

Second opinion

- Evaluation of the effectiveness and safety of the ultralight, non-resorbable Optomesh® ULTRALIGHT surgical meshes for surgical treatment of hernias based on open and laparoscopic techniques - a retrospective analysis
- Understanding neurogenic urogenital dysfunction and the clinical application of the EAN/EFAS/INUS NEUROGED guidelines
- Burden of pediatric neural tube defects at a referral medical center in Tanzania
- What is the role of non-surgical clinicians in the assessment and management of degenerative cervical myelopathy? - Insights from the RECODE-DCM peri-operative rehabilitation incubator
- Payer type and prediction of the time from epilepsy onset to neurosurgical intervention and from first diagnostic MRI to neurosurgical consultation in lesional drug-resistant epilepsy at a California level IV epilepsy center
- 'Before and After'. The Journey of Patients With Low Back Pain Consulting in Elective Spine Surgery Clinics. A Qualitative Study Protocol
- Regional variation in traumatic brain injury patterns, management and mortality: a nationwide Swedish cohort study
- A retrospective analysis of patients deemed ineligible for surgery in a multidisciplinary complex spine conference

A second [opinion](#) can be a visit to a physician other than the one a patient has previously been seeing to get more information or to hear a differing point of view.

Some reasons for which a patient may seek out a second opinion include:

The physician recommends surgery.

The physician diagnoses a patient with a serious illness (such as cancer).

The physician recommends a treatment for the patient other than what the patient believes is necessary.

When a physician recommends elective surgery, it may be required by the insurance plan. In other cases, insurance will not pay for a second opinion.

Patient believes they have a condition that the physician diagnosed incorrectly or failed to diagnose.

The physician themselves recommends a second opinion.

Different payment procedures apply to different second opinions. For example, some health plans pay for second opinions for members; many employers offer free second opinion benefits through companies like Grand Rounds or similar companies; and some states have public programs for cancer second opinions.

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