

OFFICE VISIT
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RE: HALL, H. Tracy

Professor Hall was seen in follow-up at the Utah Neurological Clinic on September 12, 1995.

He had had his left L4-5 disc removed and a large sequestered fragment was found on August 16.

He did very well for several days, had no leg pain and was comfortable and ambulatory but has had progressive trouble with left leg pain, easy fatigability and back pain. He has been having trouble with pain medicines. He does not tolerate a lot but he is taking the Tylenol #3 presently.

He currently has a hard time standing on the left leg and he has a positive left straight leg raise. He has 4+ out of 5 weakness in his left foot, much as he had when he was in the hospital.

I am surprised that he has not improved considerably because he had a large disc herniation seen at surgery. He had facet thickening over the nerve and he should have had a lot of pain relief.

Since he has not, we need to sort this out. It has been almost a month and I have put him on a Medrol Pak to try to control the inflammation and have arranged for a MRI scan to be repeated to see if there is any persistent nerve root pressure or if he might have slipped.

In the meantime he can walk as much as is comfortable. We will also send him over to the Spine Treatment and Rehab and see if they can help us.

I will see him on September 20 at his next scheduled appointment. My nurse Laura will call him in a week to see how he is doing with the Medrol Pak.

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