

trigger zone, nerve blocks and epidural steroid injections.

- e. Chiropractic manipulations.
- f. Acupuncture, etc.
- g. Referral to Back School with multi disciplinary approach.
- h. Work hardening program.

2. Surgical Management

- a. Laminectomy (decompression); laminotomy; result: good, failed and repeat.
- b. Microdiscectomy.
- c. Spinal fusion with autogenous graft, allograft, or both, good result, failed or revision.
- d. Combination of multiple surgical procedures.

3. Other Modalities of Treatment:

- a. Chemonucleolysis.
- b. Chronic pain program clinic and management.
- c. Psychotherapy and psychiatric treatment.

F. CRITERIA THAT MAY BE USED FOR EVALUATION OF DEGREE OF PARTIAL DISABILITY

The following criteria of degree of impairment should be reflected in every medical report and should assist the Law Judge in his/her final decision on the degree

of industrial disability.

Mild

- 1. Only subjective complaints of long duration with minimal physical findings.
- 2. Positive chronic involuntary muscle spasms and specific tenderness and no neurological deficit.
- 3. Mild defects of involuntary trunk mobility.
- 4. Good response to conservative treatment.
- 5. X-ray evidence of degenerative disc and/or joint changes, equivocal CAT scan and/or MRI.

Moderate

- 1. Long history of chronic pain with correlative positive physical findings.
- 2. History of radicular pain to the legs with positive physical findings such as straight leg raising test.
- 3. One or two positive diagnostic tests such as X-rays, CAT Scan, MRI, EMG, NCS, and Myelogram.
- 4. Surgery with good results, laminectomy, spinal fusion and chemonucleolysis.
- 5. Poor response to conservative treatment and poor response to chiropractic treatments.
- 6. Referred to office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID).