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Information for you: Regional Anaesthesia

Spinal or epidural

Very common or common:

- Low blood pressure
- Itching
- Inability to pass urine
- Headache (1:300). May need intervention
- Feeling sick
- Pain and bruising at injection site

Uncommon:

Temporary nerve damage

Rare or very Rare:

- Permanent nerve damage due to direct injury, haematoma (blood clot) or infection (1:23,500-1:50,000)
- Toxic effect of the drugs

Very common	1:10
Common	1:100
Uncommon	1:1000
Rare	1:10,000
Very Rare	1:100,000

If you plan to stay awake during surgery but your block gives you inadequate pain relief or fails; you will be offered additional pain relief or a general anaesthetic

Peripheral Nerve Blocks

A. For all blocks:

Very common or common:

- Pain and bruising at injection site
- Temporary nerve damage. Usually resolves in 4-6 weeks

Rare or very rare:

- Permanent nerve damage
- Drug toxicity

B. Upper Limb (Shoulder/Arm/Hand):

- Drooping of eyelids
- Hoarseness of voice
- Inability to take a deep breath
- Pneumothorax (air around lung lining).

C. Trunk Blocks:

- Injury to internal organs

D. Lower Limb: (Thigh/Leg/Ankle)

- All generic (see section A)

I consent to having a nerve block for
I understand the risks associated with the anaesthetic technique as presented above.

Patient's Name
Patient's Signature

Date

Anaesthetist's Name
Anaesthetist's Signature

Date
Job Title