

Radiofrequency treatment

Posted by Catlover1 - 28 May 2008 11:24

I know this board isn't very active but I'm HOPING that someone will have an answer for me.

My back (spine) is in such a mess that it is inoperable. With stenosis, growths, herniated discs, name it, I have it. At the moment my pain is so bad that 10 minutes on my feet is the time limit that I can get out of bed. And I have confirmed AA.

My neuro suggested extensive radiofrequency treatment because there's nothing else that even touches the pain, and I would like your opinion on that, please?

Is it safe with AA?

Thank you,

Elizabeth

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Re:Radiofrequency treatment

Posted by helen - 28 May 2008 22:14

Hi Elizabeth

Hope this site may be informative to you, regards Helen

sunshine35446.yuku.com/forum/viewtopic/id/1907

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Re:Radiofrequency treatment

Posted by Kim - 29 May 2008 00:17

Hi Helen

Thanks for this post. Unlike other websites, we welcome any links that may help anyone living with chronic pain. Not being medically qualified, I cannot comment but I will send the link on to DocSarah. I know she has been on holiday and her home computer is fritzed.

I cannot populate the forum due to eye problems but I do try to monitor what is going on. At the moment

I can't print out so cannot always read until I get some help.

Perhaps others might like to track down any other links that can help?

Kind regards

Kim

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Re:Radiofrequency treatment

Posted by Kim - 29 May 2008 00:26

Hi Elizabeth

Replied to Helen. Sorry this forum is not so well populated but I have eye problems but am getting them sorted I hope. Will refer to DocSarah as I am not medically qualified. Have checked out the links but unlike other Forums I would never delete them, as they have with theAword. Any information may help just one other person and that is all we are about!

Bear with us

Kim

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Re:Radiofrequency treatment

Posted by DocSarah - 04 Jun 2008 18:21

Hi,

it depends on what is being radiofrequency lesioned. Usually it is facet joint nerves. To be honest, the evidence base for this treatment is not good for medium to long term results. Sadly, back pain is far too complex for a single (or series of) injection to be fully effective in getting rid of the pain. I would also counsel caution for anyone with AA, avoid injections if possible.

I don't know what medication you are on?

Regards,

DocSarah

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Re:Radiofrequency treatment

Posted by Catlover1 - 05 Jun 2008 09:00

Doc. Sarah,

The neurosurgeon mentioned something about minimising nerve sensation, and that the effect should last for a few weeks?months?

I am not a candidate for a Pain pump as I have rejected a nerve stimulator, and I cannot use a wide range of pain medication because of my Acute Intermittant Porphyrria.

Elizabeth

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