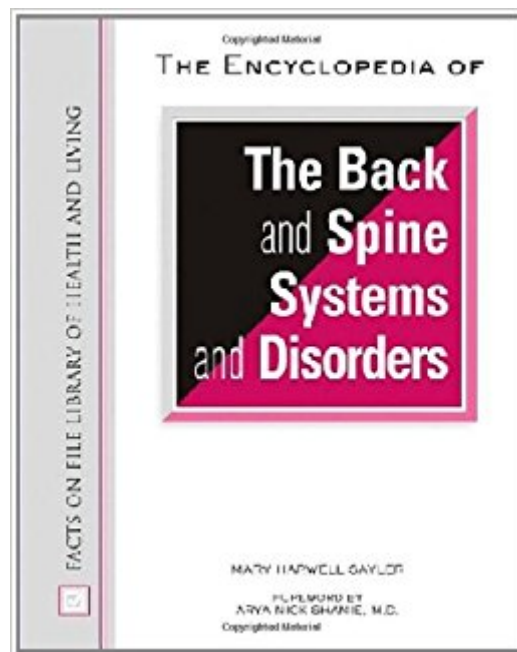


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# The Encyclopedia Of The Back And Spine Systems And Disorders (Facts On File Library Of Health & Living)



## Synopsis

Back pain is the most common cause of job-related disability. This is a reference to these parts of the body and the ailments of sufferers. It provides information on various aspects of the back and spine, including anatomy, metabolic processes, neurological systems, injuries, diseases and disorders, treatments, medicines, and nutrition.

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develop the disorder, the difference is the causation. There is an extensive directory of organizations that provide support and research, and URLs are included. An index offers numerous points of entry to the text for terms covered in larger articles, though a common term used by physicians, myelopathy, is neither defined under M nor included in the index. (The word was eventually located under the heading "Cervical spondylotic myelopathy.") There is no listing for vacuolar myelopathy (a condition in which the myelin sheath separates from the spinal cord, forming cavities, or vacuoles), which affects some AIDS patients. Overall, this is a good title and will be well used, since the majority of us will need its information sometime in our lives. Recommended for consumer-health collections. --Steve Stratton

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