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# Last Five Years of Obstetric Anesthesiology

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NO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

**Emerging  
Neuraxial  
Techniques**

**Intraoperative  
Hypotension**

**Clinical  
Assessment**

**Postpartum  
Hemorrhage**

**Risk of Neuraxial  
Hematoma**

**Post Dural  
Puncture  
Headache**



**Risk of Neuraxial Hematoma**

# Risk of Spinal Epidural Hematoma and Low Platelet Count

Three Articles

Guidelines

Additional Article

# **Risk of Epidural Hematoma after Neuraxial Techniques in Thrombocytopenic Parturients**

*A Report from the Multicenter Perioperative Outcomes Group*

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573 obstetric patients with thrombocytopenia

951 cases from the literature

Total of 1524 patients

Lee et al. *Anesthesiology*. 2017;126:1053–1063.

no spinal epidural hematomas

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Platelet Range, mm <sup>-3</sup>	Systematic Review Data			MPOG Data Combined with Systematic Review Data		
	n (%)	Frequency of Epidural Hematoma Requiring Surgical Decompression	95% CI for Risk of Epidural Hematoma, %	n (%)	Frequency of Epidural Hematoma Requiring Surgical Decompression	95% CI for Risk of Epidural Hematoma, %
0–49,000	12 (1)	0	0–25	27 (2)	0	0–11
50,000–69,000	53 (6)	0	0–6	89 (6)	0	0–3
70,000–100,000	764 (80)	0	0–0.4	1,286 (84)	0	0–0.2
Total	951 (100)	0		1,524 (100)	0	



# Neuraxial block for delivery among women with low platelet counts: a retrospective analysis

N. Levy,<sup>a</sup> O. Goren,<sup>a</sup> A. Cattan,<sup>a</sup> C.F. Weiniger,<sup>a,b</sup> I. Matot<sup>a</sup>

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471 obstetric patients with thrombocytopenia

no spinal epidural hematomas

**Table 3 95% confidence interval for the risk of spinal epidural hematoma**

Platelet count range	Levy et al.		Lee et al. <sup>9</sup>		Lee et al. <sup>9</sup> + Levy et al.	
	NB (n)	CI (%)	NB (n)	CI (%)	NB (n)	CI (%)
0–49 000/ $\mu$ L	5	–	27	0–11	32	0–9
50 000–69 000/ $\mu$ L	23	–	89	0–3	112	0–2.6
70 000–99 000/ $\mu$ L	280	0–1	1286	0–0.2	1566	0–0.19
<100 000/ $\mu$ L	308	0–0.9	1524	0–0.19	1816	0–0.16

Upper limit 95% CI was calculated using the ‘rule of 3’ method.<sup>12</sup> NB: neuraxial block. CI: 95% confidence interval.

Platelet range, mm <sup>-3</sup>	n (%)	Frequency of Epidural Hematoma Requiring Surgical Decompression	95% CI For Risk of Epidural Hematoma, %
0–49,000	15 (3)	0	0–20
50,000–69,000	36 (6)	0	0–8
70,000–99,000	522 (91)	0	0–0.6
Total	573 (100)	0	

3/number of times event happens

$$3/15 = 1/5 = 20 \%$$

# Lumbar neuraxial procedures in thrombocytopenic patients across populations: A systematic review and meta-analysis

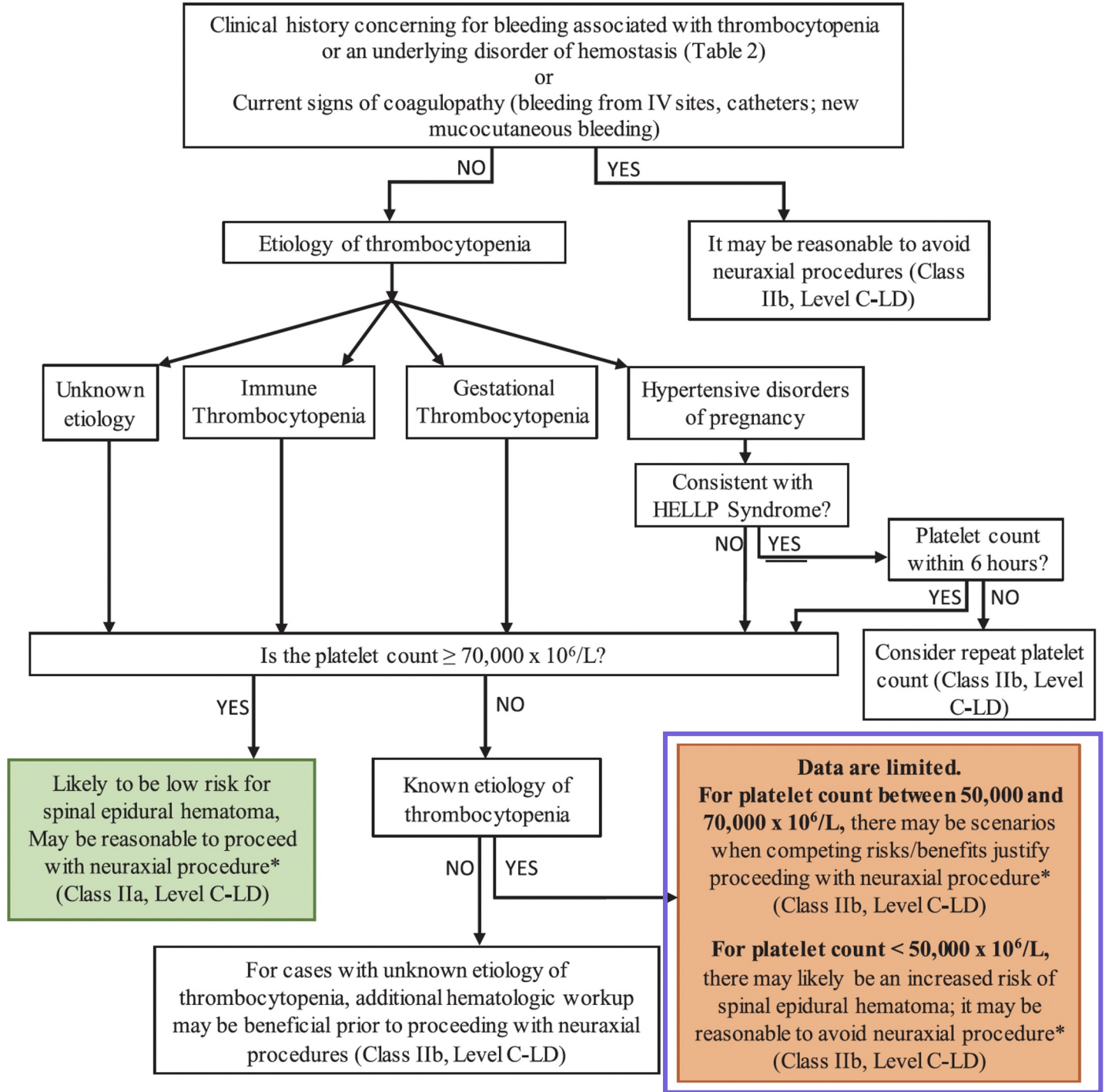
**FIVE** Obstetric spinal epidural hematomas with a platelet count range of 44,000–91,000

# **The Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology Interdisciplinary Consensus Statement on Neuraxial Procedures in Obstetric Patients With Thrombocytopenia**

### **Literature and Systematic Review**

The taskforce reviewed the relevant literature to create this consensus statement. The search strategy is available in a previously published systematic review and meta-analysis that identified all published cases of neuraxial procedures (lumbar puncture; spinal, epidural, and combined spinal epidural procedures; and epidural catheter removal) performed in diverse populations of patients with thrombocytopenia with subsequent development of spinal epidural hematoma.<sup>6</sup>

Bauer Lee Levy



Likely to be low risk for spinal epidural hematoma, May be reasonable to proceed with neuraxial procedure\* (Class IIa, Level C-LD)

For cases with unknown etiology of thrombocytopenia, additional hematologic workup may be beneficial prior to proceeding with neuraxial procedures (Class IIb, Level C-LD)

**Data are limited.**  
**For platelet count between 50,000 and 70,000 x 10<sup>6</sup>/L,** there may be scenarios when competing risks/benefits justify proceeding with neuraxial procedure\* (Class IIb, Level C-LD)  
**For platelet count < 50,000 x 10<sup>6</sup>/L,** there may likely be an increased risk of spinal epidural hematoma; it may be reasonable to avoid neuraxial procedure\* (Class IIb, Level C-LD)

■ SPECIAL ARTICLE

**The Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology  
Interdisciplinary Consensus Statement on Neuraxial  
Procedures in Obstetric Patients  
With Thrombocytopenia**

Anesthesiologists should assess risks and benefits



BE AWARE OF THE GUIDELINES

and

USE YOUR CLINICAL JUDGMENT

■ ORIGINAL CLINICAL RESEARCH REPORT

# **General Anesthesia for Cesarean Delivery for Thrombocytopenia in Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy: Findings From the Obstetric Airway Management Registry**

Thrombocytopenia suspected but not excluded in 46 patients

Platelet Count Retrieved Retrospectively

41 Patients > 75000

5 Patients < 75000

■ ORIGINAL CLINICAL RESEARCH REPORT

## **General Anesthesia for Cesarean Delivery for Thrombocytopenia in Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy: Findings From the Obstetric Airway Management Registry**

there are circumstances in which the clinician opts for a neuraxial block when a platelet count is unavailable



**Clinical Assessment**

# Safety in Neuraxial Clinical Assessment

MATERNAL NERVE INJURY  
IS INCREASING  
And MAY BE PREVENTABLE

# **Damage to the conus medullaris following spinal anaesthesia**

Reynolds Anaesthesia 2001 Mar;56(3):238-47.

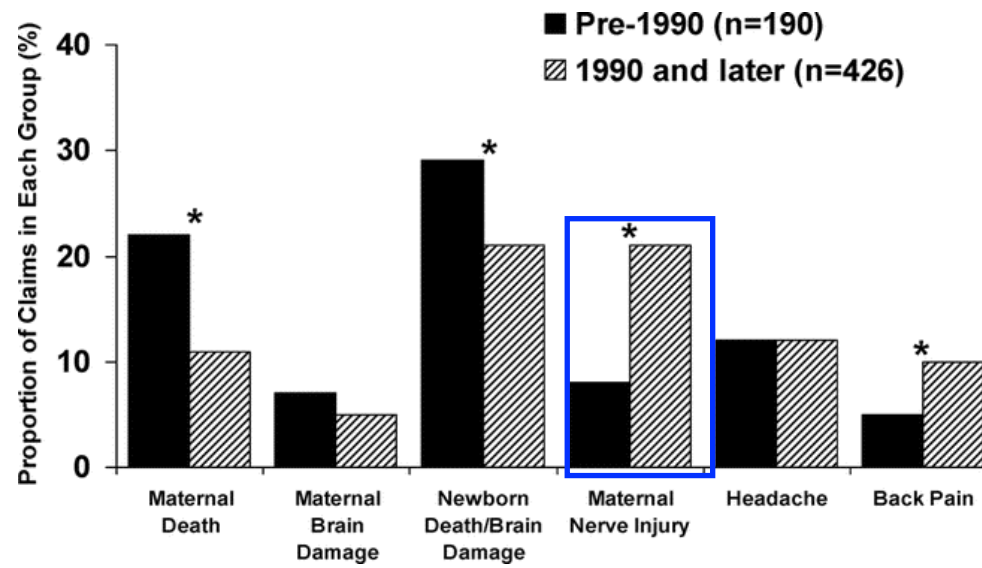
## Six Obstetric cases with permanent nerve injury following Spinal or Combined-Spinal Epidural

Case no.	Pain on insertion	MRI appearance of conus medullaris	Neurological outcome		
			Urinary problems	Sensory	Motor
1	Right leg	Syrinx right side (Fig. 1)	Yes	L <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>1</sub> on right	Right foot drop
2	Left hip	Syrinx left side	No	L <sub>5</sub> -S <sub>1</sub> on left	Left foot drop
3	Back, left leg	Syrinx left side (Fig. 2)	Yes	L <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>1</sub> on left	Left foot drop
4	Right side	?Normal	No	T <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>2</sub> on right	Only lasted one week
5	Right leg	Syrinx right side (Fig. 3)	Yes	L <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>3</sub> on right	Right foot drop
6	?Left leg	High signal in conus at L <sub>1</sub>	No	L <sub>4</sub> -S <sub>1</sub> on left	Left leg weakness



# **Liability associated with obstetric anesthesia: a closed claims analysis**

Anesthesiology. 2009 Jan;110(1):131-9.



89 nerve injuries associated with neuraxial blockade

2 direct injections into the spinal cord

# Major complications of central neuraxial block: report on the Third National Audit Project of the Royal College of Anaesthetists

**14 NERVE INJURIES**

**7 Permanent**

**2 Obstetrics**

# Obstetric anaesthetic practice in the UK: a descriptive analysis of the National Obstetric Anaesthetic Database 2009-14

Complication	NOAD data 2009–14
Complication rate per 100 000 women who had regional anaesthesia or analgesia	
High block resulting in loss of consciousness	15 (95% CI, 13–17)
Local anaesthetic toxicity: Number of women who cardiac arrest or convulsions with regional anaesthesia/analgesia	2 (95% CI, 0–3.0)
Number of women who had permanent nerve damage after regional anaesthesia or analgesia	5 (95% CI, 3–7)
Complication rate per 100 000 women who had general anaesthesia for CS	
Failed intubation	264 (95% CI, 224–308)
‘Cannot intubate, cannot ventilate’	25 (95% CI, 14–41)

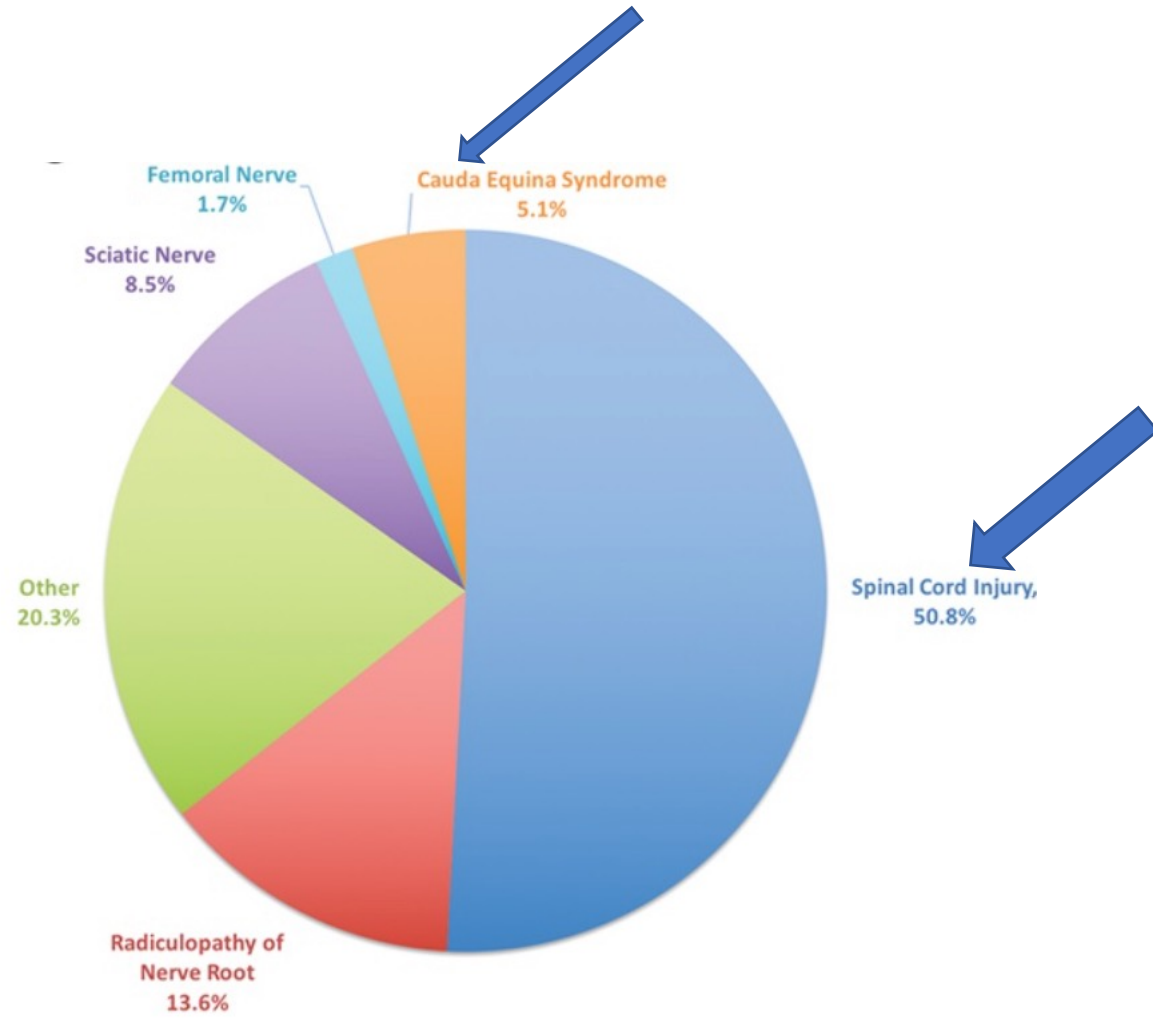
# NERVE INJURY

1 per 20,000 (95% [CI] 1/14,286 – 1/33,333)

# **A Contemporary Analysis of Medicolegal Issues in Obstetric Anesthesia Between 2005 and 2015**

Kovacheva et al. *Anesth Analg.* 2019 Jun;128(6):1199-1207

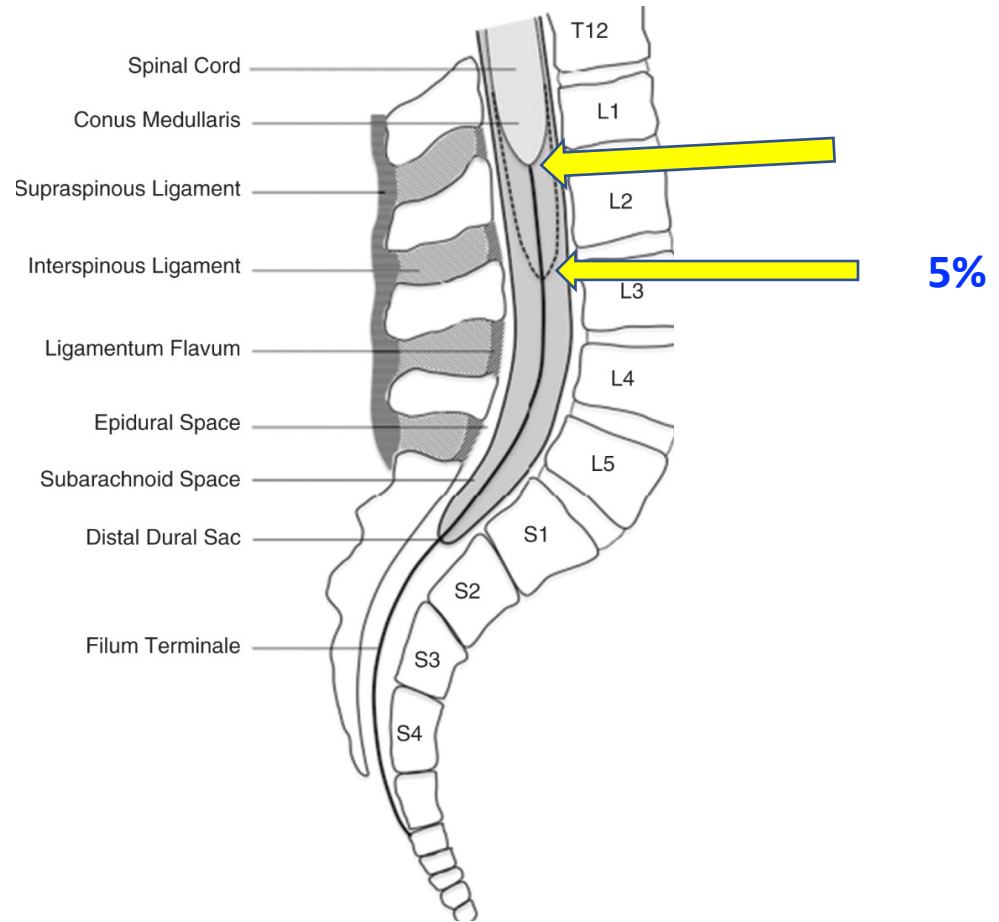
**N = 58**



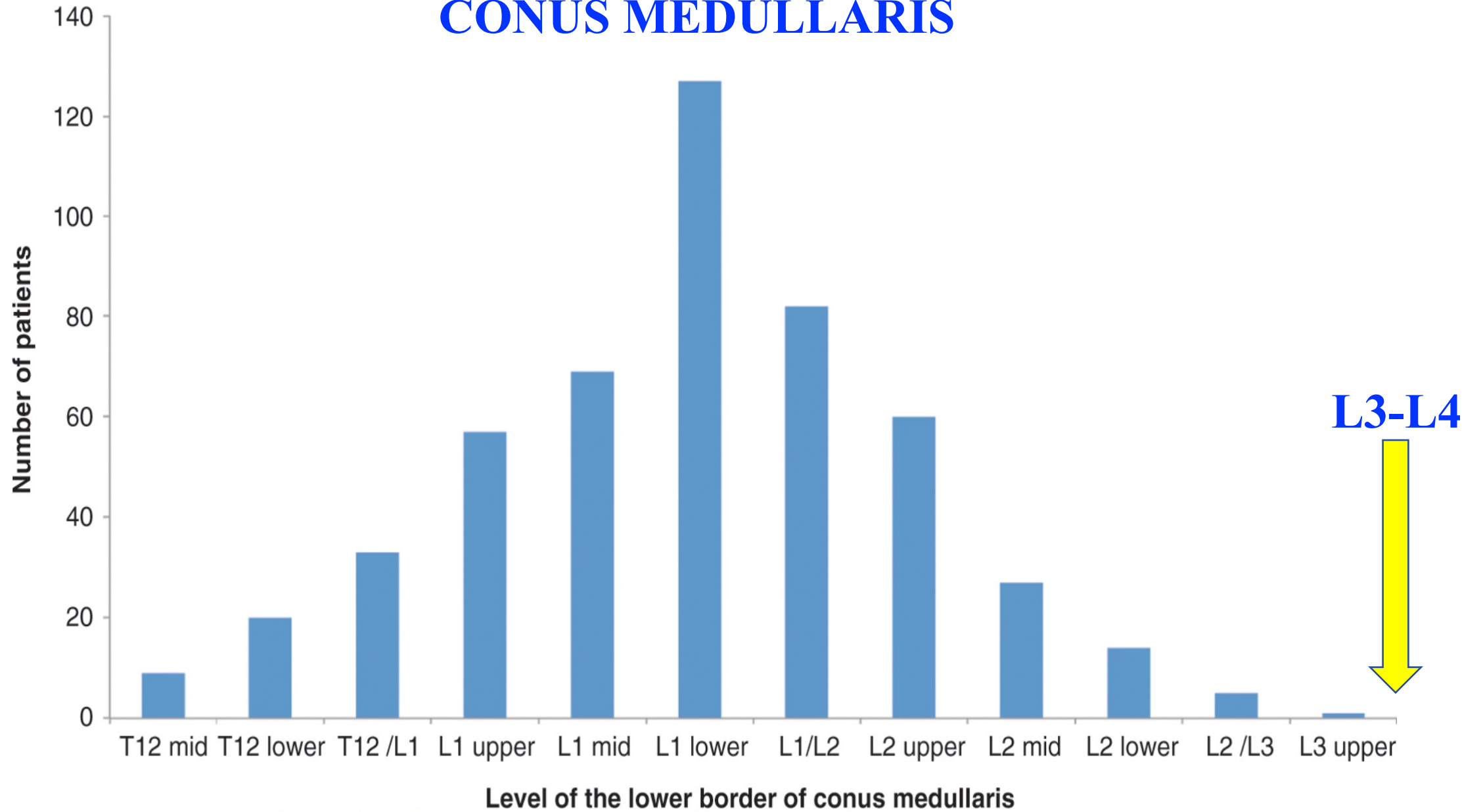
Kovacheva et al. Anesth Analg. 2019 Jun;128(6):1199-1207



# Anatomical Variability of the Conus Medullaris



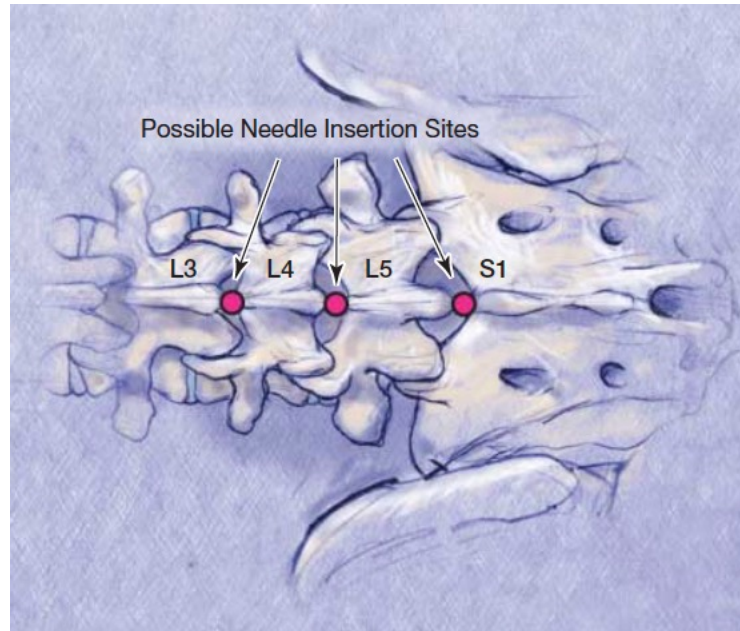
# CONUS MEDULLARIS



**L3-L4**

**L4-L5**

**L5-S1**



# Clinical Assessment of the Targeted Interspace

## Intercristal line (classic) technique

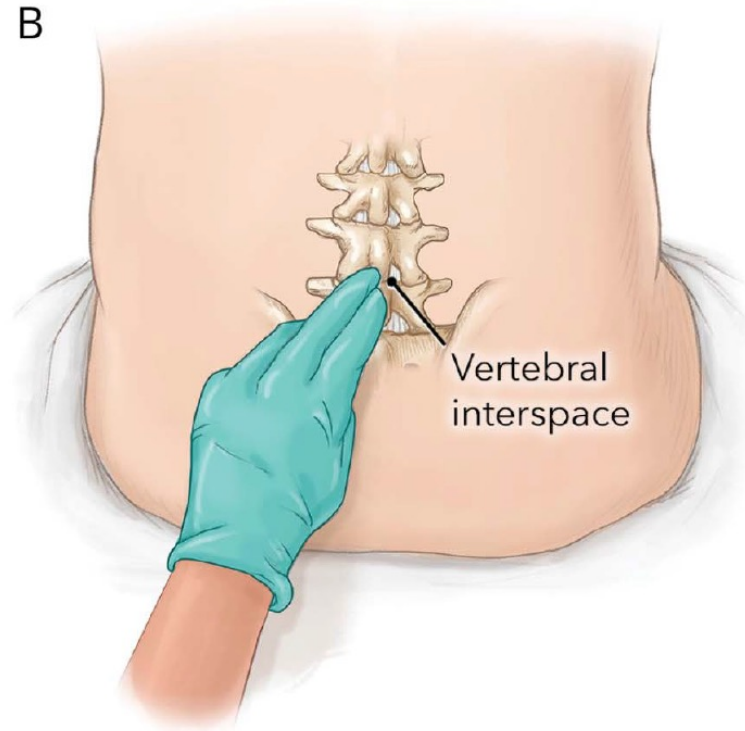
A

Clinician locates line  
between iliac crests



B

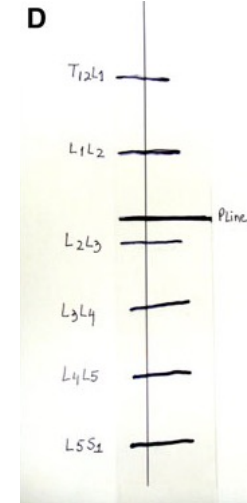
Vertebral  
interspace



## **Ability of Anesthetists to Identify a Marked Lumbar Interspace**

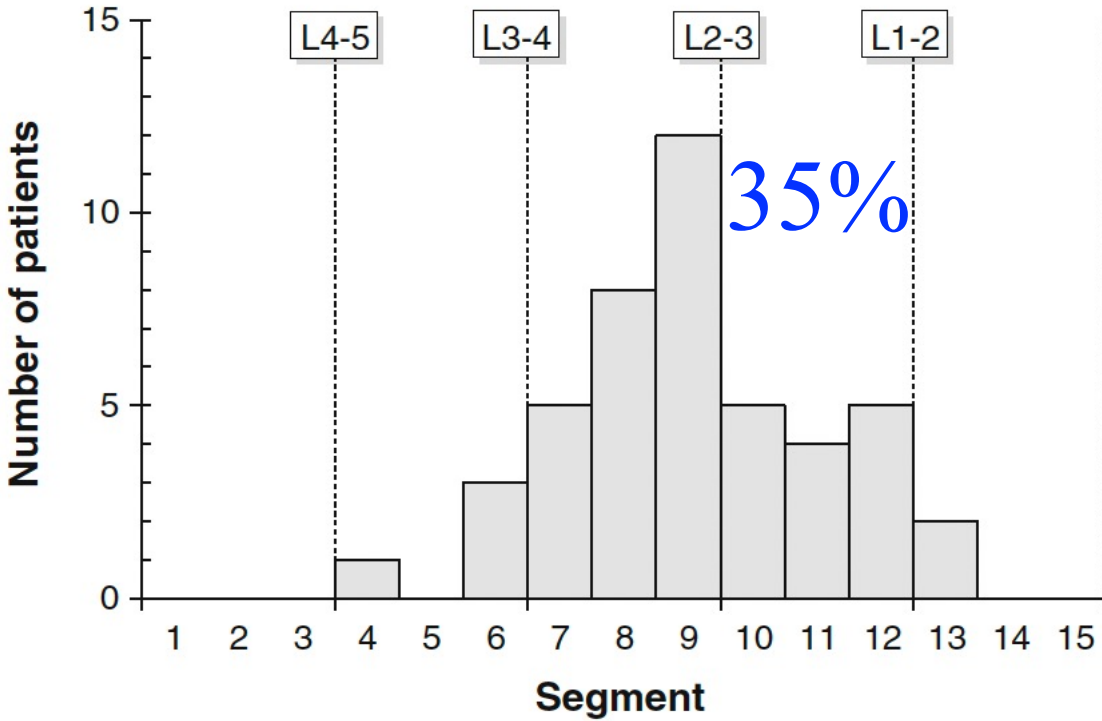
The marked space was correctly identified in only 29% of patients

# The intercrystal line determined by palpation is not a reliable anatomical landmark for neuraxial anesthesia





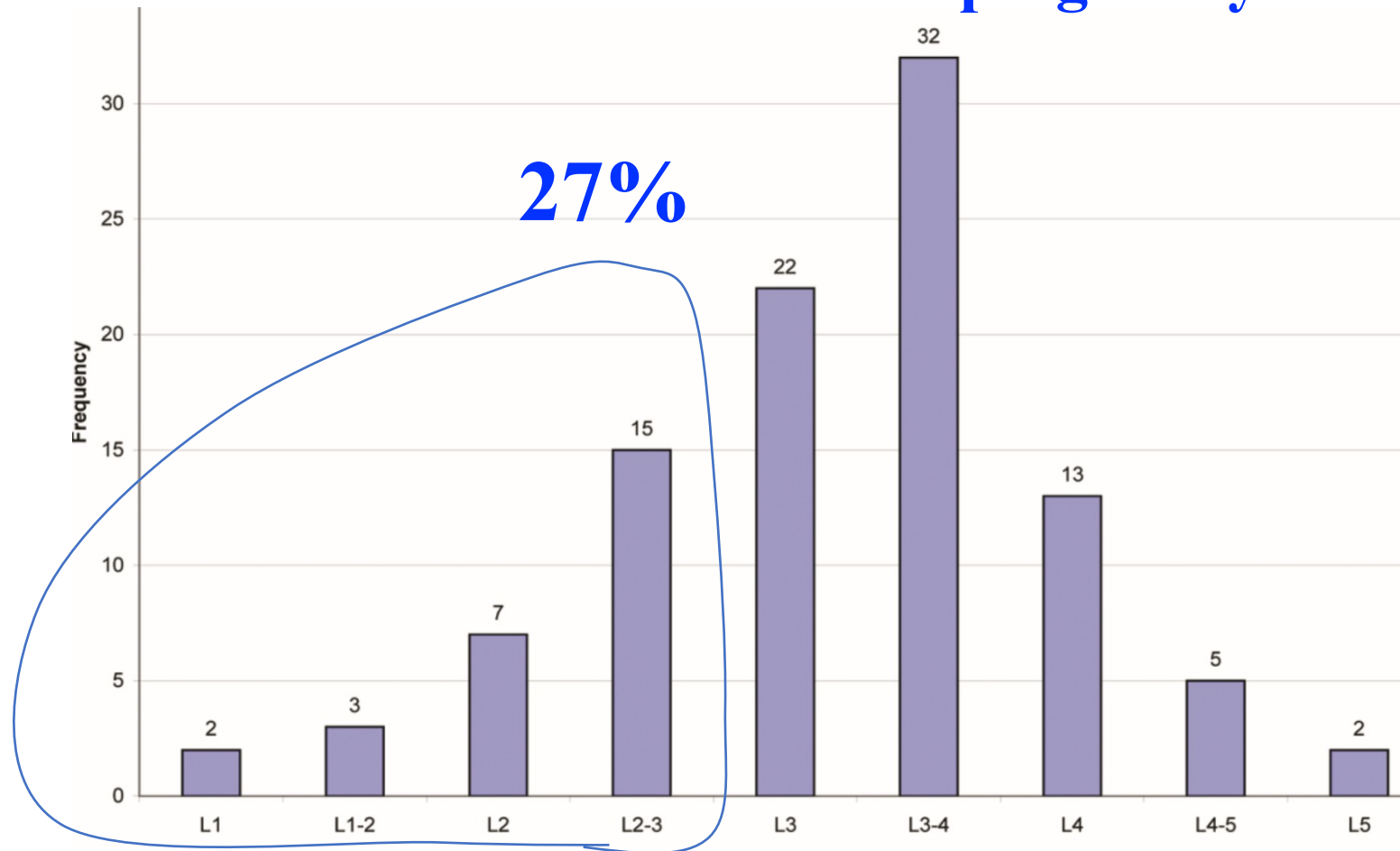
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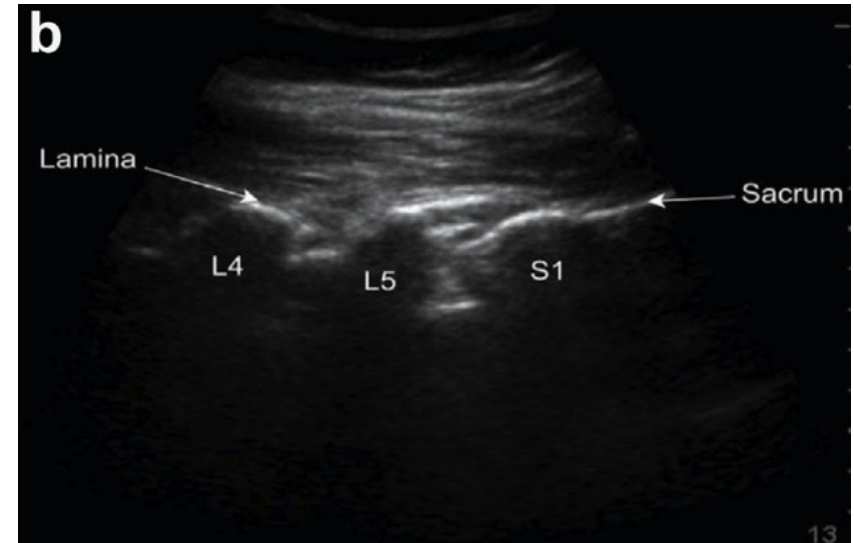
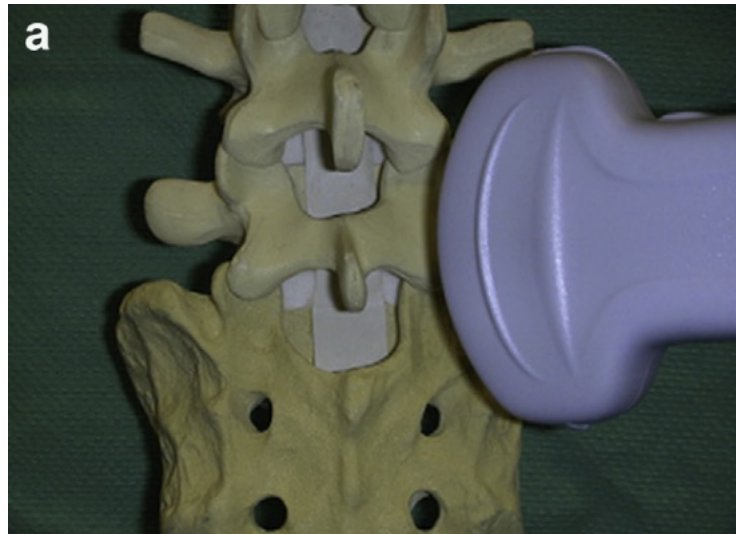
## Ultrasound assessment of the vertebral level of the intercrystal line in pregnancy



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# ROUTINE USE OF ULTRASOUND



# **Alternative Landmark Techniques**

# Spinal anaesthesia for caesarean section: an ultrasound comparison of two different landmark techniques

**GROUP A**

**GROUP B**

**AT the level or ABOVE**

**L2–3**

**BELOW**

**45%**

**7%**

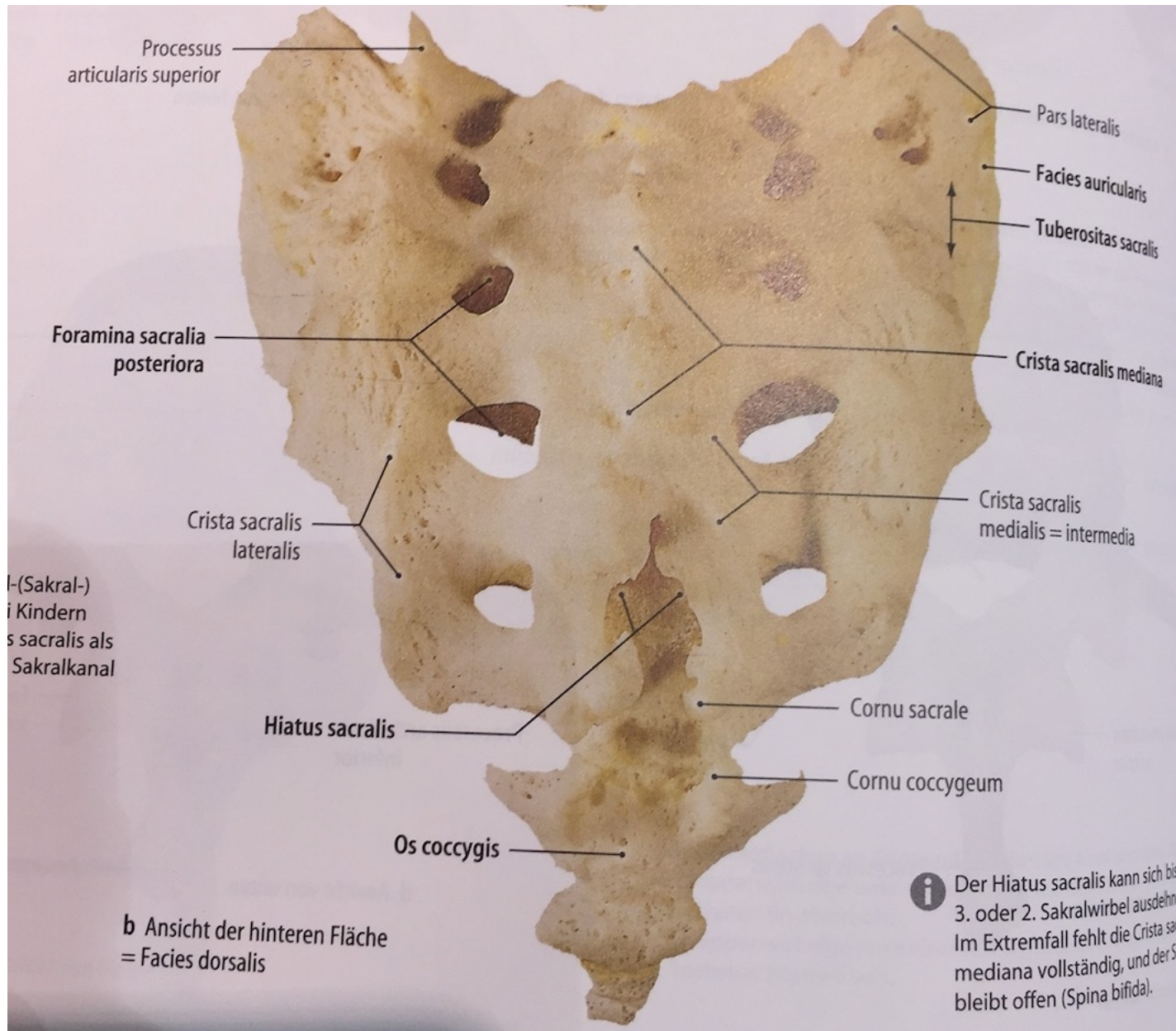


EDITORIAL

## **Keeping in the Reynolds zone**

“ Feel the space, down ONE place. Bone poke through, go down TWO !”







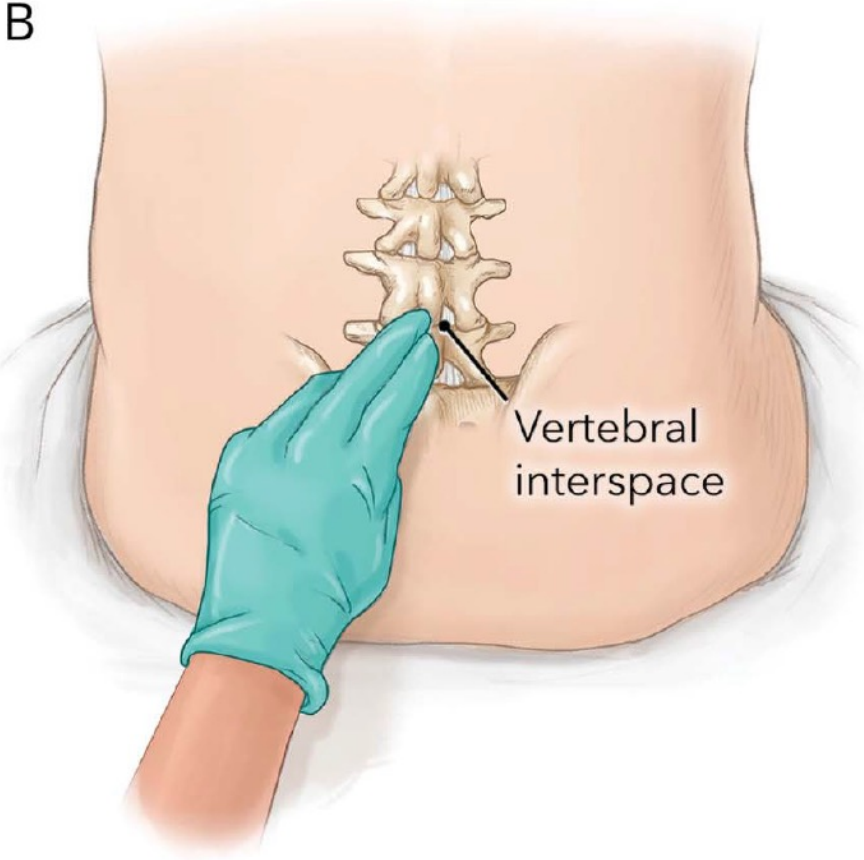
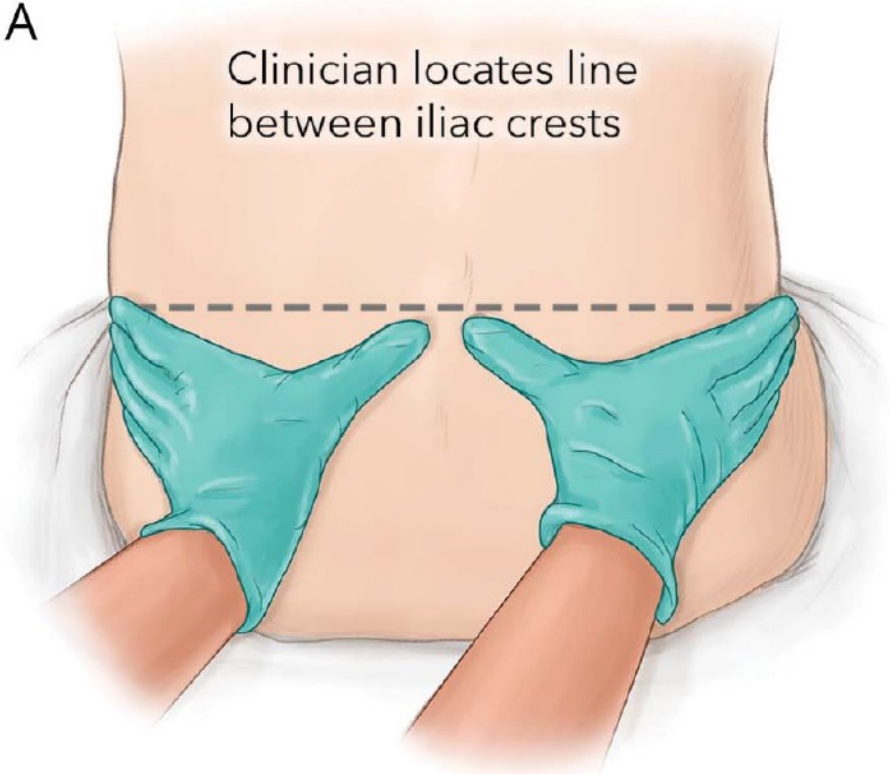
**S A I L**

# **Sacral anatomical interspace landmark for lumbar puncture in pregnancy**

A randomized trial

Carlo Pancaro, MD, Baskar Rajala, MD, Christie Vahabzadeh, MD, Ruth Cassidy, MA, Tom Klumpner, MD, Joanna A. Kountanis, MD, Madeline McCabe, Dana Rector, Casey Aman, Keerthana Sankar, Robert Schoenfeld, and Milo Engoren, MD

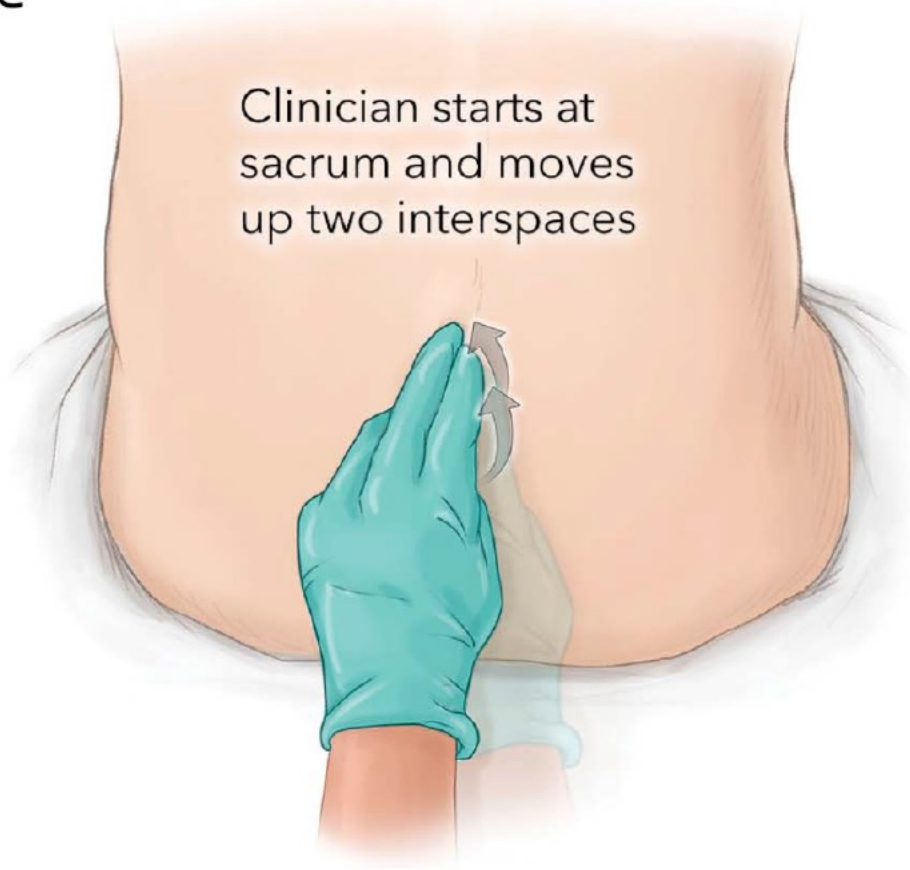
# Intercristal line (classic) technique



## SAIL (novel) technique

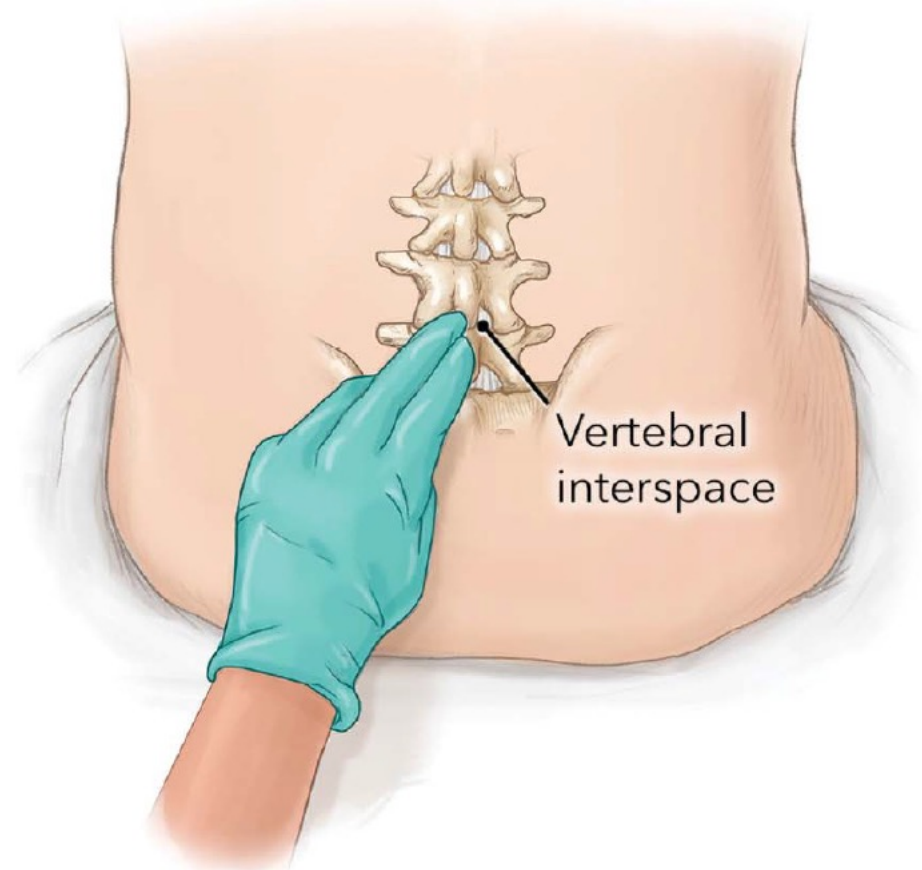
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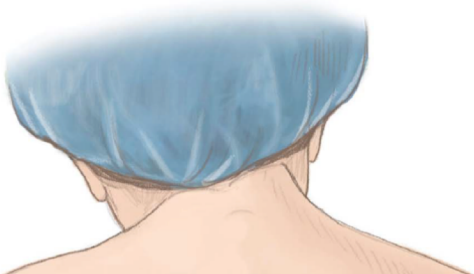
Clinician starts at  
sacrum and moves  
up two interspaces



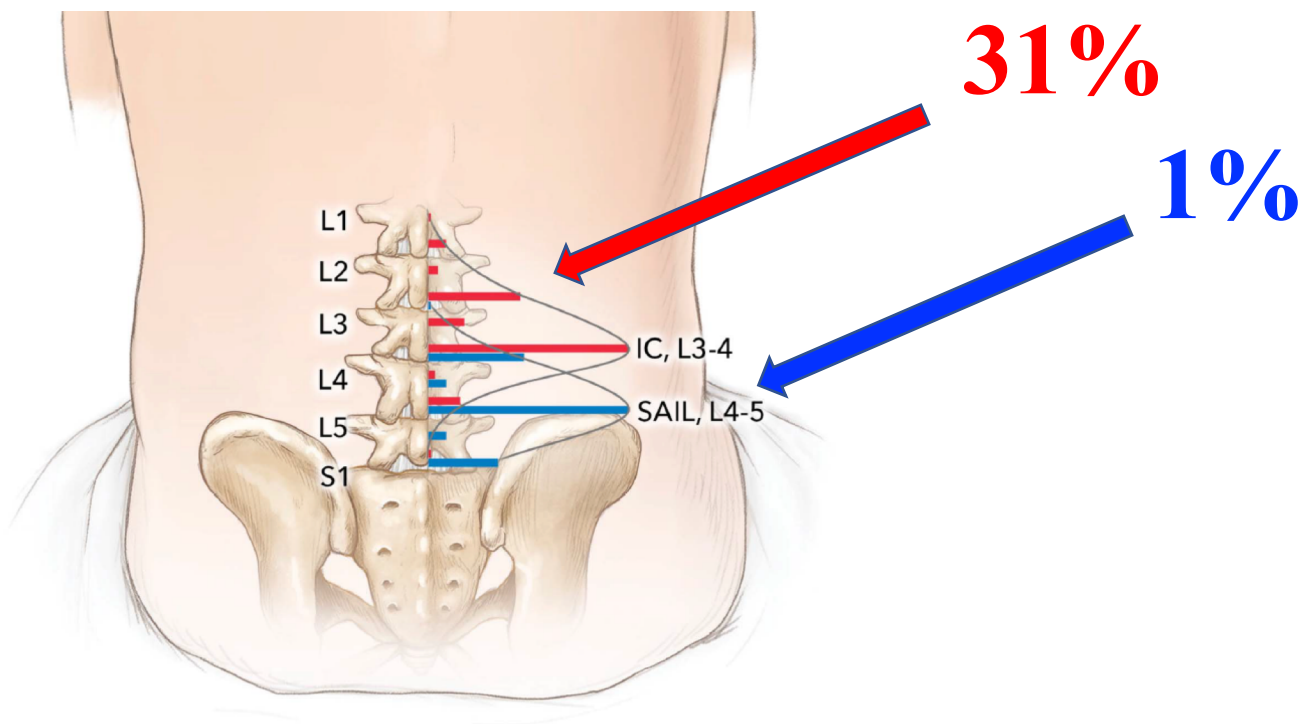
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Vertebral  
interspace





SAIL might decrease the risk of needle contact with the spinal cord

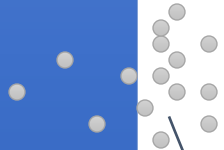


- 1) Nerve Injuries are increasing
- 2) Routine Ultrasound
- 3) Intercristal line – go down one or two
- 4) SAIL Assessment

An orange arrow-shaped graphic pointing to the right, containing the text "Emerging Neuraxial Techniques".

# Emerging Neuraxial Techniques

# Dural Puncture Epidural





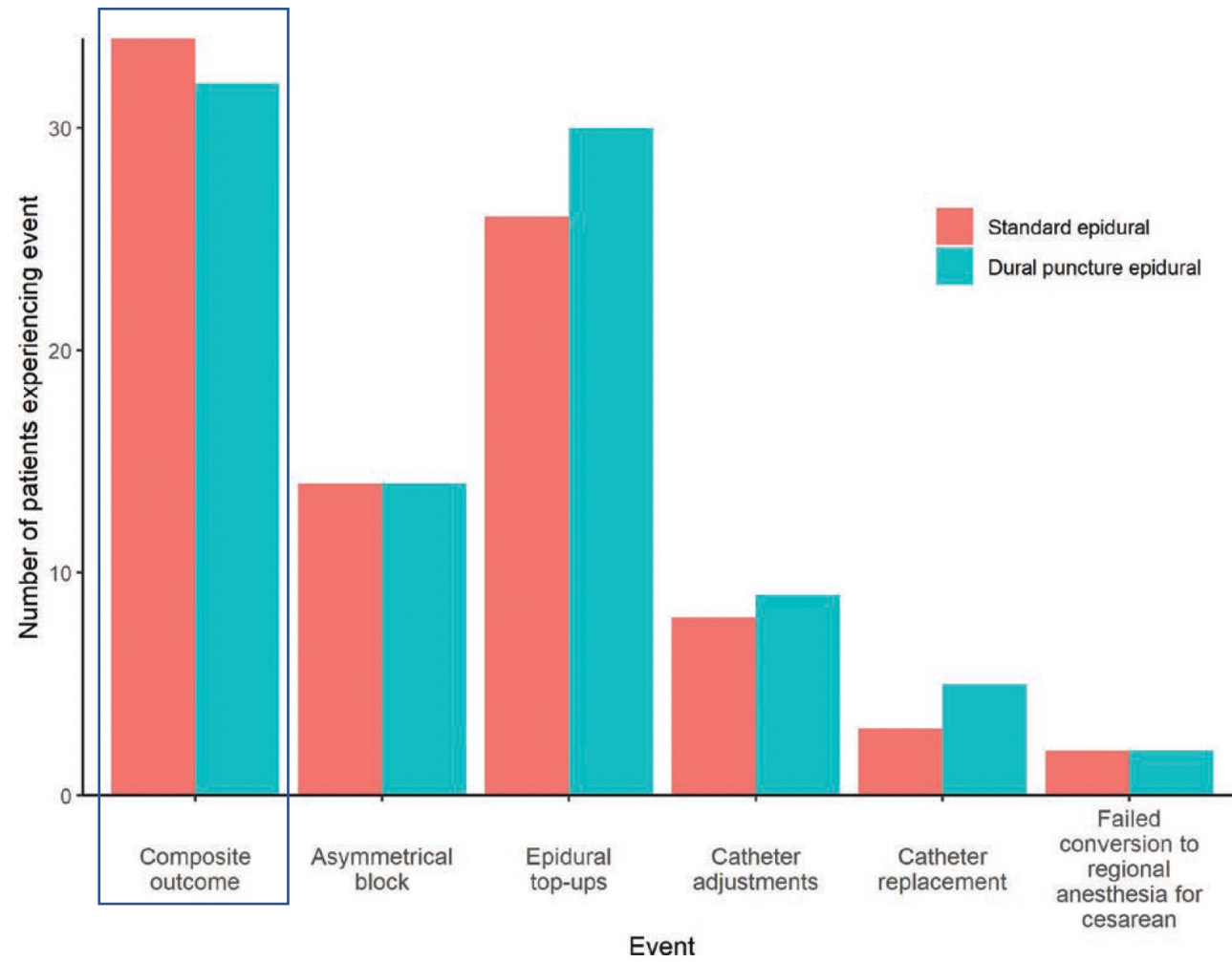
# Needle Size Matters

	<b>Needle size</b>	<b>DPE</b>
Suzuki	26G Whitacre	Increased caudal spread
Thomas et al.	27G Whitacre	No difference
Cappiello et al.	25G Whitacre	Increased caudal spread
Chau et al.	25G Whitacre	Increased caudal spread better block symmetry
Wilson et al.	26G Whitacre	Analgesia 2 min earlier
Tan et al.	25G Whitacre	No difference
Sharawi et al.	25G Whitacre	Increased speed of Onset

# ANESTHESIOLOGY



## **Quality of Labor Analgesia with Dural Puncture Epidural *versus* Standard Epidural Technique in Obese Parturients: A Double-blind Randomized Controlled Study**



## Dural Puncture Epidural for Labor Analgesia: Is It Really an Improvement over Conventional Labor Epidural Analgesia?

Scott Segal, M.D., M.H.C.M., Peter H. Pan, M.D., M.S.E.E.



**“Dural puncture epidural appears to be a clever idea in search of an indication.”**

POSSIBLE INDICATION

**RCT: Dural-Puncture Epidural vs Standard Epidural for Epidural Extension in Elective Cesarean Delivery**

**POPULATION**

**140 Women**



Women scheduled for elective cesarean delivery  
**Mean [SD] age, 30.1 [5.2] y**

**INTERVENTION**

**140 Participants randomized**



**70 Dural-Puncture Epidural (DPE)**

Analgesia was initiated using a DPE technique in the labor and delivery room

**70 Standard Epidural**

Analgesia was initiated using a standard epidural technique in the labor and delivery room

**233 [104-369] seconds**

**SETTINGS / LOCATIONS**



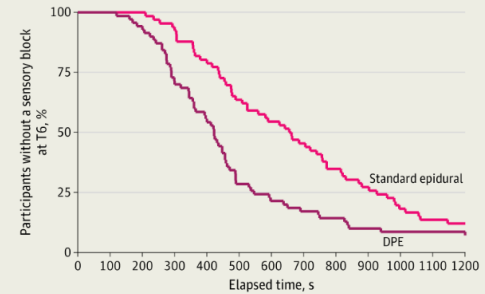
**A tertiary care university hospital**

**PRIMARY OUTCOME**

The primary outcome was the onset time to surgical anesthesia, which was defined as the start of epidural extension anesthesia to the loss of sharp sensation at the T6 level

**FINDINGS**

The DPE group had a statistically significant faster onset time to surgical anesthesia compared with the standard epidural group



**Median (IQR) time to surgical anesthesia**

**DPE: 422 (290-546) seconds**

**Standard: 655 (457-920) seconds**

Difference, 233 (104-369) seconds; *P* < .001

Sharawi N, Williams M, Athar W, et al. Effect of dural-puncture epidural vs standard epidural for epidural extension on onset time of surgical anesthesia in elective cesarean delivery: a randomized clinical trial. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2023;6(8):e2326710. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2023.26710

# Utility of DPE Technique

## Potential applications for DPE technique

Epidural Difficulty	Unique Anatomy	Other Indications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Patient with h/o difficult epidural</li><li>▶ Dubious loss-of-resistance during epidural</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Scoliosis</li><li>▶ Spine surgery</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Category II tracing</li><li>▶ Where CSE not preferred because fetus not continuously monitored or obstetrician not in-house</li></ul>



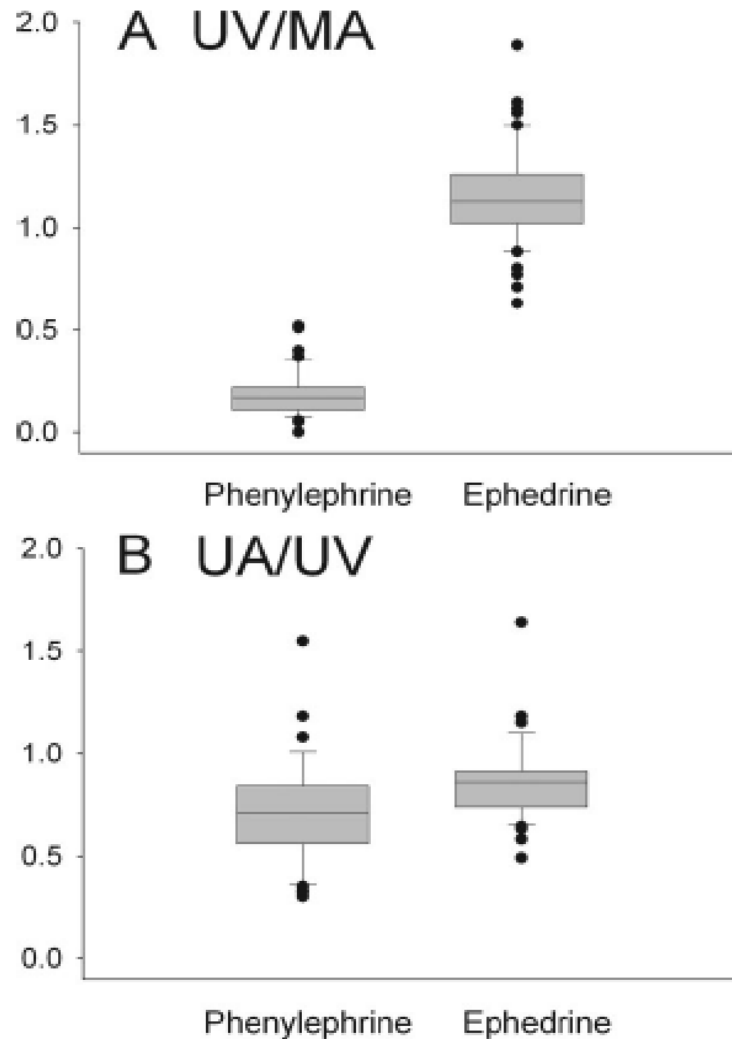
# Intraoperative Hypotension



# Misplaced Popularity of Ephedrine

# Phenylephrine very commonly used

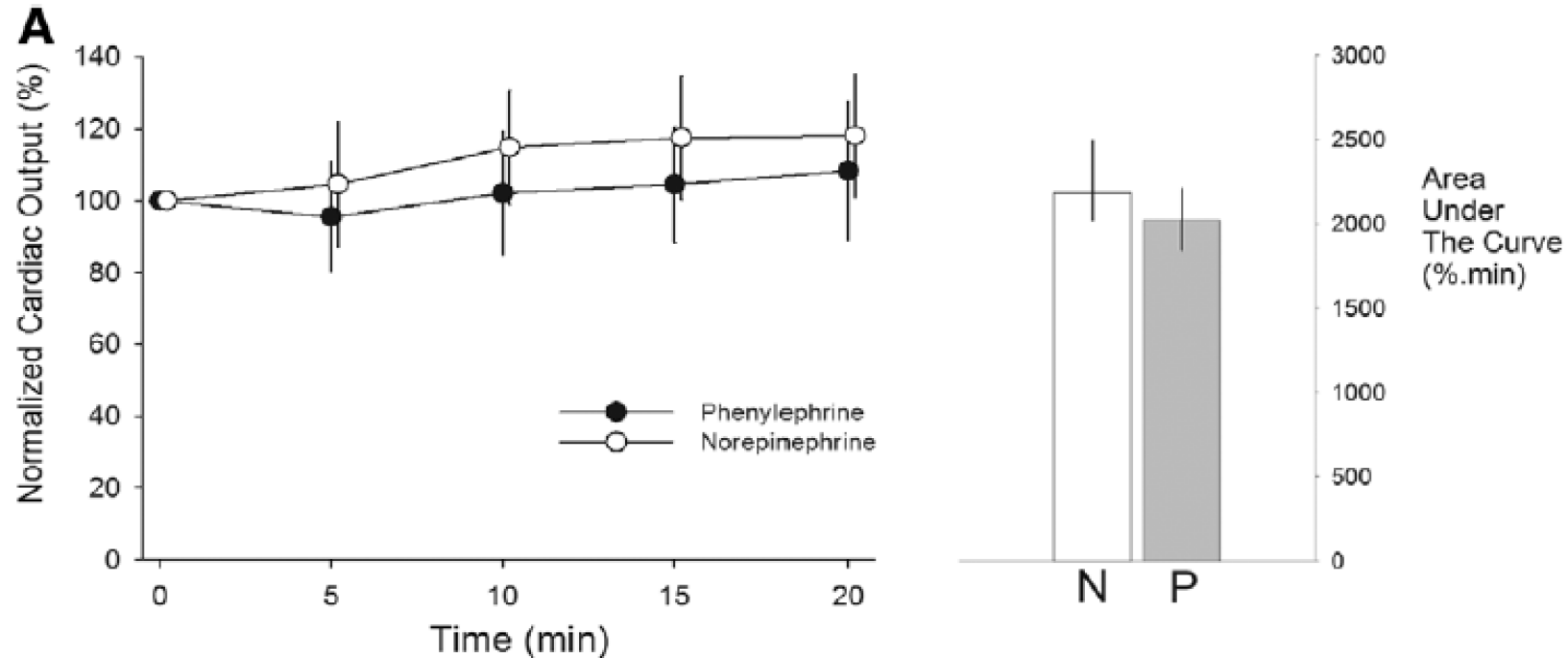
Ngan Kee et al., Anesthesiology 2009



- ▶ **Placental transfer:** Ephedrine > phenylephrine
- ▶ **Ephedrine:** stimulation of fetal metabolism, increased catecholamines
- ▶ UA/UV ratio for ephedrine higher: less fetal metabolism or redistribution
- ▶ **Remember:** no significant differences in clinical outcomes

# Norepinephrine: The next Big Change ?

Ngan Kee et al., Anesthesiology 2015



Greater Cardiac Output and Lower incidence of Maternal bradycardia in Norepinephrine

# Norepinephrine Infusion Regimen

Hasanin et al., Anesthesiology 2019



**Question:** What is the ideal norepinephrine infusion regimen?

**Methodology:** RCT involving 284 patients undergoing elective cesarean delivery at term

**Arms:** NE infusion at 0.025, 0.05, or 0.075 mcg/kg/min (8 mcg/mL concentration)

**Primary outcome:** Frequency of post-spinal hypotension

# Norepinephrine Infusion Regimen

Hasanin et al., Anesthesiology 2019

**Table 2.** Maternal Outcomes

	0.025- $\mu\text{g} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ Group (n = 95)	0.050- $\mu\text{g} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ Group (n = 93)	0.075- $\mu\text{g} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ Group (n = 96)	OR or Mean Difference between 0.050- $\mu\text{g}$ and 0.025- $\mu\text{g}$ Groups (95% CI)	OR or Mean Difference between 0.075- $\mu\text{g}$ and 0.025- $\mu\text{g}$ Groups (95% CI)
Postspinal hypotension	40 (42.1)	23 (24.7)*	25 (26.0)†	0.45 (0.24 to 0.82)	0.48 (0.26 to 0.89)
Severe postspinal hypotension	7 (7.4)	4 (4.3)	4 (4.2)	0.57 (0.16 to 2)	0.55 (0.16 to 1.93)
Postdelivery hypotension	5 (5.3)	6 (6.3)	6 (6.3)	1.27 (0.37 to 4.32)	1.2 (0.35 to 4.07)
Bradycardia	4 (4.3)	3 (3.2)	7 (7.3)	0.76 (0.17 to 3.49)	1.79 (0.51 to 6.32)
Intraoperative hypertension	6 (6.3)	8 (8.6)	7 (7.3)	1.34 (0.47 to 4.19)	1.17 (0.38 to 3.61)
Nausea	8 (8.4)	10 (10.8)	8 (8.3)	1.31 (0.49 to 3.48)	0.99 (0.36 to 2.75)
Vomiting	7 (7.4)	7 (7.5)	6 (6.3)	1.02 (0.34 to 3.04)	0.84 (0.27 to 2.59)
Ephedrine requirements, mg	7 $\pm$ 10	5 $\pm$ 9*	5 $\pm$ 9†	2.38 (-0.29 to 5.04)	2.49 (-0.14 to 5.11)
Atropine requirements, mg	0.04 $\pm$ 0.15	0.02 $\pm$ 0.09	0.04 $\pm$ 0.13	0.19 (-0.18 to 0.06)	0.001 (-0.039 to 0.042)

Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD, frequency (%), odds ratio (OR; 95% CI: lower limit to upper limit), and mean difference (95% CI: lower limit to upper limit).

\*Denotes statistical significance between the 0.025- $\mu\text{g} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$  group and the 0.050- $\mu\text{g} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$  group. †Denotes statistical significance between the 0.025- $\mu\text{g} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$  group and the 0.075- $\mu\text{g} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$  group.

# Norepinephrine in Obstetrics

## Dose Equivalence

Norepinephrine : Phenylephrine  
**8 µg**                      **100 µg**

Ngan Kee et al. Anesthesiology 2017; 127: 934–41.

Liu et al. Eur J Obstet Gynecol Reprod Biol. 2015 Nov;194:136-40.

Onwochei et al. Anesth Analg. 2017 Jul;125(1):212-218.

# Norepinephrine in Obstetrics

**Vasopressor drugs for the prevention and treatment of hypotension during neuraxial anaesthesia for Caesarean delivery: a Bayesian network meta-analysis of fetal and maternal outcomes**

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Ephedrine, Phenylephrine, Norepinephrine  
Mephentermine, Metaraminol



# Norepinephrine in Obstetrics

## Norepinephrine and Mephentermine

lowest probability of adversely affecting fetal acid base status

# Is Peripheral Norepinephrine Safe?



**Methodology:** Retrospective chart review from 2 hospitals in Utrecht and Amsterdam

**Arms:** No NE infusion (n=165426) vs. NE infusion (n=14385) (20mcg/mL concentration) for hypotension management under GA (non-OB patients)

## Primary outcome

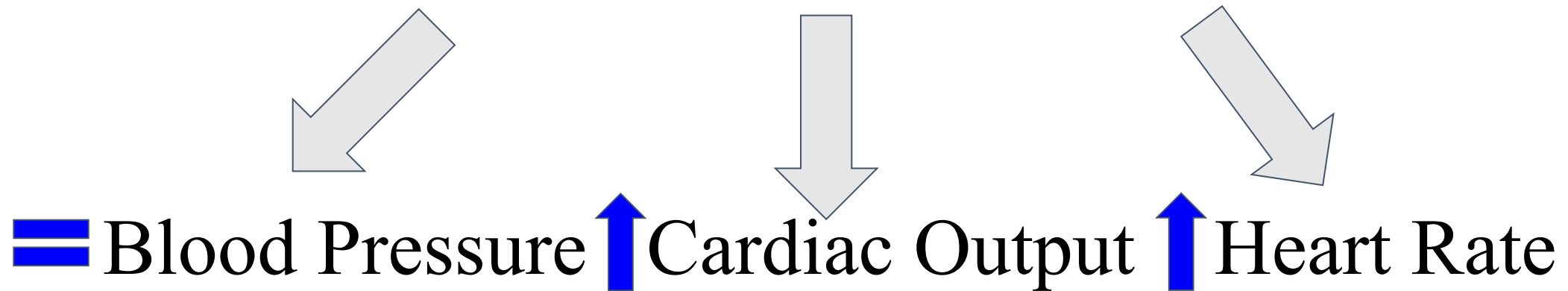
Frequency of extravasation: 5 (0.03%)

1-8 events per 10000 patients

Medical or surgical intervention: 0

# Norepinephrine in Obstetrics

## Norepinephrine *vs* Phenylephrine



The diagram illustrates the effects of Norepinephrine and Phenylephrine on three physiological parameters: Blood Pressure, Cardiac Output, and Heart Rate. The text is arranged horizontally, with three grey arrows pointing downwards from the top row to the corresponding terms in the bottom row. The terms 'Blood Pressure', 'Cardiac Output', and 'Heart Rate' are each preceded by a blue arrow pointing upwards, indicating an increase. The text is as follows: **↑ Blood Pressure ↓ Cardiac Output ↑ Heart Rate**

# Norepinephrine in Obstetrics

When to use it

# Norepinephrine in Obstetrics

When Phenylephrine is not effective

# Norepinephrine in Obstetrics

## Hypotension in suspected Maternal Sepsis

# Norepinephrine in Obstetrics

When  $\beta$ -adrenergic agonism is necessary beyond the phenylephrine  $\alpha$ -adrenergic stimulation

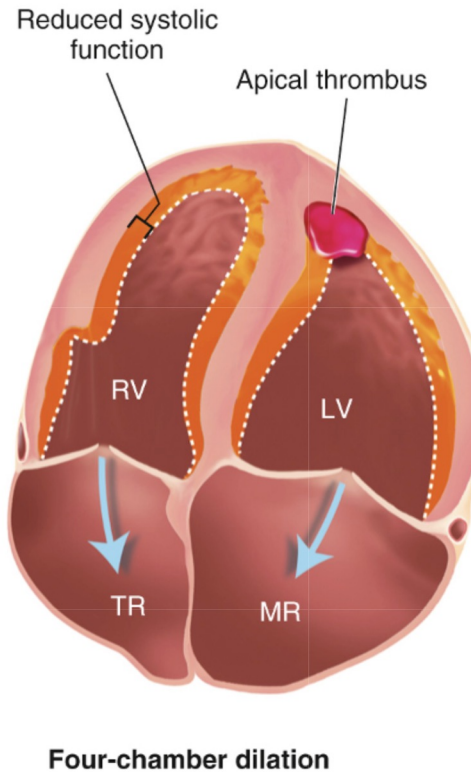
# Norepinephrine in Obstetrics

## Aortic and Mitral Regurgitation



# Norepinephrine in Obstetrics

## Peripartum and Dilated Cardiomyopathy



Meng and Arendt. *Anesthesiology* 2021; 135:164–83.

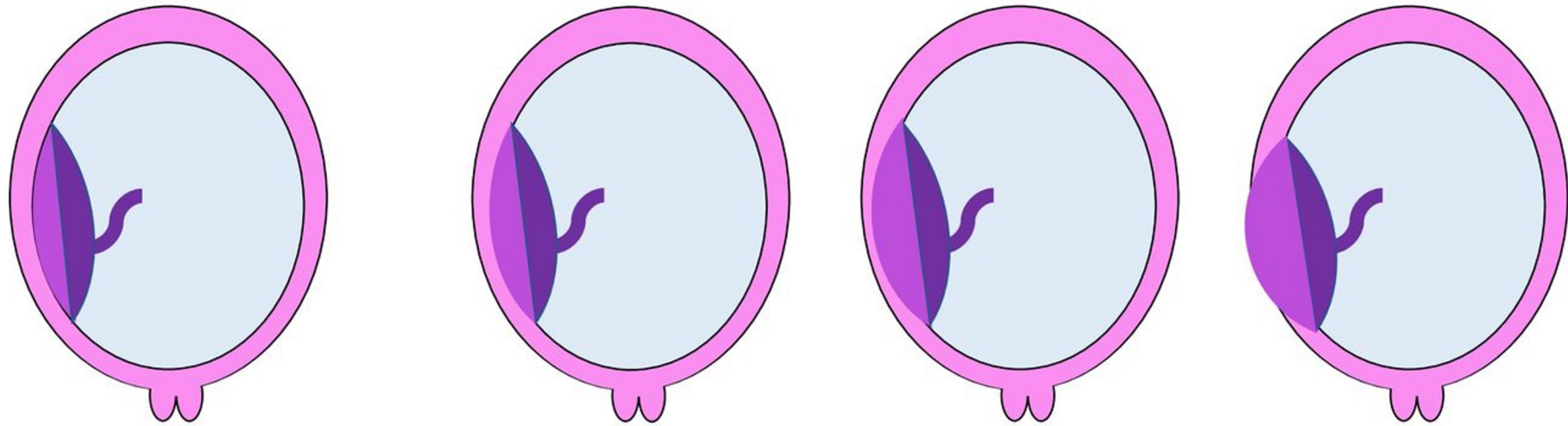
Figure from Otto Textbook of Clinical Echocardiography

A green arrow-shaped banner pointing to the right, containing the text "Postpartum Hemorrhage" in white serif font.

# Postpartum Hemorrhage

# Placenta Accreta Spectrum

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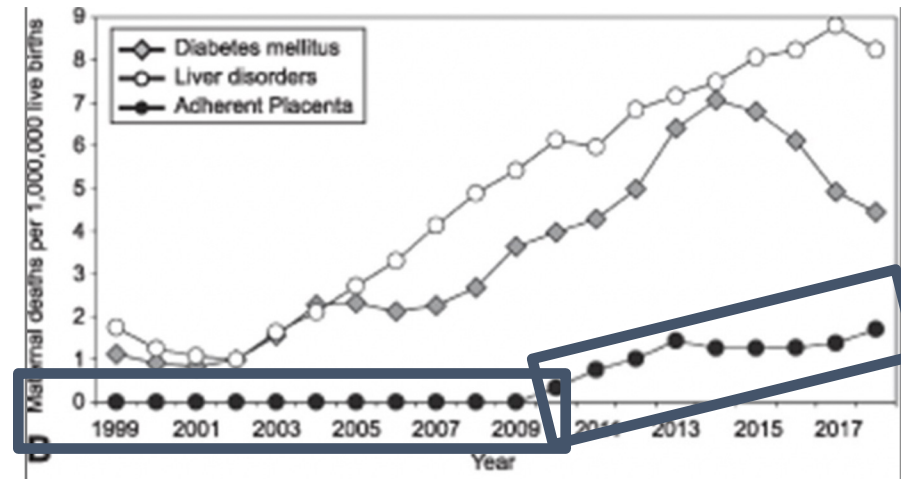
Normal placenta

Placenta Accreta

Placenta Increta

Placenta Percreta

# Placenta Accreta Spectrum



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# Intraoperative Multivessel Embolization

## Placenta Accreta Spectrum Treatment With Intraoperative Multivessel Embolization: the PASTIME protocol

Intraoperative Uterine vessels Embolization

**Deaths n=0/15**

**vs**

Iliac Artery Balloons

**Deaths n=2/30**

# Intraoperative Multivessel Embolization

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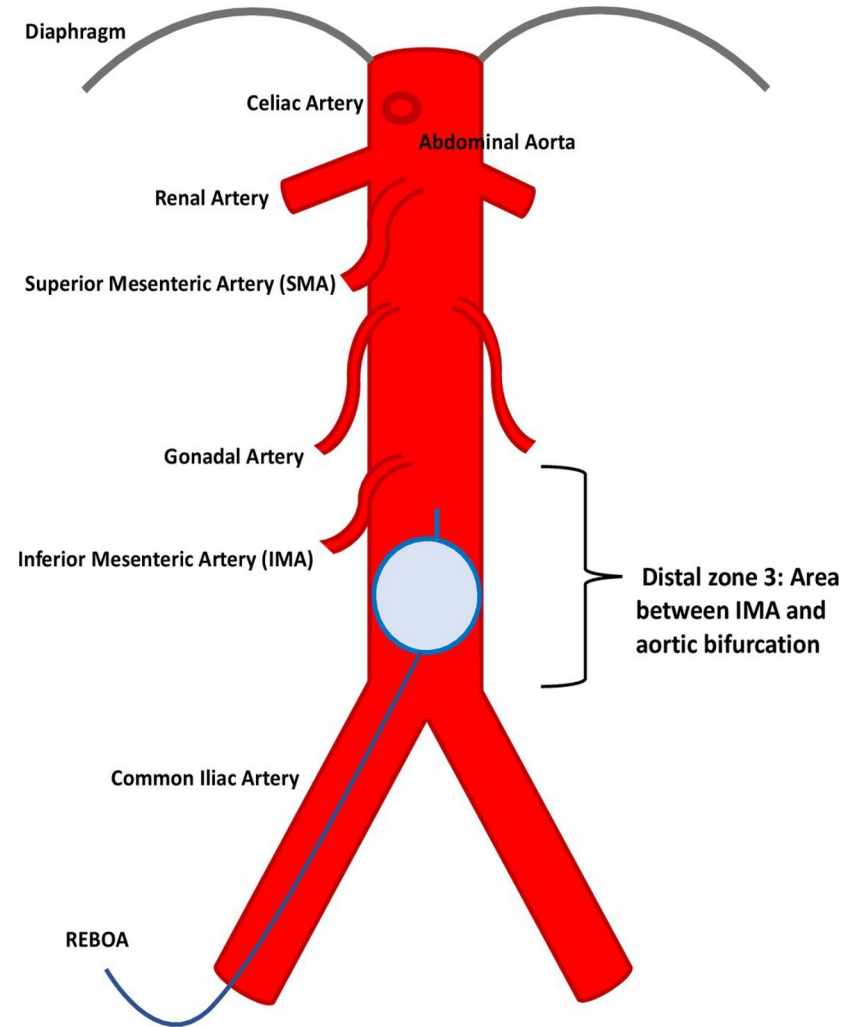
Intraoperative Uterine vessels Embolization

Blood loss **750 ml**

**vs**

Iliac Artery Balloons

Blood loss **1750**



## Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta

When the balloon goes up, blood transfusion goes down: a  
pilot study of REBOA in placenta accreta spectrum  
disorders

90 Patients

**17 REBOA** vs **73 controls**

$\geq 4$  PRBC

17% vs 49% p=0.03



# Predicting Severity

## External Validation of a Multivariable Prediction Model for Placenta Accreta Spectrum

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Does combining clinical risk factors and ultrasound findings predict which patients have placenta accreta compared to ultrasound alone?

The clinical utility of the model for predicting accreta is variable depending on the case mix of the target population

# Predicting Severity

## **Predicting Placenta Accreta Spectrum Disorder: Are We There Yet?**

Jessica R. Ansari, MD, and Alexander J. Butwick, MBBS, FRCA, MS

More work is needed

# PREDICTING MAJOR BLOOD LOSS

- **ESTIMATED BLOOD LOSS 30 L**
- pRBC: 45 units
- FFP: 47 units
- PLTs: 8 packs
- Fibrinogen: 15 grams
- Calcium gluconate: 54 grams
- Tranexamic Acid: 3 grams
- Cell Saver: 852 mL
- Crystalloids: 3 L
- Rapid Infusion Total Volume: 33 L
- Prophylactic REBOA

# PREDICTING **MINOR** BLOOD LOSS

*“You might consider a SPINAL and a LARGE BORE IV access”*

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# **Neuraxial Anesthesia During Cesarean Delivery for Placenta Previa With Suspected Morbidly Adherent Placenta: A Retrospective Analysis**

129 Suspected Percreta

72 Hysterectomy

15 Required General Anesthesia

3 Difficult Intubations

## **Maternal Hemorrhage—Regional Versus General Anesthesia: Does It Really Matter?**

Yaakov Beilin, MD

# RISK FACTORS FOR POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE



# RISK FACTORS

- Retained placenta/membranes
- Morbidly adherent placenta
- Failure to progress
- Lacerations
- Instrumental delivery
- Large for gestational age newborn
- Hypertensive disorders
- Prolonged first stage of labor
- Prolonged second stage of labor
- Induction of Labor

# Validation of Postpartum Hemorrhage Admission Risk Factor Stratification in a Large Obstetrics Population

257 California hospitals

2 million women

40% of postpartum hemorrhages occurred in low risk hospitalizations

# Risk Factors

IS IT TIME TO STOP USING  
RISK-ASSESSMENT TOOLS?

Ende and Butwick Obstet Gynecol 2021 Dec 1;138(6):924-930

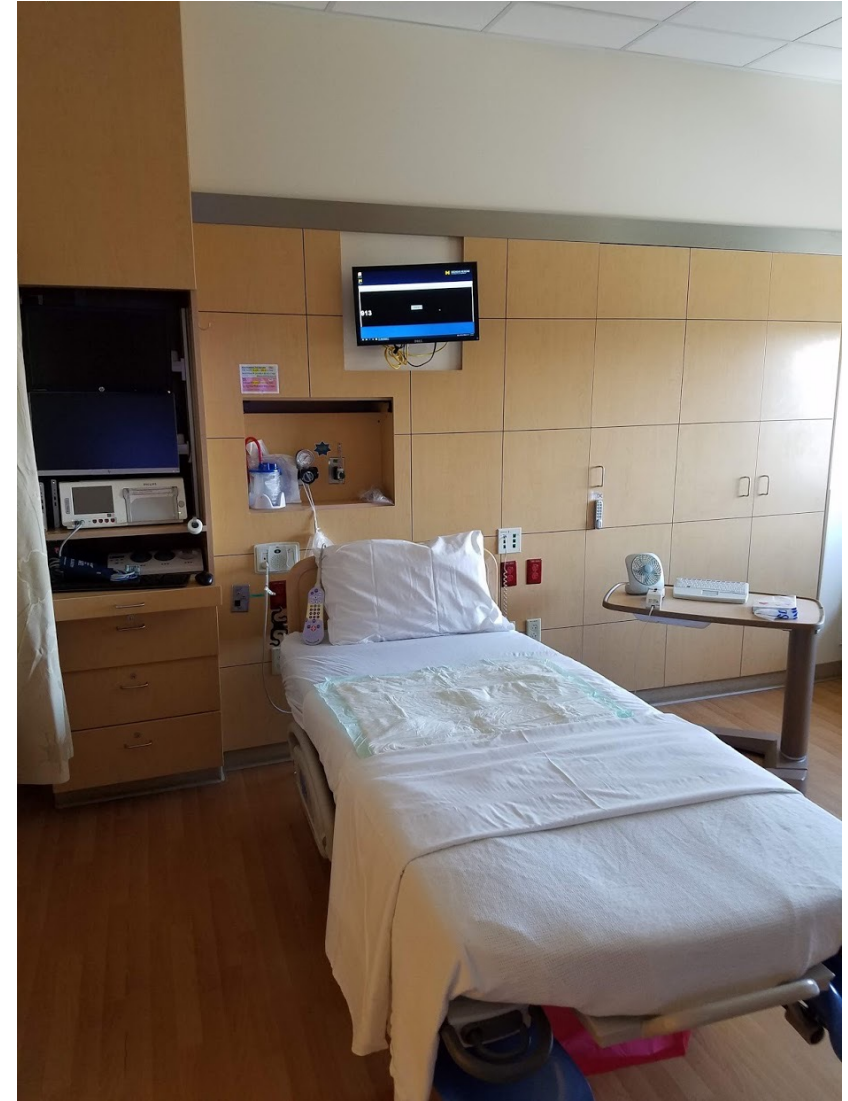
# 2015 NEAR-MISS POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE

Healthy in the Labor & Delivery room

Systolic Blood Pressure 60s at least for 30 min

Many Obstetricians and Nurses in the room

We were notified when patient arrived unconscious in the OR



## **Table 1. The Maternal Early Warning Criteria**

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Systolic BP (mm Hg)	<90 or >160
Diastolic BP (mm Hg)	>100
Heart rate (beats per min)	<50 or >120
Respiratory rate (breaths per min)	<10 or >30
Oxygen saturation on room air, at sea level, %	<95
Oliguria, mL/hr for $\geq 2$ hours	<35
Maternal agitation, confusion, or unresponsiveness; Patient with preeclampsia reporting a non-remitting headache or shortness of breath	

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# **Automating a Maternal Early Warning System**



~~Nurse  
Room  
Team~~



# **Use of a Novel Electronic Maternal Surveillance System and the Maternal Early Warning Criteria to Detect Severe Postpartum Hemorrhage**

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Melissa E. Bauer, DO,\*† Alissa Carver, MD,† Anne Marie Piehl, MSN, RN, CNM,‡ Roger Smith, MD,†  
Graciela Mentz, PhD,\* and Kevin K. Tremper, PhD, MD\*

Ten of 120 Postpartum hemorrhages were identified by the automatic system  
but not by the early warning vital signs criteria

...and especially one...



# Post Dural Puncture Headache



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**Consensus Statement** | Anesthesiology

# Consensus Practice Guidelines on Postdural Puncture Headache From a Multisociety, International Working Group A Summary Report

Vishal Uppal, MBBS, MSc; Robin Russell, MBBS; Rakesh Sondekoppam, MD; Jessica Ansari, MD; Zafeer Baber, MD; Yian Chen, MD; Kathryn DelPizzo, MD; Dan Sebastian Dîrzu, MD; Hari Kalagara, MD; Narayan R. Kissoon, MD; Peter G. Kranz, MD; Lisa Leffert, MD; Grace Lim, MD; Clara A. Lobo, MD; Dominique Nuala Lucas, MBBS; Eleni Moka, MD; Stephen E. Rodriguez, MD; Herman Sehmbi, MD; Manuel C. Vallejo, MD; Thomas Volk, MD; Samer Narouze, MD, PhD

95% Positional

5 % Non-Positional

Conservative Management

Bed Rest

Oral Fluids

Abdominal Binders

Intravenous Fluid

# Pharmacological Management

ORAL ANALGESICS SHOULD BE OFFERED

CAFFEINE < 200 mg/24 if Breastfeeding

CAFFEINE < 900 mg/24 if not Breastfeeding

STEROIDS/Triptans/Gabapentinoids/Other Medications

# Pharmacological Management

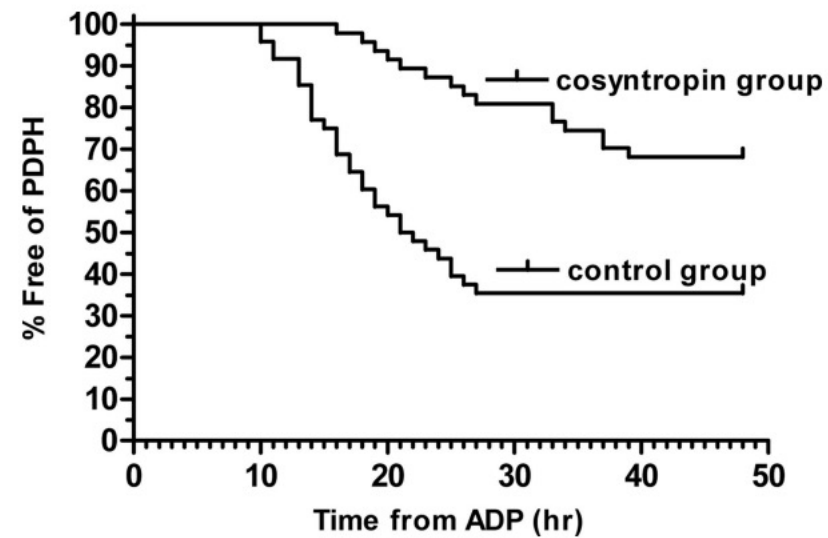
**Cosyntropin** for Prevention and Treatment of  
Post-Dural Puncture Headache

# **Cosyntropin for Prophylaxis against Postdural Puncture Headache after Accidental Dural Puncture**

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# Cosyntropin for Prophylaxis against Postdural Puncture Headache after Accidental Dural Puncture

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Original Article

## Role of cosyntropin in the management of postpartum post-dural puncture headache: a two-center retrospective cohort study

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### PROPHYLACTIC COSYNTROPIN

Characteristics	Unexposed (n=32)	Exposed (n=32)	P Value
<b>Post-Dural Puncture Headache</b>	<b>17 (53%)</b>	<b>19 (59%)</b>	<b>NS</b>
Epidural Blood Patch	6 (19%)	12 (38%)	NS
Hours from UDP to PDPH	16.5 [6.5-25]	20 [9-29]	NS
Highest Pain Score in PDPH	7 [7,8]	7 [6,9]	NS
Repeat Epidural Blood Patch	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	NS
Full Relief following Blood Patch	4 (67%)	9 (75%)	NS

## THERAPEUTIC COSYNTROPIN

Characteristics	Unexposed (n=153)	Exposed (n=36)	P Value
<b>Epidural Blood Patch</b>	<b>43 (28%)</b>	<b>20 (56%)</b>	<b>0.002</b>
Hours from UDP to PDPH	24 [24,48]	24 [12,36]	0.008
Pain scores at the PDPH onset	5 [4, 8]	6 [3, 8]	NS
Pain scores one day following PDPH	3 [0, 7]	5 [2, 8]	NS
Difference in pain scores before and one day after drug exposure	0 [-3, 2]	0 [-4, 0]	NS
Highest pain score in pt with PDPH	8 [5, 9]	9 [7, 10]	0.002
Repeat Epidural Blood Patch	0 (0%)	6 (17%)	<0.001
Full Relief following Blood Patch	7 (16%)	10 (50%)	0.005

# NO ROLE FOR INTRAVENOUS COSYNTROPIN

# Invasive Procedures

Acupuncture

Sphenopalatine Ganglion Block

Greater Occipital Nerve Block

Prophylactic Blood Patch

Epidural Morphine

Epidural Crystalloid

Epidural Fibrin Glue

# Epidural Blood Patch

Timing > 48 h

Volume - no benefit if > 20 ml given

Intervertebral Level - at the site or lower

Efficacy

60-70% Full Relief 90-100% Partial Relief

Second Blood patch sometimes necessary

# Epidural Blood Patch

If second blood patch not successful – **Head Imaging**

Back pain in **50%** -Backache follows in 24 hours **80%**

Backache lasts up to **FOUR** weeks

Arachnoiditis and Spinal Hematoma are rare complications

Two women died following accidental dural puncture  
not adequately followed up

MMBRACE-UK Saving lives and Improving Mothers' Care

Differential Diagnosis List is Long

Post-Partum Preeclampsia

Cerebral Hemorrhage

Subdural Hematoma

Cerebral Vein Thrombosis



# Epidural Blood Patch

Important to follow-up after Unexpected Dural Puncture  
and following Epidural Blood Patch



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