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29 **Abstract**

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31 **Background Context:** Post-operative pain at the site of bone graft harvest for posterior spine
32 fusion is reported to occur in 6% to 39% of cases. However, the area around the posterior,
33 superior iliac spine is a frequent site of referred pain for many structures. Therefore, many
34 postoperative spine patients may have pain in the vicinity of the posterior iliac crest that may not
35 in fact be caused by bone graft harvesting. The literature may then overestimate the true
36 incidence of postoperative iliac crest pain.

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