Progression of cervical spine degeneration over 20 years

Few studies have detailed the long-term degenerative changes in the cervical spine

20-year progression of degenerative changes



and its association with the development of clinical symptoms was assessed in 193 subjects from an originally healthy cohort using...



MRI



Questionnaire

Results of 20-year follow-up study...



of subjects had progression of cervical spine degeneration



degeneration in the C5-C6 vertebrae



progression of foraminal stenosis was associated with onset of upper-limb pain



no association between progression of degeneration and other clinical symptoms



Although high rates of cervical spine degeneration were observed in all subjects over the 20-year period, these changes were not associated with development of clinical symptoms apart from upper limb pain.

A 20-Year Prospective Longitudinal Study of Degeneration of the Cervical Spine in a Volunteer Cohort Assessed Using MRI: Follow-up of a Cross-Sectional Study

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