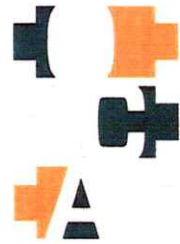


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- **\$100K+** Average Cost of Spinal surgery including medications, MRIs, Rehab, disability.
- Failed Back Surgeries in US Work Comp System – **30%-70%** Surgeries fail.
- Average Settlement Oregon failed surgery, **\$150,000 - \$300,000**.
- Future palliative care costs, aggravation rights, re-operation costs, addition PPD award – represent significant costs in Oregon.
- **Multiple RCTs Chiropractic Spinal Manipulation for disc herniation with radiculopathy (pinched nerve root),**
 - **60%** Respond, 40% need to go on to surgery
 - **45%** Reduction in Re-operations
 - **1.5%** vs. 42.7% Washington State L&I had surgery if they were seen by a chiropractic physician first.

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