

[External ventricular drainage](#) for [community-acquired meningitis](#) or [ventriculitis](#) to measure and treat ICP may be indicated for [comatose](#) patients who are not localizing pain ¹⁾.

EVD is sometimes employed for administering [intrathecal antibiotics](#). [Decompressive craniectomy](#) may be considered for ICP refractory to medical management and [cerebrospinal fluid drainage](#). EVD may also be needed for [acute hydrocephalus](#), which is not uncommon with [cryptococcal meningitis](#)

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Edberg M, Furebring M, Sjolín J, et al. Neurointensive care of patients with severe community-acquired meningitis. Acta Anaesthesiol Scand. 2011; 55:732–739

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