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The [Kernohan notch phenomenon](#) was first described by James Watson Kernohan, born 1897, Irish-born American pathologist in [1929](#) after an autopsy study revealed a notched [cerebral peduncle](#) from a contralateral [herniation](#) syndrome. ¹⁾

Stienen et al. reviewed the original publication of [Otto Veraguth](#) in [1929](#) reporting on the successful resection of a lumbar disc herniation, published exclusively in the German language. His early report is put into the historical context, and its impact on the understanding of pathologies of the [intervertebral disc](#) (IVD) is estimated. The Swiss surgeon and Nobel Prize laureate [Emil Theodor Kocher](#) was among the first physicians to describe the traumatic rupture of the IVD in [1896](#). As early as [1909](#) Oppenheim and Krause published 2 case reports on surgery for a herniated lumbar disc ²⁾.

Since its initial description by Hibbs and Swift in [1929](#) ³⁾, [lumbar fusions](#) have been widely used to correct structural defects and degeneration of the [lumbar spine](#), a common ailment in the geriatric population ^{4) 5)}.

In [1929](#), [Nikolay Nilovich Burdenko](#) and a neurologist V.V. Kramer founded the first neurosurgical clinic in [Moscow](#), which was reorganized to the Institute of Neurosurgery in [1932](#). The Institute has come a long way through military and peaceful years, overcoming all sorts of obstacles. It has constantly developed, built, and modernized, and now this is the National Medical Research Center of Neurosurgery ⁶⁾.

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