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# Motiejunas Has Season-Ending S

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*Speculation Over: Donatas Motiejunas underwent season ending back surgery on Thursday.*

**T**he **Houston Rockets** [4] ended any lingering speculation about **Donatas Motiejunas** [5] ' injury and season. The team put out a press release on Wednesday announcing the end of his season and an already completed surgery:

*Motiejunas underwent a successful lumbar microdiscectomy today performed by Dr. Robert Watkins. Rockets Press Release. **April 4, 2015** [6].*

**ESPN's Calvin Watkins** [7] reported on the surgery and had an opportunity to speak with **Dwight Howard** [8] about the back injury and surgery:

*"I spoke to him [Wednesday] and he's in a tough situation," said Dwight Howard, who underwent back surgery to repair a herniated disk while playing for the **Los Angeles Lakers** [9] in 2012. "I offered my support, I went through the same thing with my back, I think mine was a lot worse than his."*

Motiejunas' injury was originally reported as a sore back and tagged with a now extremely defunct 1 - 2 week timeline.

It's a legitimate question of how we went from:



**Donatas Motiejunas**

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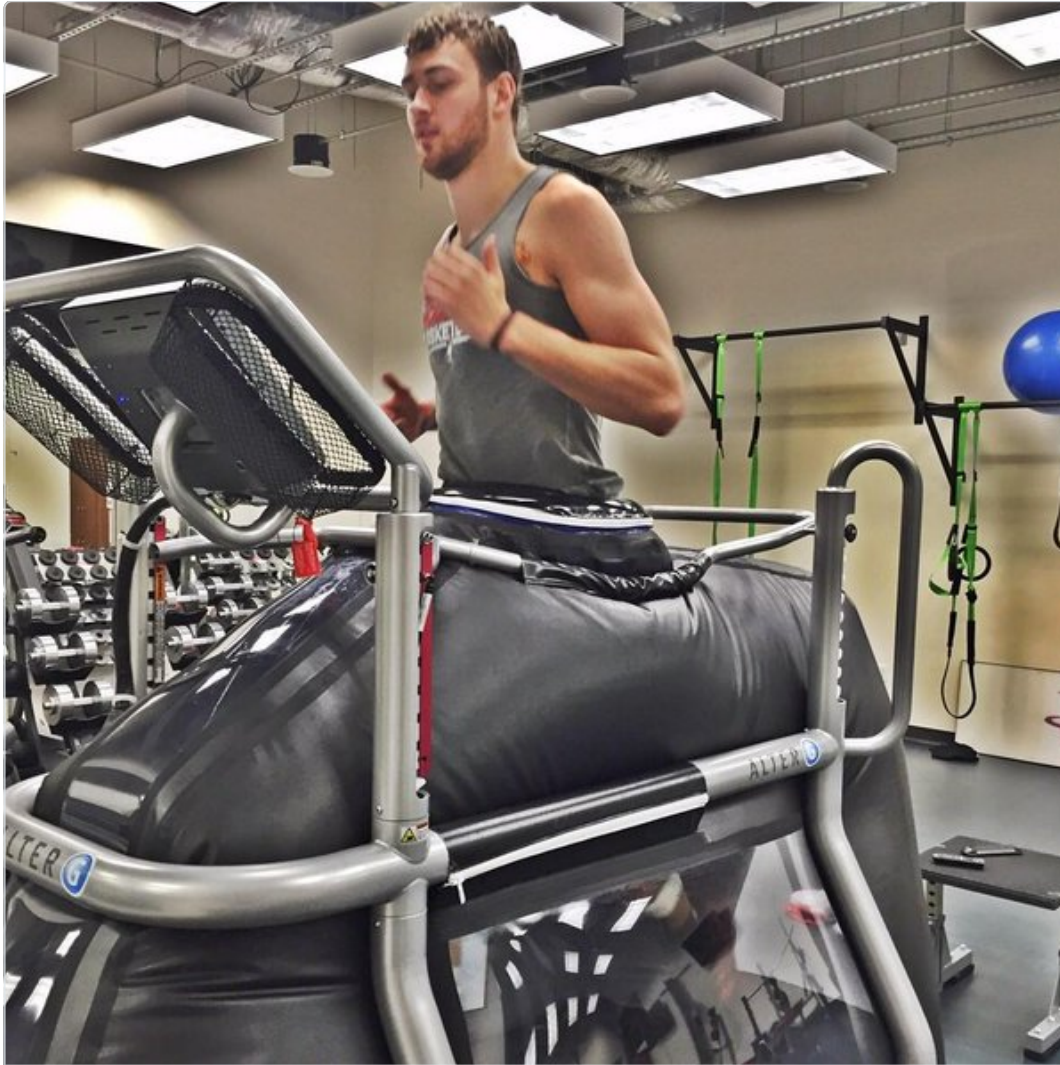
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