



Radiology Associates of Richmond Section of Interventional Radiology is pleased to offer a Medicare approved, minimally invasive surgical technique called **Balloon Kyphoplasty**. **Kyphoplasty** is indicated for the treatment and reduction of Vertebral Compression Fractures (VCF) caused by primary and secondary osteoporosis, multiple myeloma, bone metastases, and hemangioma. The benefit and objective of the procedure is to provide immediate pain relief through stabilization of the fracture and restored height of the vertebrae. Over 355,000 fractures have been treated with **Balloon Kyphoplasty** and enclosed is a brochure that explains the procedure. At the CJW Johnston-Willis Campus Neurovascular Center we have treated in excess of 500 VCF's over the past 8 years, a large number of cases have also been done at Henrico Doctors Hospital, Forest Campus.

In the past, conventional treatment of VCF's has focused on palliative care including narcotic analgesics, bed rest, and bracing. However, this method of treatment places the patient at high risk for the following problems: Permanent Kyphosis, Narcotic Dependency, Chronic Back Pain, Bowel Impairment, Deep Vein Thrombosis, Depression, and Significantly decreased quality of life.

Patients with VCF's typically present with sudden onset of back pain and/or localized tenderness accompanied by muscle spasm. Trauma history, may or may not be elicited, especially in post-menopausal women. Acute treatment is important to achieve the best results, therefore, we are committed to see your patients within 5 days of being consulted. We can provide any outpatient PT, or OT referrals, and if necessary will schedule any MRI/CT scan or other diagnostic imaging needed for accurate assessment and treatment of the patient.

A consult/procedure can be scheduled by contacting:

Johnston Willis Neurovascular Center/Interventional Radiology: 804-330-2398
Henrico Doctors Hospital, Parham Campus Interventional Radiology: 804-289-4579