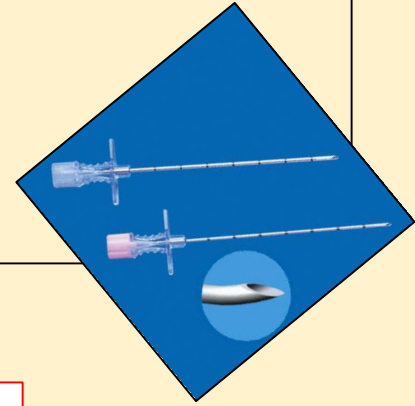


# *Post Dural Puncture Headache* old problem in 2017



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מפגש של החוג להרדמה מיילדותית בנושא

## מבט כללי על PDPH

המפגש יוקדש לזכרה של ד"ר נטלי פירמן ז"ל

יום שישי 24 ביוני 2016, בית סוראסקי, תל השומר

מנחה - ד"ר אלכסנדר יוסקוביץ, יושב ראש החוג

08:00-09:00 התכנסות וכיבוד קל

9:00-09:20 דברי פתיחה ד"ר יוחנן שיפמן מנהל מחלקת הרדמה ביה"ח הדסה "הר הצופים"

9:20-09:45 PDPH - מבט של נירחלוג ד"ר רוני אנטל ביה"ח שערי צדק

9:45-10:10 PDPH - מבט הרדמתי ד"ר שלמה פירמן ביה"ח בילינסון

10:10-10:30 Major complications of dural puncture ד"ר שמעון פירמן ביה"ח הדסה עין כרם

10:30-10:45 "Please stop using large bore cutting spinal needles for lumbar

puncture". פרופ' יהודה גינסר ביה"ח הדסה עין כרם

10:45-11:00 דיון: פרופ' יהודה גינסר, פרופ' קרולין ויינגר

11:00-11:20 הפסקת קפה

11:20-11:45 Low CSF Pressure Headache - Pain clinic point of view.

ד"ר אדריאן גרונופילד וד"ר נטלי פירמן ביה"ח "שיבא" תל השומר

11:45-12:05 תוצאות ראשוניות של סקר ארצי על גישה ל PDPH ד"ר דניאל שטלם ביה"ח שערי צדק

12:05-12:20 דף הסכמה אחיד לביצוע Blood Patch ד"ר אלכסנדר יוסקוביץ, ביה"ח שערי צדק

12:20-12:30 דיון



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EPiMAP Obstetrics: European Practices in the Management of Accidental dural Puncture in Obstetrics: European prospective multicentre observational audit to MAP out current practices in

# End of 2017



Karl August Gustav Bier

- 1861 - 1949
- **Professor of Surgery** and Chief Surgeon at the Charité – University (Berlin)
- IV regional anesthesia – **Bier Block**
- **First operation under spinal anesthesia – 1898**
- Discovery of **PDPH Phenomena**

~ 2000-2005

20 min

~2012 - 2017



Israel national PDPH survey

# PDPH

Cephalalgia 2004 ICHD-2



*Cephalalgia 2013 ICHD-3*

**Cephalalgia**  
An International Journal of Headache



A. Headache worsens/improves within 15 minutes after positional change, fulfilling C and D and with at least one of:

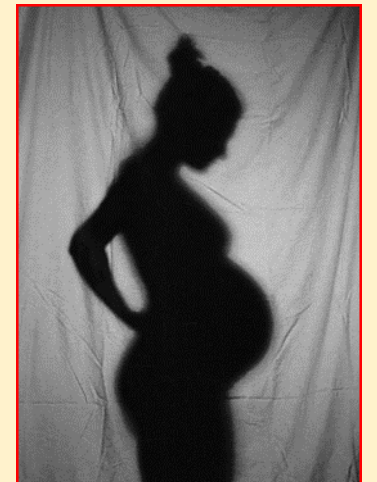
neck stiffness      tinnitus      hypoacusia  
photophobia      nausea

**B. Dural puncture has been performed**

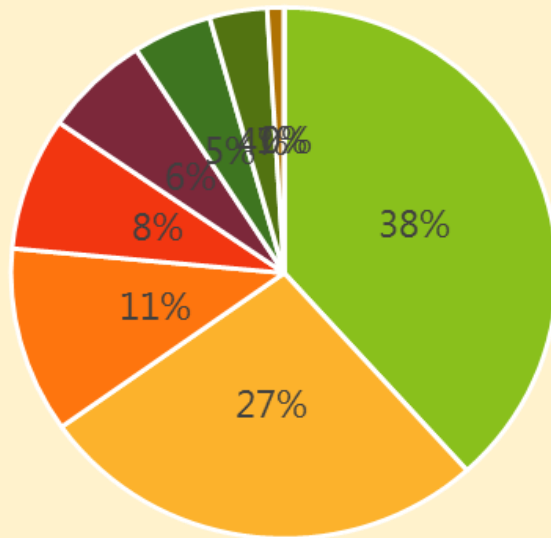
**C. Headache develops within 5 days after dural puncture**

D. Resolves either:

1. *Spontaneously within 1 week - 6 month*
2. Within 48 hours after effective treatment of the CSF leak  
( usually by epidural blood patch)



# Post Partum Headache - **Differential** Diagnosis



- tension type 38,3%
- migrainous 26,8%
- musculoskeletal 11,3%
- undertermined 8,1%
- migraine without aura 6,3%
- postdural puncture 4,7%
- cervicogenic 3,4%
- migraine with aura 1%
- cluster, secondary 0%

## ➤ Primary Headache

### - Migraine

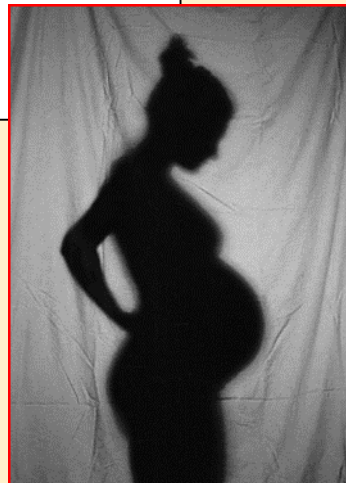
1/3 fertile women have migraine  
*(Stewart, Cephalalgia 2008)*

## ➤ Tension Type

Primary headaches 75%  
*(Goldszmidt, Can J Anesth 2005)*

**PDPH 4.7%**

*(Goldszmidt e.a. 2005)*



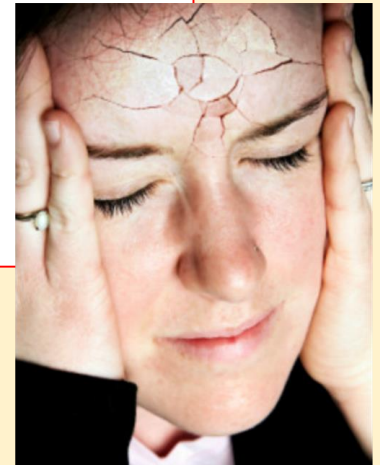


# Think "PARTUM" in peripartum period

- **P**ressure (blood pressure for pre-eclampsia/eclampsia)
- **A**naesthetic (post-dural puncture headache)
- **R**eversible (**vasoconstriction syndrome**)
- **T**hrombosis (cerebral venous sinus thrombosis, ischaemic stroke)
- **"U**se your brain" (there are many other causes of headache!)
- **M**igraine.



- **Significant morbidity and mortality**  
*(Klein, Loder IJOA 2010)*



# Pathophysiology of PDPH

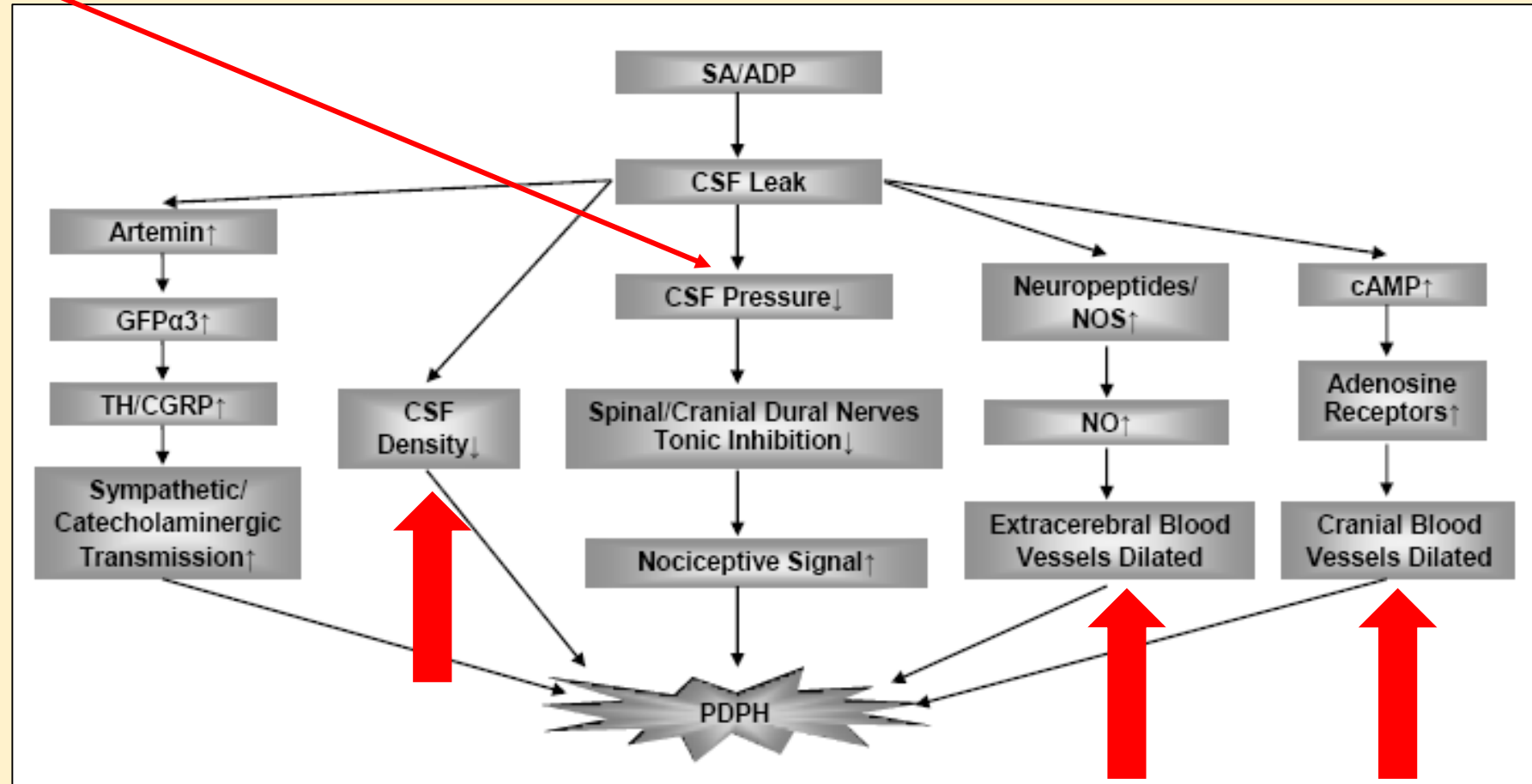
Decrease in CSF volume

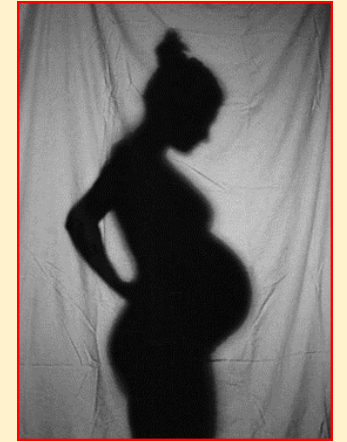
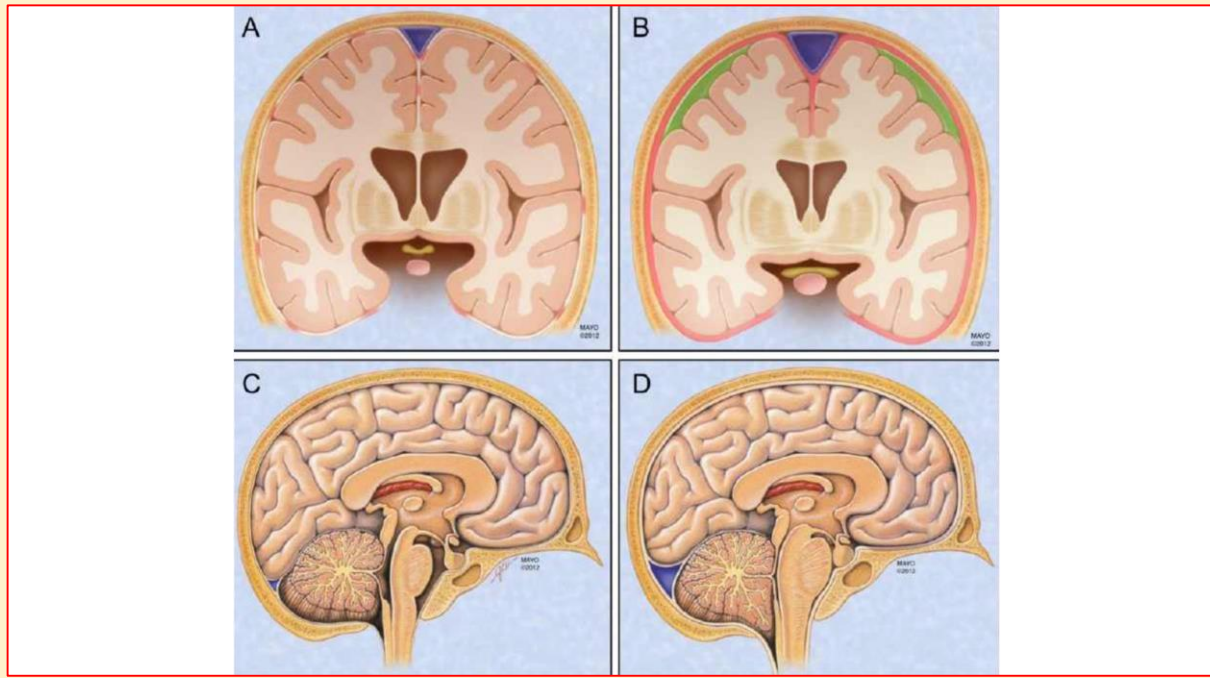


Shift of intracranial content



Stretching the meninges





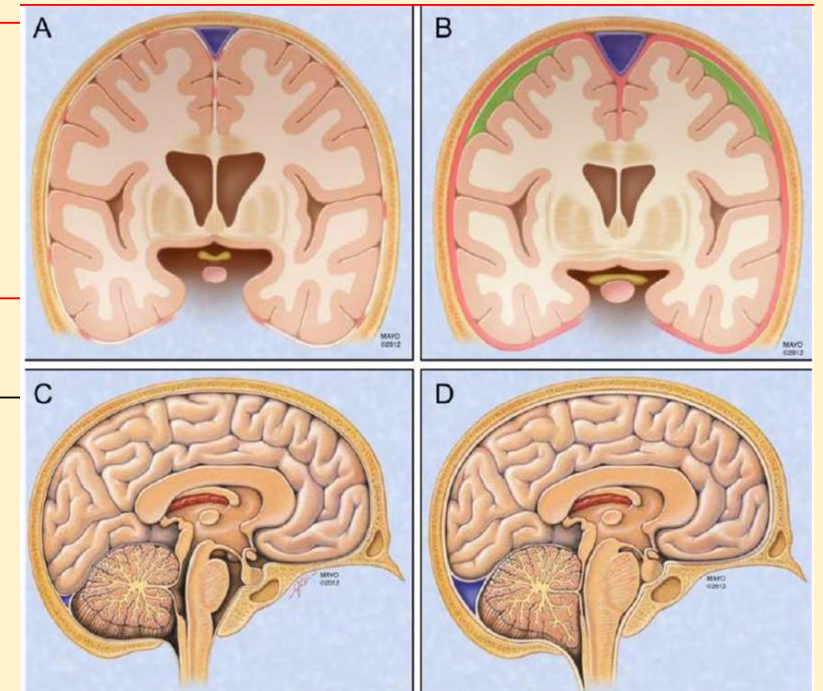
**Untreated PDPH** may lead to **chronic headache** or to more serious and even **life threatening** complications as **Intra Cranial Hemorrhage** or **Sinus Vein Thrombosis**

(Anesth Analg 2017;124:1219–28)



# Compensatory intracranial vasodilation or Vasodilatation as a result of decreased CSF pressure

- Decreased flow in venules and arterioles
- Decreased flow in sinuses + Hypercoagulated state  
Sinus vein thrombosis ←



- **Sinus vein thrombosis** F:M 3:1, general 1:100,000.
- During pregnancy 11.6:100,000
- Increase in venous and capillary pressure leads to  
blood-brain barrier disruption **Subdural hematoma**
- **In PubMed** “Post-dural puncture” + “intracranial hemorrhage” – 50 results
- “Post-dural puncture” + “subdural hemorrhage” – 44 results

# Oure Case

- **29y.o G5P2AB2**

Delivered spontaneous normal vaginal delivery

During neuraxial analgesia, sudden onset new occipital headache

CT scan – Pneumoencephalus

**Non specific occipital and upper back pain No Blood Patch**

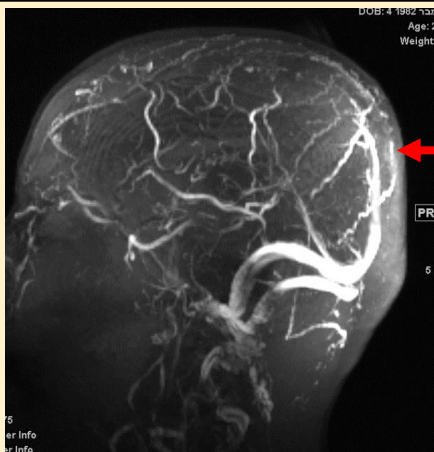
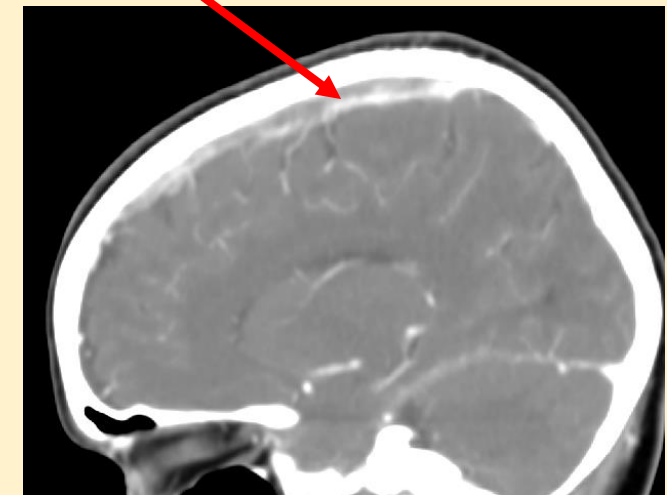
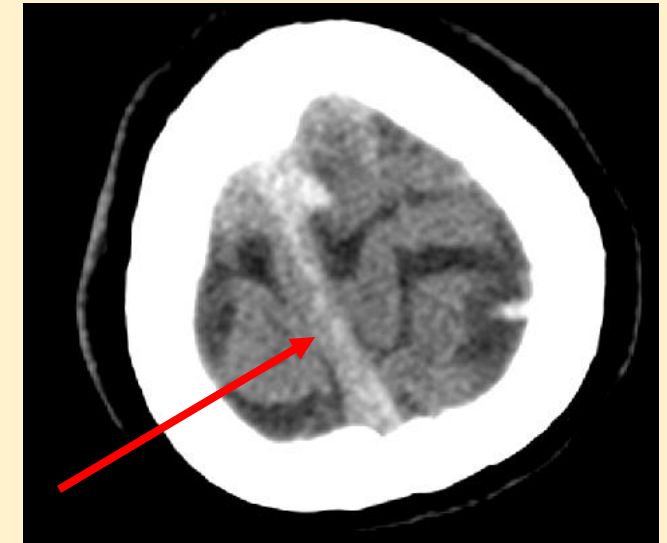
Clexane started (preventive dose, d/t immobilization)

- **PPD 10**

New onset of motor deficit

Seizures focal -> generalized

MRI/MRA/MRV – extensive symmetrical **subarachnoid hemorrhage** and **sagittal sinus thrombosis**

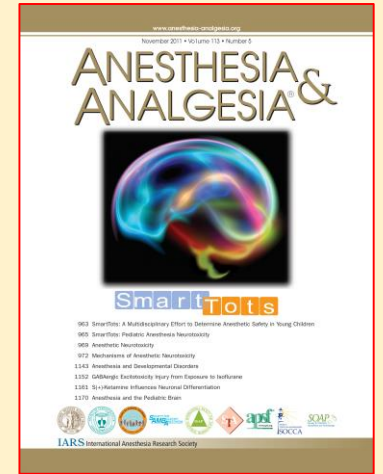


# Unintentional Dural Puncture with a Tuohy Needle Increases Risk of Chronic Headache

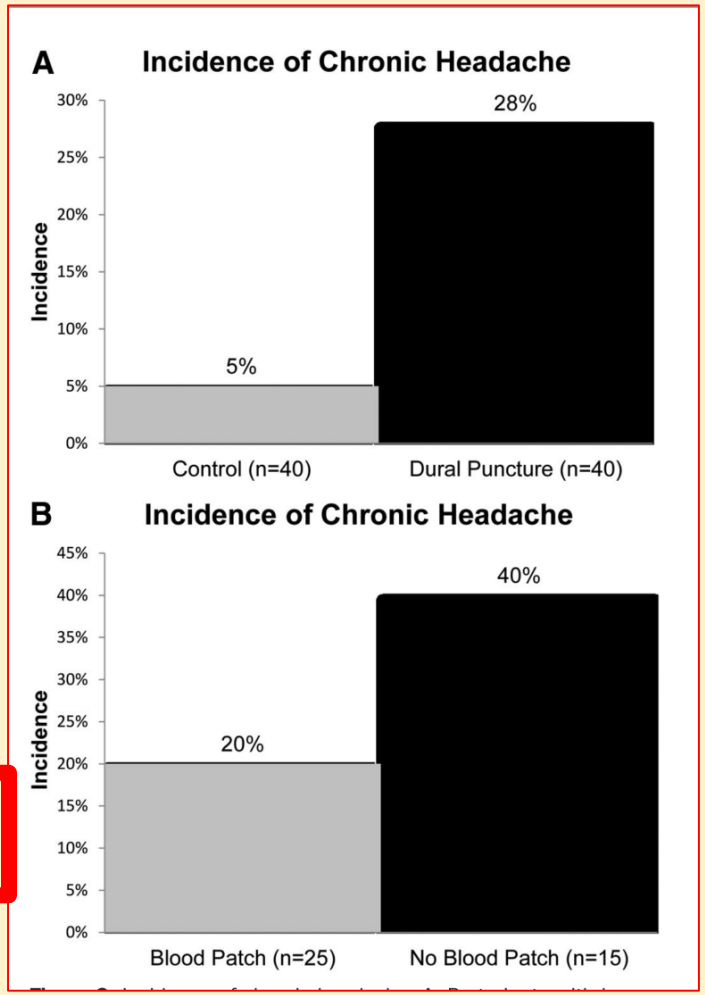
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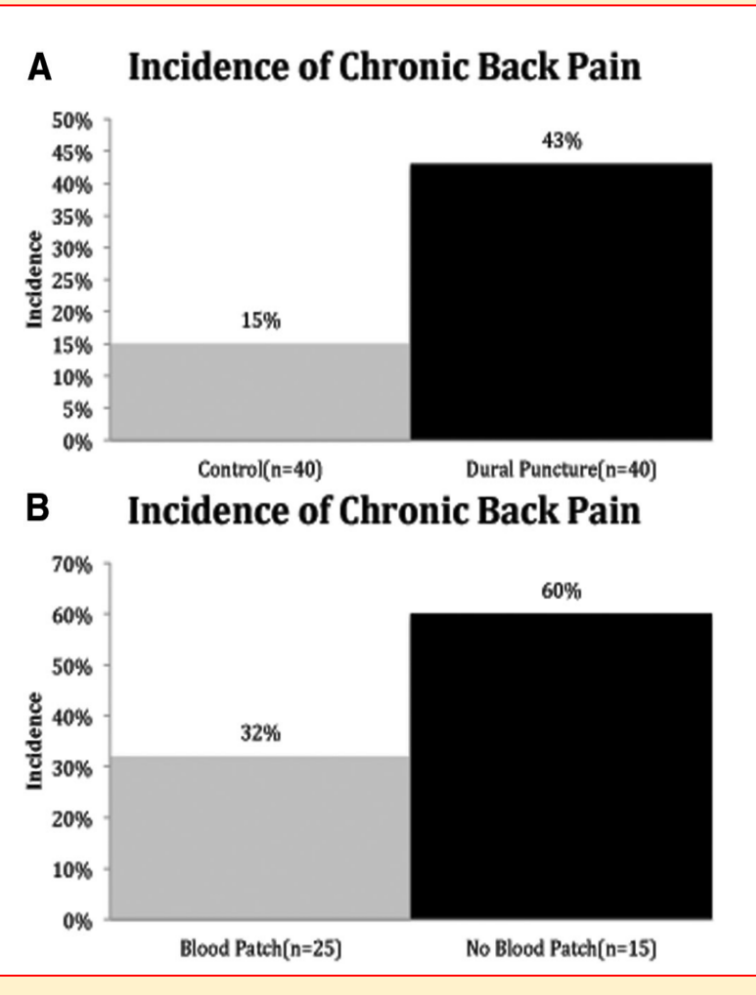
July 2012 • Volume 115 • Number 1



Chronic headache:  
28 % versus 5 %



With Blood Patch – 20%  
Without Blood Patch -40%



Chronic back pain:  
43 % versus 15 %

With Blood Patch – 32%  
Without Blood Patch -60%

# How to prevent ADP or PDPH?

- Combined Spinal Epidural
- Liquid versus Air for LOR
- Patient position
- Type of catheter
- Gauge of Tuohy needle
- Use of ultrasound
- Training grade\*

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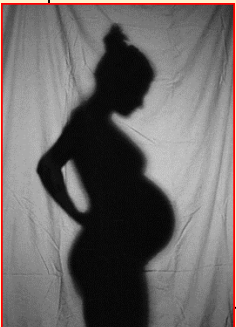
REVIEW



Can the incidence of accidental dural puncture in laboring women be reduced?  
A systematic review and meta-analysis

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**Had no effects on the incidence of ADP or PDPH  
Neither in non-RCTs nor in RCTs**

# Teaching Epidural Analgesia

**Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica**  
AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY AND INTENSIVE CARE, PAIN AND EMERGENCY MEDICINE

**Management of accidental dural puncture and post-dural puncture headache after labour: a Nordic survey**

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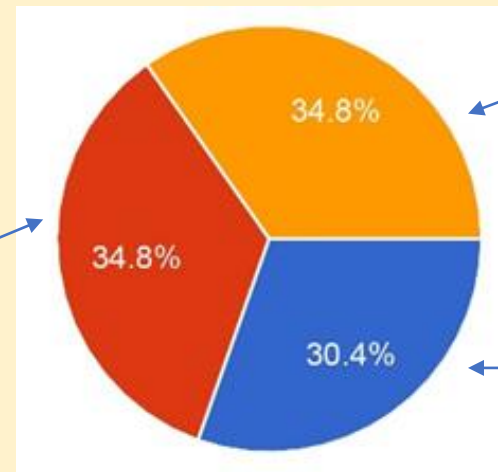
**2010**

- Teaching of epidurals was generally performed in the **non-obstetric population**, 86% (50–97%)
- **No formal requirements were demanded before performing epidurals in the labor ward in most Nordic countries (43–54%), except for Norway where the requirement was 10–30 epidurals**
- A majority of the hospitals felt the need for implementing a formal training program in the teaching of epidural analgesia in obstetrics, 53% (48–100%)

## Israel 2016



**6-12 month in the training program**



**> 12 month in the training program**

**< 6 month in the training program**



# Intrathecal catheter for PDPH prevention

- Apfel C. et al: British J. Of Anaesthesia 2010:

Systematic quantitative review: **no significant benefit**

Heesen M et al: IJOA 2013: Meta analysis:

**Incidence PDPH reduced but not significant**

Significant reduction of EBP need

Russell I. et al: IJOA 2012: Prospective controlled study:

**No significant reduction of PDPH/EBP**

9 % risk of second ADP in reinsertion group

Verstraete S. et al: Acta Anaesth. Scand. 2014: Survey

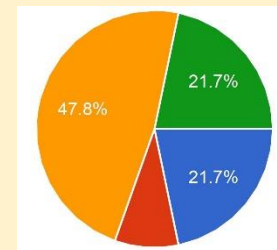
**IT catheter reduced PDPH incidence 62% -> 42 %**

**EBP reduction 54% -> 36 %**

**( not significant)**

Study	Sajjad & Ryan	Berger et al.	Baraz & Collis	Harrington & Schmitt	Baysinger et al.	
Year	1995	1998	2005	2009	2011	2016
Location	UK	North America	UK	U.S.	North America	Israel
ITC use after ADP	1%	38% may use	28% always use	18.5% always use	6% always use	<b>13% always use</b>

Surveys of Accidental Dural Puncture (ADP) and Postdural Puncture Headache (PDPH)



## Israel survey

Catheter "in" for **47% (11) - 24h**

21.7% (5) – just for 6-12 h

21.7% (5) – remove after labor

# Prophylactical Normal Saline injection

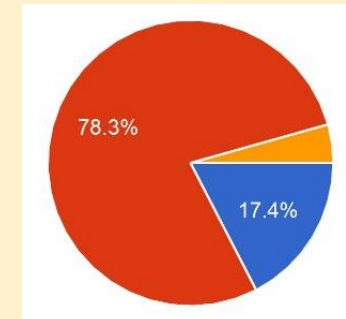
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Year	1995	1998	2005	2009	2011	2016
Location	UK	North America	UK	U.S.	North America	Israel
Prophylactic measures to prevent PDPH						
NS epidural injection before removal of catheter	70%	→ 25%	→ 18%	→ 12% frequently 25% occasionally	→ 7%	<b>17%</b>

Short-term improvements in headache

**No long term benefit**

(Charsley, Reg Anesth Pain Med 2001)



Israel survey

Yes	4	17.4%
<b>No</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>78.3%</b>
Sometimes	1	4.3%

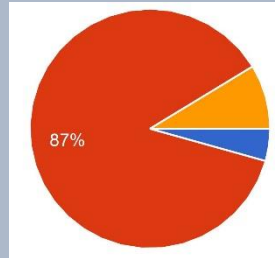
# Prophylactic EBP; Yes or No?



## Prophylactic EBP - No proven benefit

(RCT review, Agerson Anesth Analg 2010)

(Cochrane , Boonmak & Boonmak 2010)



### Our data

4.3% (1) – yes

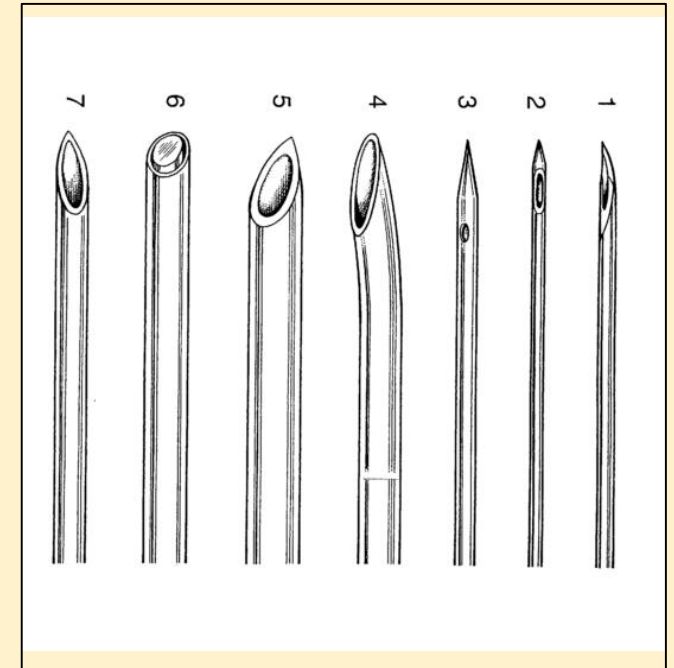
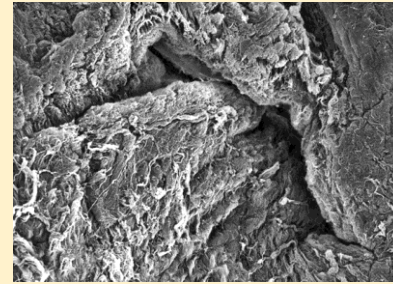
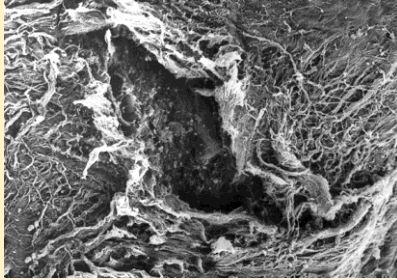
8.7% (2) – frequently

87% (20) - never

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Year	1995	1998	2005	2009	2011	2016
Location	UK	North America	UK	U.S.	North America	Israel
Prophylactic EPB	4%	37%	1%	10% frequently 31% occasionally	8%	<b>4.3%</b> frequently <b>8.7%</b> occasionally

# Spinal needle for CS



Atlas of Functional Anatomy for Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine,  
Miguel Angel Reina

Incidence of PSPH for different types of spinal needles

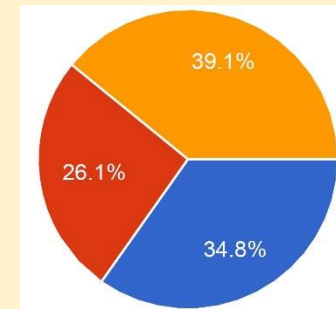
Needle size & Type	Bevel	Incidence of PDPH%
25G Quincke	Cutting	8.7
26G Atraucan	Cutting	5
24G Gertie Marx	Atraumatic	4
24G Sprotte	Atraumatic	2.8
25G Whitacre	Atraumatic	3.1

Anesth Analg. 2000;91:916-20.

0.8-2%

G27 8	34.8%
G26 6	26.1%
G25 9	39.1%
אחר 0	0%

**BEVEL orientation: perpendicular vs. parallel**  
(3-fold increase)  
(Norris , Anesthesiology 1989)  
**Nothing new!**





# Time from diagnosis to treatment

EBP < 24h from diagnosis of PDPH Failure 71% (8 pt.)  
 EBP > 24h from diagnosis of PDPH Failure 4% (16 pt.)

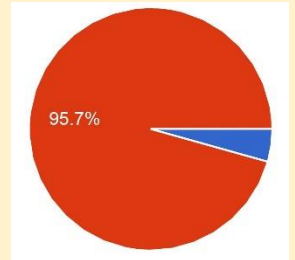
*Time vs. success rate for epidural blood patch  
 (Loeser EA . Anesthesiology 1978 Aug ;49(2):147-8)*

EBP < 48h from Dural Puncture - Recurrence 59%  
 EBP > 48h from Dural Puncture - Recurrence 11%

*An audit of epidural blood patch (Banks S, Paech M, Gurrin L. Int J Obstet Anesth. 2001 Jul;10(3):172-6)*

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Year	1995	1998	2005	2009	2011	2016
Location	UK	North America	UK	U.S.	North America	Israel
EBP after <24h of conservative Tx	42%	44%	29%	41%	81%	4%



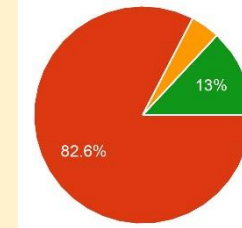
**The most common time interval from diagnosis of PDPH to performing EBP was 24-48h**  
*(Nordic survey. Acta Anaesthesiol Scand 2011; 55: 46–53)*

In Israel 2016  
 < 24 h - 4.3% (1)  
 24-48 h - 95.7% (22)  
 > 48 h - 0



# The volume of blood for Blood Patch

82.6% (19) - 15-25mL  
 13% (3) - up to high pressure filing  
 4.3% (1) - >25mL



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Year	1995	1998	2005	2009	2011	2016
Location	UK	North America	UK	U.S.	North America	Israel
Volume of blood injected	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	66.8% give 16-20mL	60% give 11-20mL	<b>82.6% give 15-25mL</b>

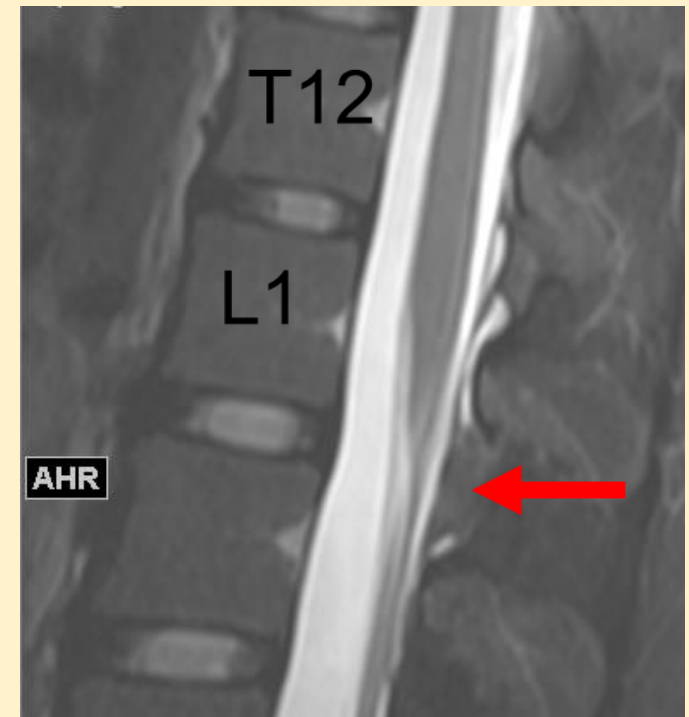
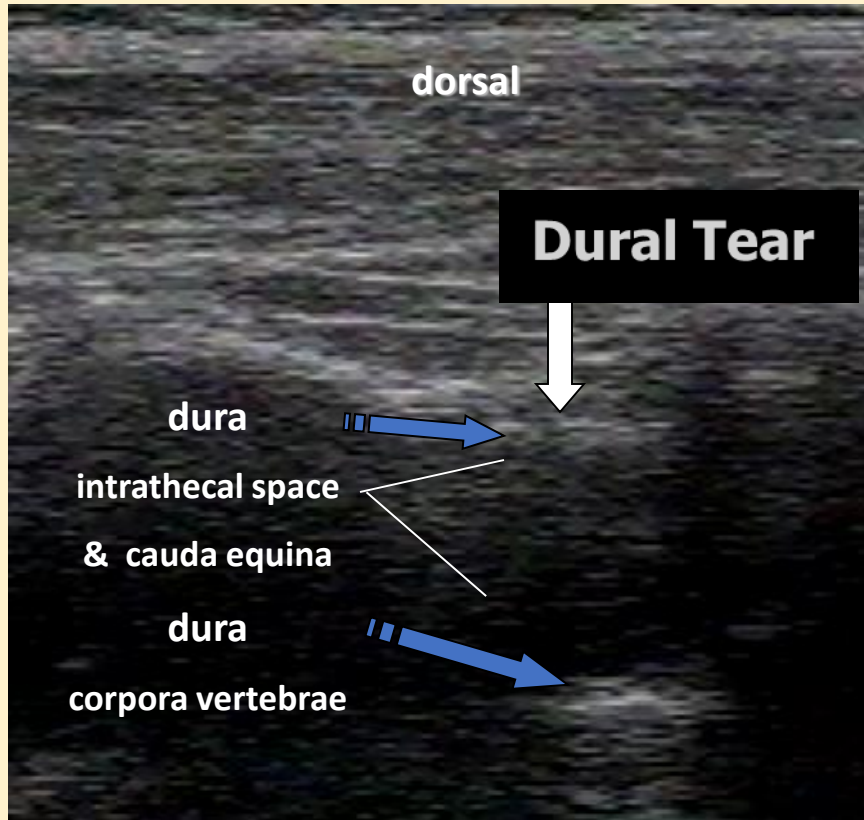
**Table 4. Incidence of Headache Relief After Epidural Blood Patch**

	<48 hours	≥48 hours	Overall
Permanent or partial relief			
15 mL	33.3 (9.0–65.1)	72.4 (52.8–87.3)	61.0 (44.5–75.8)
20 mL	61.5 (31.6–86.1)	78.6 (59.1–91.7)	73.2 (57.1–85.8)
30 mL	56.3 (29.9–80.3)	73.9 (51.6–89.9)	66.7 (49.8–80.9)
Permanent relief <sup>a</sup>			
15 mL	0.0 (0–26.5)	13.8 (3.9–31.7)	9.8 (2.7–23.1)
20 mL	15.4 (1.9–45.5)	39.3 (21.5–59.4)	32.3 (13.1–48.1)
30 mL	25.0 (7.3–52.4)	26.1 (10.2–48.4)	25.6 (13.0–42.1)

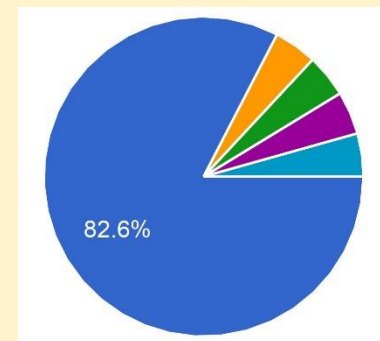
*The Volume of Blood for Epidural Blood Patch in Obstetrics: A Randomized, Blinded Clinical Trial (Paech, et al. Anesthesia & Analgesia 2011)*

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# Imaging for the performance of Blood Patch



**6 months after ADP , 2 BP and permanent PDPH**  
 MRI Lumbar Spine – CSF Leak at T12-L1  
 improvement and complete resolution



Always wit US – 1  
 Sometime with US – 1  
 Always with xR – 1  
 Sometime with xR - 1

# Conservative treatment of PDPH

- \*Caffeine
- \*Bed rest
- \*Prone position
- \*Theophylline
- \*Aminophylline
- \*ACTH
- \*Gabapentin
- \*Hydrocortisone
- \*Pregabalin

## Review of the Alternatives to Epidural Blood Patch for Treatment of Postdural Puncture Headache in the Parturient

(Anesth Analg 2017;124:1219–28)

Daniel Katz, MD, and Yaakov Beilin, MD

Table. Summary of Treatments					
Category	Subcategory	Modality	Summary of Treatments		
			Doses Reported	Clinical Efficacy	Additional Clinical Factors
Conservative therapies		Hydration	N/A	No benefit	May lead to patient discomfort because of increased micturition
		Bed rest	N/A	No benefit	May cause complications such as VTE
		Prone positioning	N/A	No benefit	Uncomfortable for the patient
		Abdominal binders	N/A	May decrease headache when applied soon after dural puncture	Uncomfortable for the patient
Medical therapies		Caffeine	300–500 mg PO or IV daily; 2–4 cups of coffee daily	Decreased pain scores, decreased headache persistence, and decreased need for supplementary intervention	Often well tolerated, readily available
		Theophylline	250 mg PO TID; 281.7 mg PO TID; 200 mg IV once	Decreased pain scores	Narrow therapeutic window
		Aminophylline	250 mg IV over 30 minutes for 2 days	Decreased pain scores	
	HPA axis	ACTH/cosyntropin	0.25–0.75 mg over 4–8 h IV once; 1 mg IM once	Decreased pain scores and decreased need for EBP	Data highly conflicted; efficacy appears to be higher for prophylaxis than for treatment
		Hydrocortisone	200 mg/100 mg IV followed by 100 mg IV TID for 48 h	Decreased pain scores	
	Other headache medications	Sumatriptan	6 mg SQ once	No benefit	
		Methylergonovine	0.25 mg PO TID for 24 h, if efficacious repeated for 48 h	Decreased pain scores and decreased need for EBP	Results from case series only; no RCTs reported
				Decreased pain scores	May be sedating
				Decreased pain scores	May be sedating; least amount of data regarding breast-feeding
	Invasive therapies	Epidural injections of nonblood fluids	Saline	20 mL injection once; continuous infusions	Decreased pain scores
Hydroxyethyl starch			20 mL injection daily for 2 d	Decreased pain scores	Multiple injections required to sustain benefits
Fibrin glue			4 mL injection once	Decreased pain scores	Very small case series only, no RCTs, should be performed under fluoroscopy, expensive, only considered when multiple EBP have failed
Epidural injections of medications		Dexamethasone	8 mg injection once	No benefit	
		Morphine	3 mg injection once; two 3 mg injections 24 h apart	Decreased pain scores and decreased need for EBP	Studies done with catheters left in situ for second injection, postinjection respiratory monitoring may be required

No benefit

Decreased pain scores

Occipital nerve blocks

Greater and lesser

2 mL 0.5% bupivacaine;  
4 mL 0.25% levobupivacaine; 2 mL dexamethasone (6.6 mg) with 2 mL 1% lidocaine; 4 mL 0.25% bupivacaine with triamcinolone 20 mg

Decreased pain scores and decreased need for EBP

Sphenopalatine nerve blocks

Intranasal

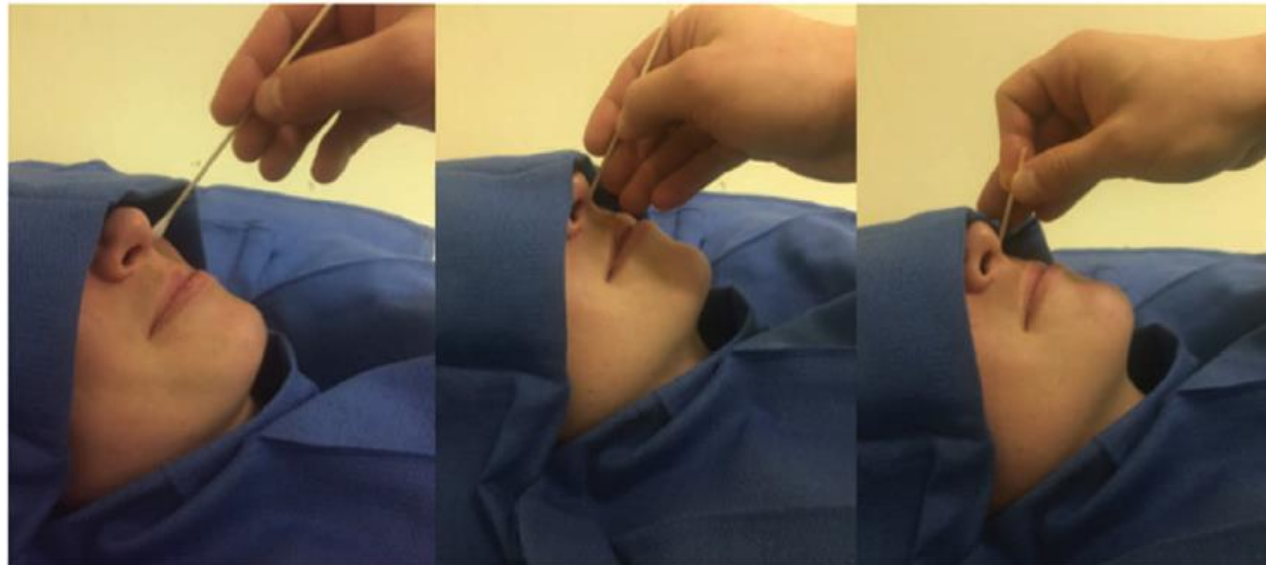
1 cotton-tip applicator soaked with 5% water-soluble

Decreased pain scores and decreased need for EBP



**Figure 3.** Identification of the greater occipital nerve (GON) and the occipital artery (OA) via ultrasound.

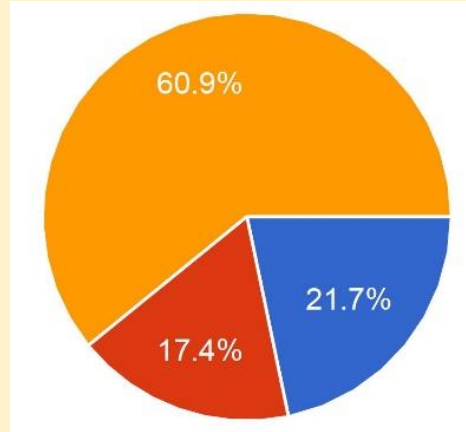
**Figure 2 .** Traditional and auricular acupuncture sites.



**Figure 4.** Advancement of local anesthetic soaked cotton-tip applicator for sphenopalatine ganglion block.



# Institutional protocol for the PDPH treatment or for the performance of Blood Patch



Protocol for PDPH treatment 21.7% (5)  
 Protocol just for Blood Patch 17.4% (4)  
**No protocols 60.9% (14%)**

## Surveys of Accidental Dural Puncture (ADP) and Postdural Puncture Headache (PDPH)

Study	Sajjad & Ryan	Berger et al.	Baraz & Collis	Harrington & Schmitt	Baysinger et al.	
Year	1995	1998	2005	2009	2011	2016
Location	UK	North America	UK	U.S.	North America (Mainly U.S.)	Israel
Protocol for PDPH management	58.5%	8.3%	85%	10.8%	14%	<b>21.7%</b>



Thank you!!!



