Motion preservation in cervical prosthesis surgery: Implications for adjacent segment degeneration

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Xiaoyu Yang was born on February 21st, 1990 in Chifeng, P.R. China. After graduating from high school, he started medical school in 2008 at Henan University of Science & Technology in Luoyang, P.R. China.

In 2013, Xiaoyu graduated from medical school and obtained the bachelor's degree of Clinical Medicine (M.D.). He was then selected to participate in a special program for medical students organized by Jilin University and the First Hospital of Jilin University in Changchun, P.R. China. This program enabled him to combine a master's degree of Clinical Medicine with the surgery residency program. During this program, he received his initial academic training in clinical research as well as surgical training focused on neurosurgery. In 2014, he was certified and registered as a surgeon in P.R. China. He was awarded the Graduate Scholarship for the whole three academic years. In 2016, he successfully obtained the master's degree of Clinical Medicine (M.Sc.) and accomplished his surgical residency training.

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