

Epidural anesthesia

Epidural [anesthesia](#) is a [spinal anesthesia](#)

Injecting medication into the epidural space is primarily performed for analgesia. This may be performed using a number of different techniques and for a variety of reasons. Additionally, some of the side-effects of epidural analgesia may be beneficial in some circumstances (e.g., vasodilation may be beneficial if the subject has peripheral vascular disease). When a catheter is placed into the epidural space (see below) a continuous infusion can be maintained for several days, if needed.

Complications

[Epidural abscess](#) after epidural analgesia in children: report of two cases ¹⁾.

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Desai R, Dickson U, Rodrigues D, Thies KC. Epidural abscess after epidural analgesia in children: report of two cases. Eur J Anaesthesiol. 2016 Nov;33(11):866-867. PubMed PMID: 27749464.

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