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Spinal surgery, crucial for correcting structural abnormalities, involves decompressing nerve structures, realigning or stabilizing vertebral segments, and replacing damaged components to restore spinal integrity. Effective wound closure is vital in these procedures as it prevents infections, minimizes wound dehiscence, and ensures optimal cosmetic results. Recent advancements, particularly in barbed suture technology like STRATAFIX™ Symmetric, offer promising improvements in surgical outcomes. A study by Steven R. Glener et al. evaluated STRATAFIX™ Symmetric for fascial closure in spinal surgery, comparing it to traditional braided absorbable sutures. Although the difference in closure time was not statistically significant, STRATAFIX™ demonstrated a higher closure rate and required significantly fewer sutures, reducing post-surgical material counts and the risk of accidental needle sticks. No adverse events were observed in either group over a 6-month follow-up period. Despite their benefits in reducing operating room time and costs, barbed sutures remain underutilized in neurosurgery. Studies indicate that barbed sutures can significantly decrease wound closure time, particularly in complex or multilevel spinal surgeries, without compromising clinical outcomes. These findings suggest that adopting barbed suture technology in spinal surgery could enhance surgical efficiency and patient care. Further research with larger sample sizes and multicenter studies is necessary to validate these benefits and refine surgical practices, ultimately improving patient outcomes [1)].

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