

CELL ADVANCE

Hope for back pain

A SYDNEY doctor is causing international excitement with his ground-breaking work in finding a new treatment for back pain, which affects up to nine in 10 people.

Dr Ashish Diwan, of St George Hospital's Orthopaedic Research Institute, and his team discovered a way of reversing the degeneration and death of cells in inter-vertebral spinal discs. The orthopaedic surgeon hopes the findings will lead to the development of a revolutionary new treatment.