Table 2.9.1: Average Length of Hospital Stay (LOS) for Spine Diagnoses Trends, 2004-2010

	Average LOS (in days), 2004		Average LOS (in days), 2007/2006		Average LOS (in days), 2011/2010	
	NIS [1]	NHDS [2]	NIS [1]	NHDS [2]	NIS [1]	NHDS [2]
Spinal Deformity & Related Conditions	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.6	4.7
Lumbar/Low Back Pain						
Back Disorders	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8
Disc Disorders	4.1	3.6	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.4
Back Injury	7.3	7.9	7.1	7.8	6.6	7.6
All Lumbar and Low Back Pain	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9
Cervical/Neck Pain						
Neck Disorders	4.3	3.6	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.5
Cervical Disc Disorders	3.1	2.8	3.1	2.7	3.4	3.4
Neck Injury	8.2	10.2	7.7	6.4	6.7	7.8
All Cervical Back Pain	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.6
Total	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8

^[1] Source: HCUP Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS). Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP). 2004/2007/2011. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD. www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/nisoverview.jsp

^[2] Source: National Hospital Discharge Survey (NHDS), 2004/2006/2010. www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhds/nhds questionnaires.htm April 23, 2013. Based on days of care.