



ACDF vs Cervical Disc Replacement Gerald J. Alexander M.D.

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Fusion vs







Arthroplasty





Rationale for Cervical TDR:

- -favorably alter the natural history of motion segments adjacent to the operative level
- -enhance postoperative recovery
 - -avoid brace immobilization
 - -permit earlier return to activity
- -avoid negatives of ACDF
 - -pseudarthrosis
 - -plate related complications
 - -adjacent segment disease





Orthopedic Radiculopathy and Myelopathy at Segments Adjacent to the Site of a Previous Anterior Cervical Arthrodesis*

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Hilibrand et al. JBJS 1999

2.9% per year incidence of Adjacent Segment Disease (ASD) after ACDF



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Currently available artificial cervical disc in USA. (A) Prodisc-C, Synthes® (B) Prestige LP, Medtronic® (C) MobiC, LDR Medica® (D) Discover, DePuy® (E) M6, Spinal Kinetics® (F) ActivC, Aesculap® (G) Discovery, Scient'X® (H) Bryan, Medtronic®.



Effect of Two-Level Total Disc Replacement on Cervical Spine Kinematics

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Phillips et al. Spine 2009
Two level TDR preserves near normal motion at operated AND adjacent levels



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Adjacent level effects of bi level disc replacement, bi level fusion and disc replacement plus fusion in cervical spine- a finite element based study

Ahmad Faizan a, Vijay K. Goel at Ashok Biyani a, Steven R. Garfin b, Christopher M. Bono c

Faizan et al. two level ACDF vs TDR vs Hybrid

ACDF alters Kinematics

TDR similar to intact spine

Hybrid preserves more motion than 2 level ACDF







J Neurosurg Spine 28:252–261, 2018



Prospective, randomized multicenter study of cervical arthroplasty versus anterior cervical discectomy and fusion: 5-year results with a metal-on-metal artificial disc

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Coric et al. J Neurosurg Spine 2018
One level ACDF vs TDR
5 year results (TDR n=136, ACDF n=133)
NDI and VAS significantly improved both groups



» This article has been updated from its originally published version to correct an error in the title. See the corresponding erratum notice in this issue, p 280. «

CLINICAL ARTICLE

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Five-year clinical results of cervical total disc replacement compared with anterior discectomy and fusion for treatment of 2-level symptomatic degenerative disc disease: a prospective, randomized, controlled, multicenter investigational device exemption clinical trial

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Radcliff et al. J Neurosurg Spine 2016

Two level ACDF vs TDR, 5 year results ACDF n=105, TDR n=225 TDR superior outcomes

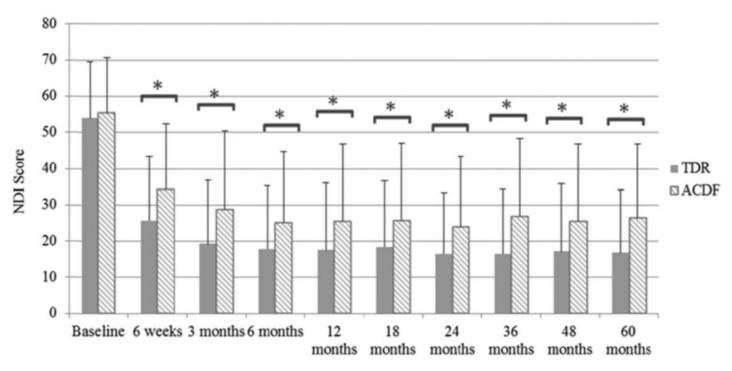


FIG. 2. Mean NDI score by time point. *Error bars* represent standard deviations. Both groups improved significantly at each time point compared with baseline. *Unpaired t-test to compare change from baseline between groups, p < 0.05.

2 level TDR greater improvement in Neck Disability Index (NDI) vs ACDF at all time points

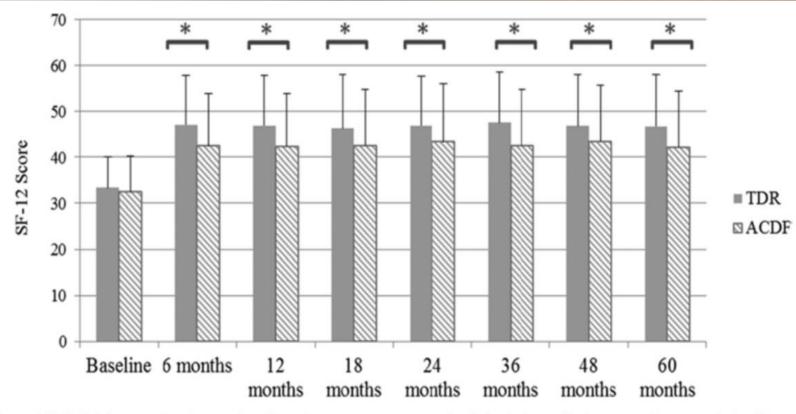
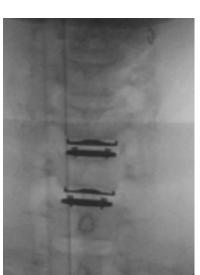


FIG. 3. Mean SF-12 PCS score by time point. *Error bars* represent standard deviations. Both groups improved significantly at each time point compared with baseline. *Unpaired t-test to compare change from baseline between groups, p < 0.05.

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2 level TDR greater improvement in SF-12 Physical Component Summary vs ACDF at all time points





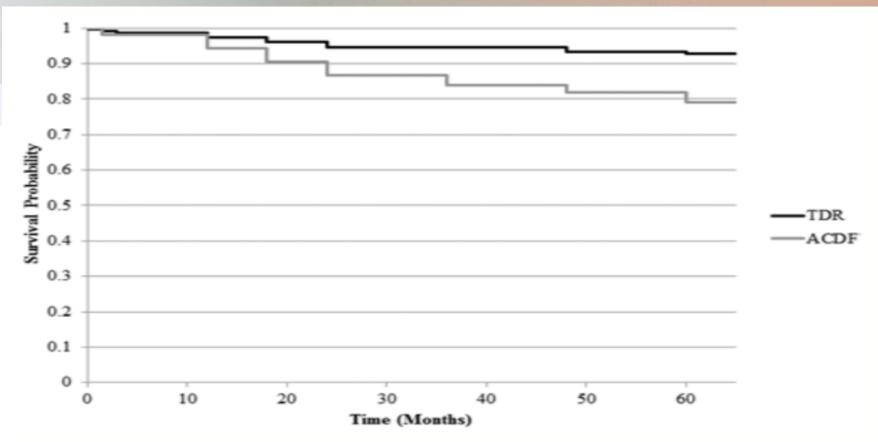


FIG. 4. Kaplan-Meier survival functions for subsequent surgical interventions in ACDF and TDR patients. TDR patients demonstrate a significantly different survival function than ACDF patients for subsequent surgical intervention through 60 months (p = 0.0002, log-rank test).

Lower TDR reoperation rates vs ACDF at index level (4.3% vs 16.2%) and adjacent levels (3.1% vs 11.4%)





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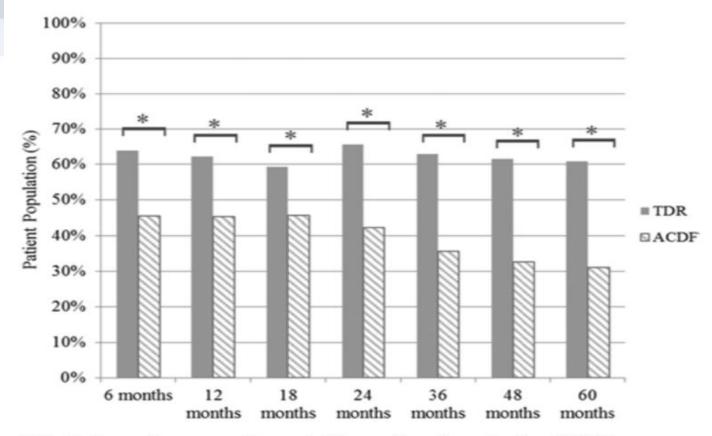


FIG. 5. Overall success through 60 months. Superiority of TDR over ACDF (p < 0.025).

Overall success rate at 5 years:
TDR 61% ACDF 31%
(Meets non-inferiority AND superiority criteria)



Contraindications of cervical TDR

- -significant facet joint degeneration
- -spinal instability
- -deformity
- -severe spondylosis
- -malignancy
- -infection
- -OPLL
- -rheumatoid arthritis (RA)
- -osteopenia (chronic steroid use, etc)





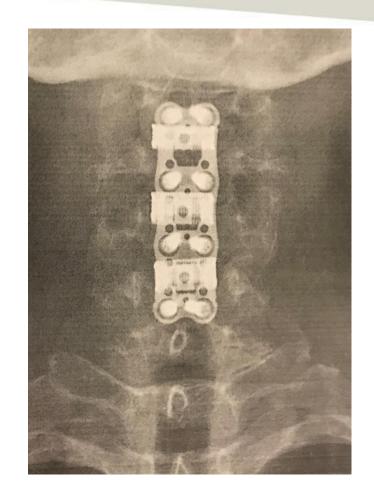
45yo female teacher

- -chronic neck pain
- -bilateral radiculopathy
- -failed PT/NSAIDS/injections
- -PE: 4+/5 bilateral biceps
- -kyphotic deformity
- -HNP C3-4,C4-5,C5-6







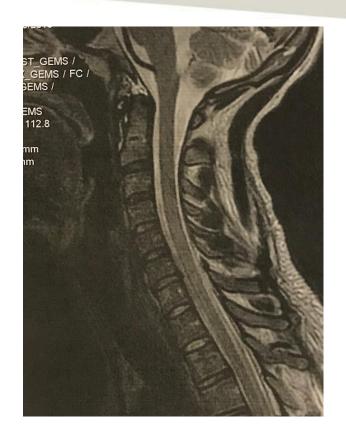


3 level ACDF

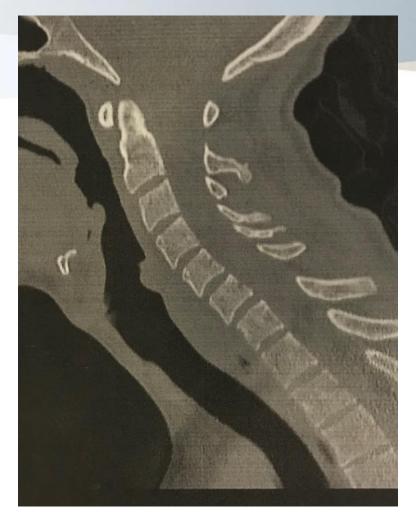


25 yo male laborer

- -wrestling with friend
- -heard a "pop"
- -acute neck pain x 2 weeks
- -right upper extremity weakness & numbness
- -4/5 triceps on exam
- -decreased sensation C7
- -mild posterior tenderness







CT: C6-7 widened interspinous distance



Flexion view increased kyphosis



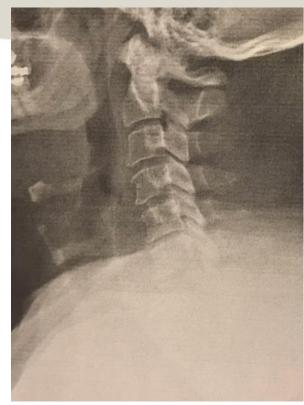
ACDF C6-7

47yo male dentist

-difficulty working x 6-9 months
-worsening numbness & weakness
into dominant left upper extremity
-failed PT/NSAIDS/injections

PE: 4/5 left wrist ext & triceps decreased sensation left C6







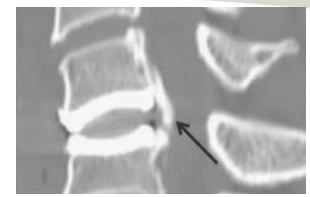


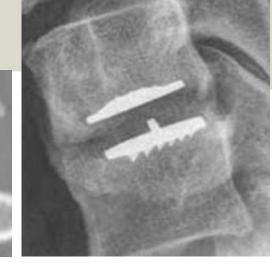
2 level TDR C5-6 & C6-7

Complications of TDR

- -subsidence, migration, kyphosis,
- -heterotopic ossification

Anderson et al. 2017 Global Spine J
Meta-Analysis of all 8 FDA approved TDR
3027 randomized (ACDF 1377, TDR 1652)
ACDF neurologic relative risk 1.62
ACDF 2nd surgery relative risk 1.79
(Statistically significant p<.05)

















Meta-analysis:

Konig et al. 2016 Neurosurg Zou et al. 2017 European Spine Journal Xu et al. 2017 Nature

TDR vs ACDF

- -greater improvement in NDI
- -improved functional outcomes
- -less secondary surgery (index & adjacent)



48yo male bus driver

- -progressive neck pain x 3 years
- -bilateral upper extremity weakness x 9 months
- -failed PT/NSAIDS/injections

PE: -weak bilat wrist extension (4+/5) -decreased sensation bilat C6









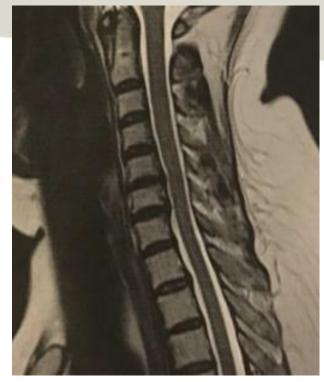
Hybrid procedure C6-7 ACDF and C5-6 TDR (LDR Mobi-C)

52yo female accountant

- -worsening bilateral radicular pain
- -mild chronic neck pain
- -failed conservative treatment

PE: -decreased sensation C6 & C7 -strength intact











2 level TDR C5-6 & C6-7



49yo female nurse

-chronic neck pain

-worsening bilateral radicular symptoms

-failed PT, NSAIDS, injections

PE: -decreased sensation C6 & C7

-strength intact

-loss of ROM

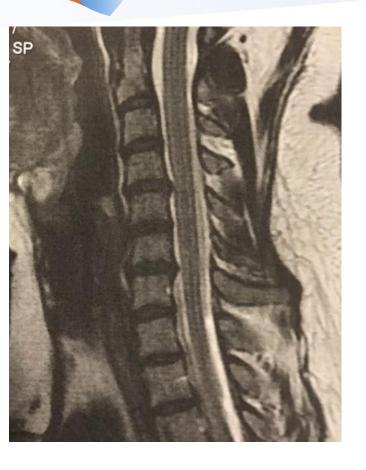








TDR C3-4 (Prodisc-C) ACDF C5-6 and C6-7



42yo female lab tech

-worsening neck pain and bilateral radicular symptoms x 3 years

-failed PT, NSAIDS

-multiple series of epidurals

PE: decreased sensation Bilat C6

2017 MRI vs 2018 MRI & X-rays







ACDF C5-6 TDR C4-5 & C6-7