

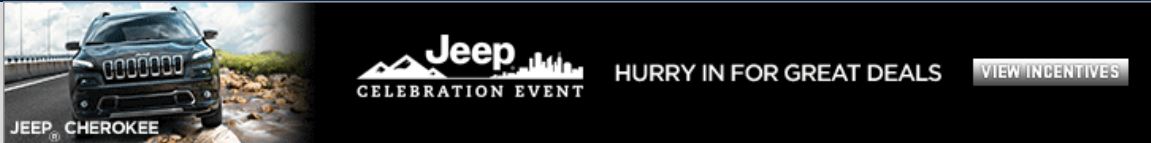
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NEW YORK (CBSNewYork/AP) — Mets captain David Wright had surgery Thursday to [repair](#) a herniated disc in his neck.

The Mets announced Wright underwent successful cervical discectomy and fusion surgery performed by Dr. Robert Watkins in [Marina](#) del Rey, California. [The decision to proceed with surgery](#) was made after weeks of [tests](#), rest and anti-inflammatory injections.

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Wright has been prescribed a period of rest before resuming any physical rehab activity and will be re-evaluated in the weeks ahead to determine when he can resume baseball related activities.

CBS2's Otis Livingston reported the Mets wouldn't set a timetable for Wright's return, but typically it takes a minimum of three months to recover from the surgery. The team won't say if Wright's season is officially done.

Wright said in a statement that his "neck simply did not respond to any of the treatments of the past few weeks." He said while it's frustrating, he's "determined to make a full recovery and get back on the field as soon as I can to help the Mets win."

Manager Terry Collins said Thursday afternoon he expects Wright to be out "quite a while," likely September at the earliest.

"He was resigned to the fact that this was going to be in his best interest, which I totally supported," Collins said. "Just a matter of everyone getting on the same page. It's the only way its going to get better."

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The Mets said Dr. Robert Watkins will perform the surgery. He has worked in collaboration with Wright and the team's medical staff in developing a plan for Wright's care.

The third baseman [was placed on the disabled list June 3, retroactive to](#)

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The injury is not related to the spinal stenosis Wright was diagnosed with last season.

Several baseball players have had surgery on a herniated disc the past couple of years, including Texas Rangers first baseman Prince Fielder, Atlanta Braves outfielder Nick Markakis and Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Ryan Braun. All three saw a significant rise in their batting average the season after the surgery.

This season, Wright, 33, is batting .226 with seven home runs and 14 RBIs.

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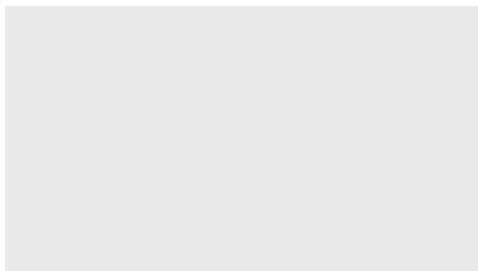
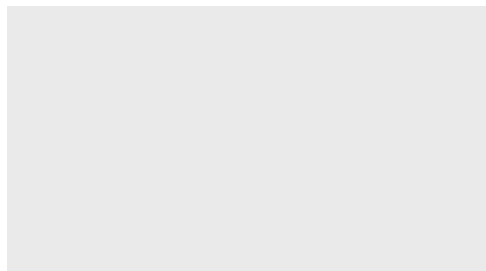
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