

Major complications of regional anaesthesia and perioperative spinal cord or nerve injury

What are RCoA National Audit Projects?

Prospective, nationwide evaluations which study rare complications associated with anaesthesia to identify risks and improve patient safety.

What is NAP8 looking for?

Did the patient suffer harm as a result of either?	
Regional Anaesthesia	Not Regional Anaesthesia
Major complication of regional anaesthesia or local anaesthetic infiltration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peripheral nerve block Central neuraxial block Surgical local anaesthetic infiltration. 	Perioperative nerve injury (where unlikely to be directly related to the operative procedure) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peripheral nerve injury with deficit, eg compression, positioning, tourniquet Spinal cord injury.

Help us to identify patients

- New motor or sensory deficit after surgery.
- Suspected spinal cord injury.
- Symptoms not fully explained by surgical factors.



Inform your local co-ordinator

Contact the local NAP8 co-ordinator in your hospital and continue standard care.

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