

Scoliosis tied to more back problems regardless of Tx

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(HealthDay)—Adults with idiopathic scoliosis have a higher prevalence of back problems, compared to individuals without scoliosis, according to a study published in the May 15 issue of *Spine*.

Anna Grauers, M.D., from Sundsvall and Harnosand County Hospital in Sweden, and colleagues evaluated [survey results](#) from 1,069 individuals with idiopathic [scoliosis](#) (diagnosed between ages 4 and 20 years) and 158 individuals without scoliosis (all aged 20 to 65 years).

The researchers found that 374 scoliosis patients were untreated, while 451 had been brace treated and 244 were surgically treated. In the individuals with scoliosis, the mean prevalence of back problems was 64 percent, compared to 29 percent in the individuals without scoliosis (P

"Adults with [idiopathic scoliosis](#) have a higher prevalence of back problems than individuals without scoliosis," the authors write.

"Treatment, sex, and juvenile or adolescent onset of diagnosis was not related to the prevalence of back problems in adulthood."

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