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**To:** MARK TRAMO <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: To JEE re: checking in  
**Date:** Mon, 18 Sep 2017 11:59:03 +0000

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i walk five blocks need to stop and bend over. . no pain at all zero. so i have held off on surgery.

On Mon, Sep 18, 2017 at 7:57 AM, MARK TRAMO <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
sorry to read that - I have had patients for whom the third epidural injection worked great even though the first two didn't...another non-surgical option for pain management is acupuncture...hopefully you are stretching out your disc spaces daily (or more often)...are your legs weak at all? is bladder function affected? Those symptoms would raise the possibility that it's time for surgical decompression of lumbosacral nerve roots - you have a tight stenosis at only one disc space so it might be a straightforward procedure...the best spine surgeon in LA is neurosurgeon Patrick Johnson at Cedars-Sinai...

On Mon, Sep 18, 2017 at 4:41 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:  
two. didnt work very well.

On Mon, Sep 18, 2017 at 7:40 AM, MARK TRAMO <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
How many have you had? (The anesthesiologists usually do a series of 3 separated by some weeks)

On Sun, Sep 17, 2017 at 5:20 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:  
yes, no imporvment

On Sun, Sep 17, 2017 at 6:06 PM, MARK TRAMO <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
How's your back doing, Jeffrey - did you get another epidural? - Mark

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