

Iatrogenic pseudomeningocele

Iatrogenic [pseudomeningocele](#) is a common complication of cranial surgeries.

Pseudomeningocele may result after brain surgery, spine surgery, or brachial plexus avulsion injury, ([preganglionic injury](#)).

Pseudomeningocele as unintended "incidental" durotomy: 0.7–2% ¹⁾ (may appear similar radiographically to a spinal epidural abscess (SEA), but post-op SEA often enhances, is more irregular, and is associated with muscle edema).

Pseudomeningocele is a cause of [Failed back surgery syndrome](#).

Guidelines

[Iatrogenic pseudomeningocele Guidelines](#).

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Goodkin R, Laska LL. Unintended 'Incidental' Durotomy During Surgery of the Lumbar Spine: Medicolegal Implications. Surg Neurol. 1995; 43:4-14

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