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Geoffrey E. Stoker, from Washington University in St. Louis, and colleagues analyzed serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels in 313 adults undergoing [spinal fusion](#) (January 2010 to March 2011) for [degenerative disease](#) (260); deformity (99); and revision (73).

The researchers found that vitamin D inadequacy (

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