

# Real Estate Legend Larry Harker Avoids Back Surgery with Non-Surgical Spinal Decompression at Southwest Spine Center in Colon.



Colon, MI. If you have bought or sold a house in the last 43 years around St. Joseph County chances are, Larry may have been the agent helping you. At 86 years young Larry would still get up every morning and exercise. That was until a condition in his lower back started affecting his quality of life. "I started having back pains and they really set in and I was home bound for 3 months. I couldn't do anything go anywhere. I couldn't do my job. I thought I was done." "It (the pain) settled right in my lower back about belt high then went down my left leg into my heel. The pain just got so excruciatingly painful I couldn't get any rest. It kept me awake."

After deciding to go to Cleveland Clinic to get checked out he was told right away that he needed surgery. "They said it was so bad that surgery was the only answer." He knew he wasn't going to do surgery, so he came back home and saw his primary care physician. Like so many patients with back and leg pain, Larry was put on a combination of the pain and nerve medicine, Norco and Gabapentin. After getting no relief from the pain Larry was running out of options. "I have two friends that had seen Dr. Awwad (Colon, MI) and he cured them. That was good enough for me so I came over to see him and give it a try."

"He had several discs that were degenerated and bulging on his MRI, but the bottom two, L4 and L5 were compressing the nerves

down his leg." stated Dr. Awwad who has been helping patients avoid back and neck surgery for over a decade at his office in Colon. "I knew right away that he would be a candidate for Non-Surgical Spinal Decompression."

Non-Surgical Spinal Decompression is a FDA Cleared treatment designed to treat and correct problems associated with degenerated, bulging and herniated discs.

"Most patients are told by their doctors that they need surgery so they go along with their recommendations. Most medically trained doctors aren't aware of alternative options to surgery. When pain pills and physical therapy don't work they send them for injections which are nothing more than a band aid approach. When those don't work they send them to a surgeon. Almost 2 out of 3 patients that go through back surgery never return back to work and the risks for lower back surgery are enormous including infections and permanent nerve damage," continued Dr. Awwad

"It's like being reborn," stated Larry. "It was just after 2 weeks he had me out of pain and I still have no pain. I would highly recommend him. I would recommend it (Non-Surgical Spinal Decompression) to my children and everybody. It was a miracle as far as I'm concerned."

If you were told you need or are considering having back or neck surgery, call Dr. Awwad's office in Colon to see if you are a candidate for Non-Surgical Spinal Decompression. If you would like to hear more stories like Larry's you can go to [www.southwestspine.net](http://www.southwestspine.net) for more testimonials.

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