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Former TV doctor **Katherine Heigl** is on the mend following serious surgery.

On March 17, the *Grey's Anatomy* alum took to [Instagram](#) to reveal that she had an operation on her neck, which helped relieve major pain she was experiencing. In a slideshow, Katherine shared three photos from her hospital stay, which included a pic of her in a brace in her hospital room as well as an X-ray that revealed a before and after of her neck.

She wrote, "Well...I am now bionic!! Two titanium disk now inhabit my neck and I can probably stand on my head for like

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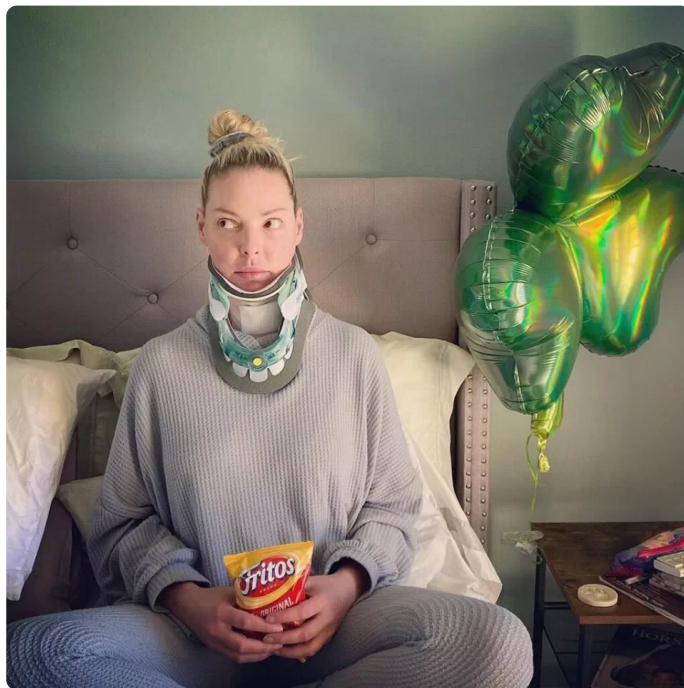
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The *Ugly Truth* star continued, "I am so deeply deeply grateful to the incredible Dr's and care team that saved me from the most excruciating pain I have ever experienced and blessed me with a new pain free lease on life! I really feel like they deserve a big giant shoutout of gratitude and appreciation so I'm gonna give it to them!"

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The actress also thanked **Dr. Robert Watkins** for "treating me like a human being and giving me so much of your time and attention to help me truly understand what to expect and what all my options were."



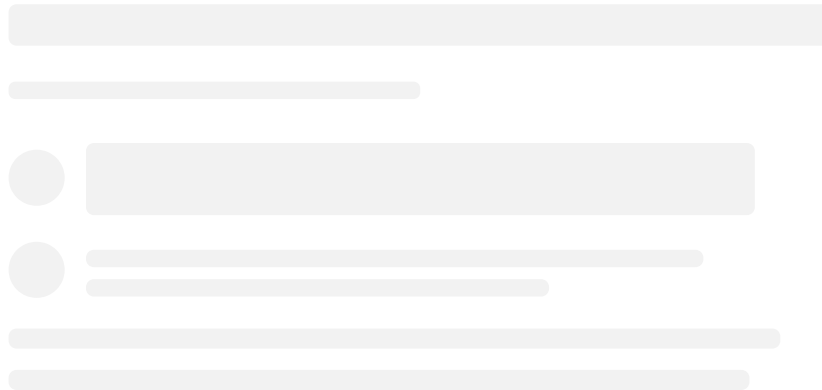
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"Heading into surgery and hospital stays is always a bit scary and you guys could not have made me feel more comfortable or taken care of! Thank you thank you thank you!!!" she

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Katherine wasn't only supported by her team of medical professionals. On March 12, she shared an [Instagram video](#) of her husband, musician [Josh Kelley](#), joking around at the doctor's office, writing, "Another @joshbkelly gem. This is definitely the guy you want by your side during a health crisis. Though...I don't think I'd bring him to the OB with me. Those jokes would just be too far."

Fortunately for the Emmy winner, the post-surgery pain relief is no joke.



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