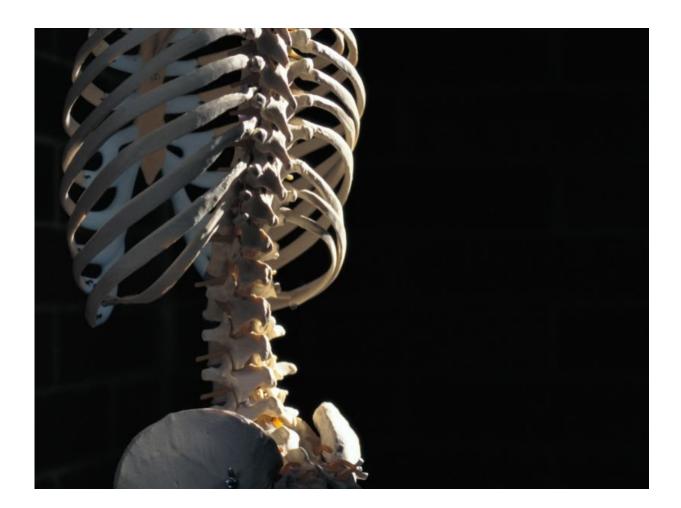


## Spinal cord stimulation may reduce neuropathic pain

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(HealthDay)—Spinal cord stimulation (SCS) effectively reduces chronic



pain symptoms in individuals with painful diabetic polyneuropathy (PDPN), according to a study published online Nov. 6 in *Diabetes Care*.

Maarten van Beek, from Maastricht University Medical Center in the Netherlands, and colleagues performed a prospective multicenter study to examine the long-term effect of SCS on pain ratings, <u>treatment</u> <u>success</u> and failure, and complications in 48 patients with PDPN.

The researchers found that after five years, 55 percent of patients had experienced treatment success and 80 percent of patients with a permanent implant still used their SCS device. The median duration of SCS treatment was 60 months. Higher Michigan Diabetic Neuropathy Score was associated with treatment failure during the five-year followup (hazard ratio, 3.9).

"SCS is successful in reducing chronic pain symptoms in the lower extremities of patients with PDPN up to five years after initiation of <u>treatment</u>," the authors write.

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