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Overview on Spinal Stenosis: An Image Article

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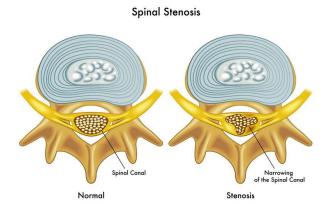


Figure 1: Spinal stenosis (or narrowing) is a common condition is caused by the narrowing of the central canal, the lateral recess, or neural foramen, which causes the compression of the nerve roots. This compression or pinching of the nerve roots results in pain, cramping, weakness or numbness. Depending upon the site of occurrence, spinal stenosis can be of two types; cervical stenosis (neck) and Lumbar stenosis (lower back). The causes for spinal stenosis include enlarged osteophytes, degenerative arthritis (osteoarthritis), thickening of the ligaments in the back, as well as by a bulging of the discs that separate the vertebrae.

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