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# Dr. Robert Watkins performs back surgery on NBA player Brook Lopez

Marcus Robertson - Thursday, December 2nd, 2021 [Print](#) | [Email](#)

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Robert Watkins IV, MD, performed back surgery on Brook Lopez, an NBA player for the Milwaukee Bucks, according to a Dec. 2 [news release](#).

Dr. Watkins is the spine surgeon for three professional Los Angeles teams: the MLB's Dodgers, the NBA's Clippers and the NFL's Rams, according to a Dec. 2 [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) report.

Mr. Lopez's only prior reported back injuries were before his freshman season at Stanford, when he had surgery for a bulging disc September 2006, the *Journal Sentinel* reported. He has been off the court with his most recent back injury since Oct. 19.

Bucks team physician William Raasch, MD, oversaw the procedure.

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