

**MALATTIA DOLORE E RETE  
TERRITORIALE IL DIRITTO DEL  
PAZIENTE AD ESSERE CREDUTO**

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# **DOLORE ONCOLOGICO CRONICO**

## **Tecniche invasive algologiche**

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# Chronic Pain Syndromes Associated with Cancer Treatment

## Chemotherapy-Related Pain Syndromes

### ➤ **Chemotherapy-Related Pain Syndromes**

Bony complications of long-term corticosteroids – Avascular necrosis – Vertebral compression fractures • Carpal tunnel syndrome • Chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy • Raynaud's syndrome

### ➤ **Hormonal Therapy-Related Pain Syndromes**

Arthralgias • Dyspareunia • Gynecomastia • Myalgias • Osteoporotic compression fractures

### ➤ **Radiation-Related Pain Syndromes**

Chest wall syndrome • Cystitis • Enteritis and proctitis • Fistula formation • Lymphedema • Myelopathy • Osteoporosis Osteoradionecrosis and fractures • Painful secondary malignancies • Peripheral mononeuropathies • Plexopathies – brachial, sacral.

### ➤ **Stem Cell Transplant Mediated Graft Versus Host Disease •**

Arthralgias/myalgias • Dyspareunia, vaginal pain • Dysuria • Eye pain • Oral pain and reduced jaw motion • Paresthesias • Scleroderma-like skin changes

### ➤ **Surgical Pain Syndromes**

Lymphedema • Post-amputation phantom pain • Post-mastectomy pain • Post-radical neck dissection pain • Postsurgery pelvic floor pain • Post-thoractomy pain/frozen shoulder • Post-surgery extremity pain (e.g. sarcoma)

# Prevalence of pain

- In particular, pain prevalence was 64% in patients with metastatic, advanced or terminal phases of the disease, 59% in patients on anticancer treatment and 33% in patients after curative treatment.

# Prevalence of pain

- The 10-15 % of patients do not get benefits from conventional therapies with opioids and non opioids.

Van den Beuken et al. Prevalence of pain in patient with cancer: a systematic review of the past 40 years. Ann. Oncol. 2007; 18: 1437-1449

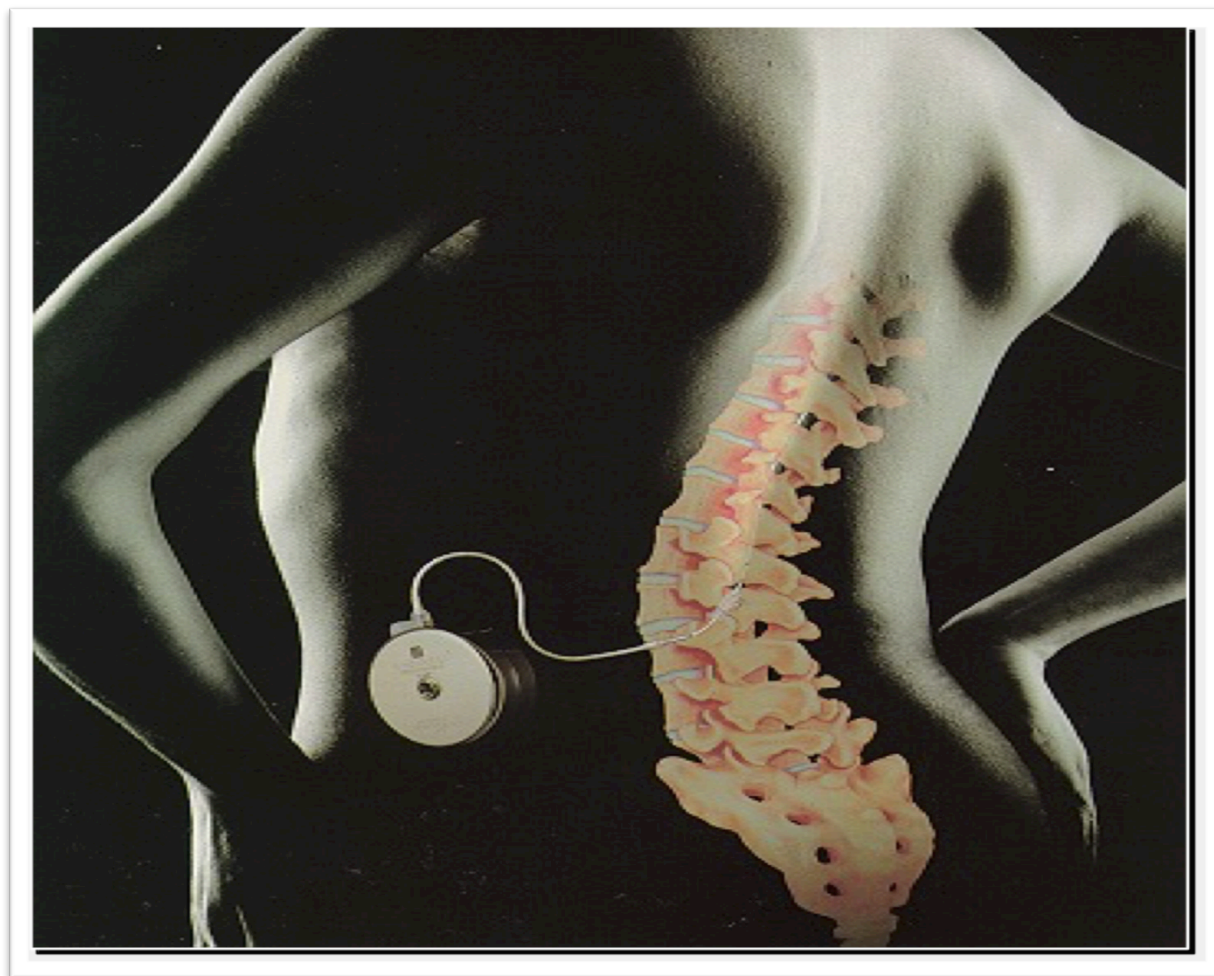
# Disciplines and Interventions for Chronic Pain

Disciplines	Examples of Possible Interventions	Strength of Evidence and Recommendation
Physical medicine and rehabilitation	Physical therapy, occupational therapy, recreational therapy, individualized exercise program, orthotics, ultrasound, heat/cold	Type: Evidence-based; benefits outweigh harms Evidence quality: Intermediate Strength of Recommendation: Moderate
Integrative Therapies	Massage, acupuncture, music	Type: Evidence-based; benefits outweigh harms Evidence quality: Low Strength of Recommendation: Weak
Interventional Therapies	Nerve blocks, neuraxial infusion (epidural/intrathecal), vertebroplasty/kyphoplasty	Type: Evidence-based; benefits outweigh harms Evidence quality: Intermediate Strength of Recommendation: Moderate
Psychological Approaches	Cognitive behavioral therapy, distraction, mindfulness, relaxation, guided imagery	Type: Evidence-based; benefits outweigh harms Evidence quality: Intermediate Strength of Recommendation: Moderate
Neurostimulatory	TENS, spinal cord stimulation, peripheral nerve stimulation, transcranial stimulation	Type: Evidence-based; benefits outweigh harms Evidence quality: Low Strength of Recommendation: Weak

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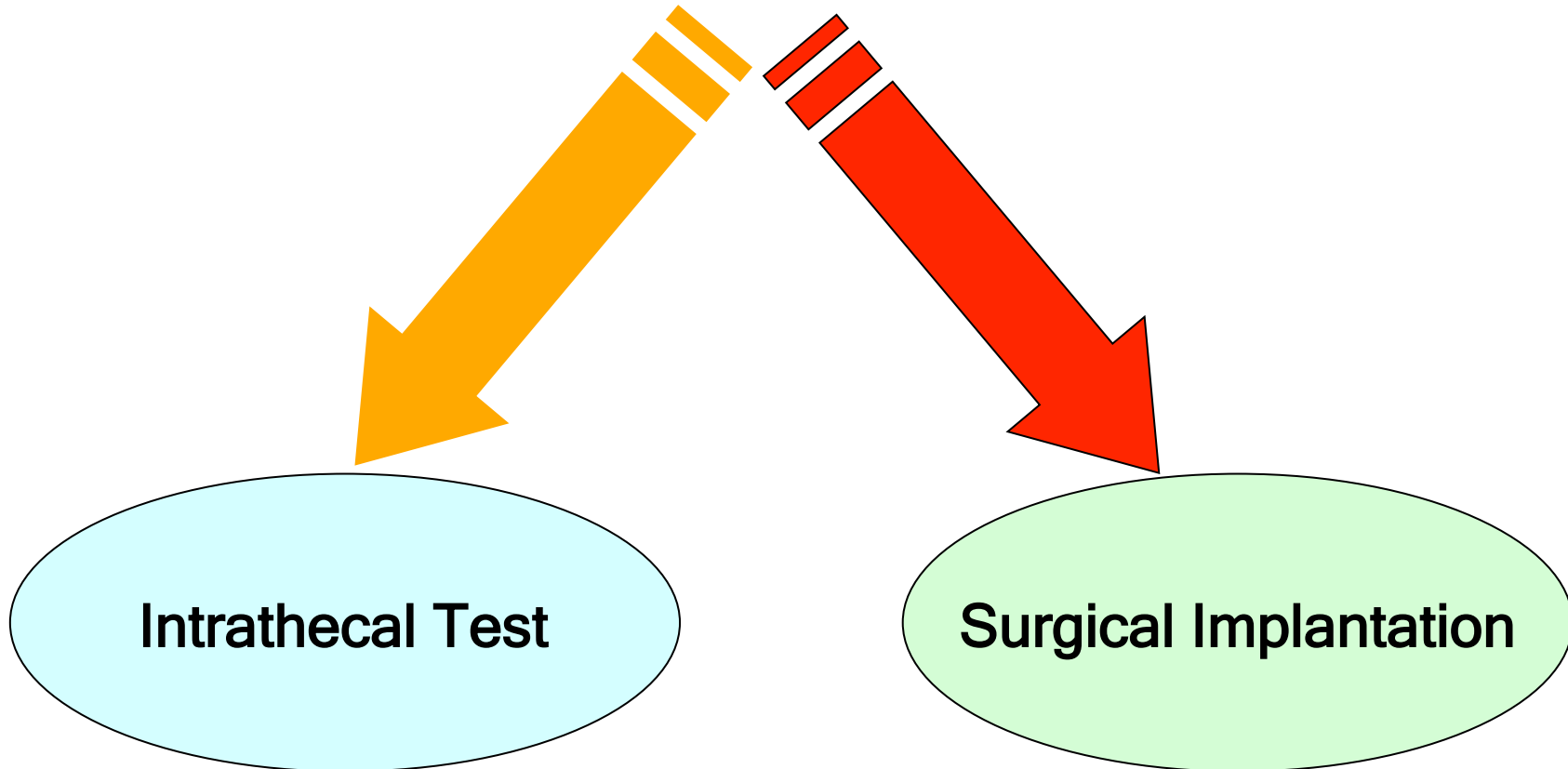
# **IMPLANTABLE DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM**

# Neuroaxial infusion





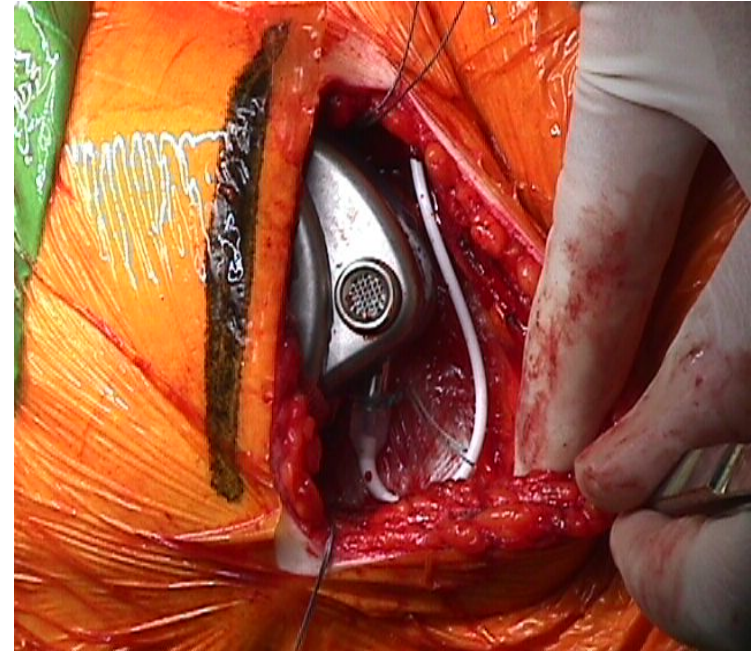
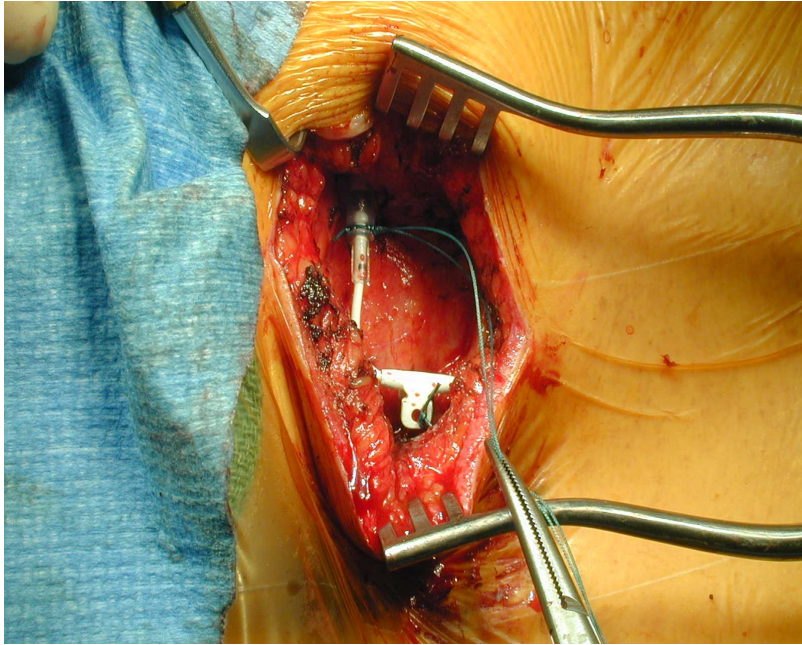
# Surgery



# Surgical technique



# Surgical technique



# Drugs

- Local anesthetics (bupivacaine)
- Opioid (morphine, hydromorphone, fentanyl, sufentanil)
- Centrally acting muscle relaxant (baclofen)
- Calcium Channel Inhibitors (ziconotide)
- Other (clonidine, gabapentin, etc.)

# Drugs

- Lipophilic agents are more likely to be taken up by the systemic circulation than hydrophilic agents, as they diffuse easier across cell layers. Hence, hydrophilic opioids such as morphine and hydromorphone are sometimes preferred over hydrophobic opioids as they can diffuse in the CSF and have a higher chance of reaching target areas in the superficial layers of the dorsal horn that may not be immediately adjacent to the catheter tip.

# Clinical results

- Excellent pain relief in 65-80% of selected patients improvements in activities of daily living a reduction in the side effects seen with oral / parenteral narcotics or tolerance and dependence.
- Less sedation and constipation compared with systemic drugs.
- Doses lower than those required with oral and intravenous methods, or the equivalent of 1/300 of an oral dose of morphine can often lead to an effective pain relief
- Patients switching from the administration of oral medication to the intrathecal have a better long-term relief of pain.

1. Winkelmuller M et al. *Journal of Neurosurgery* 1996;85:458-67

2. Penn R, Paice J. *J Neurosurg* 1987;67:182-6\

3. Paice J et al. *J Pain Symptom Manage* 1996;11:71-80 1997;14 (suppl. 3):S27-3

4. Follett K et al. *Pain* 1992;49:21-25

5. Gilmer-Hill H et al. *Surg Neurol* 1999; 51:6-11

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# Implantable Drug Delivery System

Original article

*Annals of Oncology* 16: 825–833, 2005

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**An implantable drug delivery system (IDDS) for refractory cancer pain provides sustained pain control, less drug-related toxicity, and possibly better survival compared with comprehensive medical management (CMM)**

T. J. Smith<sup>1\*</sup>, P. J. Coyne<sup>1</sup>, P. S. Staats<sup>2</sup>, T. Deer<sup>3</sup>, L. J. Stearns<sup>4</sup>, R. L. Rauck<sup>5</sup>, R. L. Boortz-Marx<sup>6</sup>, E. Buchser<sup>7</sup>, E. Català<sup>8</sup>, D. A. Bryce<sup>9</sup>, M. Cousins<sup>10</sup> & G. E. Pool<sup>6</sup> for the Implantable Drug Delivery Systems Study Group

At 4 weeks 67% pain reduction > 20% vs 36% of the conventional therapy At 6 months 32% of patients in the conventional therapy had survived vs 52% of implanted patients undergoing

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# **SPINAL CORD STIMULATION**



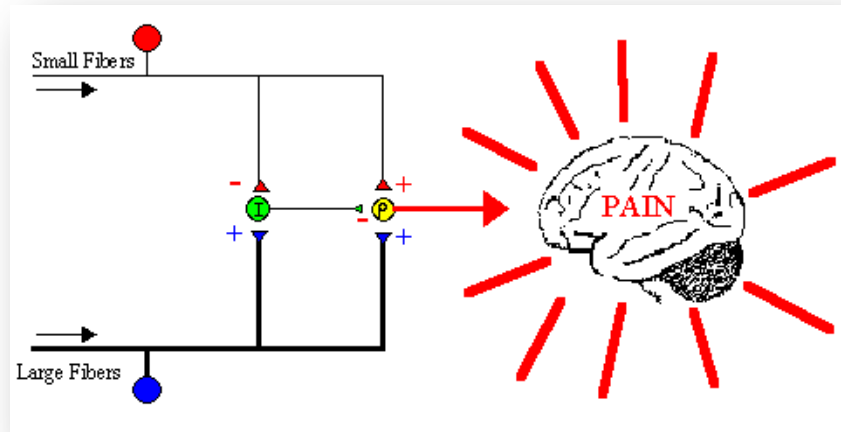
# Spinal Cord Stimulation

## Chronic cancer pain

- The 15-40% of cancer patients showed a chronic pain; the first available technology, not compatible with MRI, required for controls, reduced the use of SCS in these patients.



# Gate Control Theory



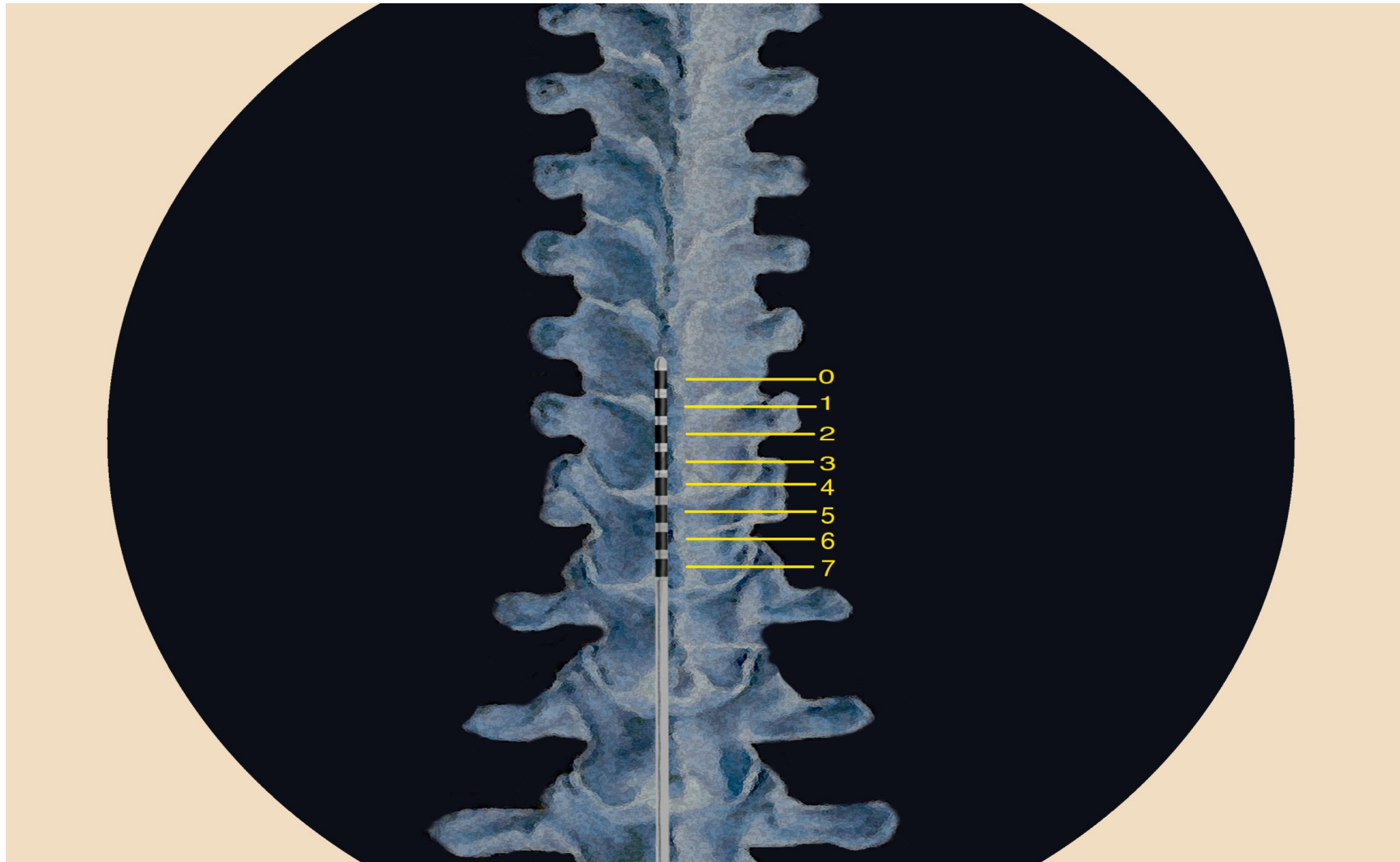
- Without any stimulation, both large and small nerve fibers are quiet and the inhibitory interneuron (I) blocks the signal in the projection neuron (P) that connects to the brain. The "gate is closed" and therefore *NO PAIN*.
- With pain stimulation, small nerve fibers become active. They activate the projection neurons (P) and **BLOCK** the inhibitory interneuron (I). Because activity of the inhibitory interneuron is blocked, it **CANNOT** block the output of the projection neuron that connects with the brain. The "gate is open", therefore, *PAIN*.
- With non-painful stimulation, large nerve fibers are activated primarily. This activates the projection neuron (P), **BUT** it **ALSO** activates the inhibitory interneuron (I) which then **BLOCKS** the signal in the projection neuron (P) that connects to the brain. The "gate is closed" and therefore *NO PAIN*.

# Electrode placement

- The positioning of the leads requires patient cooperation, in particular when they are used for percutaneous leads.
- The ideal position of the lead is in the posterior epidural space, on the same side of the median pain or in the case of bilateral pain.
- Bilateral pain often requires two leads.

<b>Paresthetica coverage</b>	<b>Target</b>
<b>Upper Limb</b>	<b>C3–C5</b>
<b>Chest</b>	<b>T1–T2</b>
<b>Lower back eand lower limb</b>	<b>T8–T9</b>
<b>Foot</b>	<b>T12–L1</b>

# Surgical technique



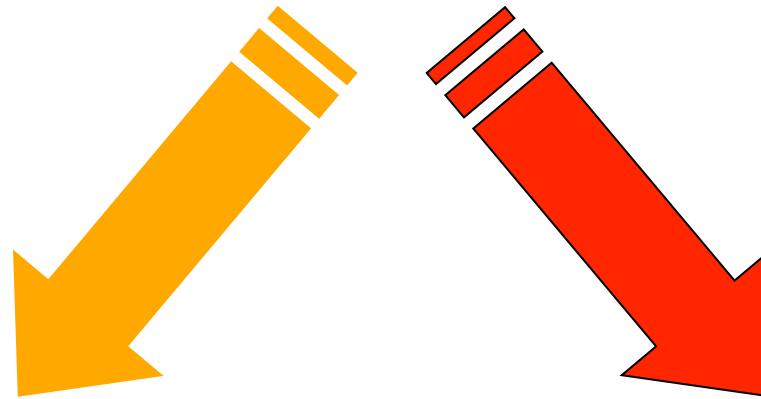
# Clinical indication

- Neuropathic pain in the limbs after surgery to the lumbar or cervical - FBSS
- Complex regional pain syndrome – CRPS Neuropathic pain secondary to nerve damage peripheral
- pain associated with vascular damage Peripheral Refractory angina pectoris
- Traumatic brachial plexopathy (partial) and post-irradiation

# Clinical indication

- Post amputation pain
- Axial pain following spinal surgery
- Intercostal neuralgia (eg. Post thoracotomy or post-herpetic neuropathy)
- Pain associated with partial spinal cord injury
- Other peripheral neuropathic pain syndromes (eg. Post-traumatic) diabetic neuropathy

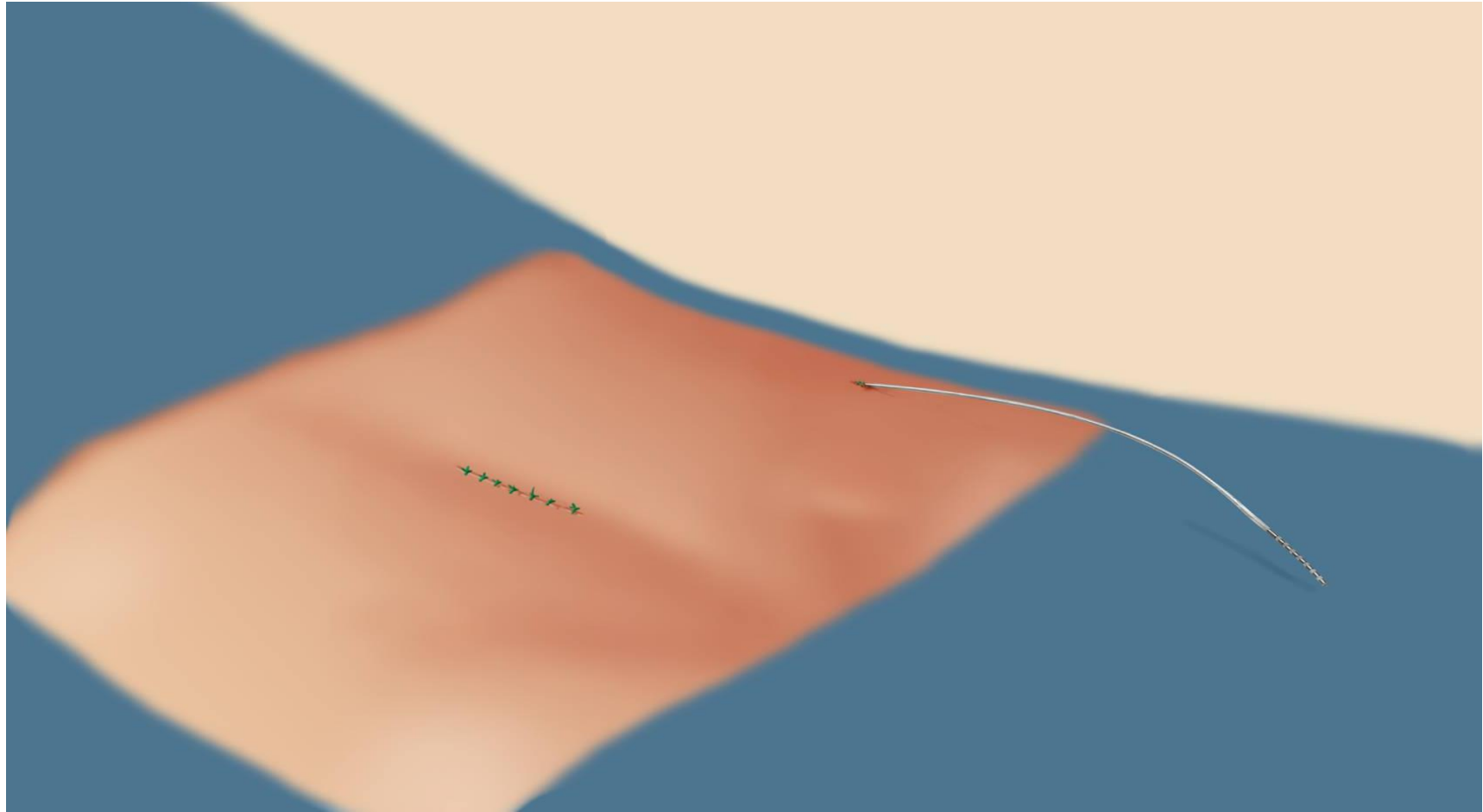
# Surgery



**Test phase**

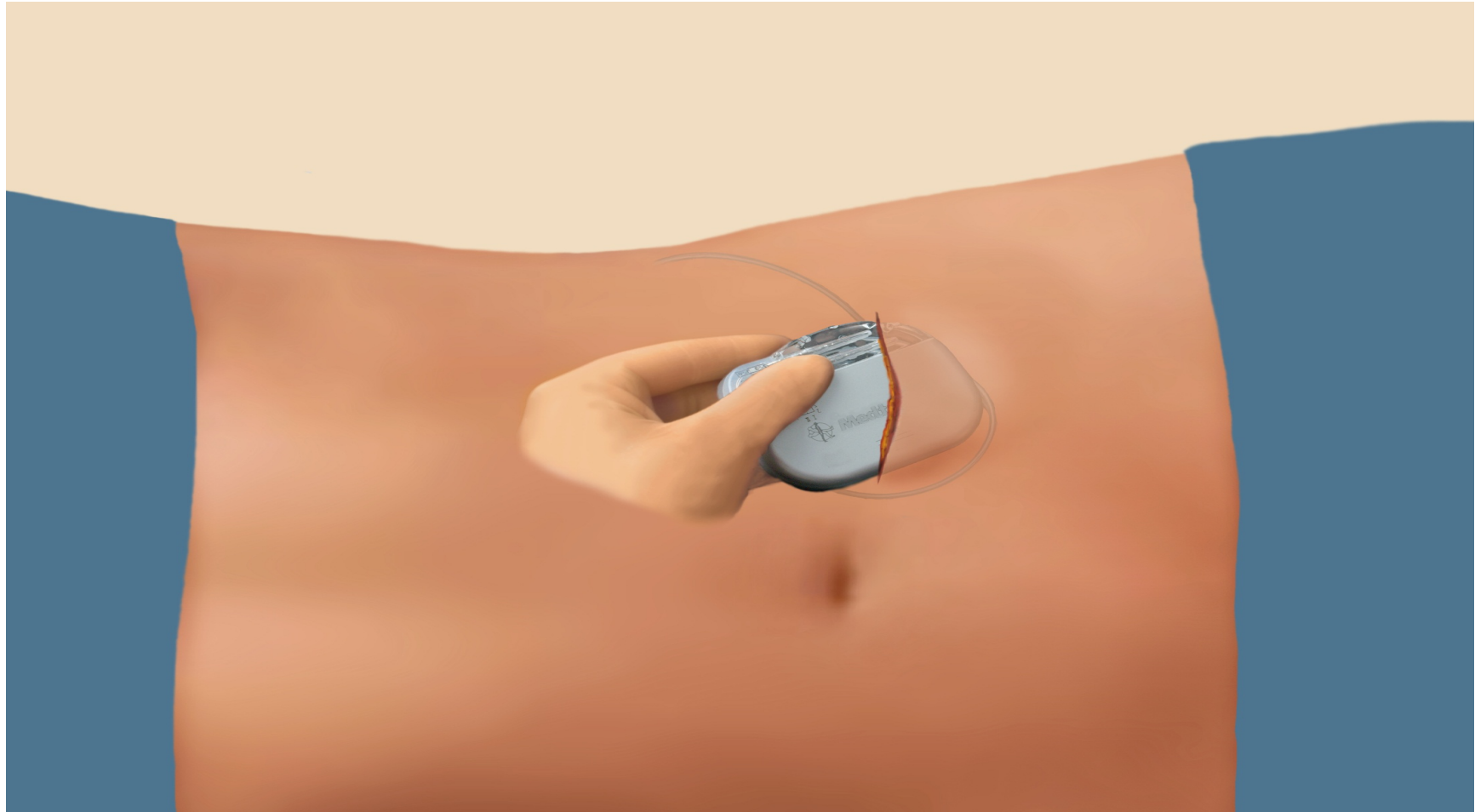
**Final phase**

# Surgical technique

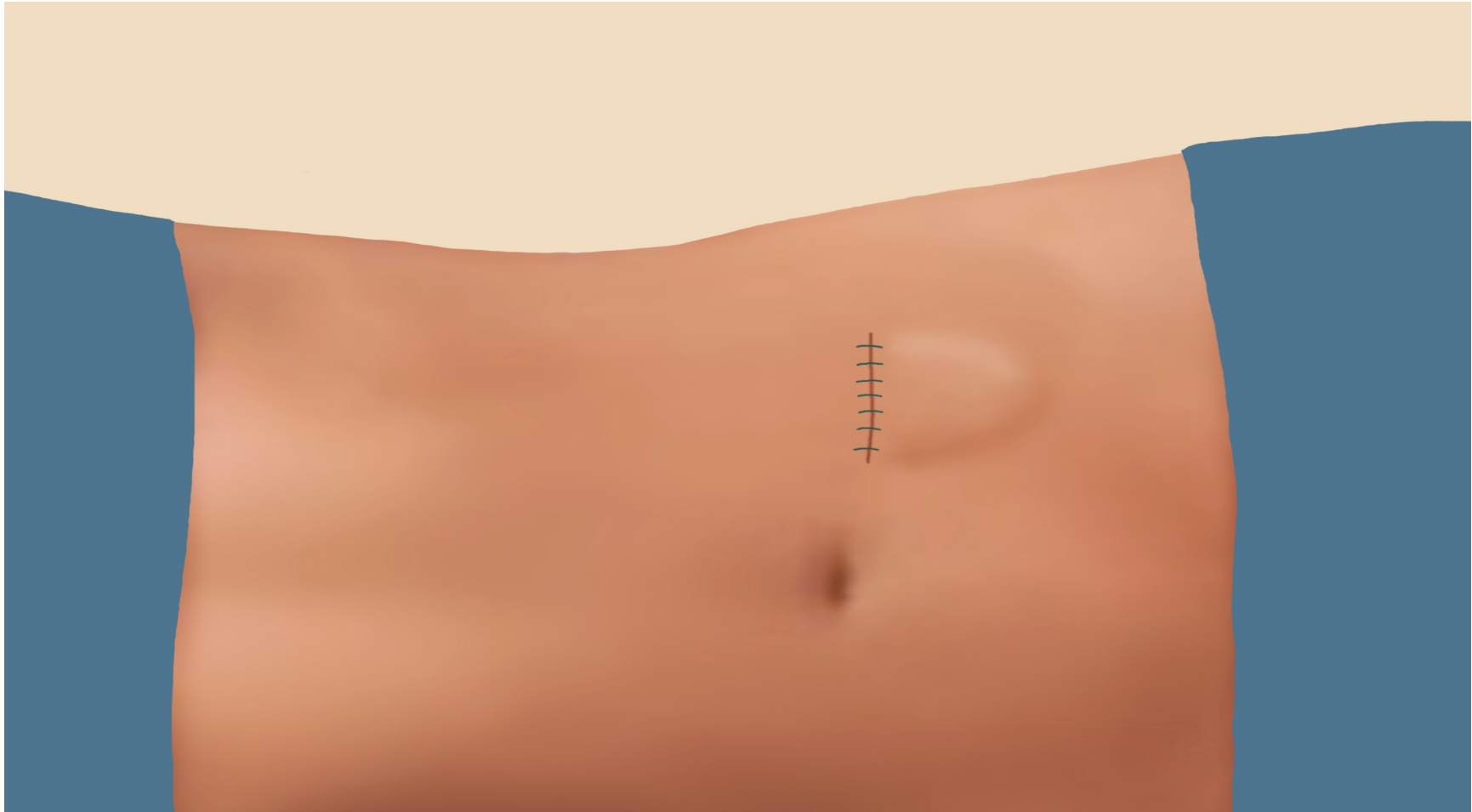




# Surgical technique



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# **VERTEBROPLASTY WITH SPINAL TUMOR ABLATION RADIOFREQUENCY**

# Incidence

## Bone Metastases: A large, underserved patient group

Metastatic Bone Disease is prevalent in many types of cancer

Cancer	Five-Year World Prevalence <sup>1</sup>	Incidence of bone metastases in cancers <sup>2</sup>	Median Survival (Months) <sup>2,3</sup>
<b>Myeloma</b>	144.000	70% - 95%	6 - 54
<b>Renal</b>	480.000	20% - 25%	6
<b>Melanoma</b>	533.000	14% - 45%	6
<b>Thyroid</b>	475.000	60%	48
<b>Lung</b>	1.394.000	30% - 40%	6
<b>Breast</b>	3.860.000	65% - 75%	19 - 25
<b>Prostate</b>	1.555.000	65% - 75%	12 - 53

1 Ferlay J, Bray F, Pisani P, Parkin DM. GLOBOCAN 2000: Cancer incidence, mortality and prevalence worldwide, version 1.0. IARC CancerBase No. 5, Lyon, IARCPress, 2001  
Available at: <http://www.dep.iarc.fr/globocan/cdrom.htm>. Accessed February 26, 2004.

2 Coleman RE. Metastatic bone disease: clinical features, pathophysiology and treatment strategies. Cancer Treat Rev 2001;27:165-176

3 Coleman RE. Skeletal complications of malignancy. Cancer 1997;80 (suppl):1588-1594

# Nature of spine metastases

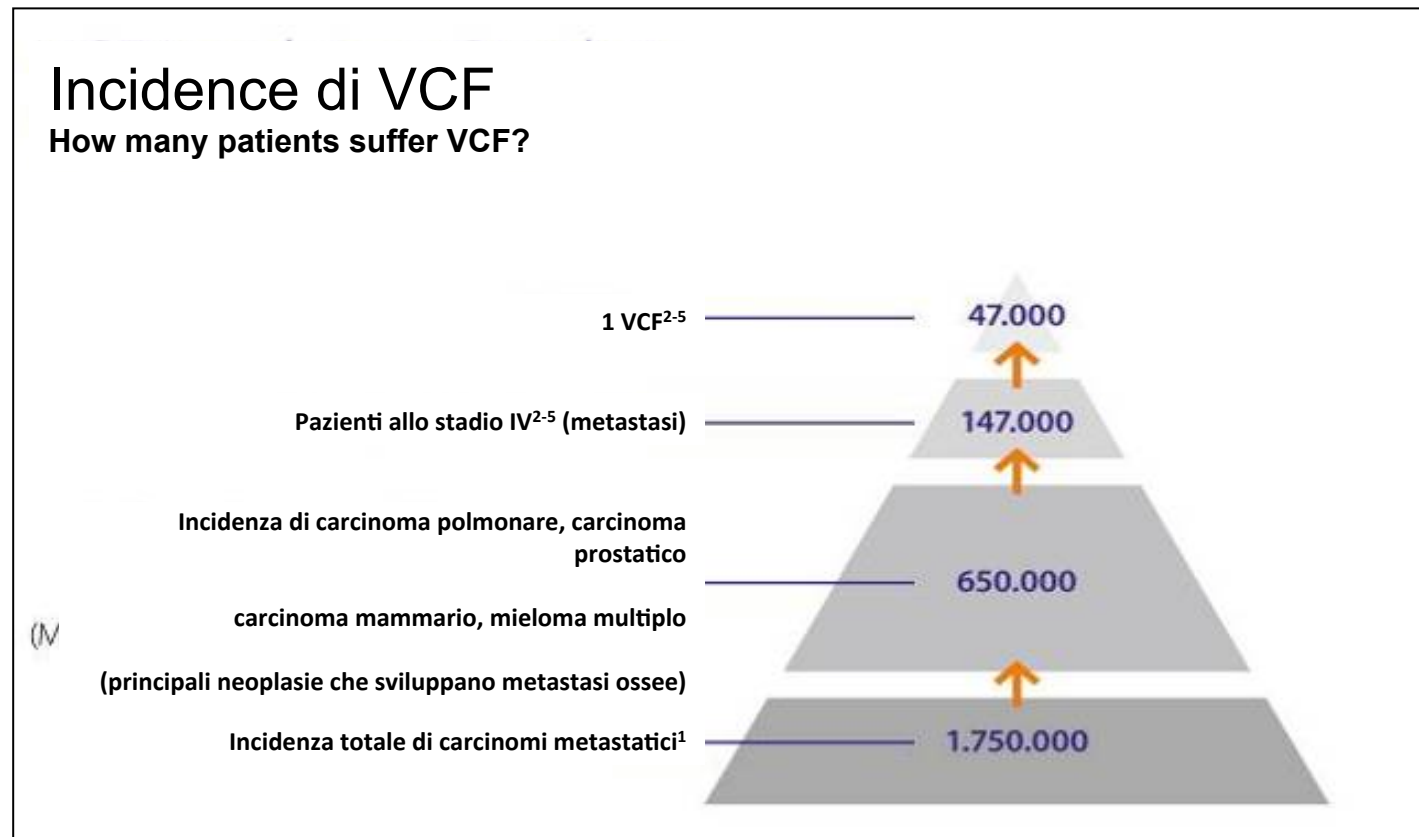
## Nature of Spine Metastases

Type and Extent of Lesion	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Osteoblastic	45	8,0%
<b>Osteolytic</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>70,9%</b>
<b>Mixed</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>21,1%</b>
Involving 1 Vertebra	77	13,4%
<b>Involving &gt; 1 Vertebra</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>86,3%</b>
Lesion of entire Vertebra	81	14,4%
Lesion of Vertebral Body	252	44,8%
Lesion of Posterior Arch	228	40,5%

**Metastatic Spinal Metastases are commonly osteolytic and affect multiple vertebrae.**

- 600 cases of spinal metastases were reviewed of which 563 had characteristics of bone lesions
- Examined according to clinical characteristics, type of primary tumor, site of lesion, and survival
- Active treatment occurred in all but 7 of the cases

# Incidence of Vertebral Compression Fractures in cancer patients (Western Europe)



GLOBOCAN (WE)

Hortobagay et al, "Efficacy of Pamidronate in reducing skeletal event in patients with breast cancer and lytic bone metastases", NEJM, Vol. 335, No. 24, pagg. 1785-1791

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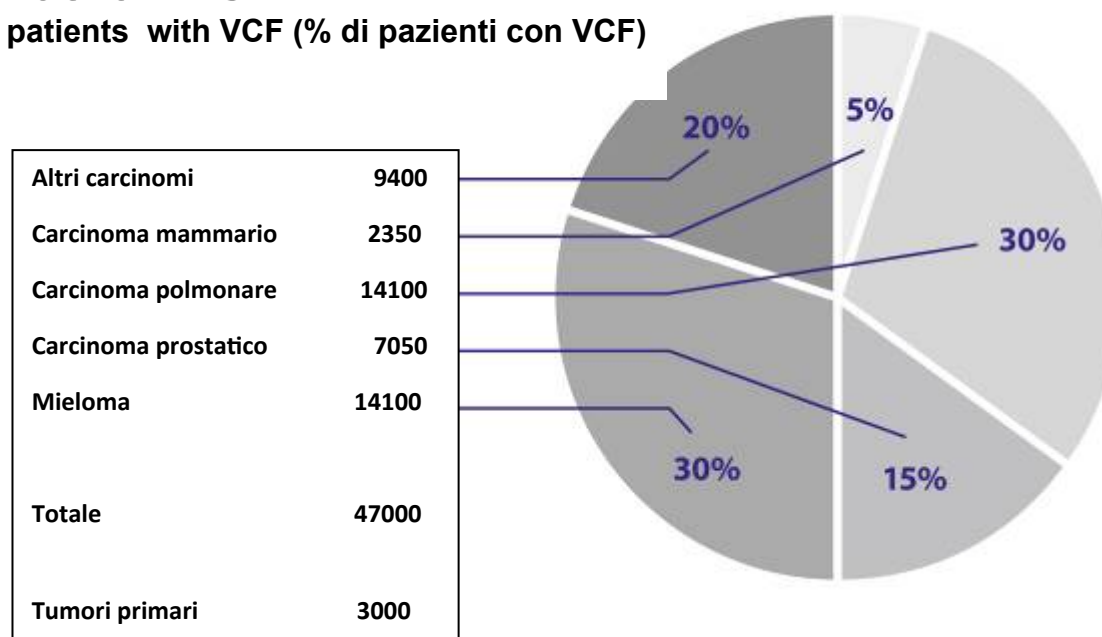
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# Incidence of Vertebral Compression Fractures in cancer patients (Western Europe)

## Incidence of VCF

Number of patients with VCF (% di pazienti con VCF)



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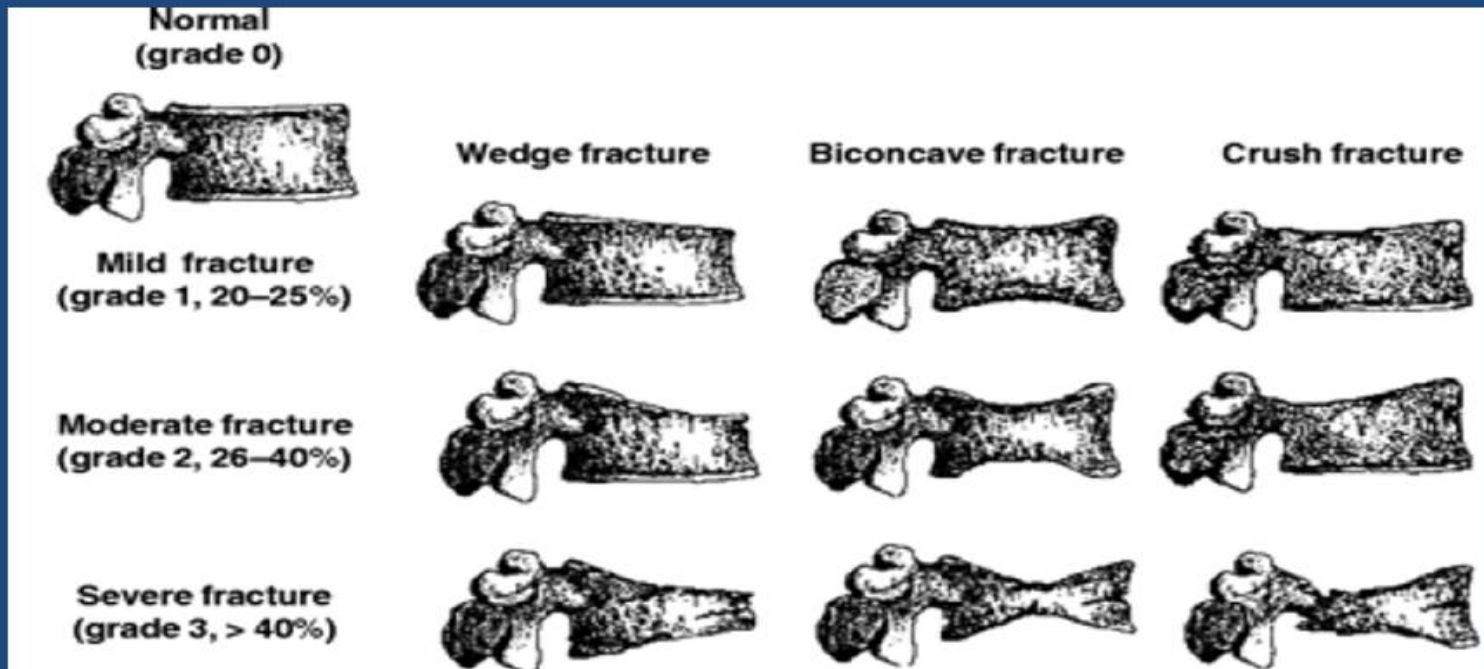
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# Classification vertebral fractures

## CLASSIFICAZIONE DI GENANT

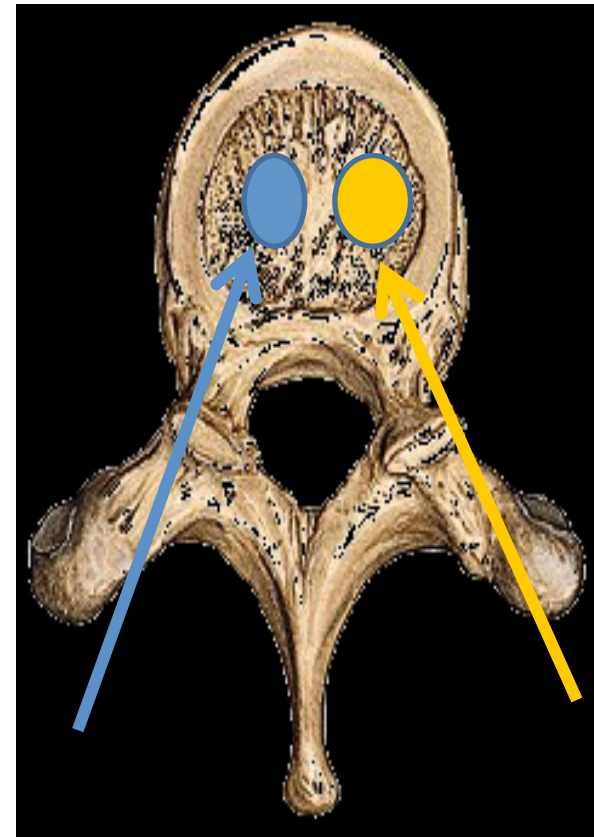




# Kyphoplasty: clinical indications

- Fracture >30%
- Lower risk of cement leakage
- Restore vertebral body height
- Approach bipeduncolare

# Kyphoplasty: approach bipeduncolare



# Kyphoplasty: approach bipeduncolare



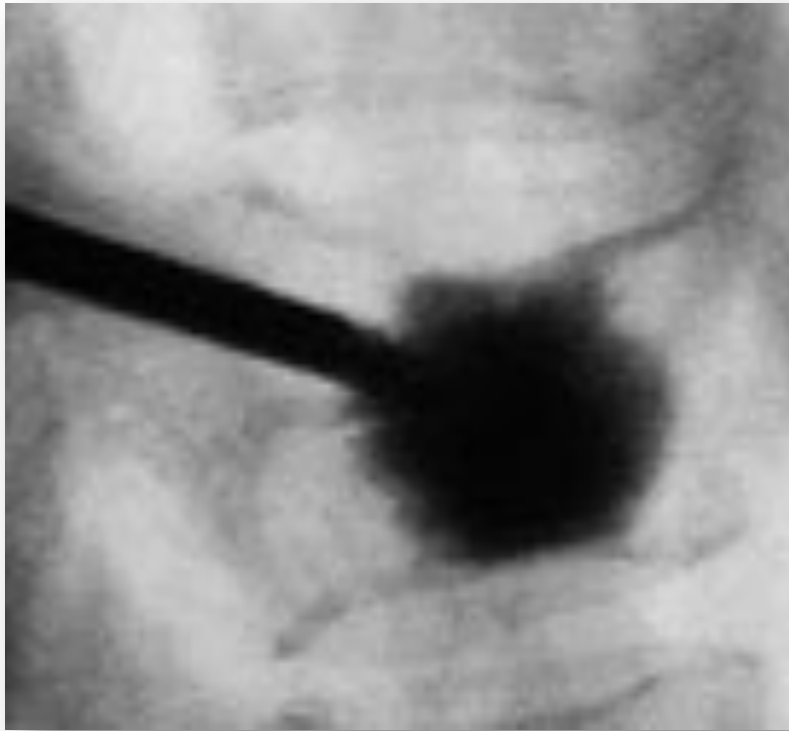
# Vertebroplasty: clinical indications

- Fracture < 30%
- Injection of high pressure cement into the vertebral body
- Approach monopeduncolare
- Packaging of the cement storage space through the use of an osteotome

# Vertebroplasty: approach monopeduncolare



# Vertebroplasty: approach monopeduncolare



# Spinal Tumor Ablation Radiofrequency

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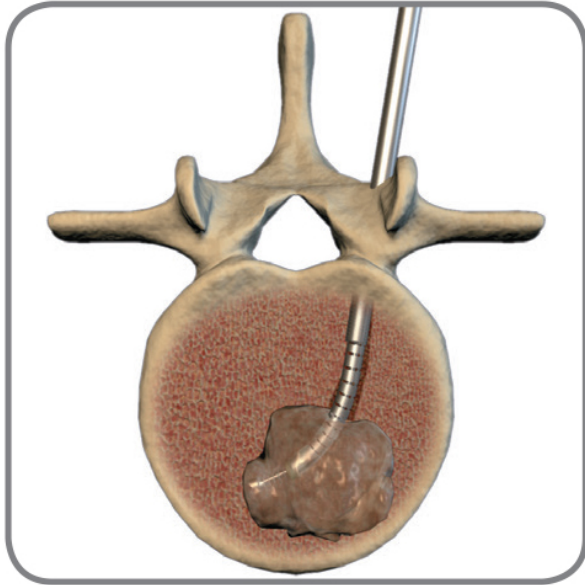
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TUMOR

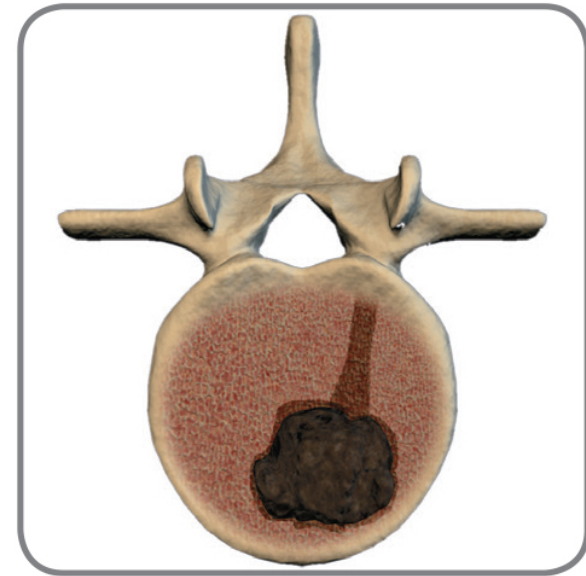
ABLATION

RADIOFREQUENCY

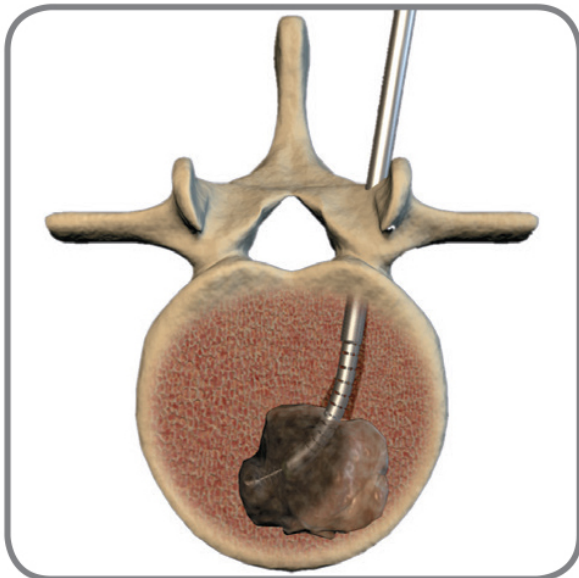




*Device placed*



*Tumor ablated*



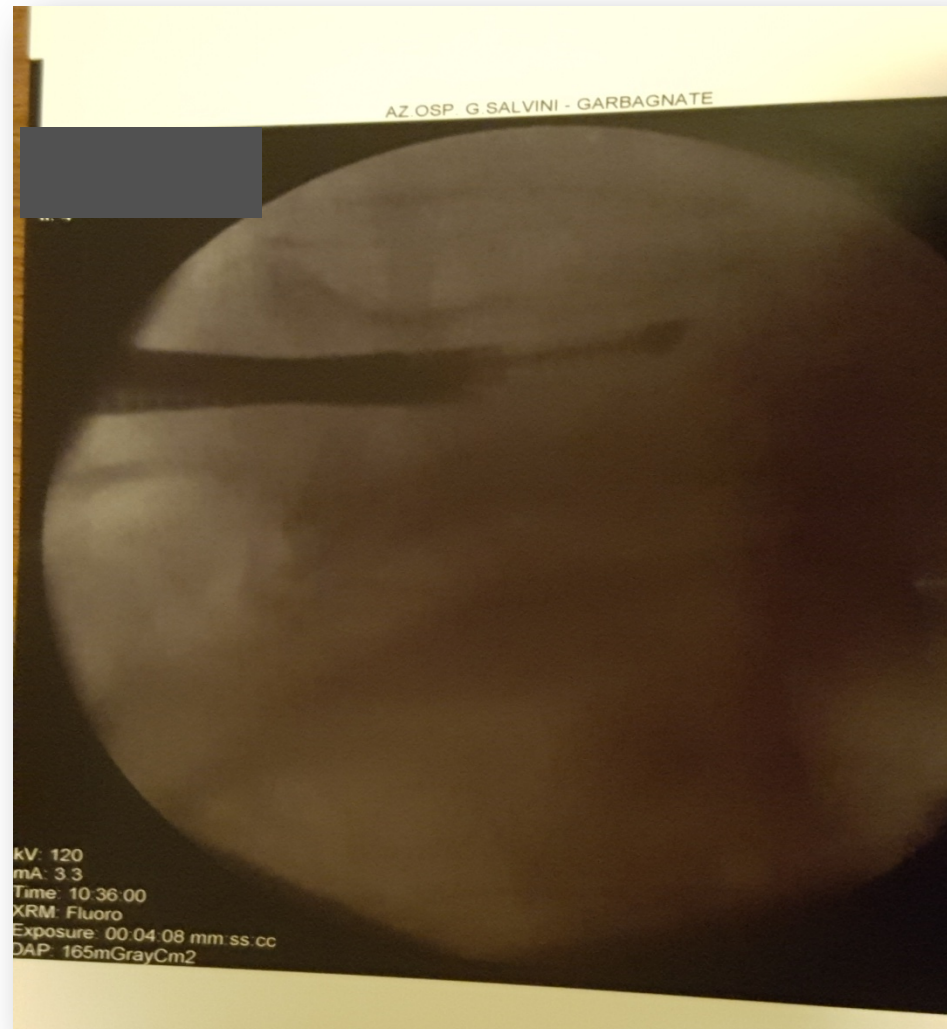
*RF energy delivered*

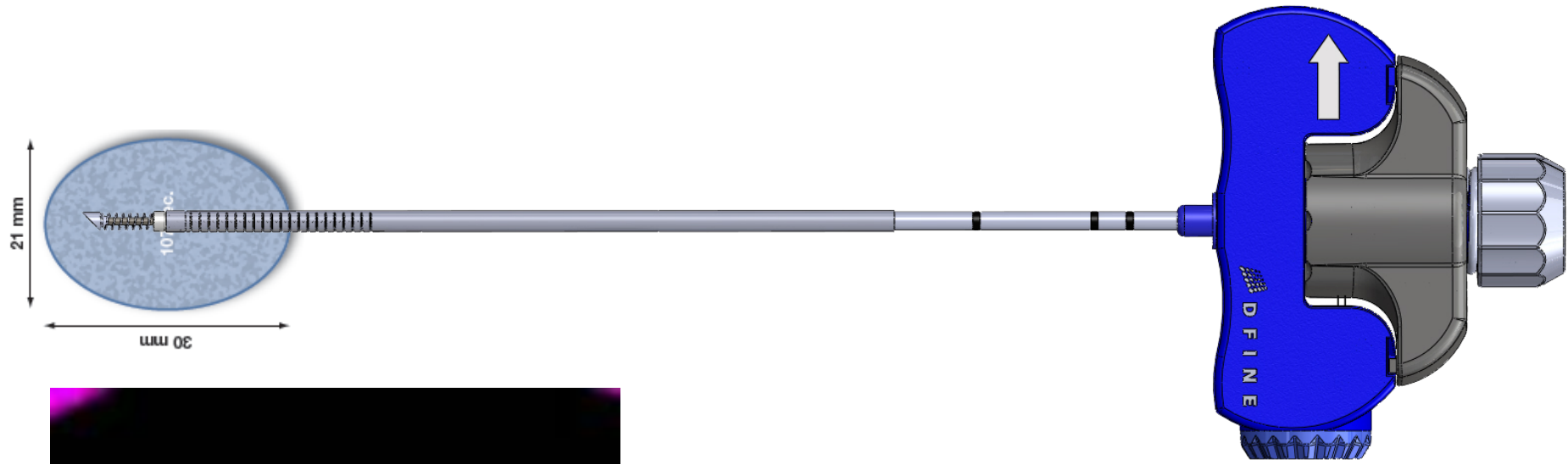


*Tumor ablated + augmented*



# S.T.A.R.





RF cycle timer      RF cycle counter      Total time treated

RF Cycle <b>00:29</b>	Cycles <b>02</b>	RF Total <b>00:31</b>	Reset	Reset all inputs
			Cycle	Confirm or reset cycle time
Current impedance level	Distal TC <b>42°C</b>	Proximal TC <b>39°C</b>	Power	Set cycle time or RF energy level
	RF	Power Level 1		

Active RF Delivery

RF energy level indicator

# Patient selection

## 1. Patients selection for ablation

Patients may be offered focal ablative therapy (radio-frequency ablation [RFA] [75] or cryoablation) for painful metastases when 3 factors are present. First, a patient reports moderate or severe pain, typically  $\geq 4$  of 10 for worst pain in a 24-hour period. Second, a patient's local pain is limited to 1 or 2 sites and the patient's pain is associated with a corresponding abnormality evident with cross-sectional imaging. Third, treatment of the patient's painful metastatic lesion must be amenable to the use of ablative devices. Lesions that amenable to ablative therapy are typically osteolytic or mixed osteolytic/osteoblastic in nature or otherwise composed of soft tissue [76]. Exclusion of patients from focal ablative therapy usually occurs when

## Can Radiotherapy be Combined with Radiofrequency Ablation in the Management of Symptomatic Osteolytic Skeletal Metastasis?

Published studies reveal that few data exist on the association between RFA and radiation therapy for the clinical management of skeletal metastases [2]. We hypothesise that radiation therapy and RFA may work synergistically by balancing each other's shortcomings. Radiation therapy is dependent on oxygen for cytotoxicity and is thought to be deficient in killing centrally located tumour cells that are often hypoxic. Conversely, RFA is dependent on the conduction of heat that dissipates with distance from the electrode tip, resulting in decreased efficacy around the tumour edge. Here we report the results from a non-consecutive case series of 11 patients suffering from painful osteolytic skeletal metastases and receiving a combination of RFA and radiation

# Contraindications

- Vertebra plana
- Fracture of the back wall
- Coagulopathy
- Invasion of the medullary space
- PM or other device
- Inability to prone position (COPD)
- Proximity to the spinal cord

# Complication

- Leakage of cement
- New fractures
- Pulmonary embolism

TUMOR CONTROL  
(LOCAL)

PAIN RELIEF

RECOVERY/REGAIN  
OF STABILITY

SKELETAL RELATED  
EVENTS

Resezione chirurgica



Chemioterapia



Radioterapia



Radionuclidi



Bifosfonati/D-Mab



Cemento



Radioablazione



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# **CELIAC PLEXUS BLOCK**



# Celiac plexus block

- It prevents the transmission of pain to the central nervous system.
- Duration from 3 to 6 months.
- Repeatable but less effective than two months.

MCGreevy et al. The effectiveness of repeat celiac plexus neurolysis for pancreatic cancer: a pilot study.

Pain Practice 2012; 13:89-95

# Patients selection

- Visceral Pain  
(upper abdomen cancer)
- Non oncologic pain  
(pancreatitis)

Interventional Pain Treatments for Cancer Pain Paul J. Christo and Danesh Mazloomdoost  
*Department of Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine, Division of Pain Medicine, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, USA*

Ischia, et al. 2000. Celiac block for the treatment of pancreatic pain. *Curr. Rev. Pain.* 4: 127–133.

# Celiac plexus block: disputes

- Better efficacy compared to use of opioids.
- Choise of method.
- Indication for celiac plexus block despite the risk of paraplegia.

# Celiac plexus block: aims

- Pain relief.
- Reducing use of opioids.
- Better quality of life (QoL).

\*Arcidiacono PG et al. Celiac plexus Block dor pancreatic cancer pain in adults. Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2011;CDOO7519.DOI:10.002/14651858.CD007519.pub2

Wong GY et al. Effect of neurolytic celiac plexus block on pain relief,QOL, and survival in patients with unresectable pancreatic cancer: a randomized controlled trial. JAMA 2004; 291:1092-1099

# Celiac plexus block: contraindication

- Use of anticoagulants.
- Coagulopathy.
- Bowel obstruction.
- Calcification of the aorta.
- Neoplastic infiltration of the celiac region.

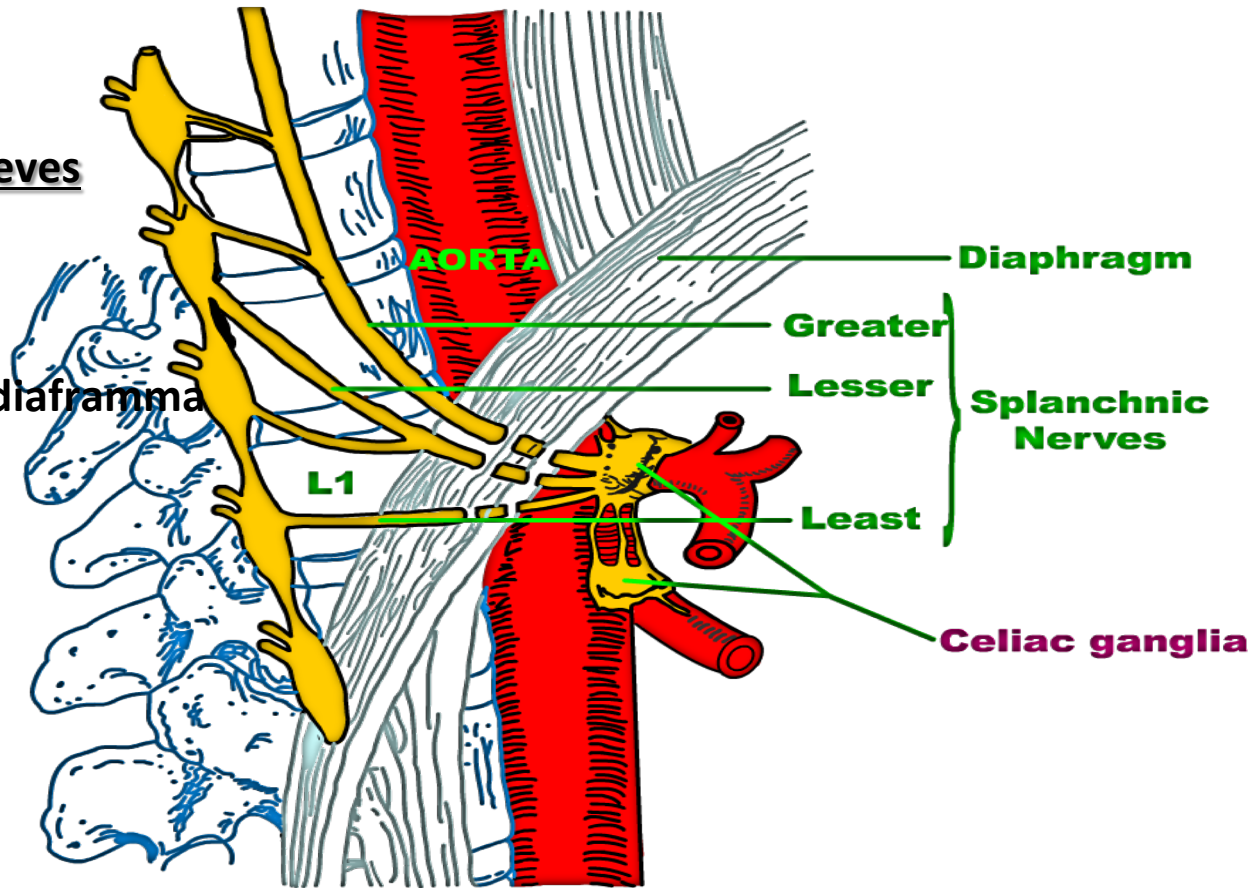
# Celiac plexus and splanchnic nerves

## Splanchnic Nerves

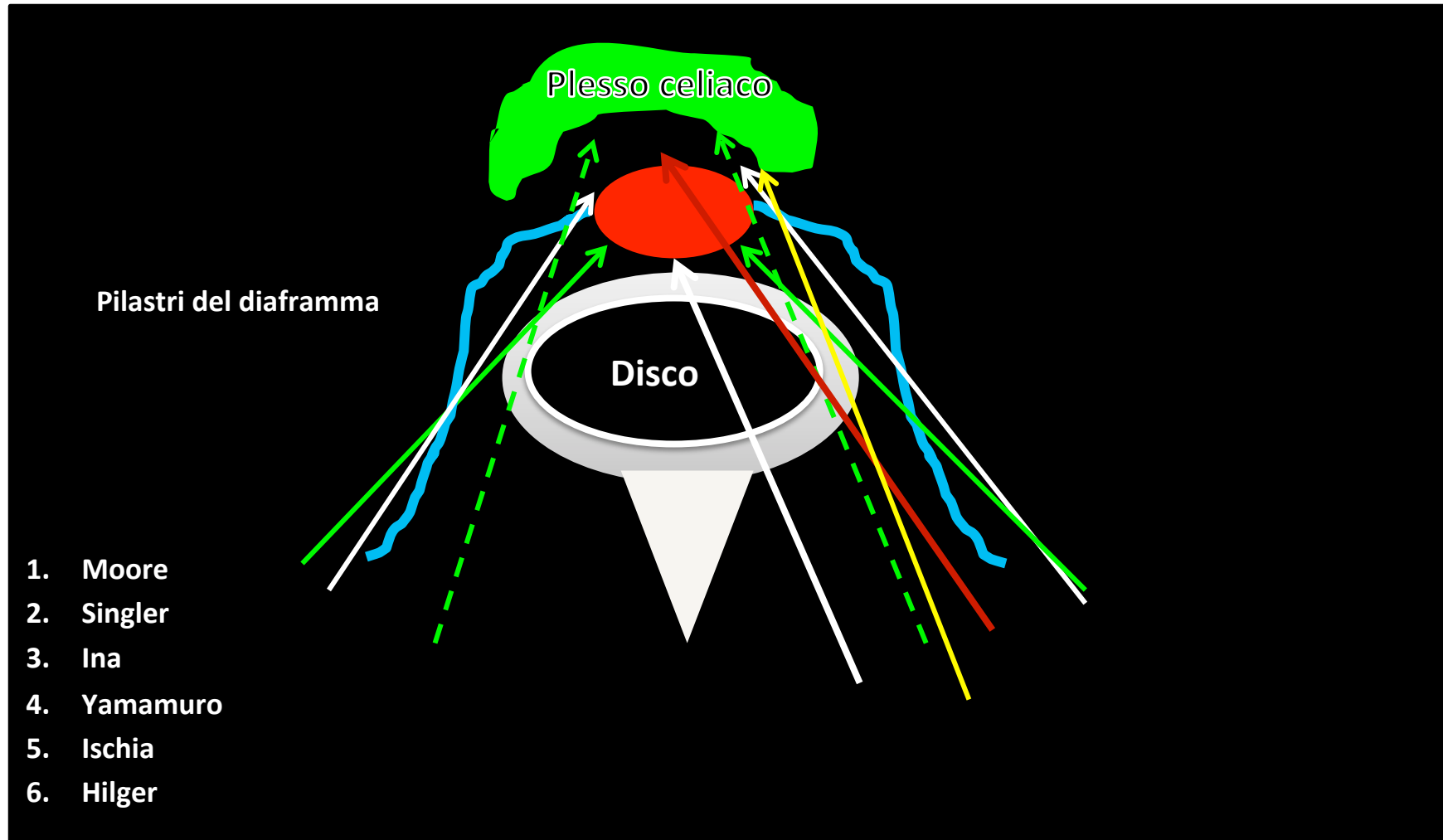
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lateralmente  
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dai vasi



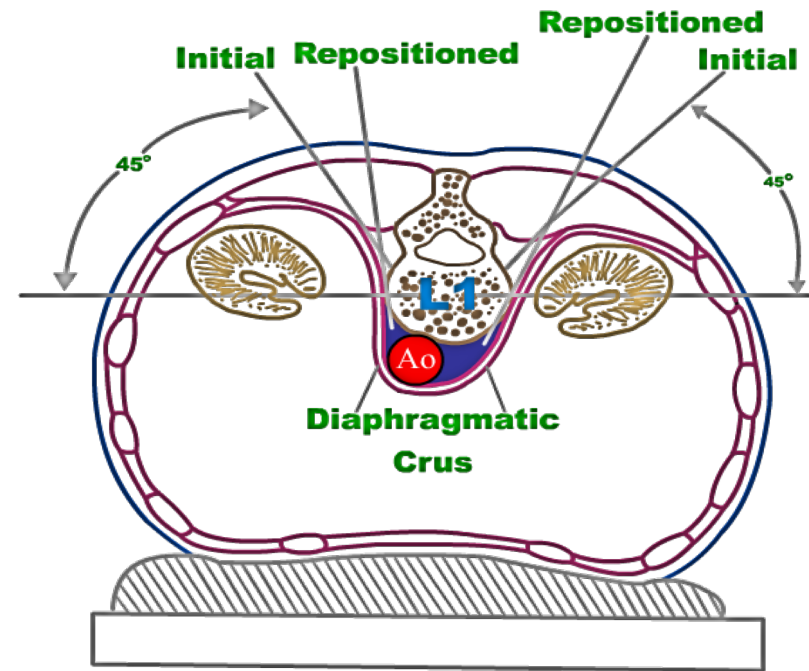
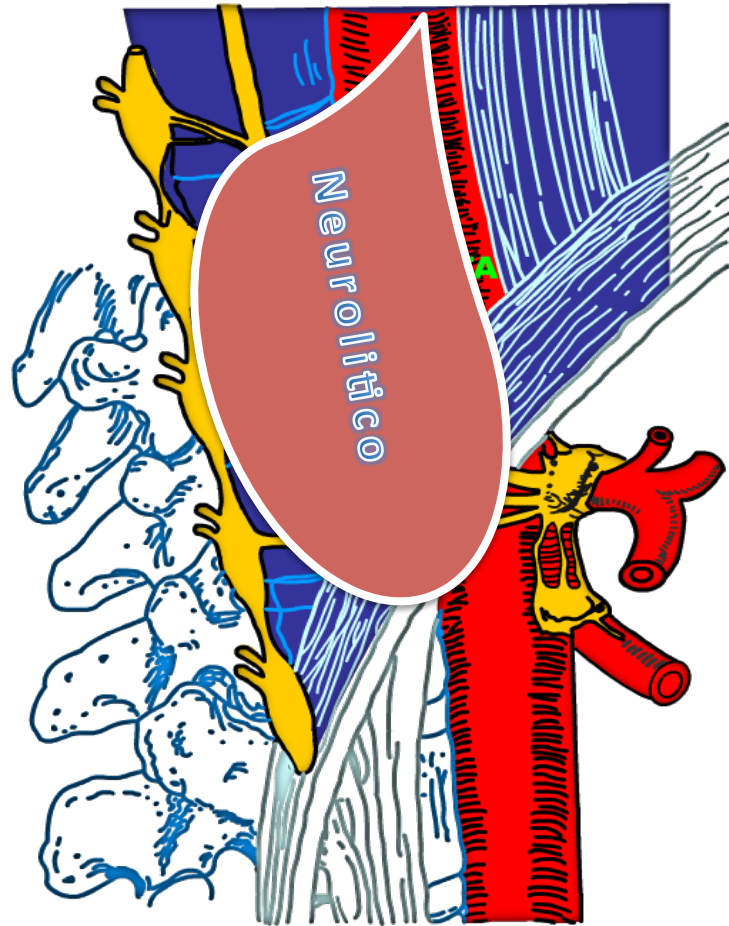
# Celiac plexus block: classification



# Retrocrurale approach

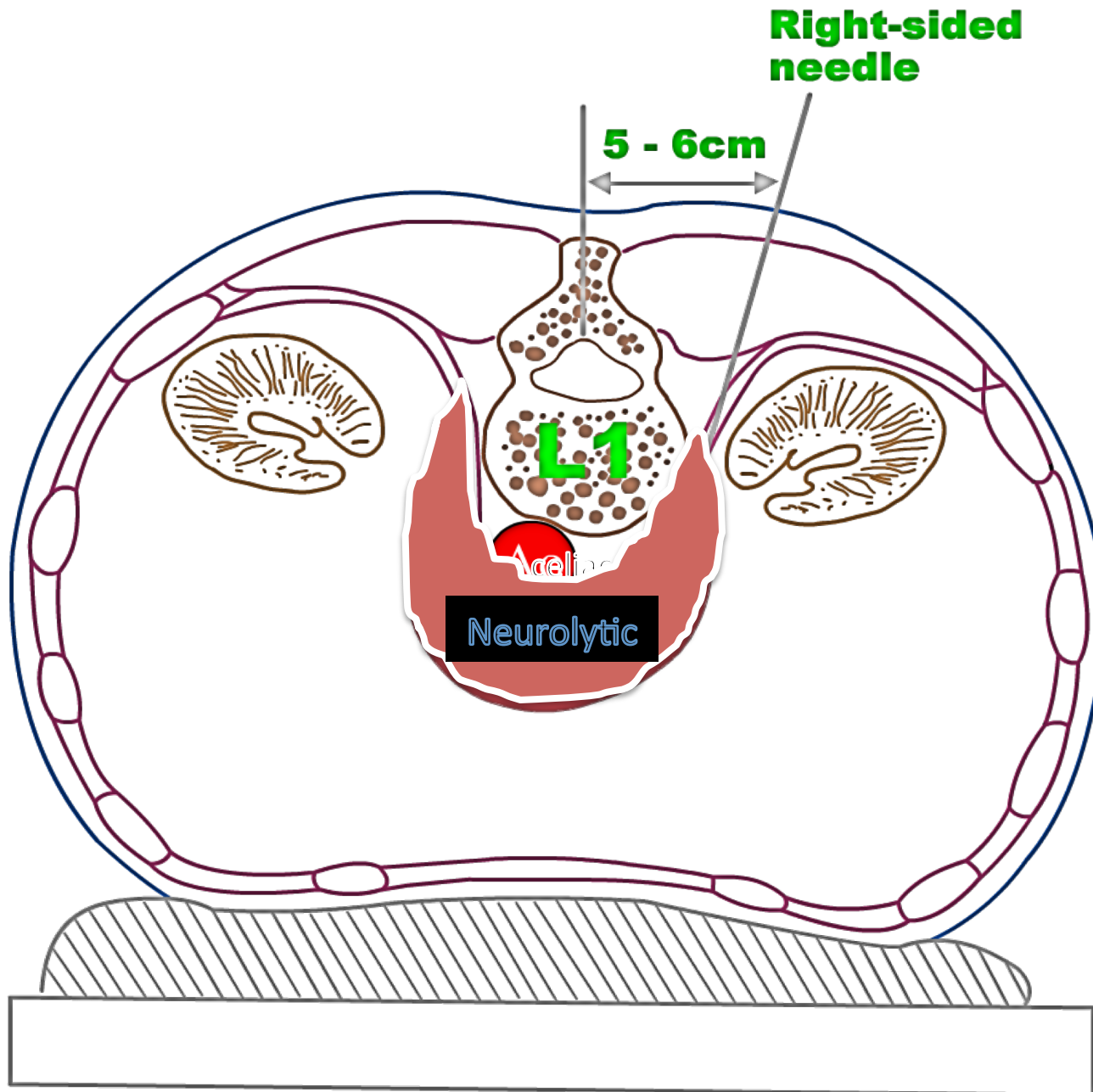
- Splanchnic block (T12-L1).
- Approach bilateral/central.
- Needle placement, behind the pillar diaphragmatic.





# Trancrurale approach

- Celiac plexus block.
- Approach bilateral/central.
- Needle placement before diaphragmatic pillar.



# Complication

- HYPOTENSION
- DIARRHEA
- PAIN AT THE INJECTION SITE
- NERVE ROOT LESION AND ORGANS
- VESSEL LESION
- INIEZIONE EPIDURALE O SUBARACNOIDEA
- IMPOTENCE
- PARAPLEGIA (TECNICA RETROCRURALE)

Davies ,DD, 1993. Incidence of maior complication of neurolytic coeliac plexus block. Soc Med. 86: 264-266

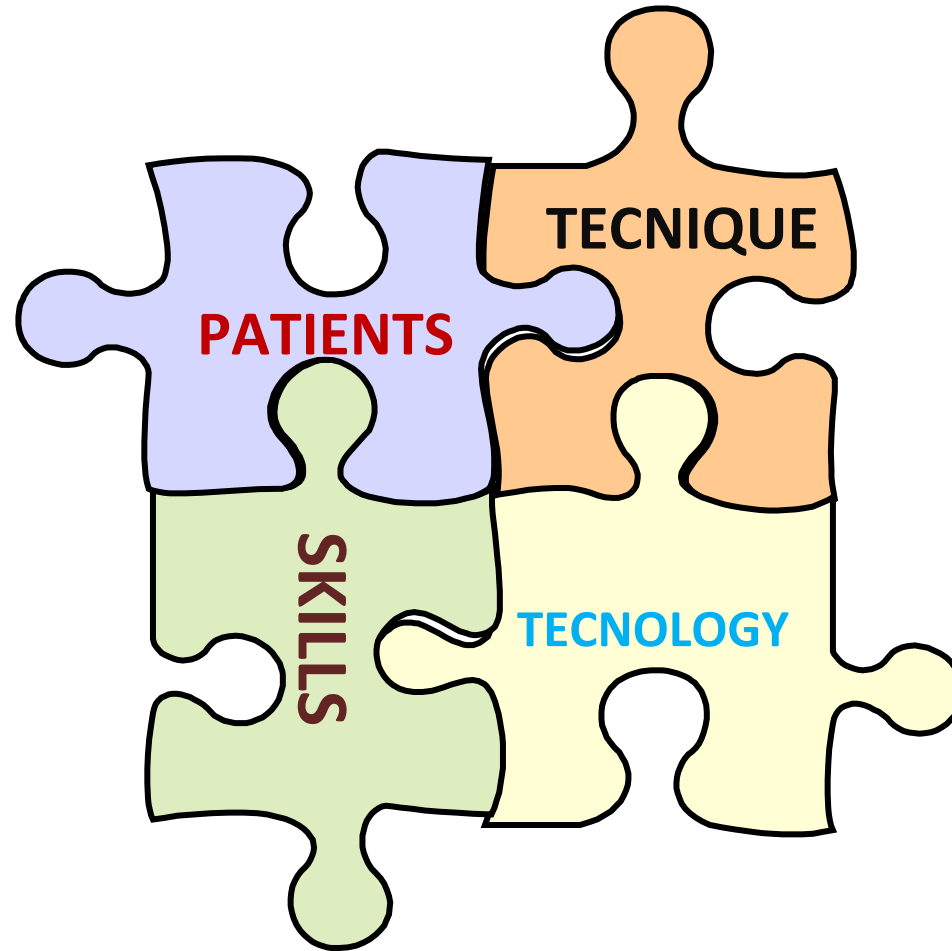
## The Splanchnic block vs Celiac block: who prefer?

- There are not difference in terms of pain relief between the two blocs. The neurolytic spreads in periaortic site also producing a block precrurali components.

Ischia et al. 1992

More et al. 1981

# PAIN RELIEF IN CHRONIC CANCER PAIN



**GRAZIE**