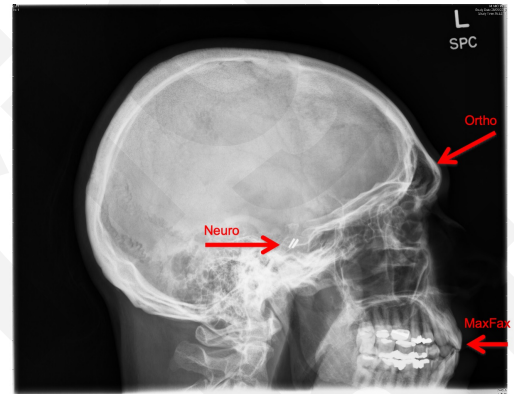
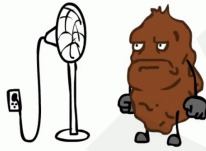


When High Volume, Low-Complexity Surgery Becomes Complex – Lumbar Discectomy



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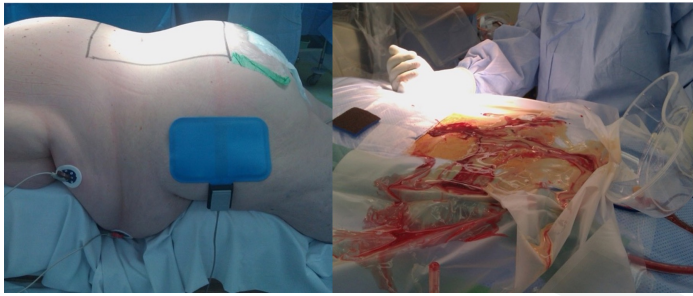


1. Know Your Enemy

- What do you think the worst thing that can happen is before, during or after a lumbar discectomy?
- I'm going to tell you them all...
- No funky slides – I'm going to show you this...

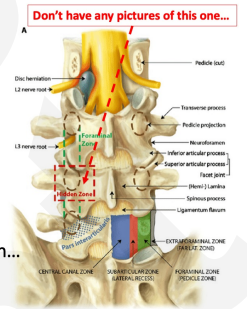


Perhaps in Spinal Surgery it Looks More Like This

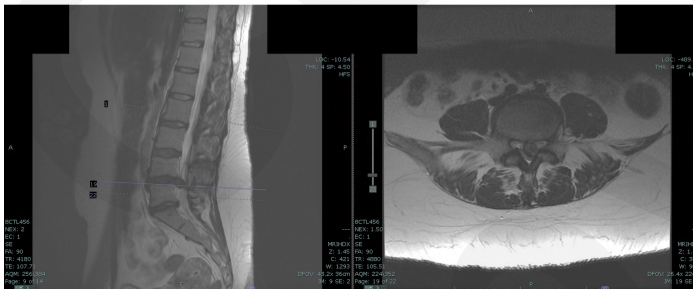


4 Round Tables = 4 Cases to Discuss

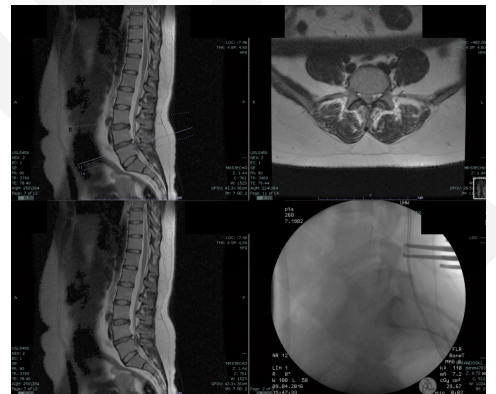
- Massive disc prolapses
- The disc that keeps giving
- The disc that gets infected
- See through blood aka “gin palace”
- And finally the worst thing that can ever happen...



Case 1a - Q



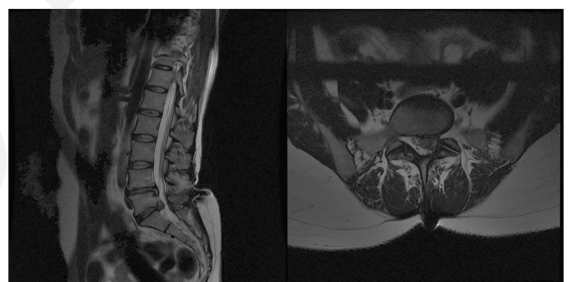
Case 1b - Q



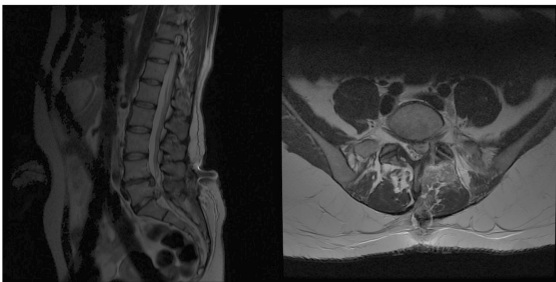
Case 2a - Q



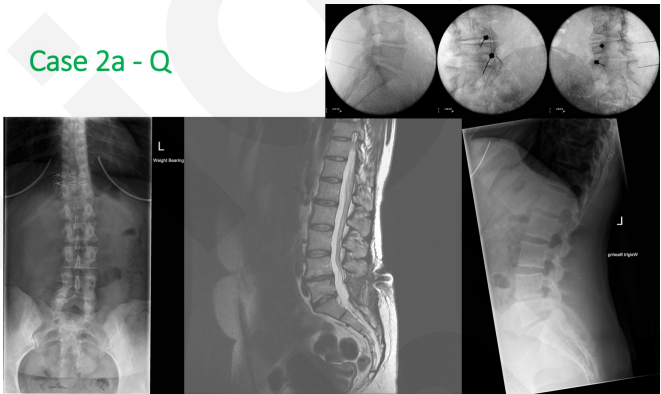
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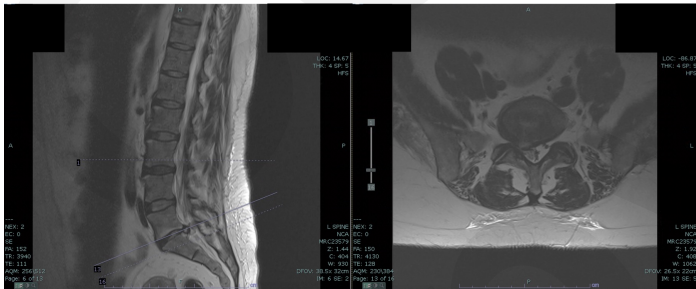
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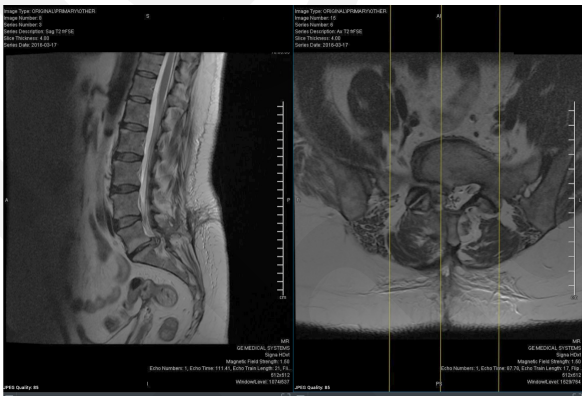
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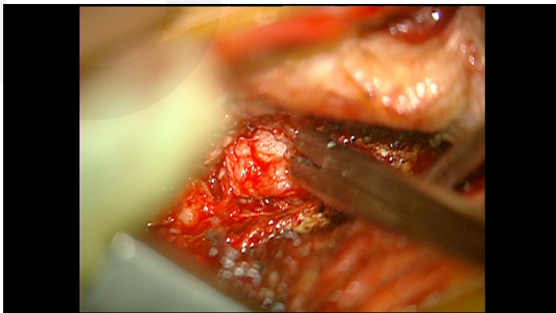
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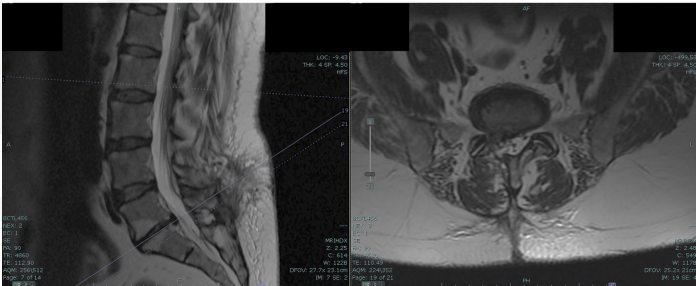
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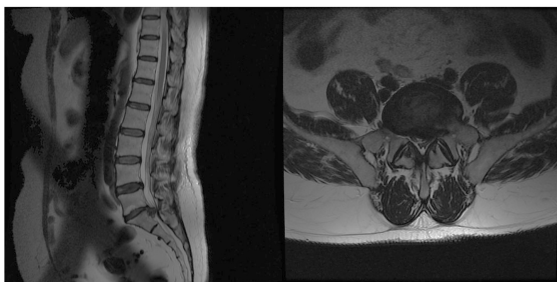
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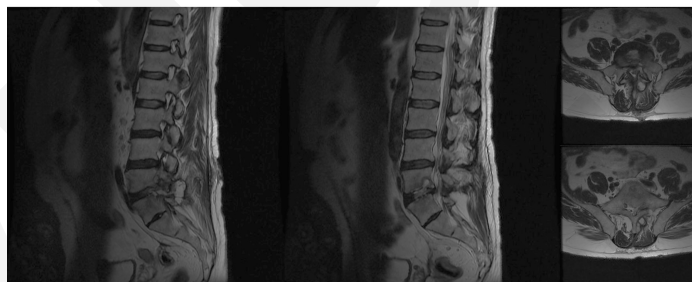
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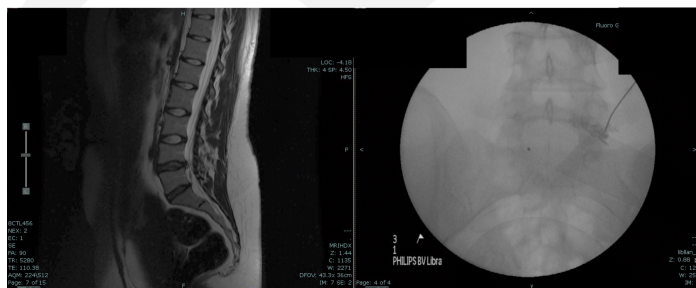
Case 3a - Q



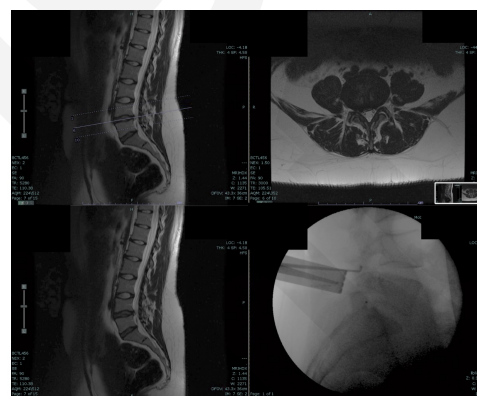
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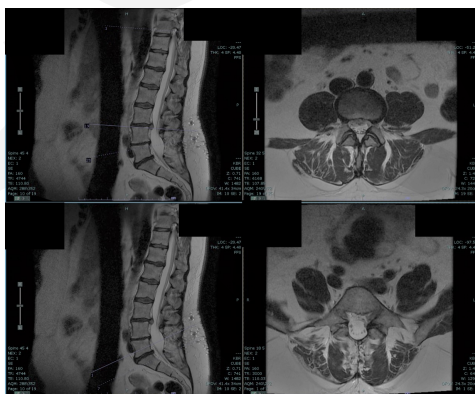
Case 4a - Q



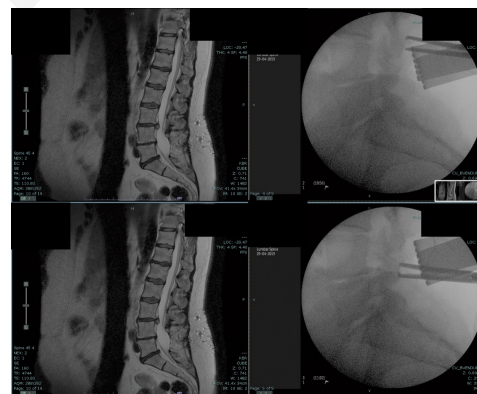
Case 4a - Q



Case 4b - Q



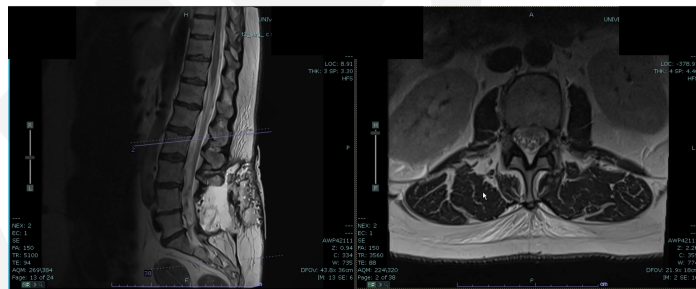
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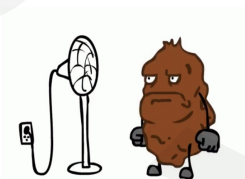
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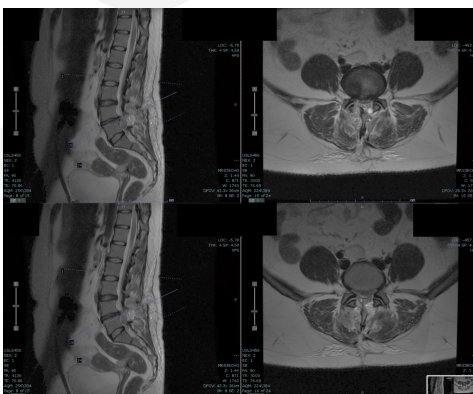
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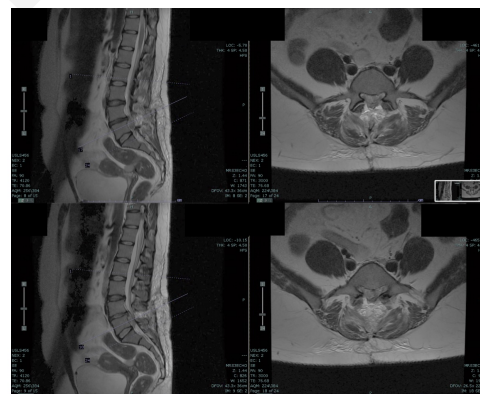
Case 1a – A – Massive Disc Prolapse



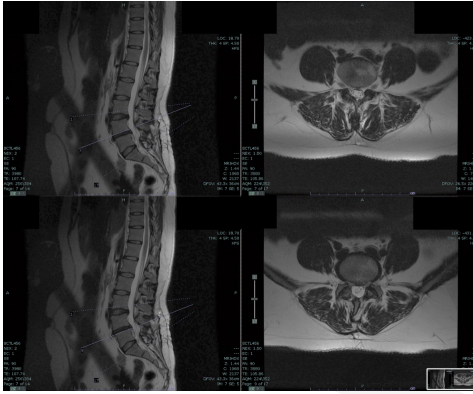
Case 1b – A
Can't Find
The Disc



Case 1b - A



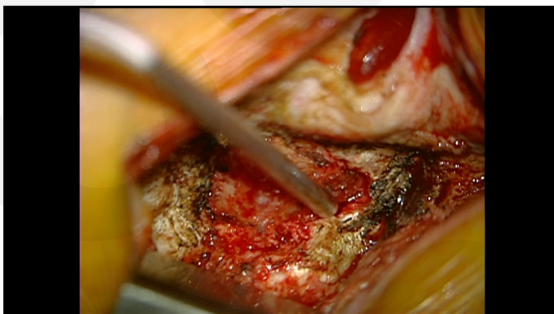
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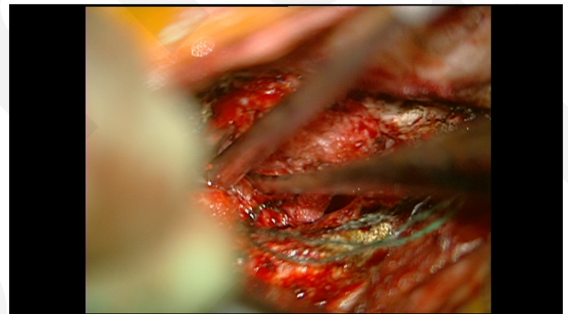
Case 2a – A – Recurrent Prolapse LBP



Case 2b – A – Recurrent Prolapse Leg Pain



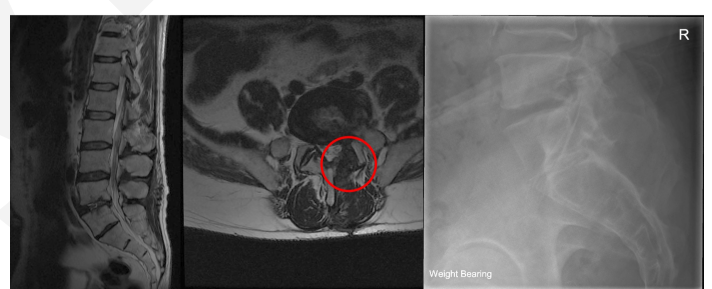
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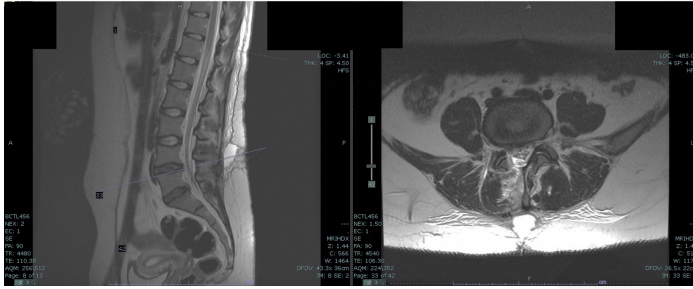
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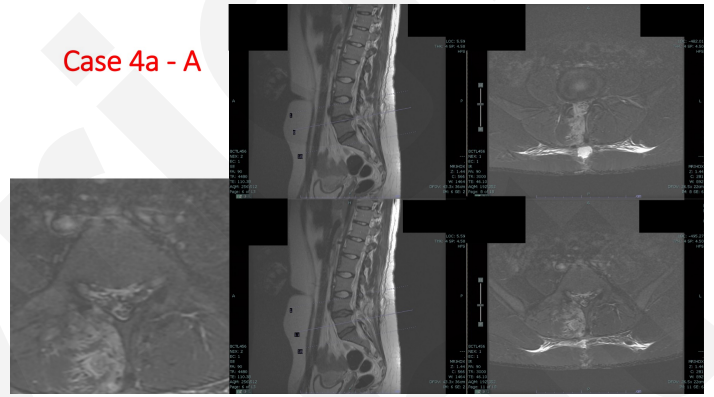
Case 3a – A – Post Discectomy Infection



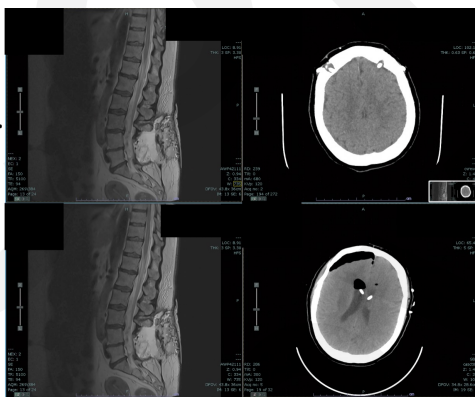
Case 4a – A – Late Presentation Leak



Case 4a - A



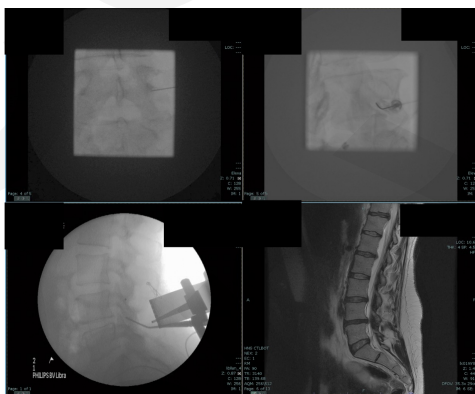
Case 4b – A
Infected
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Repair



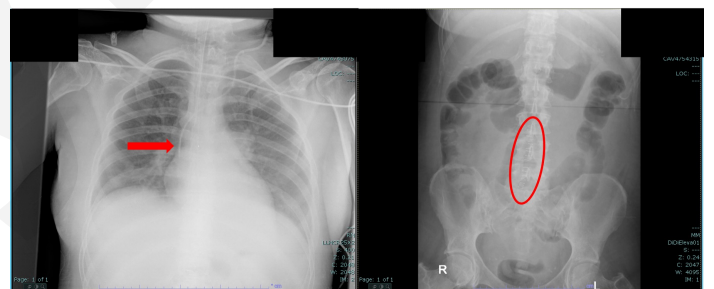
How Can It Be Worse...



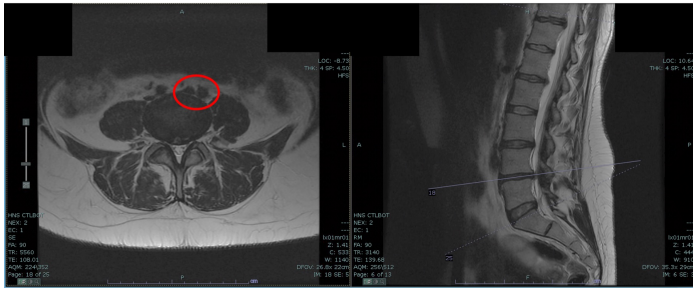
Case 5 – Q –
MY WORST
INTRA OP
NIGHTMARE



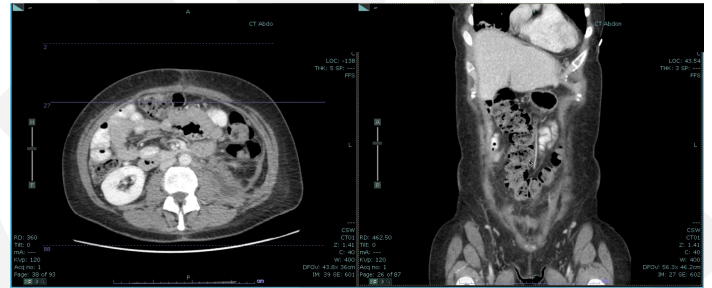
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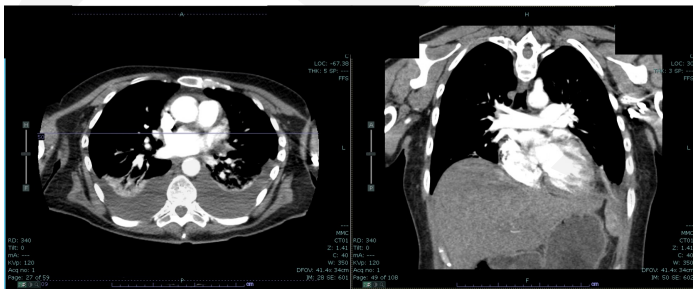
Case 5 – Q



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SUMMARY

- Simple cases can go very wrong...
- Usually when you least expect it...
- **CONCLUSION - DON'T DO DISCECTOMIES!**
- (and my next talk will be – “when fusions go wrong”...!)

