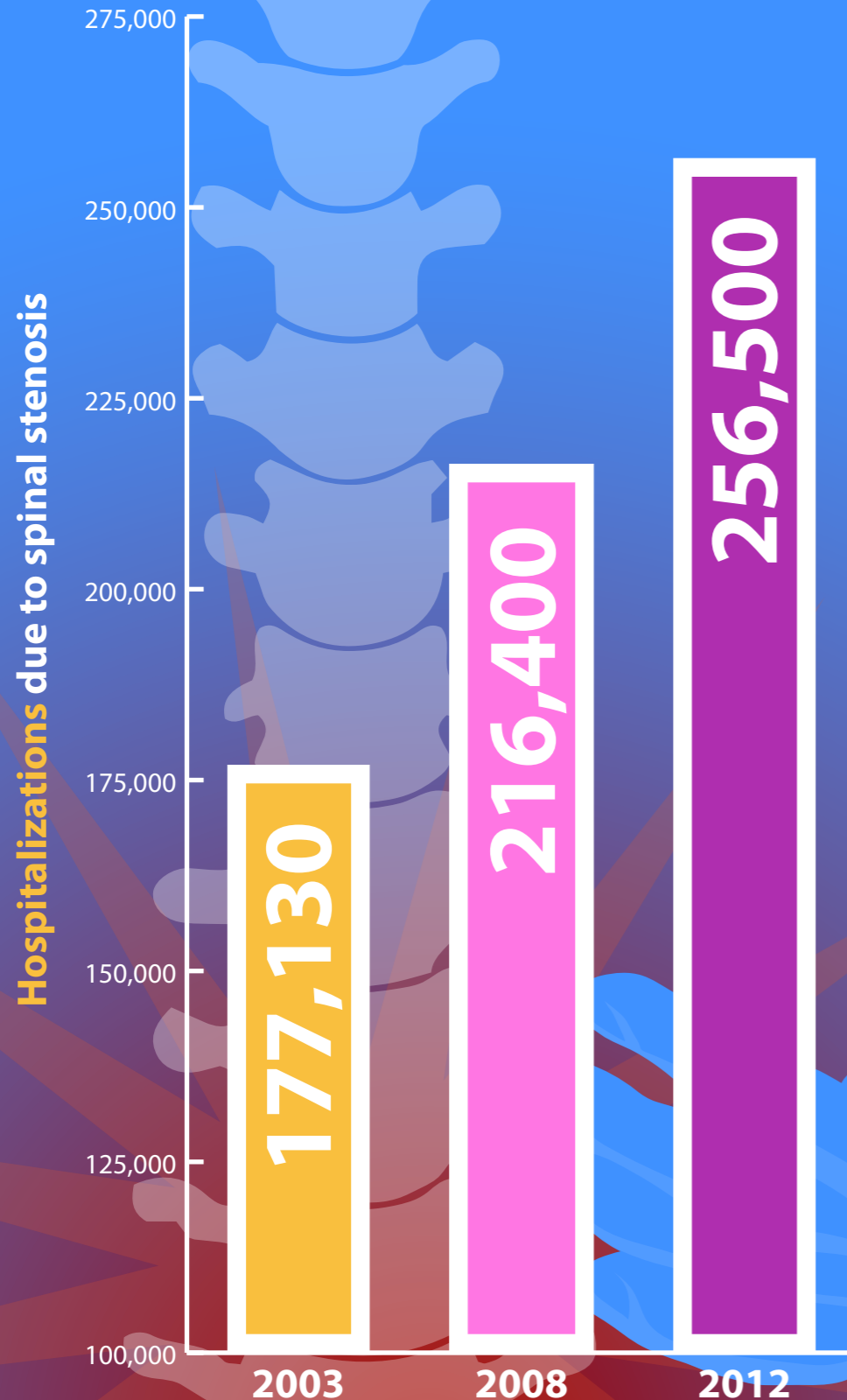
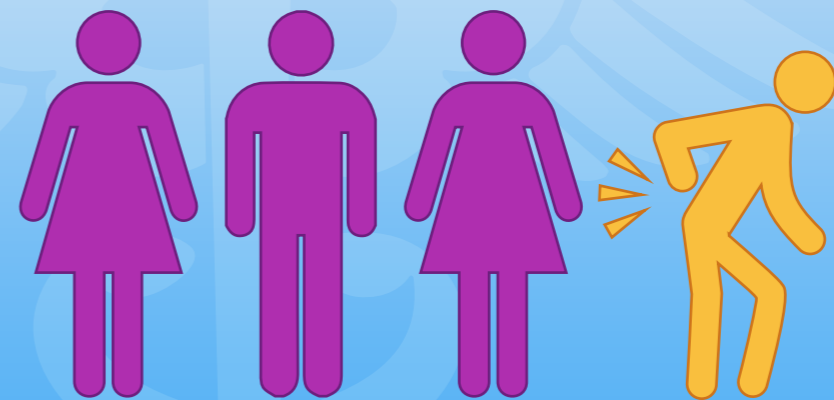


# The Growing Pain of Spinal Stenosis



## 2.2 million

The number of lumbar **epidural steroid injections** performed each year in the Medicare population



One in four **epidural steroid injections** performed in the Medicare population is for spinal stenosis

Sources: AHRQ Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) data, [www.ahrq.gov/research/data/hcup/index.html](http://www.ahrq.gov/research/data/hcup/index.html) (first chart); Friedly JL, Comstock BA, Turner JA, et al., A Randomized Trial of Epidural Steroid Injections for Spinal Stenosis, *New England Journal of Medicine*, July 3, 2014 (second and third charts)