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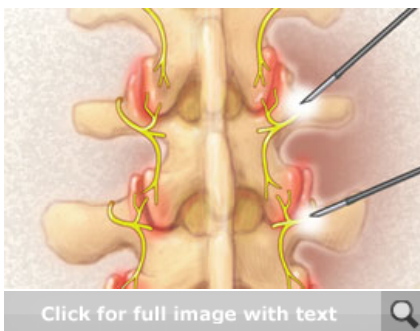
Chronic back pain

A new treatment option

It seems as if you've tried everything to relieve the pain caused by the arthritis in your lower back — but with only minimal success.

You wonder: Can anything besides surgery be done?

Perhaps. For arthritis-related back and neck pain, radiofrequency ablation is a developing therapy that involves stunning or destroying with heat energy the nerves of a painful joint. In the right situation, this may bring welcome — though not usually permanent — relief.



Pinpointing the cause

The foundation of pain relief with radiofrequency ablation is determining if arthritis is the cause of some or all of your back pain. Radiofrequency ablation only produces relief of back pain from arthritis — and not other common causes such as muscle or ligament injuries, bone fractures or a disk rupture.

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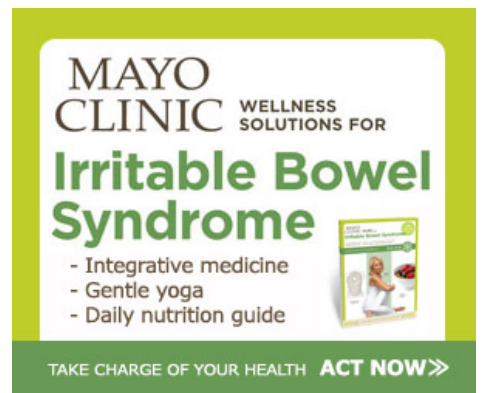
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