Spine Center mixes, fixes, sets to help with scoliosis The Coloradoan, Sunday, June 8, 2008

Spine Correction Center of the Rockies is offering a new non-invasive treatment for scoliosis, or curvature of the spine, that affects 4.5 percent of the population.

Often diagnosed during the teen years, scoliosis often is a debilitating condition that can lead to back pain, headaches, fatigue, breathing difficulties and mobility issues.

Dr. Michael Farrell and Dr. April Cardwell say the new treatment was developed by the Clear Institute, a group of chiropractors who spent several years developing the techniques.

Called mix, fix and set, the therapies work to straighten the spine of a scoliosis patient without surgery.

It can take several weeks or months to correct the curvature, Farrell said, depending on the severity of the condition.

The treatments don't involve surgery, the most common method of treating scoliosis and typically cost a fraction of surgery.

"The patient can continue on with their lives," Cardwell said.

Surgeries, which often include placing rods in the spine, can cost upward of \$130,000, Farrell said. The Clear treatments cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

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