

# GET PAIN *Off Your Back*

If you or someone you care about lives with chronic pain, spinal cord stimulation (SCS) may provide new hope. Precision™ SCS (www.ControlYourPain.com) from Advanced Bionics® Corporation relieves certain types of chronic pain and neurological disorders by using an implanted device—a spinal cord stimulator (sometimes called a "pacemaker for pain")—to deliver low levels of electrical energy directly to nerve fibers.

Precision SCS, the first rechargeable SCS system, is approved for adults with chronic pain of the trunk and/or limbs, including unilateral or bilateral pain commonly associated with degenerative disc disease and other chronic spinal conditions which result in intractable low-back and leg pain. The system is also used in treatment of other chronic pain conditions affecting the peripheral nervous system such as diabetic peripheral neuropathy and Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (RSD).

"With Precision SCS, we now have the ability to make a meaningful difference in the lives of thousands of pain sufferers," says Dwayne Jones, M.D., Interventional Pain Management Specialist at North Kansas City Hospital and Medical Director of The Lakewood Pain Management Center at Truman Medical Center-Lakewood. "Spinal cord stimulation is an option not only for those who have failed back surgery syndrome, but also for those who just don't want to consider surgical options for chronic back pain."

## **How SCS Works**

FDA approved, the Precision SCS System treats chronic pain by precisely delivering tiny electrical signals to the spinal cord to mask pain signals as they travel to the brain, creating instead a tingling sensation called paresthesia. SCS is prescribed for patients with chronic pain in the limbs, trunk and back who have not received adequate pain relief from physical therapy, pain medications, prior surgeries or other treatments. Before the system is implanted permanently, patients may undergo a 'trial,' whereby a temporary stimulator is placed in the epidural space to allow the patient to try the therapy for a while.



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"This trial period enables us to evaluate the effectiveness of the therapy and to determine if the patient is comfortable with the sensations of spinal stimulation," explains Dr. Jones. "The entire trial procedure can be done in 'minutes,' and in many instances is associated with less procedural-related pain than epidural steroid injections. There is a misconception that this procedure is a major painful undertaking, which simply isn't true."

## **Dr. Jones—Interventional Pain Management Specialist**

Dr. Jones has earned an impressive array of credentials. He is among a select few pain specialists in the Kansas City area with fellowship certification through the World Institute of Pain, American Board of Anesthesiology and the American Board of Pain Medicine. He was among the first group of anesthesiologists to receive formal fellowship training in pain management (1991) and is a graduate of Harvard University (1983) and Meharry Medical College (1987). But, what may be even more important is that Dr. Jones focuses first on his patients as individuals, and helps them deal with their pain.

"Typically, I see patients after they've already seen three to five medical specialists, but have gotten no relief from their pain," says Dr. Jones. "While SCS is not a 'cure' for my patients' pain, it does offer the hope of reducing it to a manageable level. My goal as an interventional pain management specialist is to help them get pain off their back so they can get their lives back," says Dr. Jones.

*Find out if Precision SCS can help you get pain off your back. Call Dr. Jones at (913) 322-6370 today.*

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