

Mayo Clinic Minute: Endoscopic spinal fusion

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	"One of the things at Mayo is we like to bring in great innovations and be able to offer those to patients."
	Since 2018, Dr. Mohamad Bydon has been performing robotic spinal fusions, which is a surgery done to help stabilize an unstable spine.
	"And those surgeries have been very positive for our patients at Mayo Clinic."
	Adding another layer of innovation, Dr. Bydon recently performed Mayo Clinic's first endoscopic spinal fusion.
<p>Mohamad Bydon, M.D. Neurosurgery Mayo Clinic</p>	"So in addition to delivering the surgery in minimally invasive fashion and in robotic fashion, the endoscopic fashion adds more visualization and more ability to see and to be able to deliver a surgery with smaller incisions and less disruption to the natural tissues."
	Dr. Bydon calls those two elements paradigm shifts in how surgery is performed.
	"With the improved software plus the improved visualization, we now have the ability to deliver surgeries safer, faster, more effectively. And that is something that can benefit many patients in the long run."
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm DeeDee Stiepan.