

Dear colleagues and friends of EuSSAB,

EUROSPINE is keen to promote the recently upgraded and updated EUROSPINE Patient Line for the benefit of patients and health care professionals. Your society, patients, and health care professionals may find this resource useful. The internet is a global resource and many patients would benefit from clear non-commercial medical information.

We are happy to provide links from our site to those of National Societies and would anticipate reciprocal links in return to our content. If you have a National 'webmaster' or links person we would be pleased to have contact with them, also for translation checking of updates.

English www.eurospinepatientline.org/

Deutsch www.eurospinepatientline.org/de/f175000028.html

Français www.eurospinepatientline.org/fr/f175000028.html

Italiano www.eurospinepatientline.org/it/f175000028.html

Español www.eurospinepatientline.org/es/f175000028.html

Türkçe www1.eurospinepatientline.org/tr/f190000028.html

Nederlands www1.eurospinepatientline.org/nl/

Hebrew www1.eurospinepatientline.org/hn/f190000028.html

EUROSPINE Patient Line is a resource for patients with spinal disorders to better inform them and reassure regarding common conditions. There is great diversity of language and culture in Europe and cohesion and unity with clear quality information can only be helpful in the care of patients with spinal disorders.

Movement across borders means that language can be an issue in explaining clinical issues to patients and their families, this resource is designed to help you and your patients.

The five most spoken languages in the EU are English (51%), German (32%), French (26%), Italian (16%) and Spanish (15%). The knowledge of foreign languages varies considerably in the specific countries. The most spoken second or foreign languages in the EU are English, French, German, Spanish, Russian and Italian.

There will be further languages available, we currently translate 2-3 each year. As we do that the task of updating the site becomes more complex, and that is why it needs to be within the single EUROSPINE site.

We would encourage members, full and associate to link to the site, from their own websites so that their patients can access the information. There will be updates and patient orientated new items.

Yours Sincerely

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