



BRIEF HISTORY...





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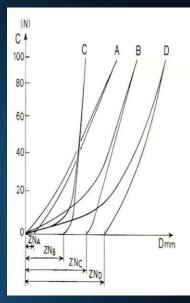


THE BIOMECHANICAL CHALLENGE

Lumbar instability: the degenerative process can be described as follows:

- Degeneration
- Instability
 - Abnormal loading
 - Reduced disc height
 - Ligament laxity
 - Facet joint degeneration
- Re-stabilization





A: normal disc

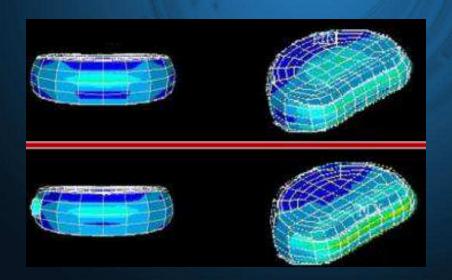
B to D: degenerative changes



THE SURGICAL GOAL

Use a dynamic technology (Wellex) that will provide controlled segmental mobility while:

- Restoring the posterior tension band
- Reducing abnormal facet loading
- Restoring facets congruence
- Restoring foraminal height









THE TECHNOLOGICAL GOAL

The Wellex has been designed to:

- Restore and maintain intervertebral dimensions:
 - It reduces abnormal posterior loading
 - It increases the segmental stiffness
 - It restores the facet congruence



- Maintain physiologic kinematics of the FSU
 - It allows movement in: Flexion

Extension

Lateral bending

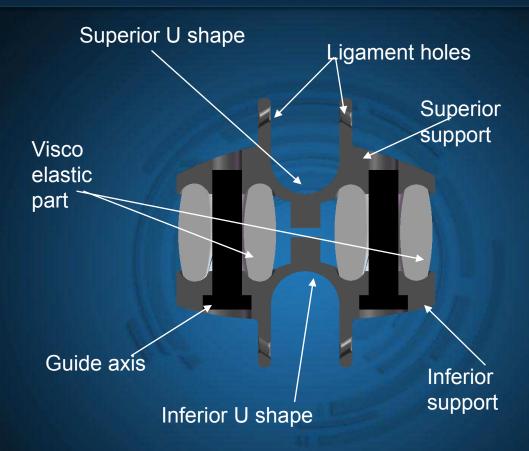
Control motion



... especially in the neutral zone



DESIGN FEATURES









Neutral Position





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CLINICAL INDICATIONS



The WELLEX is specifically designed for the treatment of degenerative conditions of the spine:

- 1. Herniated disc
- 2. Spinal canal and foraminal stenosis
- 3. Segmental instability
- 4. Attachment adjacent to an arthrodesis



4 KEY DIFFERENTIATING FACTORS Wellex Dynamic Adjustable UNIQUE Compressible Physiologic

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DIFFERENTIATING FACTOR #1





"Controls movement dynamically in all planes and all directions

Does not block extension, maintaining the Neutral Zone

for better long term results"



Flexion – Extension - Axial Rotation - Lateral Bending Compression

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DIFFERENTIATING FACTOR #2









"Inserted compressed in a minimally invasive fashion.

No need to remove bony elements of the spinous process,

avoiding the risk of implant migration."

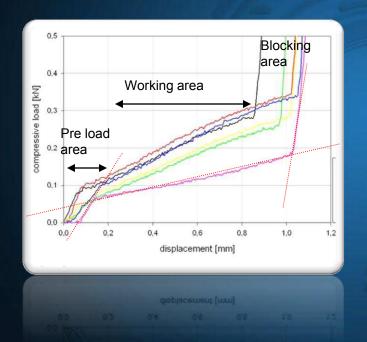


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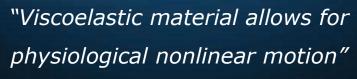


DIFFERENTIATING FACTOR #3











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DIFFERENTIATING FACTOR #4





Personalized to patient physical characteristics
Surgeon has 2 stiffness options intra-operatively



Wellex

SURGICAL TECHNIQUE

Option 1: Top Loading Insertion with optional ligament



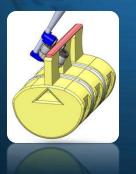


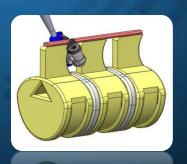




Option 2:

Lateral Insertion (2011)





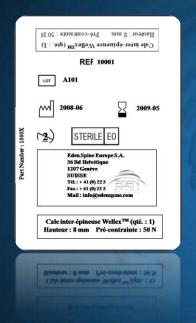








STERILE PACKAGING





All WELLEX implants are delivered in sterile packages, under double blister pack, with sterilization control stickers, maximizing patient safety.





CONCLUSION

The WELLEX™ is the result of Dr. Fuentes' 17 years of clinical experience with posterior non-fusion technologies.



Compressible

Physiological

The ability to dynamically control extension while protecting and maintaining the neutral zone is unique

and addresses an unfulfilled need in the market place.

