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Dodgers' Joel Peralta relieved to avoid surgery



Relief pitcher Joel Peralta celebrates with catcher Yasmani Grandal after recording his third save of the year in the Dodgers' 6-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies on April 18. (Mark J. Terrill / Associated Press)



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Joel Peralta said he plans to throw off a mound in the coming days, perhaps early next week, when the Dodgers are in Colorado.

The development is a significant relief to the 39-year-old right-hander, who has been on the disabled list for more than a month.

“The doctor, at one point, was talking about surgery,” Peralta said Friday.

Peralta said the source of his shoulder problems is a arm. The nerve was pinched, and Dr. Robert Watkin removing a disk from his back.

But Peralta's condition gradually improved. About a

"That," Peralta said, "was a big relief."

Peralta was acquired in the off-season from the [Tampa Bay Rays](#). He appeared in seven games in April and didn't allow a single run.

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