

Table 1 Crossover of nonsurgical patients to surgical groups

Randomized Group		Observational Group	
Number of Patients		Number of Patients	
304		303	
159 (surgical—assigned)	145 (nonsurgical—assigned)	173 (surgical—elected)	130 (nonsurgical—elected)
101 (at 2 yrs.) 64%	71 (surgery at 2 yrs.) 49%	168 (at 2 yrs.) 97%	33 (surgery at 2 yrs.) 25%
105 (at 4 yrs.) 66%	79 (surgery at 4 yrs.) 54%		43 (surgery at 4 yrs.) 33%

More than half of the patients originally randomized to nonsurgical treatment and a third of those in the observational cohort who originally opted for nonsurgical treatment had surgery within 4 years.