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Georges de Morsier first recognized the relation of a rudimentary or absent [septum pellucidum](#) with hypoplasia of the [optic nerves](#) and [chiasm](#) in 1956 ¹⁾.

The earliest descriptions of the technique have always been attributed to [Ralph Bingham Cloward](#), [George W. Smith](#), and Robinson. However, in the French literature, this procedure was also described by others during the exact same time period (in the 1950s). At a meeting in Paris in 1955, Belgians Albert Dereymaeker and Joseph Cyriel Mulier, a neurosurgeon and an orthopedic surgeon, respectively, described the technique that involved an [anterior cervical discectomy](#) and the placement of an [cortical iliac crest autograft](#) in the [intervertebral disc space](#). In 1956, a summary of their oral presentation was published, and a subsequent paper-an illustrated description of the technique and the details of a larger case series with a 3.5-year follow-up period-followed in 1958. The list of authors who first described ACDF should be completed by adding Dereymaeker's and Mulier's names. They made an important contribution to the practice of [spinal surgery](#) that was not generally known because they published in French ²⁾.

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