

Abbe performed C6-C8 posterior spinal rhizotomies in two separate [procedures](#), with good results. Just as significantly, during these procedures, Abbe stimulated the nerve roots to determine their functions; this was the first instance of [intraoperative localization](#) and [stimulation](#) ¹⁾.

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