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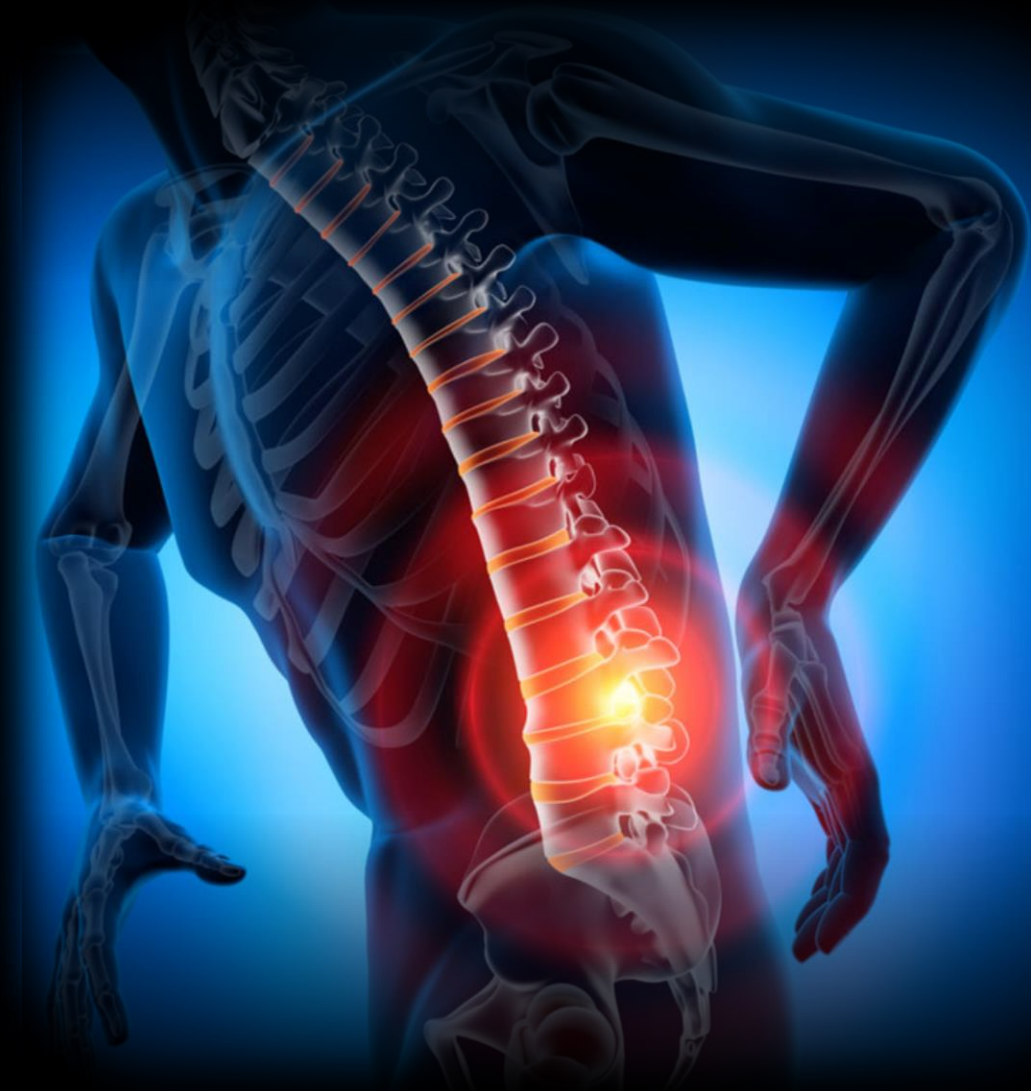
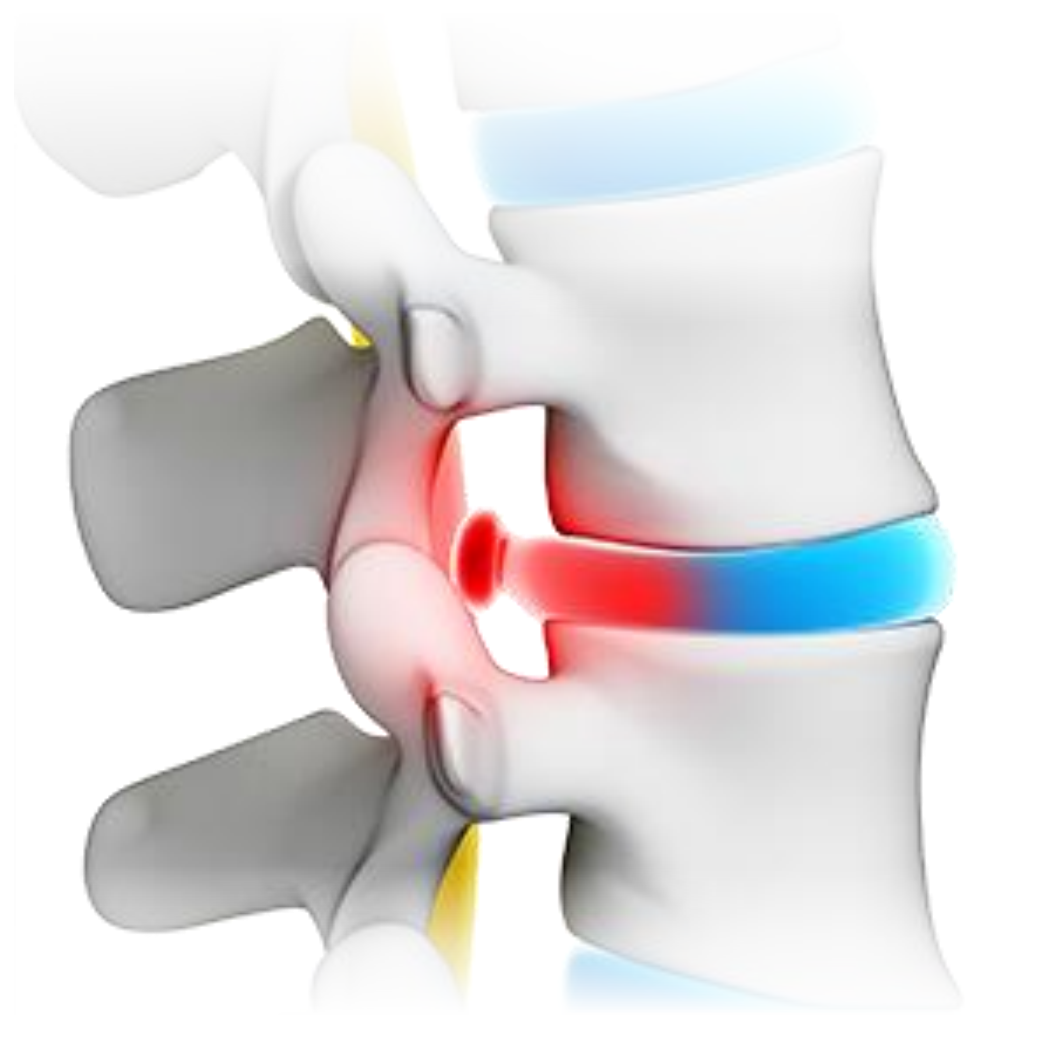
Objective data to support **spinal surgery** choices.

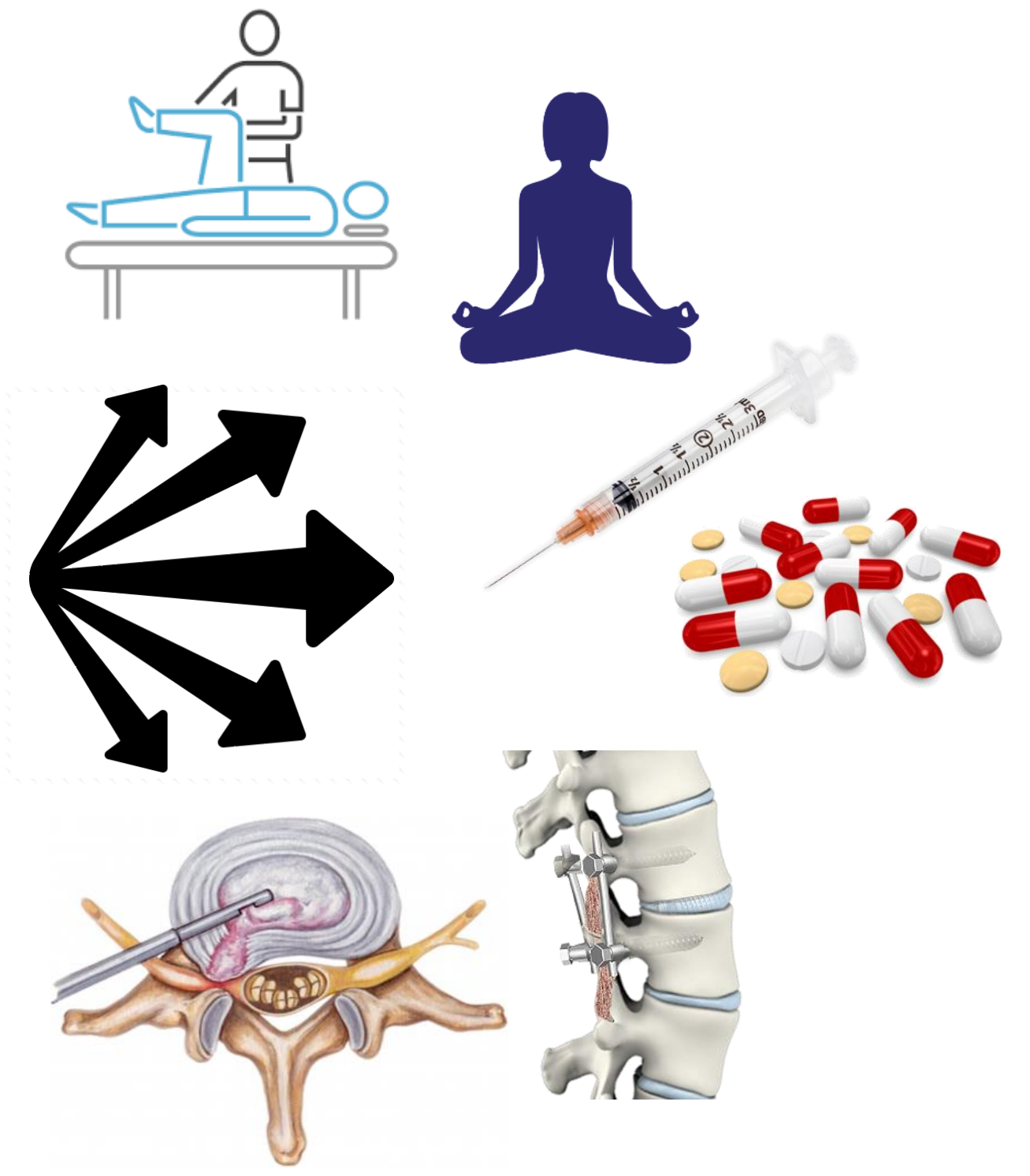
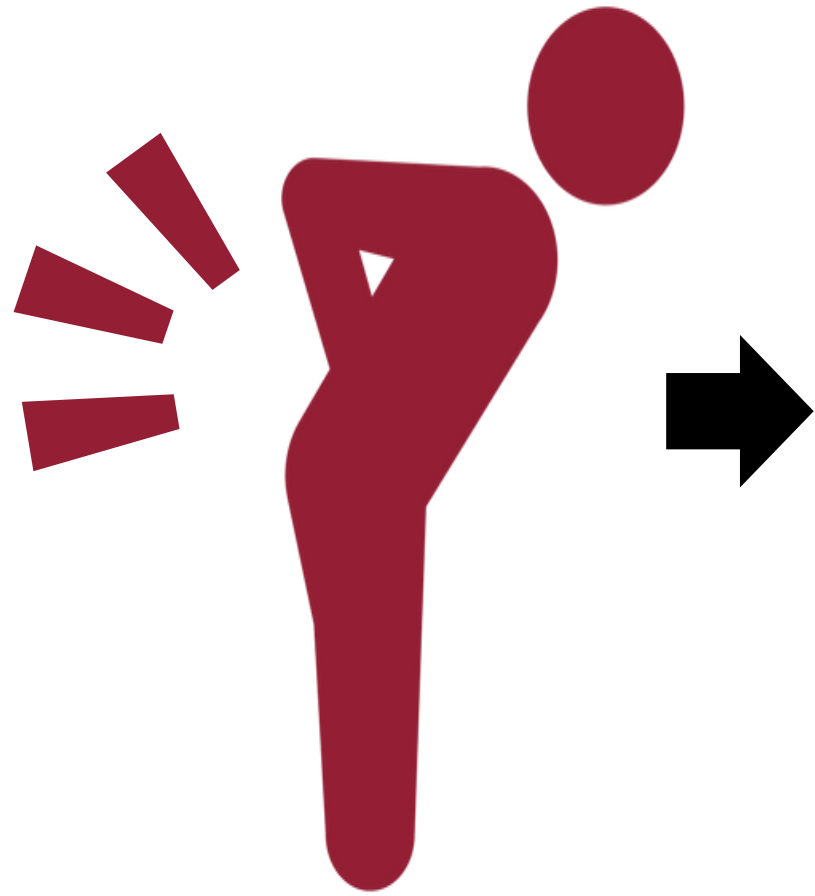


Herniated discs

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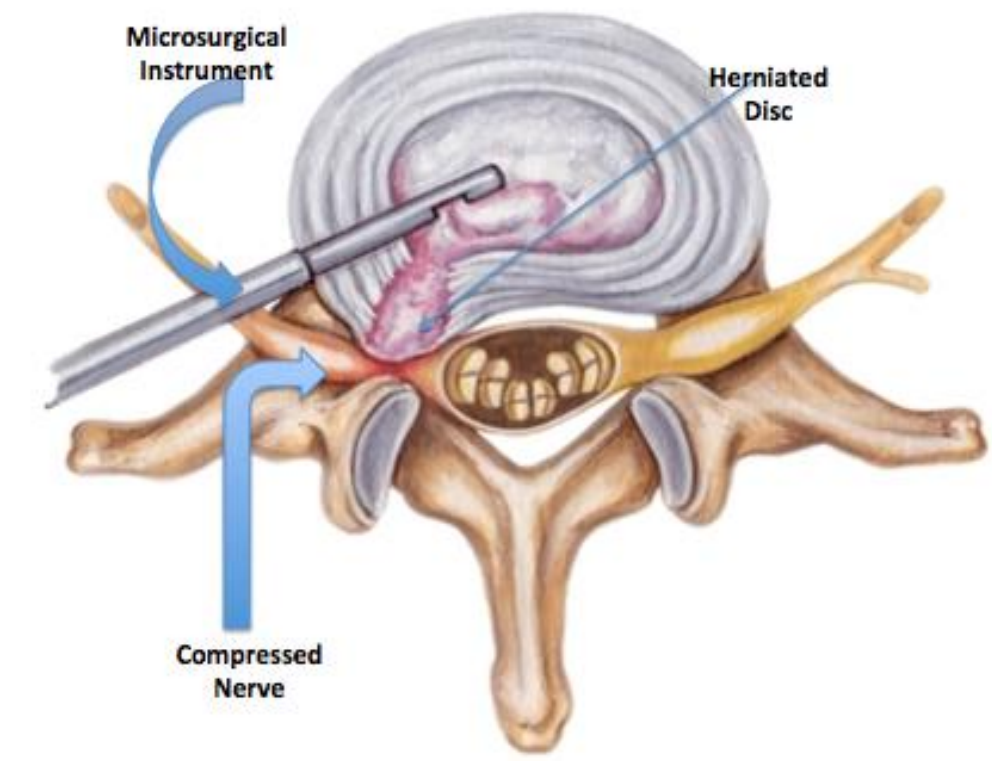
Back pain





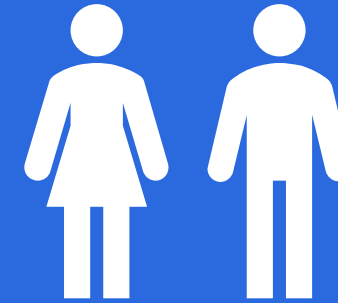
Disc Reherniation After Surgery

Surgical Complications



- In the US alone, more than **1.2 million spinal surgeries** are performed each year, including **spinal fusion** and decompression, or **discectomy** surgery, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.¹
- Roughly **25%** of these are **microdiscectomies** (~300,000), costing between **4.5** and **15 billion** a year.²
- **5-10%** of microdiscectomies **reherniate** leading to additional surgery costs, longer recovery times and lost productivity.³

Spinal Surgical Decision Support Software





Methods: Predictive Software

Probability Calculator for Lumbar Disc Herniation Recurrence After Microdiscectomy

DHI	
BMI (kg/m ²)	
sROM (degrees)	
Lumbar lordosis angle (degrees)	
Phirrmann grade (1-5)	
Herniation type (protrusion = p, extrusion = e)	
Smoking (no = 0, yes = 1)	

Recurrence probability
(highest = 1, lowest = 0)

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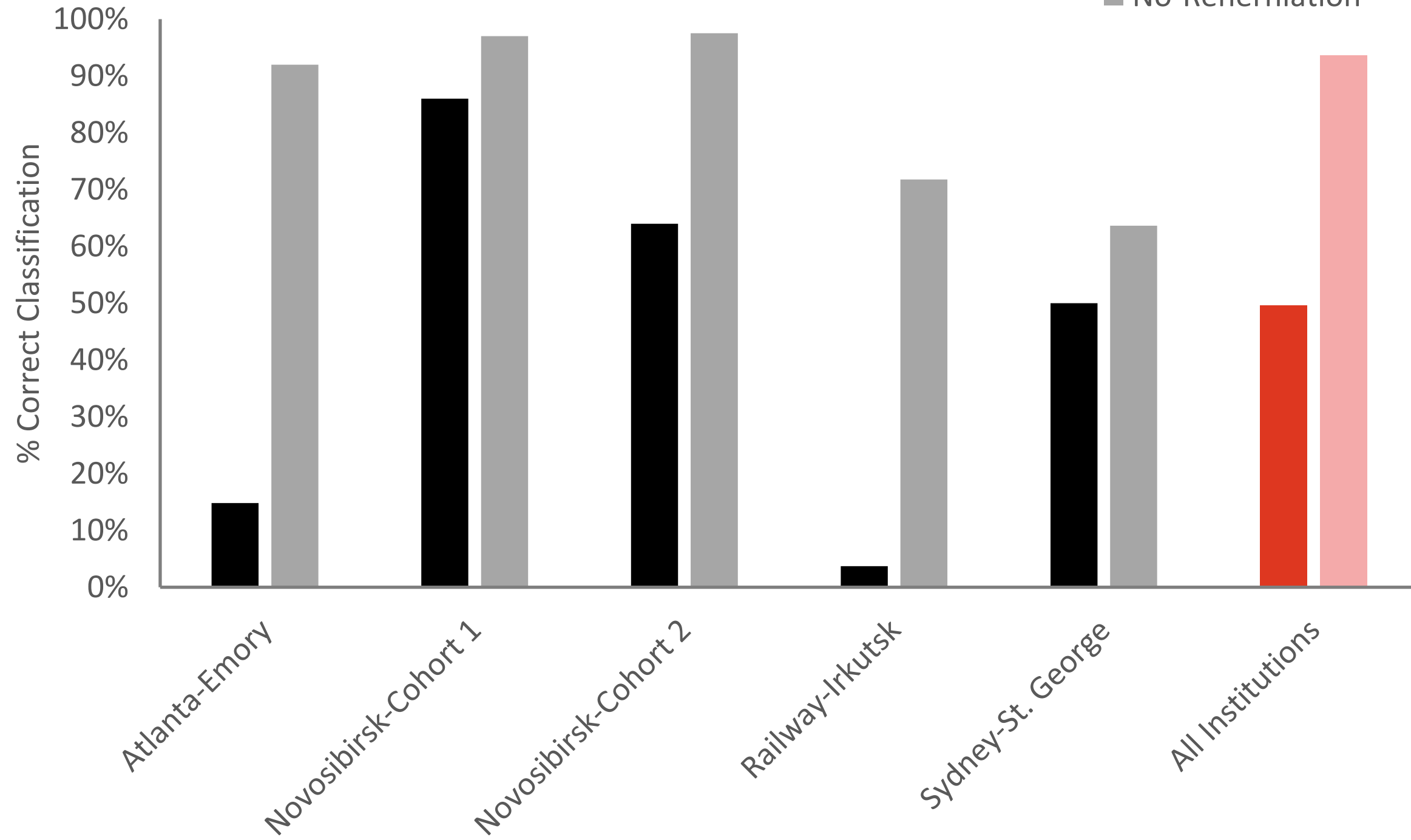
A nonlinear, multivariate, **logistic regression** model:

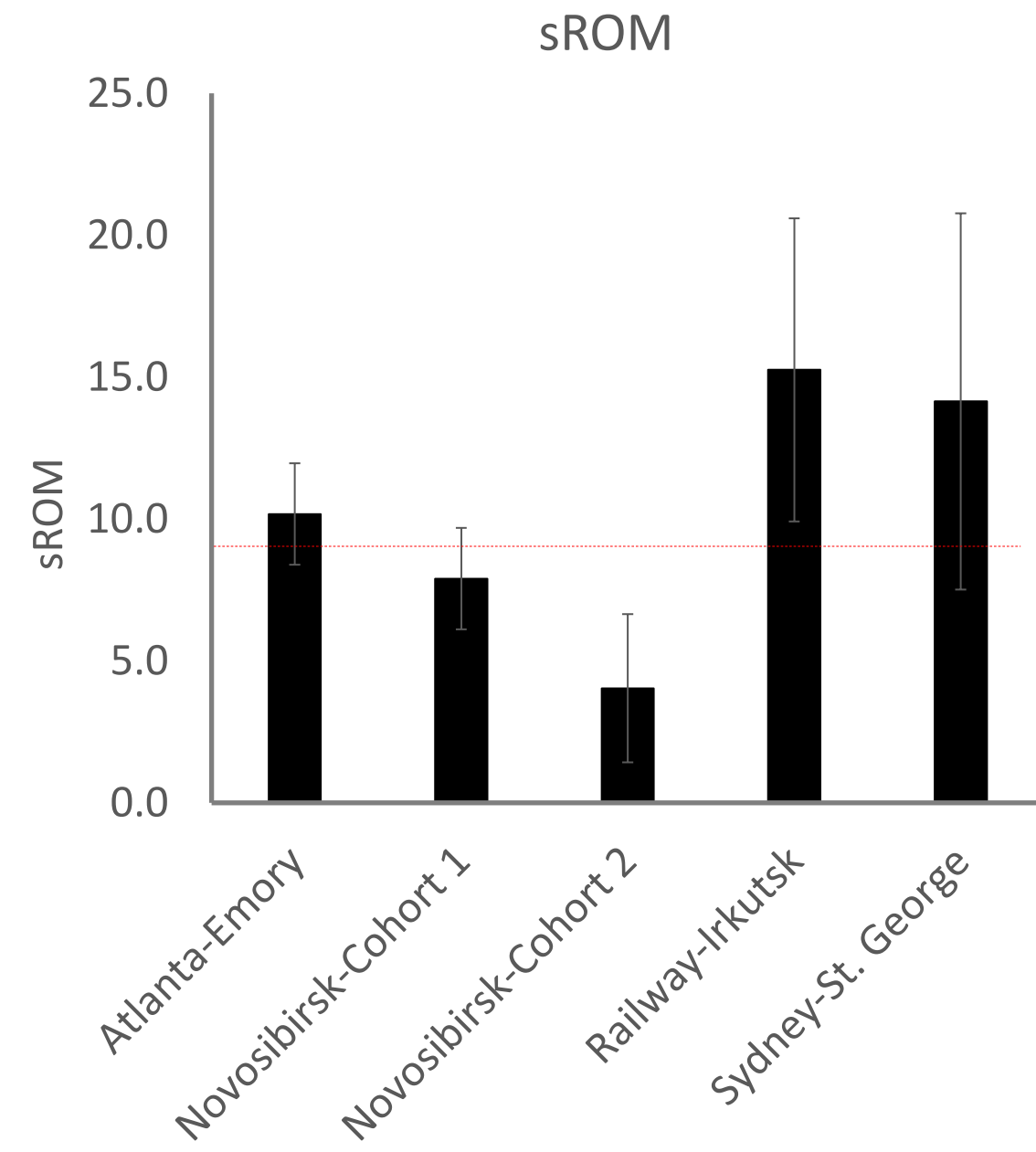
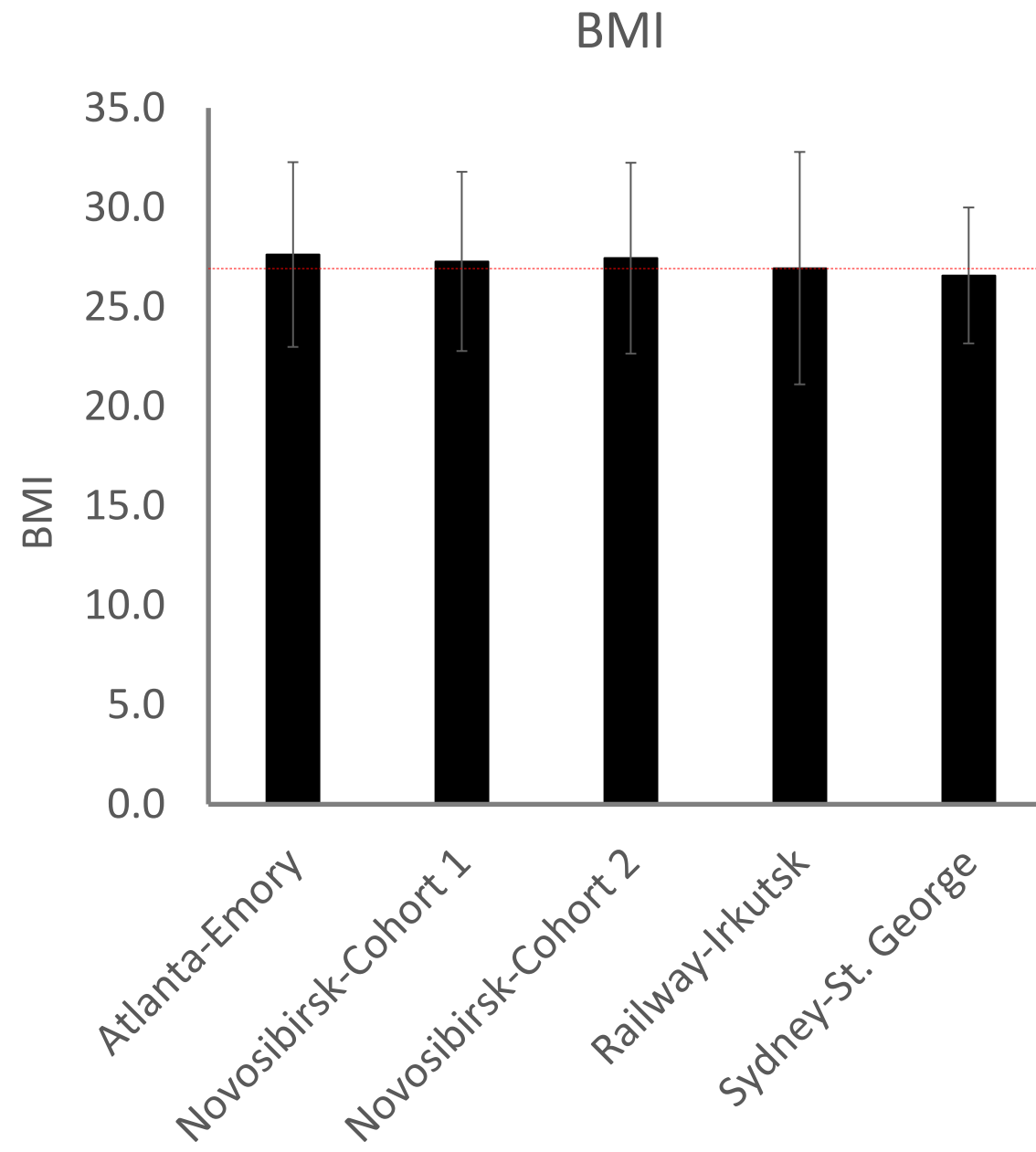
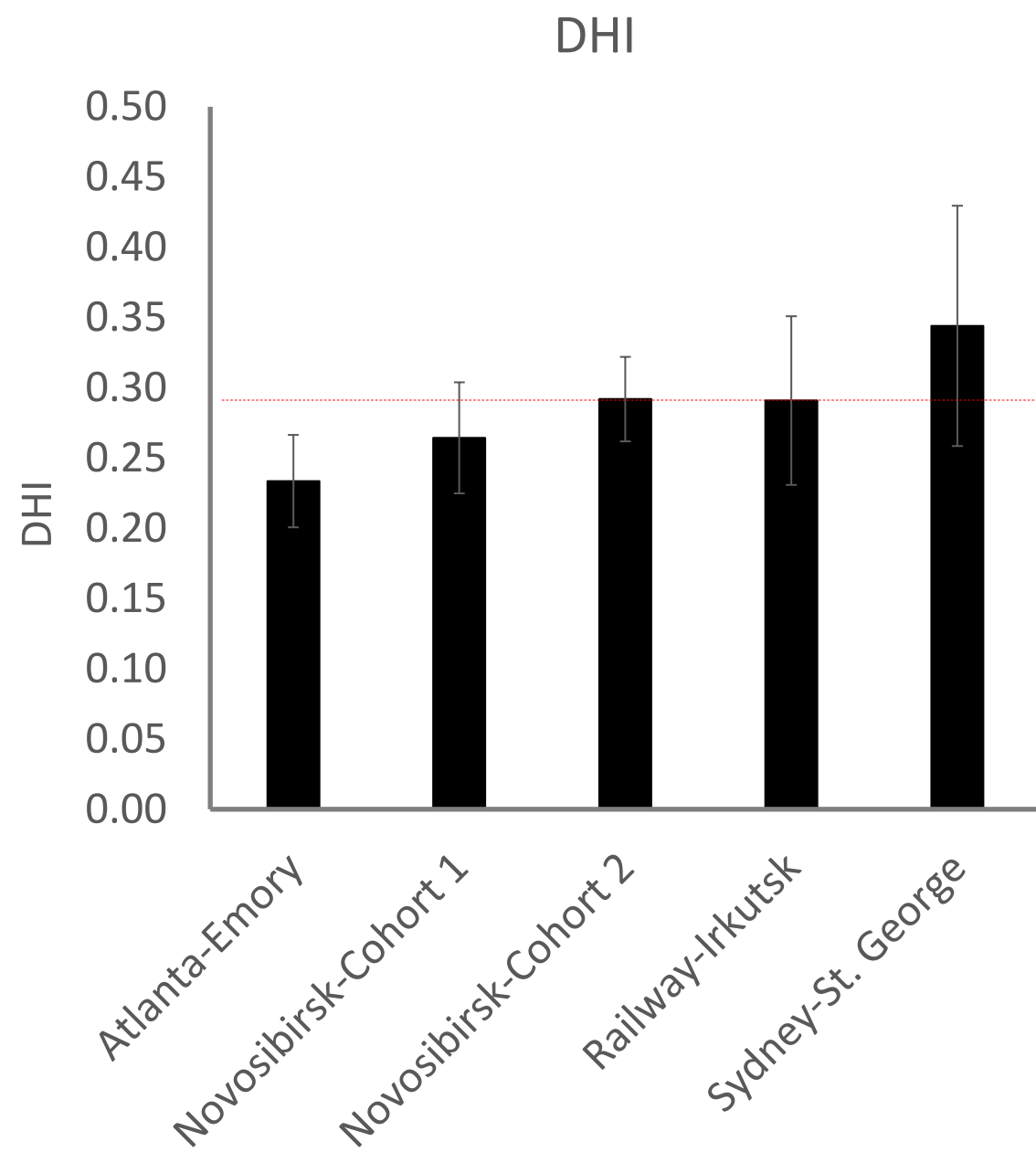
- **Machine learning** software for spinal image processing
- **Neural networking algorithm** for prediction of surgical complications

$$p = \frac{\exp(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j x_j)}{\exp(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^N \beta_j x_j) + 1}$$

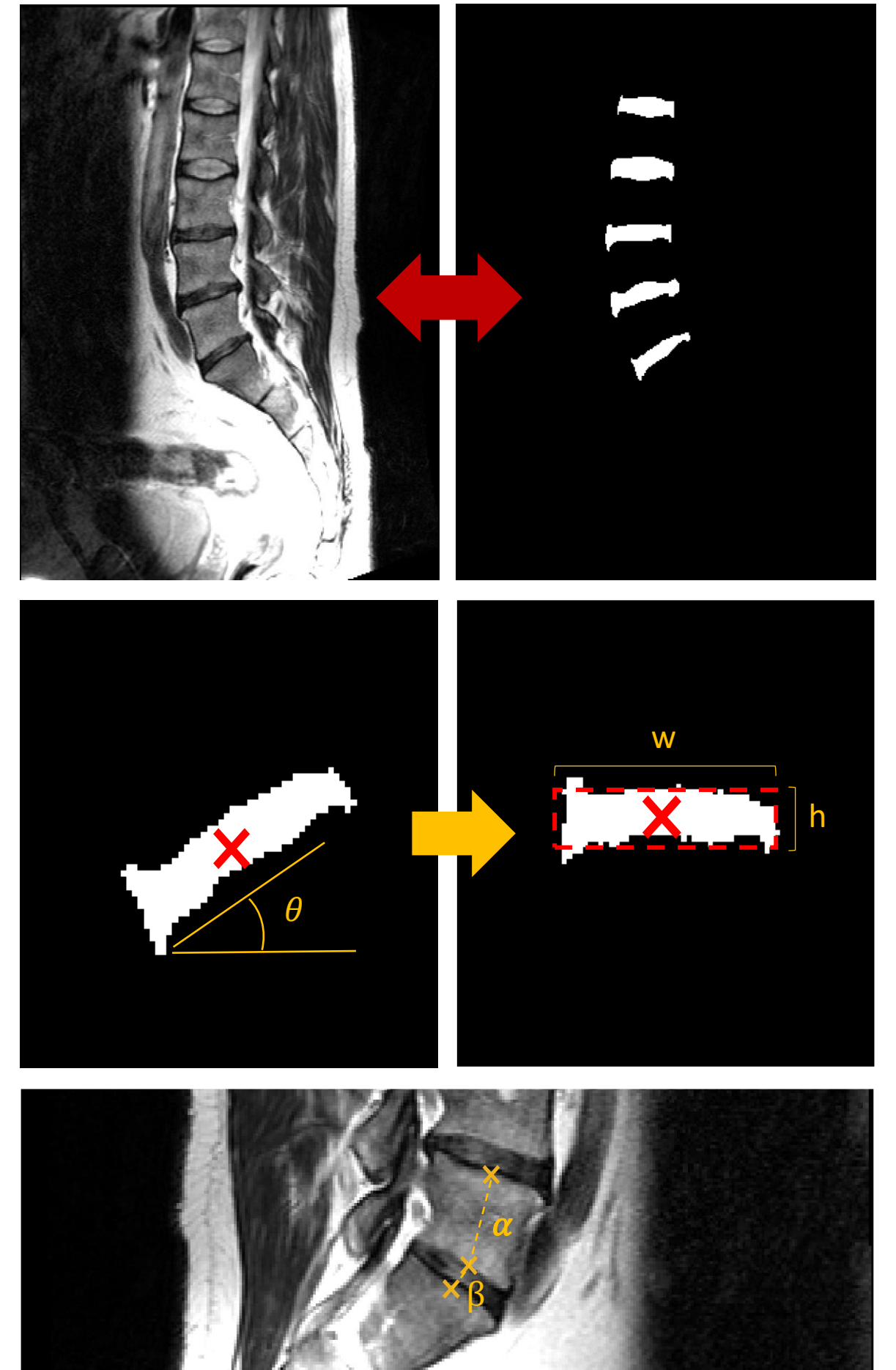
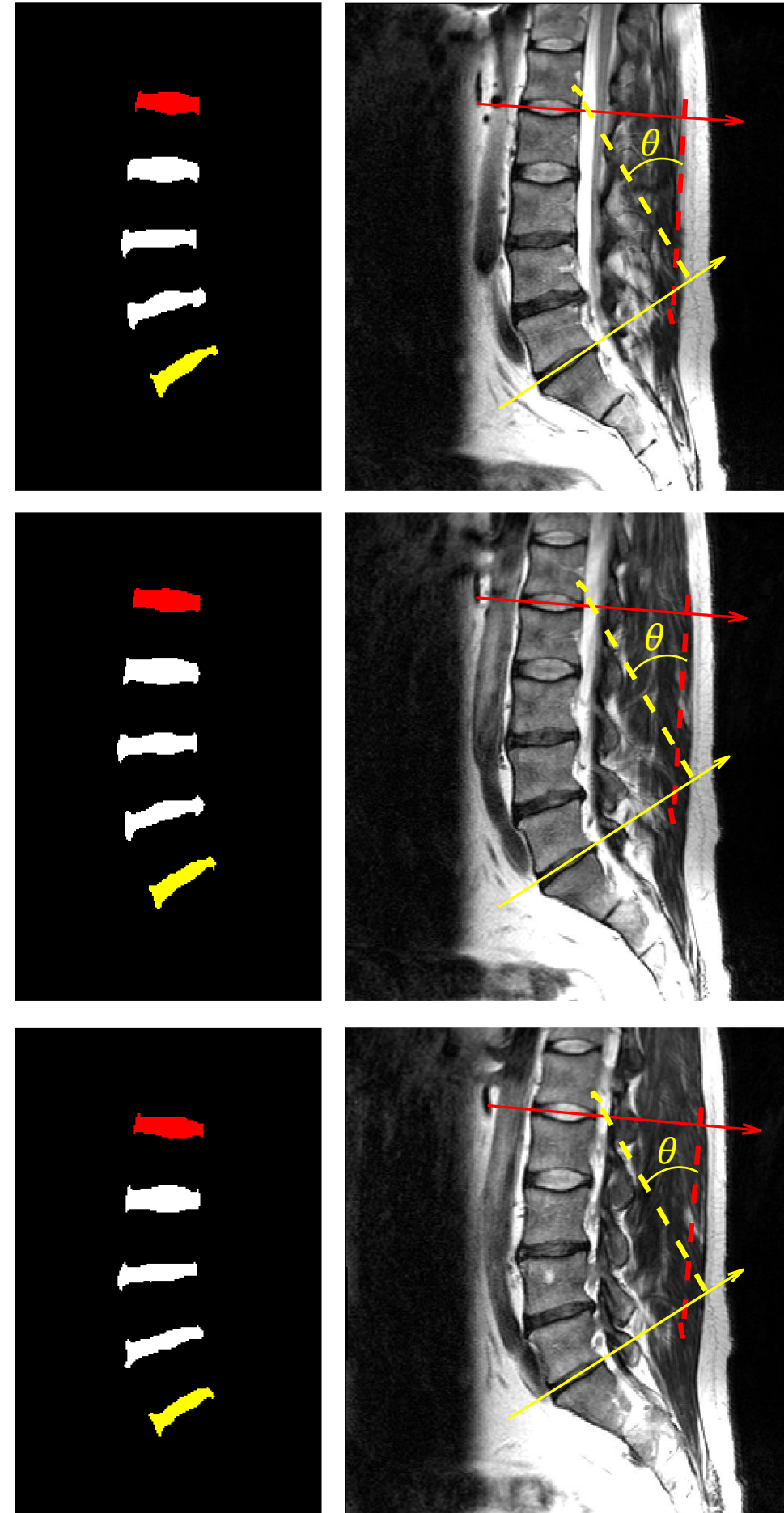
Correct Classifications

- Reherniations
- No-Reherniation



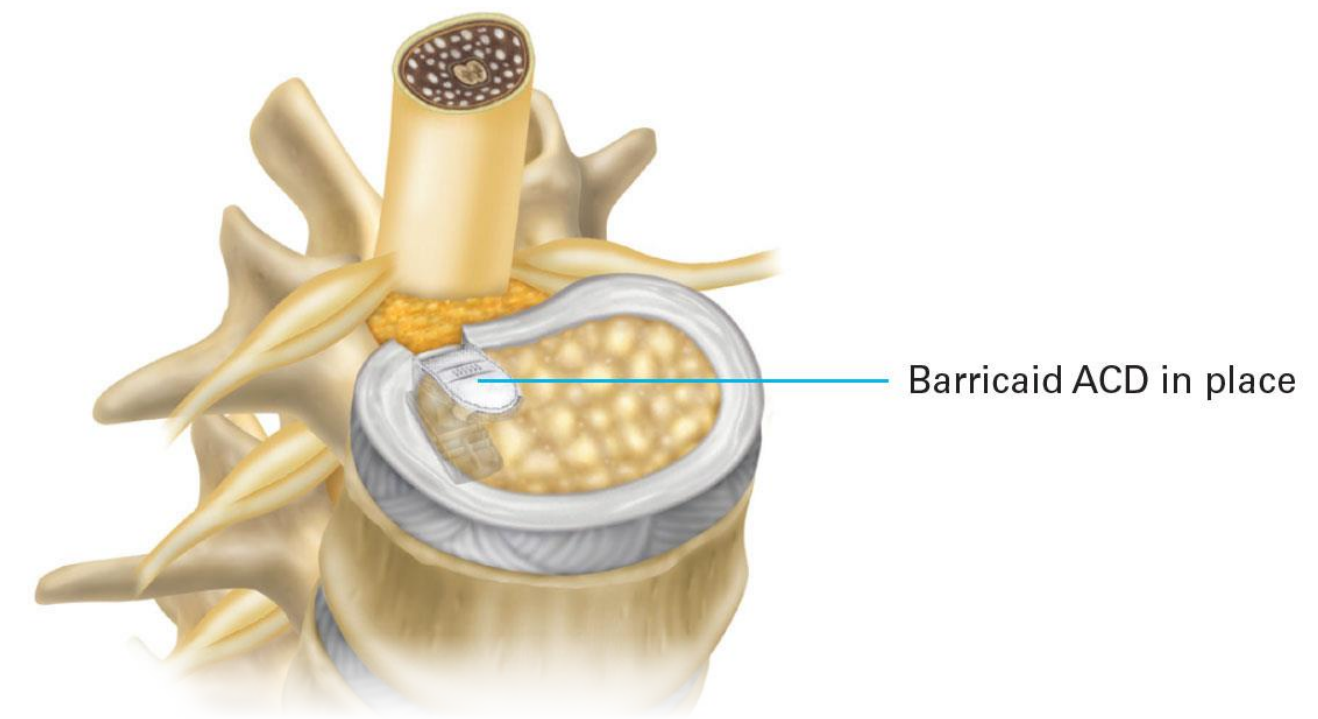


Methods: Automated Image Processing



Market Landscape

Clinical Decision Support



- Current competition for this software is the **surgeon's "best guess"** as to which surgery will be most successful based on risk factors for reherniation. ⁴⁻⁶
- Market is embracing the use of **surgical planning software** – most major spine device companies are currently pursuing addition of software to their product portfolio. ⁸⁻¹⁰
- **Annular Closure Devices** are sometimes used if reherniations are suspected. ⁷

Patients

Better weigh risks & reduce likelihood of costly (and painful) complications.

Hospitals

Reduce risk of surgical re-admittance & associated costs.

Insurance Companies

Provide additional validation of patient treatment plan efficacy.

Surgeons

Increase likelihood of successful outcomes for their patients.



Informed Surgical Choice



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