

VAUTOUR, Francois
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I spoke at length with Francois and he is very frustrated with his ongoing symptomatology. He takes the Skelaxin, which gives him pretty good relief, one in the morning and one at night, but it does affect him mentally. He is not quite as fast thinking and he needs to be with his filming and all. I have gone over all of his studies. He does have the degenerative disc disease in his neck particularly at C4-C5 and C5-C6. He is solidly fused at C1-C2. He also has a lumbar study with some mild degeneration at the lower lumbar levels with mild bulging at L4-L5 particularly, and he may need a discogram CAT scan in the lumbar area to try and determine if this is the symptomatic cause of his buttock and radiating leg pain, but his main complaints are in the neck. I have asked him to go to a half Skelaxin, half in the morning and half at night and see if he gets any further relief and enlightens him at all mentally and see how he does with this. He will call us in two weeks for a progress report. If he gets no further relief, we may need to consider anterior discectomy and fusion of the cervical spine, certainly at C4-C5 and C5-C6, we will have to check the C6-C7 facets quite carefully as well.

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