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SCS is a minimally invasive and reversible intervention for [chronic pain](#). On the basis of the current literature, SCS may be an alternative treatment strategy in refractory angina pectoris and peripheral vascular disease patients, presenting a low surgical risk profile. However, further clinical trials with larger sample sizes and extended follow-up are required to confirm this finding ¹⁾.

Addressing psychological issues before SCS implantation can reduce the failure rate of SCS ²⁾.

Chronic pain

see [Spinal cord stimulation for chronic pain](#).

Refractory Angina Pectoris

[Spinal Cord Stimulation for Refractory Angina Pectoris](#)

Effectiveness

Results suggest that younger age is associated with greater long-term effectiveness of spinal cord stimulation and therefore age may influence the success of SCS therapy with older patients having a greater tendency to failure. Earlier intervention may be beneficial in these chronic pain patients ³⁾.

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