

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Surgery for Scoliosis

1:00

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	SOME THINGS YOU JUST WANT STRAIGHT... LIKE ANSWERS. ANOTHER, IS YOUR SPINE. SCOLIOSIS—OR CURVATURE OF THE SPINE—IS A CONDITION THAT TYPICALLY SHOWS UP IN CHILDHOOD. OVER TIME IT CAN GET PROGRESSIVELY WORSE. BRACES CAN USUALLY SLOW OR STOP THAT PROGRESSION, BUT...
Anthony Stans, M.D. Track 2 (6:15)	"ONCE THE CURVE REACHES ABOUT 50-DEGREES THERE'S VERY LITTLE CONTROVERSY—FOR A YOUNG ADOLESCENT—THAT THE BENEFITS OF SURGERY

	OUTWEIGH THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH SURGERY.”
	DR. ANTHONY STANS IS AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON AT MAYO CLINIC. HE SAYS THE SURGERY HAS TWO COMPONENTS. THE FIRST IS TO CORRECT MUCH OF THE CURVATURE.
Dr. Stans Track 2 (7:00)	“THE SECOND COMPONENT IS TO FUSE THOSE BONES TOGETHER IN THAT STRAIGHTENED POSITION.”
	IT’S A BIG SURGERY WITH A LONG RECOVERY, BUT DR. STANS SAYS IT’S GENERALLY VERY SAFE AND VERY SUCCESSFUL.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.