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Patient Profile - Michael

**Michael
Duluth, GA**

At the age of 32, Michael was athletic and active, working out five days a week. Then one morning on his way home from the gym, Michael was rear-ended. From that day forward, he began suffering back pain and, although he tried to work through it, the pain gradually worsened.

Eventually, Michael was diagnosed with degenerative disc disease. He tried numerous therapies to stop the pain. Some of the treatments disguised the pain for a while but eventually it returned. Michael decided that he did not "want to live a life on pills," so he sought a second opinion from Kenneth Burkus, M.D.

Dr. Burkus took one look at Michael's MRI and said, "We operate on Thursdays, when can you be here?" At the time, Michael knew several people who had undergone traditional spinal fusions where bone is harvested from the hip and implanted in the spine. He was concerned about the surgery because each of his friends had suffered significantly more pain in their hip than in their back or neck after surgery. But then Dr. Burkus informed Michael he was a candidate to receive INFUSE® Bone Graft with the LT-CAGE® Lumbar Tapered Fusion Device, which would eliminate the need to take bone from his hip. Michael liked what he heard and decided to go for it.

Two days after surgery, Michael was up and walking, and a month later, he was off pain medications completely. He considers himself living proof of a successful spine fusion with INFUSE® Bone Graft/ LT-CAGE® Device and is thankful to be pain-free and back to an athletic lifestyle today.

Your results may vary. See your physician for indications and to determine whether you are a candidate for INFUSE® Bone Graft/LT-CAGE® Lumbar Tapered Fusion Device.



