

Complications include: Subarachnoid cysts: These are a recognised complication of arachnoiditis, in particular that caused by myelographic dyes or epidural anaesthesia. ([ii](#))

They tend to be more common in the thoracic region than cervical or lumbar. In symptomatic cases, clinical presentation is generally non-specific, although there may be a sensory level, unlike in uncomplicated arachnoiditis.

Surgical excision or drainage is often successful, provided that there is early intervention.

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Complications

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Tseng SH, Lin SM *Clin Neurol Neurosurg* 1997 Dec; 99(4): 256-8 Surgical treatment of thoracic arachnoiditis with multiple subarachnoid cysts caused by epidural anesthesia.