

# Spine surgery history

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The first successful **laminectomy** was performed by Smith <sup>1)</sup> in **1828** in the **United States**

In **2004**, the **SpineAssist** (Mazor Robotics Ltd., Caesarea, Israel) was the first **robot** approved by the **FDA** for use in **spinal surgery** and remained one of the most widely used <sup>2)</sup>. The SpineAssist is a shared-control robot that offers **navigation** superior to traditional intraoperative navigation. Although **cost** is a limiting factor, future generations of robots have immense potential to improve spine surgery for both patients and providers alike <sup>3)</sup>.

<sup>1)</sup>

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<sup>2)</sup>

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<sup>3)</sup>

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