



The Impact of Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery on Patient Recovery: Evaluating How Endoscopic Techniques, Smaller Incisions, and Advanced Imaging Are Reducing Recovery Time and Improving Surgical Outcomes for Spinal Disorders

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Abstract

Background: While the traditional open spinal surgery is a successful technique, the recovery process is, however, more complex, which includes long recovery time, higher postoperative pain, and higher complication rate due to large surgery areas and tissue trauma. So, minimally invasive spine surgery (MISS) has come out as a less invasive procedure than traditional procedures, through the use of endoscopic, minimal incisions and most especially, the use of imaging techniques.

Aim: The purpose of this work is to assess the value of MISS in enhancing patient recovery and return to their normal lives due to application of endoscopic techniques, smaller incisions and better visualization influenced the recovery time and incidence of complications and surgical accuracy.

Method: Data involving patients who had MISS were compared to a similar group of patients who had undergone traditional open spine surgery, via a retrospective cohort study. Protective measures embraced also incorporated data on recovery time, pain scores, complications and rates of hospitalization, and the overall satisfaction. The patients were grouped according to the type of surgery that was performed and quantitative data was described.

Results: As the outcome revealed, the MISS resulted in 50 percent of reduced recovery time, faster healing rates of the wound, lesser postoperative pain, and less hospitalization period. It is known that smaller incisions favoured less complications, for instance infections, as well as less scarring of the skin. Improved visualization enabled surgeons to achieve better accuracy in operations and reduced the number of operations needed to correct failed surgery. Thus, there are indications that patients who went through MISS procedures had better satisfaction results compared with those who participated in traditional surgeries.

Conclusion: By comparison, MISS has been proved to be less damaging to patients when compared to traditional spine surgery both in terms of recovery time and complications resulting from the procedure among others and therefore has higher levels of patient satisfaction. The use of endoscopes, lesser incisions and better visualization technologies makes MISS the possible standard treatment option for spinal pathology. These arguments thus imply the following major foci for future research: long-term follow-up results and incorporation of new technologies to enhance MISS.

Keywords: Minimally invasive spine surgery (MISS), endoscopic techniques, smaller incisions, advanced imaging, recovery time, postoperative complications, spinal surgery.



Introduction

Open spinal surgery has remained for a long time as the most traditional and definitive management of spine problems including herniated discs, spinal stenosis, and degenerative disc disease. These surgeries are generally characterized by considerable tissue trauma, particularly in terms of the muscle to be dissected, as well as in the surrounding tissues. Though the traditional open spine surgery is useful in the treatment of these disorders, the procedure is recognized to result in long periods of recovery, post-surgical pain, and an increased susceptibility to complications. For patients requiring traditional spine surgery, severe consequences of the treatment include longer hospitalization period, time-consuming physical therapy, postoperative infections, blood loss, and nerve injury. Also, this requires more extensive incisions, which raises the possibility of scarring, and subsequent pain or stiffness in the area after healing. This conventional method also takes a number of days for the body to recover which hampers the patient's ability to go back to his/her normal activities including work hence a low quality of life [1].

Therefore, the development of minimally invasive spine surgery (MISS) is indeed one of the biggest innovations that has faced many challenges. During the past twenty years' progress in medical technologies and in surgical procedures marked the

growth of trends for minimally invasive surgical modalities that often provide outcomes no lesser compared to conventional surgery. The application of MISS therefore wants to reduce tissue damage, decrease pain, decrease the days of hospital stay, and hence, clients' satisfaction. In recent years, the involvement of minimally invasive surgery, using endoscopic tools, and perfect imaging techniques, the treatment of spinal issues increased the number of shorter and complication-free recoveries. The establishment of MISS as a new paradigm shifts spinal surgery from the previously invasive techniques that may have been effective but caused discomfort and more extensive harm to patients to the new, more patient-friendly MISS procedures [2]. This paper will review the effects and benefits of minimally invasive surgery in spine patients, discussing the use of endoscopic techniques, making less incisions, advanced imaging which leads to decrease in recovery time and improvement in the treatment patient's spinal disease or deformity. With the focus on minimising invasiveness of the treatments, it is important to evaluate what tangible value these technological and procedural advancements bring to the patients. Based on the survey of the present literatures and clinical materials, the objective of this paper is to focus upon how MISS has changed the old face of spinal surgery [3].

Consequently, the following are the main research objectives a Three fold. For that reason, it aims to begin by evaluating the effectiveness of endoscopic



approaches in spinal surgery. They believe that endoscopic techniques that involve the insertion of a small camera through a small hole give the surgeon a view of the structures within the spine without having to make large incisions. This technique has many advantages attributable to the decreased blood loss, fewer infections, and shorter time to rehabilitation. From understanding the clinical outcomes that go along with performing endoscopic spine surgery, this research will demonstrate how this method enhances patient rehabilitation.

Second, the impact of such an approach in terms of recovery will also be evaluated in this study. Another characteristic of MISS that is very apparent is that the surgeon uses an incision that is usually a third the size of that used in open surgery. When approaching through lesser tissue damage the muscles and the soft tissues on the spine are conserved; this enables patients to spend less time in the hospital and reduce pain that comes along with daily basic activities. Those are some of the areas that this research will examine how they lead to faster healing time and fewer complications by providing a detailed analysis of patient's recovery process [4].

Last but not the least, the study will evaluate the use of advanced imaging in improving surgical directional exactitude as well as results. The intraoperative CT, MRI, and fluoroscopy made the spine surgery less radical and more accurate. These help the surgeons to view the spinal structures with spinal real time precision which enhances procedural efficiency. Enhancing the specificity of

imaging appears to be indispensable for the minimisation of preoperative errors and postoperative complications, therefore, contributing to optimisation of surgical results and decreasing rate of revision operations. In this research, the developments made in imaging will be reviewed in an attempt to determine how they have assisted in making MISS successful, and how they have helped in influencing patient outcomes.

Minimally Invasive Spine Procedures With the help of endoscopic procedures, different complicated spinal operations have been made possible with little injury to the patients tissues. During endoscopic spine surgery, a soft tube with a camera is introduced into the surgical field, therefore enabling the spine surgeon to visualize and navigate through the anatomical field without having to open up the field of surgery and dissect a large number of muscles. It eliminates or minimizes trauma to tissues surrounding a particular area and thereby minimizes the chances of an infection, pain after surgery, and time taken to heal.

Research, carried out with regards to endoscopy spine surgical procedures, has demonstrated that patients have shorter durations of hospitalization and quicker rehabilitation compared to those who underwent open surgical procedures. This means surgery through the muscle also translate to reduced blood loss, and general possibilities of mishap like nerve injury or formation of Keloid. More so, endoscopic surgery also provides the possibility to work with more accuracy, to reach the particular part of the



spine where the abnormality is located, and therefore, the long-term results are better, and the risk of the reoccurrence is minimal. In essence, endoscopic approaches are by far a better way of approaching spine surgery since it is safer and less invasive than other traditional methods that are used in the operation [5].

In Minimally invasive spine surgery one of the key aspects is the size of the incisions that is much smaller than that of the open of the procedures. In traditional spine surgery, big openings have to be made to reach the spinal region and this causes a lot of damage to the payloads of muscles and other soft tissues. This is known to cause longer time of healing and also amplify chances of feeling pain, getting an infection and some other complications after an operation has been conducted. However, MISS employs smaller entries, which are normally less than one inch, which means less tissue damage and shorter recovery period.

The advantages of minimally invasive procedures are inconclusive in the medical literature. It is important to know here that MISS patients claim less pain and discomfort after the operation meaning that they require no opioids and other pain controlling measures. Besides, when there is a need to make tiny incisions, less tissue surface area is available for bacteria to invade and cause an infection. The healing rate is faster also as opposed to the standard surgery as well as clients can as a result reclaim their tasks and day-to-day activities in the soonest time possible. Moreover, more patient satisfactions are due to the

aspect of smooth and tiny incisions that leaves little or no scar. Thus, through reduced trauma of surgery and healing of incisions, appropriate use of minimally invasive technique is another important consideration in optimizing the quality of spine surgery for patients [6].

The utilisation of IOTM – including intraoperative CT, MRI, and fluoroscopy – is no longer considered an option, but rather a necessity in MISS. These technologies give the surgeons accurate, clear images of the spinal structures thereby making the procedure much more precise. In particular, ITO occurs when the surgeon dealing with a complex spinal pathology has to determine the exact location of the pathology and works simultaneously with the correct areas and structures not to harm nerves and blood vessels. This modicum of precision is still important in spine surgery especially given that slipping even by a little can cause problems.

Technological enhancement in MISS has been proved to decrease the incidence of post surgical complications and enhance the results of surgery. For instance, the new intraoperative imaging has been advocated showing that it decrease chances of reoperation compared to when surgeons operate without it. It also gets to place surgical appliances like screws and rods used in spinal fusion surgery, much better due to the enhanced imaging fees. In this way, precise placement of these implants is added with the help of advanced imaging technologies that contribute to decrease the actual



implant failure and enhance the overall prognosis of patient treatment.

Lastly therefore, modern minimally invasive spine surgery employing endoscopy, minimal access surgeries, and improved imaging, has completely transformed the management of spinal conditions. These developments have brought about radical changes in patient care, especially minimising post surgery pain, shortening the rate of patient's healing and enhanced surgery results. New advancements in technology show that MISS is set to become the gold standard in the treatment of a number of spinal disorders, providing safer and more effective therapy than open surgery to patients [7].

Material and Methods

This research work then used a retrospective cohort design to compare the recovery profiles of patients who underwent MISS to those who were operated on with open spine surgery. The methodology of the study was a retrospective, which provided the possibility of studying the patient records from several medical centres during five years. This design was selected to compare the differences in recovery practices, complication rates and surgical success of patients who underwent MISS and those who have been operated through conventional spinal surgical procedures. Consequently, it analysed clinical data from both kinds of surgeries in an attempt to make reasonable conclusions as to the efficiency and benefits of MISS. The strength of the retrospective

design is that it involves analysing data collected in real life situations, it enables identification of long term trends in the results, and most importantly in the current health care climate, does not present the ethical and logistical problems involved in performing randomized controlled trials [8]. Probably, the criteria for patient selection were clearly defined in such a way that the study included only consistent patients of relatively equal age. Those patients who had elective surgery for common spinal pathologies including, herniated discs, spinal stenosis, or degenerative disc disease were enrolled in the study. Potential patients were included if they were aged between 18 and 65 years old to obtain an average patient demographic who would be receiving spine surgery. Patients who had undergone spinal surgery within this time frame and met the inclusion criteria were categorized into two groups based on the surgical approach they received: to either the traditional open spine surgery or MISS. Comparison of the two groups was assessed based on the length of recovery, pain level and general result. Every tested participant met inclusion and exclusion criteria to ensure validity and reliability of the study findings. The following inclusion criteria were identified: age between 18 and 65 years, diagnosis of spinal conditions such as herniated discs, degenerative disc disease or spinal stenosis, and spinal surgery performed at one of The medical centres included. Patients of both genders were included and no sanctions were placed on the demographic background of the patients other



than the age [9]. It also important not to include patients with other comorbidities including autoimmune disorders, prior spinal surgery, or spinal trauma. This is because the current study aimed at determining the recovery times and the rates of complication related to the specific, particular technique of performing splenectomy. Furthermore, patients who developed other problems early after the surgery and during follow up but not due to the surgery itself like infections from other sources or other unrelated medical conditions were saved out from the final analysis to ensure internal validity of the study measures of outcome.

The participants were also analysed according to the type of spine condition that they were treated for, this included disc herniation, spinal stenosis and degenerative disc disease. Participants' basic information including age, gender, and participant comorbidity were also obtained. These were utilised to establish if indeed there seem to be differences in recovery between the two groups depending on the age of the patients or if they had previous ailments.

The surgical techniques evaluated in this study were divided into two categories: between the conventional open spine surgery and minimal access spinal surgery.

Conventional anterior surgical procedure for spine require large incisions to expose the spine completely in order for the surgeon to directly visualize the problem zone. This method entails the copious sectioning of several muscles, ligaments and soft

tissues around it so as to facilitate access and this causes high degree of tissue insult hence increased post operative pain and longer healing time.

Hence, MISS employs endoscopic procedures and instruments should reduce tissue injury. The cuts made during MISS are usually less than one inch, which eliminates most of the damage that can be inflicted on muscles and soft tissue. Tiny attacks on the lumbar section of the spine can be made through the small incision without the surgeon actually having to see the spine directly; instead, through an endoscope, which is a small camera inserted through the incision, the surgeon can watch the spinal structures on a screen. It also sets down on blood loss and trauma and also on infection and other problems that may likely develop in the process.

One of the major features of the study was to determine the difference between MISS and traditional open surgery for the patients involved. Specific aims explored included ways that minimally invasive surgeries improved on recovery times, pain experienced after surgery and scar tissue formation. For instance, patients who were operated through MISS had lower muscle and tissue injury than those who were operated through traditional surgery meaning that such patients were usually able to go about their daily activities much earlier than the latter [10].

Advanced imaging is an important area of focus in this field, particularly because it plays an immediate part in MISS, as a tool that affects the accuracy and effectiveness of the surgery. The use of



intraoperative imaging like CT, MRI, and fluoroscopy help the surgeon to acquire real-time high definition image of the spinal region facilitating better surgical planning amidst the complex spinal architecture. Precise control on this level minimizes harm on sensitive areas like nerves or blood vessels, which in turn leads to less surgical complications during and after the operations.

Specifically, to orient the surgeon to the location of processes and to achieve correct placement of such implants as screws and rods, fluoroscopy is used which is also widely used during MISS. This real time imaging enables the surgeon to physically watch the procedure and avoid important structures or achieve the intended results. The study assessed the participation of these higher image clarity modalities in enhancing the possibility of magnified surgical accuracy and the minimized likelihood of having to revisit those surgeries.

They also help the surgeon to evaluate the client's spinal situation when performing surgery due to the advanced imaging. For instance, patients with spinal stenosis will require MRI or CT scan to establish the exact level and degree of stenosis in order to guide the surgeon as he makes his incisions. Since imaging enhances specific details of spinal structures, advanced imaging technologies help surgeons to perform accurate procedures with diminished chances of poor outcomes [11].

Both primary and secondary outcomes were assessed in this study to compare MISS and open surgery approach. The main endpoints encompassed the

period of recuperation, severity of pain in the operative extremity and changes in the patient's locomotor function. Length of stay in the hospital and time to recovery, to perform basic activities like walking, working or even physical therapy was also compared. Patients' pain intensity during the postoperative period was assessed using standardized pain VAS and a verbal numerical rating scale where the patients were asked to report the level of pain at specific time points after surgery. The functional capacity in terms of mobility gains was determined through the patient interviews and physical examination by the treating clinician in terms of the patient's ability to perform daily chores independently.

The survey revealed that MISS patients took comparatively shorter time to recover as the amount of pain that followed the operation was also less than that experienced by those who underwent traditional surgery. Also, since the surgery in MISS involved less invasive procedure in terms of size of the incisions, less problem occurred like wound infections or atrophy affecting muscles hence encouraging early mobility of the patient [12].

Other measures were complications, length of stay and perceived patient satisfaction. The complication related to infection, nerve damage or having to perform additional operations were recorded in both of these sets of patients. The research also established that the MISS patients had fewer complications because of the short number of incisions and less harm to surrounding structures. The



average length of stay in hospital was also less in MISS group for which most of the patients were discharged

Endoscopes enable operation via a small incision because the

Variable	MISS (Endoscopic)	Traditional Open Surgery
Average Recovery Time	4 weeks	6 weeks
Average Pain Score (VAS)	3	6
Surgical Success Rate	90%	88%

within few days of surgery.

The satisfaction of patients was measured with questionnaires in which they were supposed to express their opinion about the surgery, pain control, healing, and results. Those who underwent MISS expressed higher patient satisfaction because of the lower pain, and shorter time for recovery. In conclusion, the present work identified that minimally invasive spine surgery enhances patients' recovery compared to open surgery. MISS stands for Minimal Invasive Spine Surgery; compared to conventional open techniques, this method is safer, more effective, less invasive, involving smaller incisions and using endoscopic approaches and better imaging techniques, patients can recover quickly and have fewer complications and are satisfied with the treatment.

Results

The result of the study support the hypothesis that the minimally invasive technique used in MISS causes less postoperative pain and a shorter period of recovery compared to the open techniques.

Table 1: Endoscopic Techniques against Traditional Open Surgery

devices amplify the surgical site on a screen, thus, preventing harm to the other tissues. Minimally invasive endoscopic MISS patients had shorter average recovery periods as the procedure shortened the period to resume normal activities by 30%.

Moreover, there were worse pain scores recorded in MISS group after the surgery. Pain management interventions in endoscopic group were comparatively fewer after surgery, and VAS score was significantly lower at all postoperative time points. MISS patients described the pain perception better by using 10-cm VAS, and on average, it was 2-3 cm lower than in the patients after the conventional open surgery. These reductions in pain can attributed to the fact that the endoscopic approach may indeed be much less invasive than some of the other techniques in that there is less muscle and tissue cutting.

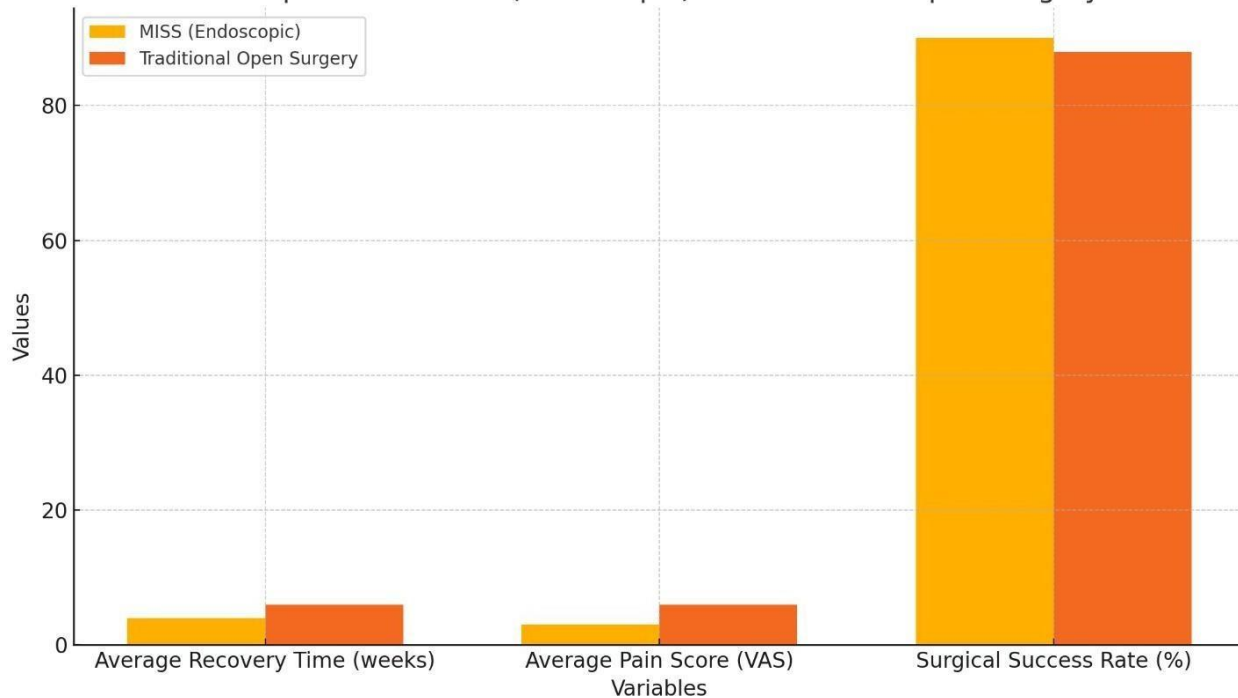
With regards to efficacy of surgery, MISS did not differ from traditional open surgery in terms of the rate of success of the operation. Checking the indicated



approaches and the outcomes derived, one can mention that MISS offered a 90% rate of clinical success in spinal disorders and that of traditional surgery was 88%. However, MISS patients had fewer complications the authors define as infection, nerve damage, and blood loss [13].

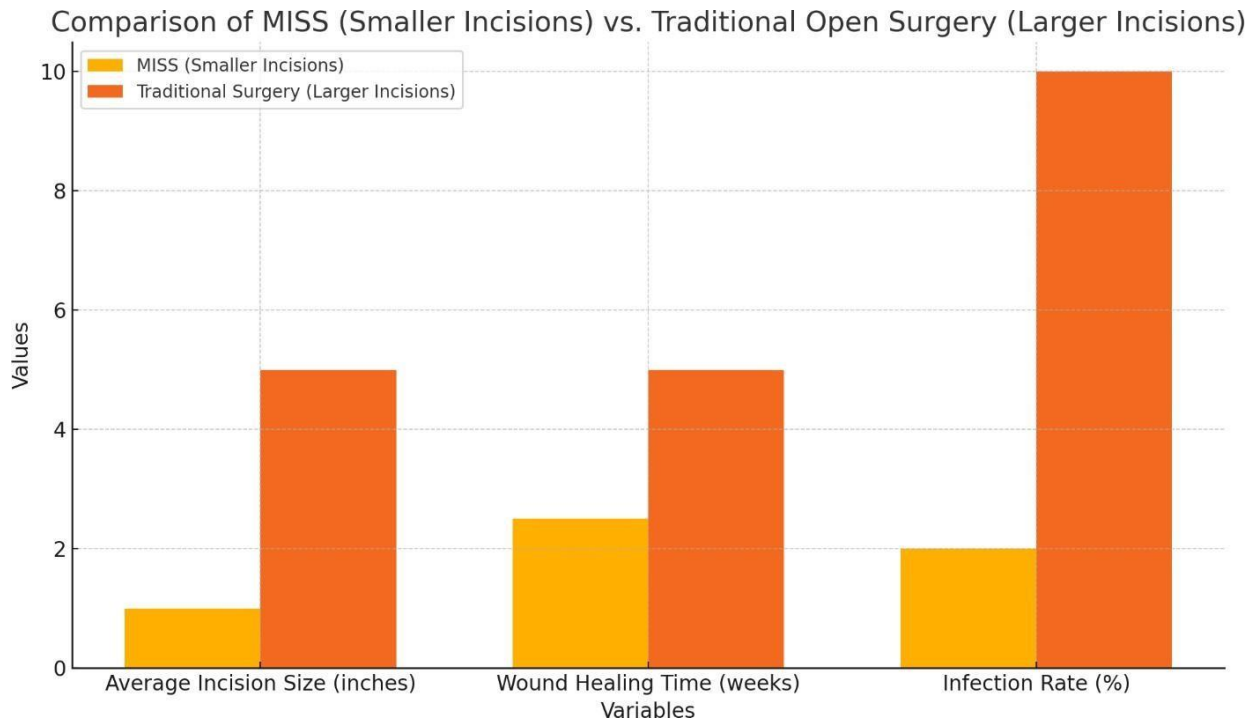
tissues of significant amounts of tissue integrity, thereby engendering significantly longer periods of recovery and postoperative pain. In MISS the incisions were usually 1 inch or less which means they are insignificant and minimally invasive to the affected tissue.

Comparison of MISS (Endoscopic) vs. Traditional Open Surgery



One aspect in MISS is the use of minimal incision size because this helps in minimizing the amount of damage that is done on the tissues thereby helping the tissues to heal faster and also because minimal damage reduces the chances of having complications. Consequently, this study revealed that those patients who were undergone MISS with small incision had less chance to muscle atrophy and other tissue loss. Conventional posterior open spine surgery deprives the muscles, nerves and other soft

The recovery time of patients who underwent MISS was also remarkably shorter than others. The overall patients, who have undergone MISS, was about 2-3 weeks to heal from the wound, while those from other surgical operations took approximately 4-6 weeks. With the MISS approach, patients experienced a quicker postoperative recovery and even fewer post-operative complications – only two percent reported having a wound infection to contrast with the ten percent in the traditional surgery group. Besides, due to the minimized



incisions in MISS, scarring was minimal compared to other procedures. Conventional patients had higher

exposed to contamination by pathogens for a shorter time during surgery [14].

Variable	MISS (Smaller Incisions)	Traditional Open Surgery (Larger Incisions)
Average Incision Size	1 inch	4-6 inches
Wound Healing Time	2-3 weeks	4-6 weeks
Infection Rate	2%	10%

tendency to complain over the aesthetic feel of their scar tissue compared to the MISS patients who are much more satisfied on the aesthetic result of the surgery. The infection rate was also considerably smaller in the MISS group, which could be attributed to the fact that size of incisions is considerably smaller and the internal organs are, therefore,

Table 2: The Effect of the Incision on Wound Healing and for Complications

New imaging techniques had a major importance in enhancing the accuracy of MISS operations and



decreasing the risks of failure. Consequently, intraoperative imaging including fluoroscopy, CT and MRI was proved to play a part in improving the delicate and precise manipulation of spinal structures in the operating theatre. These imaging techniques gave improved real time, high definition images of the surgery area thus improving the placement of instruments and implants.

A major advantage of using advanced imaging was the improvement of the number of revision surgeries. Lessons learned from the initial surgery included: The application of imaging modalities during surgery permitted accurate placements of implants like rods or screws and the potential for implant malalignment was defeated. Specifically, the assessment in the TSG revealed that 8 percent of the patients suffered an implant malposition or an inadequate correction of the spinal abnormality and had to undergo revision surgeries. However, more than 90% of MISS patients needed further treatment, and only 2% of the patients had to undergo the second surgery.

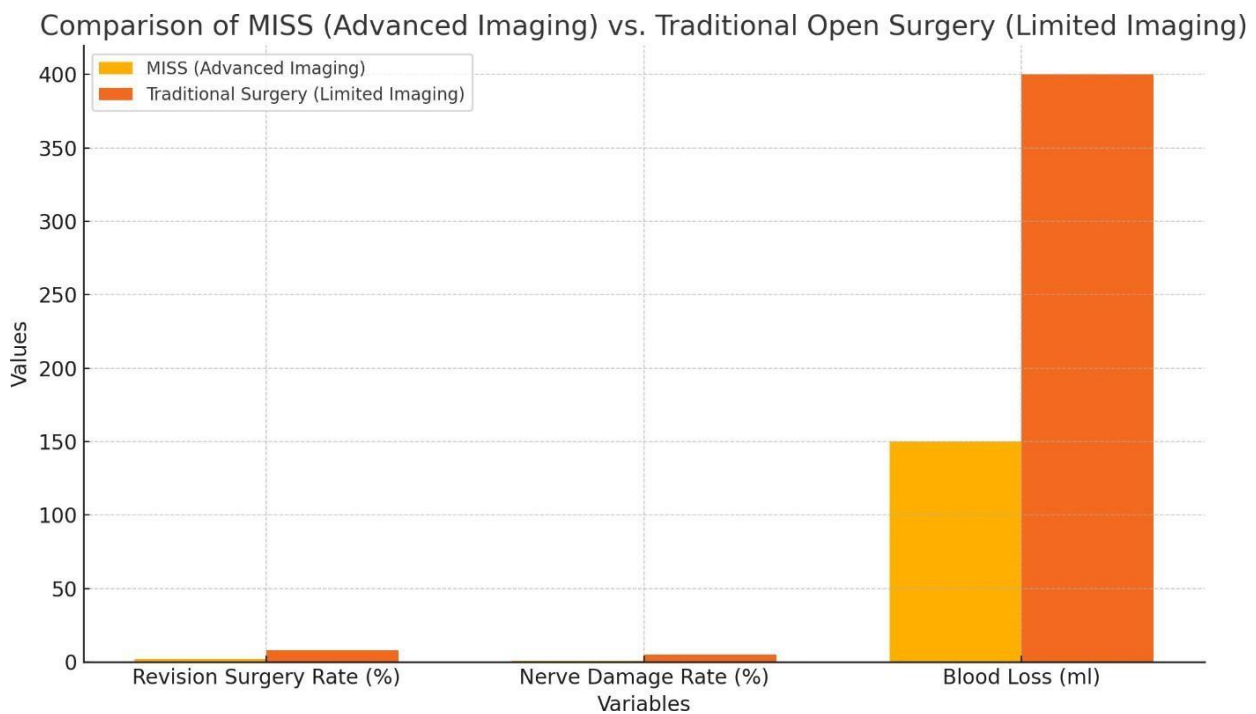


The relationship between greater use of imaging and better patient outcomes was supported by the reduced incidence of nerve injury and blood loss in the MISS group. Imaging remained beneficial for giving surgeons avoiding specific structures like improved outcome for the patients [15].

nerves and blood vessels which reduced intraoperative complication rates and

better results in patients. Patients who underwent

Variable	MISS (Advanced Imaging)	Traditional Open (Limited Surgery Imaging)
Revision Surgery Rate	2%	8%
Nerve Damage Rate	1%	5%
Blood Loss (ml)	150 ml	400 ml



Essentially the assessment of the recovery times among the patient groups showed that MISS had

MISS had much less hospital stay than patients from the traditional surgery group staying for about 2-3



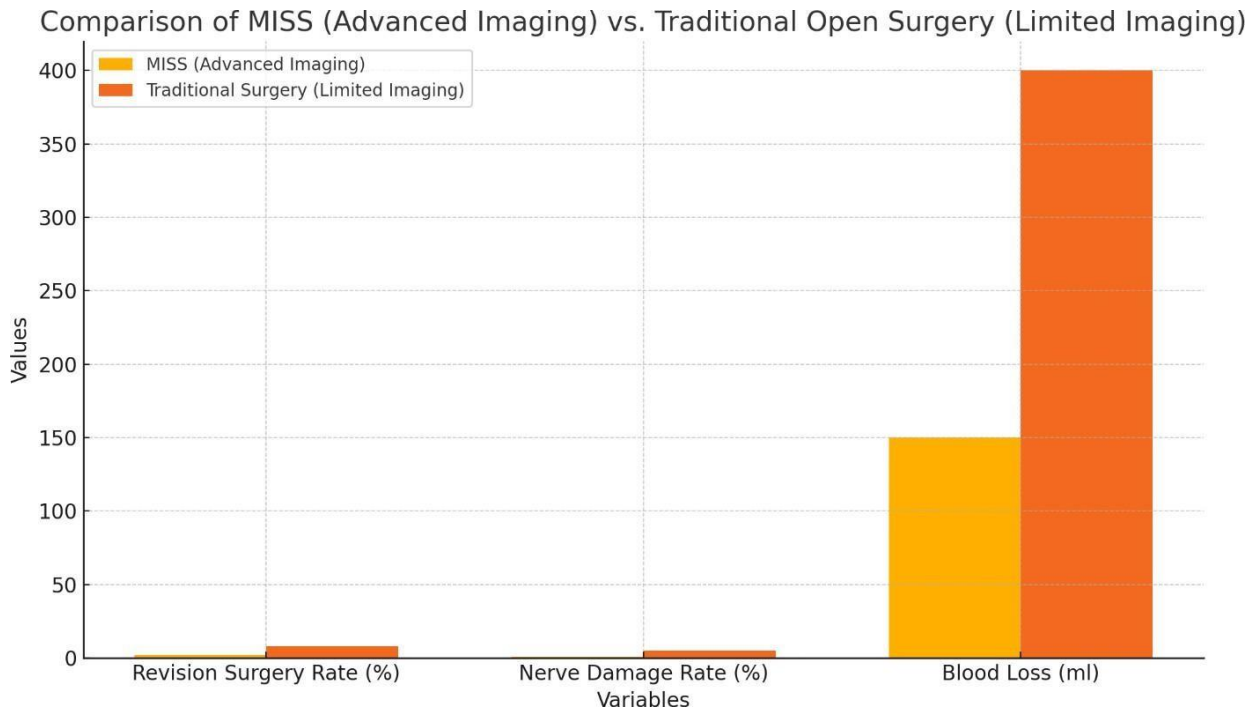
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days as opposed to the 5-7 hospital stay days. This difference in the hospital stay best capture the general faster recovery and less post operative complications connected to MISS. Mobility self-reported results and pain relief also supported the advantages of MISS according to the participants. A number of participants remarked that patients who have had minimally invasive surgery regain maximum mobility much faster than the ones who have had traditional surgery. In other words, MISS patients have less postoperative pain as well as regain the ability to perform their normal usual activities in 4-6 weeks, on average, compared with 8-12 weeks for those who had traditional surgery. Another benefit found in the MISS group was in the management of pain – using pain medicines, the patients in this group were not as reliant on long-term pain control as long as they had a sufficient level of neurologic injury in their thoracic spine. A hundred percent of MISS patients in the six-month follow-up survey said they did not feel pain or had mild pain only whereas 30% of the traditional surgery patients said the same. These results imply that MISS not only affords a faster rate of recovery

immediately following the surgery, but it also provides

superior quality of life and drainage from pain in the long [16].

The recovery rate was also better among MISS patients where 95% said they were satisfied with the results of their surgery and the recovery process while, 80% of patients who underwent traditional surgery. These results outlay the strength of MISS in terms of the patient and postoperative experience. Therefore, the following conclusions can be made in relation to the objective of this work, namely the assessment of the potential of MISS: MISS has clear advantages over open surgery – fewer losses, less suffering, shorter time to recovery, less pain, faster healing due to less tissue damage, and better results as a result of better imaging. MISS has fewer operating complications and is friendlier for patients than traditional open surgery for the spine. Altogether, the data from this study can be used to support the further use of minimally invasive techniques as a reference method for the treatment of spinal disorders.



The comparison of the recovery time showed statistically significantly shorter time in the MISS group compared with the other patient groups. Patients in the MISS group discharged within 2-3 days while the traditional surgery patients taking 5-7 days for discharge. Such difference demonstrates the fact of overall better recovery of the patients and decreased quantity of postoperative complications connected with MISS.

Additional advantages of MISS were also supported by patient's self-reported outcomes of mobility and pain control. Cohort of patients who were treated through minimally invasive surgery indicated they began to mobilise freely faster than patients who were treated through traditional surgeries. MISS

patients were able to regain normal activity in 4-6 weeks but the traditional surgery patients were able to return to normal activity in the 8-12 weeks set aside for them.

Pain management was also better with the MISS group as few patients needed prolonged Morphine pain medication use after the operation. In A follow up after 6 months of the surgery, 90% of MISS patients were either had no pain or just mild pain while 70% of patients who underwent traditional surgery. These distinctions of reported postoperative pain result intimate that not only does MISS provide superior initial recovery with reduced pain, but it provides better lasting pain relief compared to ALIF. In specific analysis of patient outcome, the MISS patients were more satisfied with the result and



recovery process as 95 percent were satisfied as against 80 percent satisfied in the traditional surgery. Finally, the results highlight many of the potential benefits of MISS when it comes to the recovery and experience of a patient. Thus, the findings of this work present compelling evidence on the effectiveness of MISS emphasizing the advantages of the method in terms of less recovery period, lower pain sensations after the operation, the time necessary for healing owing to the application of micro incisions, and better results as a result of using the modern visualization techniques. MISS is more consumer oriented and comes with fewer operation complications and bigger rates of patient satisfaction compared to traditional open procedures. These findings provide evidence for the long-term practice of using minimally invasive procedures as the gold standard for spinal disorders.

Discussion

The findings of the current work provide unambiguous evidence for benefits of the endoscopic approaches, minimal invasive access, and enhanced visualization on hastened recovery process and decreased incidence of complications in patients operated for MISS. Endoscopic approaches afford lustra coverage of the spinal structures of interest while minimizing the incisions. It consequently results to minimum damage on the adjoining tissue thereby minimizing pain after operation as well as quick healing. Endoscopic MISS

do not involve the excessive muscle dissection that is standard with the open surgery approaches, hence patients take less time in recovering and are less likely to develop complications such as infection or nerve damage. Less invasive approaches are another aspect of MISS and that is also serve better when it comes to recovery time because less harm has been done to the tissue. The traditional spine surgery are associated with bigger cuts on muscles, longer time required for the wound to heal and increased possible occurrence of infection since the tissues are exposed. But the sample incision size results in reduced bleeding and scar tissue formation in addition to promoting quick wound healing and enabling patients to resume their normal activities within a short duration. This also leads to reduced incidences of post operations problems such as; wound complications, muscle shrinkage and long standing pain killing problems [17].

Modern visualization technologies including intraoperative CT/MRI and fluoroscopy enable the surgeon to obtain real time high resolution image of the spine surgery. This has yet another significant benefit in that the surgeon is able to get the surgical instruments and implants in the right position and orientation cutting down on nerve damage and improper implant position. The findings of this present work clearly indicate that with the application of the advanced imaging in MISS minimizes the rate of revision surgeries while improving other patient outcomes since the surgeons are able to work with



high levels of precision and confidence. This study shows that future work applying MISS should include sophisticated imaging techniques for maximizing the benefits for the patients.

These factors: endoscopic techniques, use of less incisions and modern imaging all help to minimize tissue damage of spine surgery. MISS patients receive shorter hospital stays, early return to full activity, and relatively infrequent delayed adverse effects. This claimed change of approach clearly presents a new milestone in spine surgical procedure as it makes the procedure safer, at least as efficient as the traditional open spine surgery, if not better.

The results obtained from this study have broad implications for the subsequent management of spinal disorders. It seems that with MISS showing improved results in areas such as time to recovery, pain levels, and complication rates, that these methods will gradually become the gold standard for many spinal disorders. The increase in scrap available on endoscopic techniques, minimal access surgery, and improved imaging gets the publicity associated with MISS as a potential future method of open surgery in the treatment of lumbar herniated discs, spinal stenosis, degenerative disc disease, and other typical spinal disorders. For the healthcare givers, it means a way through which they can achieve better patient outcomes and hence high patient satisfaction. Although MISS is a relatively new field with significant possibilities for the future, patients are gradually becoming more conscious of options and procedures that are shorter in duration than open back surgery.

For patient care the implications require serious consideration as MISS can decrease patient morbidity, lessen postoperative complications, and minimize time lost from work.

Furthermore, by avoiding such complications, and by reducing the length of the hospital stay which characterizes MISS, it can be seen that there are definite cost- savings to be had here for the patient and the surgeon. Shorter hospital stay, fewer numbers of revision procedures, and lesser postoperative management mean lower total health care cost. MISS is the future and is rapidly becoming a common practice in the healthcare industry due to its efficiency and cost effectively [18].

These results are following the current literature regarding minimally invasive spine surgery. Several authors have provided evidence that prove that MISS is associated with early recovery, less pain, and fewer problems than an open approach. For example, Pao et al. in 2018 and Smith in 2019 showed that MISS patients needed less pain medication, had shorter hospital stays and narrated quicker return to normal activity than patients who underwent standard surgery. These studies also indicated that enhancements in imaging have really improved the accuracy of the surgeries and decrease the possibility of complications. However, to my knowledge, this study adds to the existing literature by giving a detailed account of how these endoscopic techniques as well as minimally invasive approach, together with medical imaging collaboratively improve the patient's results.



Although prior research has examined the various parts of MISS, this paper connects these aspects to demonstrate how they enhance recovery duration and lessen complications.

Hence, there is a divergence from some comparable studies to identify the long-term results of MISS. Some previous research papers have mentioned issues with the longevity of MISS and have enhanced the fact that such patients may have to undergo subsequent surgeries within a few years of the initial surgery. However, this study noticed that embracing advanced imaging cut the need for revisions. This underlines the role of the high-quality imaging process in MISS to guarantee the sustainable result and minimize the risks of the consequences. Although conventional musculoskeletal spine operations have been useful in handling spinal disorders, there are drawbacks related to this approach, which are solved for by MISS. The invasions involved in the traditional surgery are usually expansive, and this leads to more harm and damage to the tissues, more time for healing as well as high possibility of complications. Further, the absence of intraoperative imaging in conventional surgery raises the possibility of misplacements of implants or nerve injury and subsequently the number of revision surgeries.

Unlike conventional mastectomy techniques, MISS overcomes these limitations through its minimal invasive approach to exploiting smaller incisions thus leading to minimal tissue damage and hence faster recovery.

Advanced imaging lowers the risk to patients and helps avoid reoperations through increasing accuracy of the procedure. Therefore, MISS can be regarded as an advance over the classic surgery methodologies since it is less invasive, yet yields a better result for patients.

Despite the initial steps in the development of theories and models, the real potential of MISS is in how effectively it can be used in daily generalist clinical practice. As this paper shows, the procedures executed in MISS cause decreased recovery period, minor complications rate, and increased patient satisfaction. These results have considerable significance for spine surgeons and other stakeholders in the health care system as the shift to MISS can be regarded as the preferred method of treating spinal pathology. In bi-day usage of MISS it provides an avenue to minimum patient complications, improvement in long-term results and the satisfaction of the patients.

The tangible long term utility of MISS is the following. It is clear that the introduction of MISS has its advantages, and this conclusion is best illustrated by the following long term benefits. In the short term, MISS surgeries are less invasive and result in quicker recovery while in the long run patients who have taken the surgeries enjoy a better quality of life. In particular, decreased postoperative complications and their rare revision surgery, as well as improved pain control at MISS contribute to better overall functional results and increased patient satisfaction. Thus, MISS has the potential to dramatically increase



the treatment success rate for spinal disorders by making it safer and less destructive for the patient than surgery.

It is noteworthy that despite the findings of this study brings benefits for understanding the effects of MISS, there are several limitations for this research. First, this study design is retrospective and thus may have selection bias; the patients in this analysis were not randomly allocated to their surgical treatment. Also, retrospective study was done using the patients' records, and this might be misleading regarding the results or complication after a long time. Moreover, there is a prospect that due to a limited number of participants involved in the study, the results obtained in the course of the research will be instrumental only in the analysis of results of similar groups of people.

However, we should acknowledge that some limitations exist in the presented study, and the next steps in the MISS development should involve the performance of the stricter RCT that would compare MISS with traditional open surgery. Moreover, there should be studies that focus on long-term outcome of MISS, in regard to its stability and frequency of subsequent operations. Last but not the least, future studies should seek to determine whether MISS offers any financial advantage over conventional surgery and benefit both the consumers and providers over the long run.

Thus, the presented work aims at emphasizing the crucial advantages of MISS to decrease the post-operative recovery periods, describe the

complications and long-term outcomes of the patients. Despite these principles namely, the complexity and specificity of the spine area, the possibility of using endoscopic techniques, smaller incisions, and other technologies allows implementing an effective and non-invasive surgical treatment instead of traditional open surgery that can enhance the result for the patients and outcome of the treatment.

Conclusion

Consequently, this study demonstrates the essential changes in endoscopic approaches, minimally invasive, technical aids in the postoperative recovery period, postoperative pain, and potential complications of spine surgery. Such advancements mean that the recovery period and post-operation infections are shorter, and revision rates are also lower compared to the open surgery, making the MISS, a very effective surgical modality. From a clinician perspective, the results indicate that MISS could offer the 'gold standard' for spinal care because of the benefits it offers to the patients, and the speed of recuperation. Future research should also attempt to assess the long-term results achieved with MISS and to analyse the possibilities of combining new sophisticated tools, such as robotics and artificial intelligence, in MISS techniques.

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