



“With Vertebroplasty I have been able to live free from back pain. I can swim, walk and resume my normal activities—which were not possible until now.”

— Joyce Paxton, patient

Benefits of Vertebroplasty:

- Minimally invasive; performed using x-ray guidance
 - Reduction or elimination of general anesthesia
 - Elimination of complications that may result from open surgery
- Outpatient procedure
 - No overnight hospitalization required
 - Lasts from 1-2 hours
- Rapid recovery time
 - Patients typically go home the same day of treatment
- Immediate pain relief or elimination within 48 hours

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percutaneous vertebroplasty

A procedure designed to stabilize painful vertebral compression fractures caused by osteoporosis or tumors.



Who is a Candidate For Vertebroplasty?

The best candidates for the procedure are those people who have recently suffered a compression fracture and are having moderate to severe back pain. Older fractures can be treated, but it is more likely to be effective when it is performed soon after the fracture occurs. Vertebroplasty is not usually helpful for chronic back pain or disc problems.

Vertebroplasty has been shown to:

- Prevent compression fractures from further collapse
- Significantly stabilizes painful vertebral compression fractures in over 90% of patients treated**
- Require a short recovery time
- Provide the patient with an early return to daily activities



Note: Vertebroplasty is not appropriate for treating pain associated with arthritis, herniated discs or degenerative disc disease.

** J. Kevin McGraw, et al., Prospective evaluation of pain relief in 100 patients undergoing percutaneous vertebroplasty - results and follow-up, JVIIR 2002: 13:883-886.



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