spinal fusion is surgery to join together two bones (vertebrae) in the spine. Fusion permanently joins two bones together so there is no longer movement between them. Spinal fusion is usually done along with other surgical procedures of the spine.

Source: MedlinePlus <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/002968.htm>

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons: Spinal Fusion

<http://orthoinfo.aaos.org/topic.cfm?topic=a00348>

MedlinePlus: Spinal Fusion

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/002968.htm>

Spine Health: Spinal Fusion

<http://www.spine-health.com/treatment/spinal-fusion>

University of Maryland Medical Center: Spine Patient Guides

<https://www.umms.org/ummc/health-services/orthopedics/services/spine/patient-guides>

There are various articles about fusion listed here.

WebMD: Spinal Fusion (Arthrodesis)

<http://www.webmd.com/back-pain/spinal-fusion-arthrodesis>

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