

## Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion (TLIF)

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Spinal surgery: Medical professionals and consumers worldwide may watch as expert spinal surgeon Vivek P. Kushwaha, M.D., demonstrates an innovative, effective surgical procedure to treat severe, chronic back pain during a live, global webcast at 5:30 p.m. Central Standard Time (23:30 UTC) on Monday, Dec. 13. The surgery, which will be performed at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, Texas, is a transforaminal lumbar interbody fusion (TLIF), an effective option that can be safer than more traditional spinal surgeries. "We have performed more than 200 TLIF procedures to treat spondylolisthesis and degenerative disc disease, and to correct failed back surgery," Dr. Kushwaha said. "Because of the high fusion rates and good clinical outcomes from these patients, we have found the TLIF procedure to be the most effective technique in managing these complex spinal problems." Sixty to 90 percent of the population will experience lower back pain. TLIF enjoys a high success rate because it supports and generates bone growth on both sides of the spine. The Webcast program is second in a series sponsored by Memorial Hermann Healthcare System and affords medical professionals and consumers the opportunity to view cutting-edge surgical procedures live on the Internet from anywhere in the world.

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