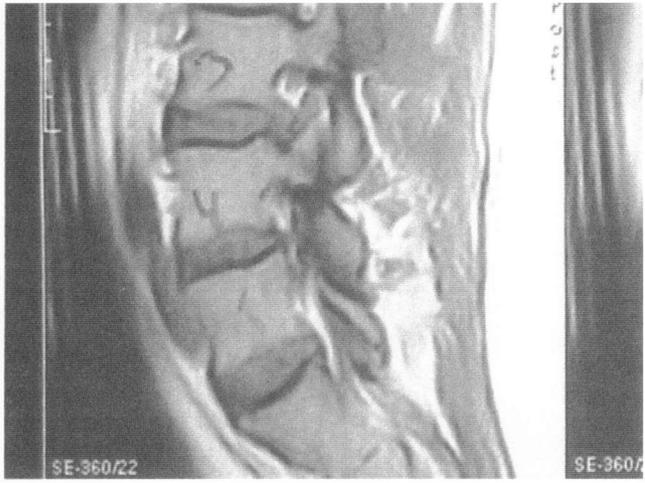
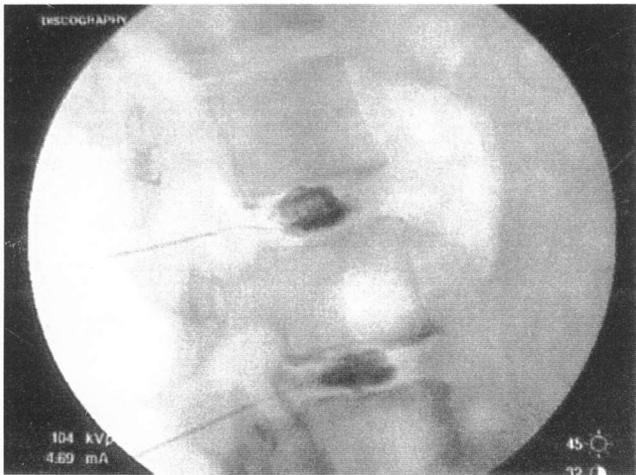


*What did the  
MRI read?*



*What does the  
Discography  
prove?*



## **PROVACATIVE DISCOGRAPHY**

Discography is a diagnostic tool, which definitively confirms or negates disc derangement, and correlates pain reproduction with disc pressure. It is a diagnostic test, which evaluated the integrity of a disc, as well as the effect of involved disc on the patient's pain.

Discography is performed by injecting a small amount of contrast directly into the disc, producing a real time fluoroscopic image of the disc. As a result of the increase pressure within the disc, the patient may experience pain. When this occurs, it is conclusive that the disc is the cause of pain.

This information is invaluable. Without question, this verifies that the abnormalities within the disc are the reason for the pain. While an MRI may be utilized to evaluate the integrity of a disc, often times, subtle indications of disc compromise are not clearly visualized. When a patient presents with symptoms that indicate a disc problem, but they are not responding to conservative care, discography is indicated to accurately assess the discs, and its contribution to the patient's pain.