



Neuraxial Anaesthesia/Analgesia (Epidural and/or Spinal)

The following information is about the epidural or spinal injection you had in your back

These injections can cause serious side effects; however, such side effects are rare.

It is important to return to hospital for advice if you experience any of the following problems:

- New severe back pain that you have not experienced before
- New leg weakness or numbness
- Loss of bladder or bowel control
- High fever
- A bad headache, one that worsens when you stand or sit but improves when you lie down

If I have questions, who can I contact?

If you experience any of these problems within 2 weeks of your epidural and/or spinal, contact the relevant campus:

For Footscray/Sunshine/Joan Kirner/Williamstown: 03 8345 6666 and request to speak to the 'Pain Management Doctor' at the relevant campus.

For Bacchus Marsh: 03 5367 9615 and request to speak to the 'Duty Anaesthetist'

If you have any problems after 2 weeks you should contact your local doctor for advice or present to the Emergency Department.

Contact us

(03) 8345 6666

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