

After surgery, 'full recovery' seen for N.Y. Giants' Jason Pierre-Paul

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New York Giants defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul underwent back surgery Tuesday at Marina Del Rey Hospital and is expected to make a full recovery.

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The surgery, a microscopic lumbar discectomy, was performed by Dr. Robert Watkins to repair a herniated disc in Pierre-Paul's lower back.

Watkins released a statement that was succinct and to the point: "The timing of his return to football will depend on his response to the rehabilitation program. We anticipate a full recovery."

Pierre-Paul, who played with the injury last fall, received several epidural injections to get through the season.

"My back has been bothering me for a while, and even last season I played through some back issues," Pierre-Paul said in statement released by the Giants.

"The treatment I've been doing has helped manage the issue, but this procedure is going to get me fully healthy and there should be no more pain. I'm going to do everything the doctors tell me to do during my rehab so I can be back playing the game I love at a high level as quickly as possible."

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