



PIRIFORMIS INJECTION

Piriformis injection is performed on an out patient basis for treatment of buttock pain. This information sheet will provide you further details regarding this procedure.

WHAT IS PIRIFORMIS INJECTION?

Piriformis injection involves injection of local anaesthetic and steroid in to the piriformis muscle under ultrasound guidance. The local anaesthetic calms the pain down and the steroid works as an anti inflammatory medicine.

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Piriformis is one of the muscles covering the buttock area. It runs across the posterior part of the sacrum and attaches to the upper part of the femur. It helps in the rotation of the hip and the leg.

WHY DOES ONE NEED PIRIFORMIS INJECTION?

Piriformis muscle can be a source of pain when the muscle gets inflamed, mainly as a result of trauma. It can also cause irritation of the sciatic nerve resulting in leg pain. Pain from the piriformis muscle can radiate to the buttock, lower back, hip and the leg.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE PROCEDURE?

The procedure is performed under ultrasound guidance. Local anaesthetic will be used to numb the skin. The doctor will then insert a needle in to the piriformis muscle. The doctor would finally inject the medication in to the piriformis.

The procedure is performed under local anaesthetic and you will remain awake during the procedure.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE INJECTION?

A nurse will monitor you for up to 30 minutes after the procedure. The nurse will take your pulse rate and blood pressure. Occasionally you may feel your leg to be slightly heavy after the procedure.

You will be instructed not to drive for up to 24 hours after the injection. You will need some one responsible to take you home.

The procedure does not work instantly, and generally takes 4-6 weeks to take full effect. Pain relief will come on rather gradually, though in some cases it may work faster.

The procedure may not help in some cases. Your pain may be exacerbated for up to a week or sometimes longer from the injection. We always warn you about serious side effects including infection, nerve damage and bleeding but these are extremely rare.

The doctor will discuss these side effects in more detail when you sign the consent form.

HOW LONG CAN I EXPECT THE PAIN RELIEF TO LAST?

The duration of pain relief is variable and difficult to predict. The injection may last from a few weeks to several months. The aim is to break the pain cycle to enable you to engage in a rehabilitative process, which is the mainstay of treatment for chronic pain.

The doctor may recommend botox injection for a more sustained response in future.

IS THERE ANY THING SPECIFIC THAT I NEED TO INFORM THE DOCTOR ABOUT PRIOR TO THE PROCEDURE?

You should always tell the doctor if you are pregnant or likely to be pregnant.

You should inform the doctor about any blood thinning medications that you might be taking. This includes Aspirin, Clopidogrel, Warfarin, Heparin and some of the newer ones like Rivaroxaban.

Finally always inform the doctor about your allergies, especially latex, iodine and medications.





PROCEDURES WE OFFER

LUMBAR EPIDURAL INJECTION
CAUDAL EPIDURAL INJECTION
LUMBAR FACET JOINT INJECTION
CERVICAL FACET JOINT INJECTION
THORACIC FACET JOINT INJECTION
DORSAL ROOT GANGLION BLOCK
NERVE ROOT BLOCK
LUMBAR FACET RADIOFREQUENCY
DENERVATION
CERVICAL FACET RADIOFREQUENCY
DENERVATION
TRIGGER POINT INJECTION
SACROILIAC JOINT INJECTION
COCCYX INJECTION
GANGLION IMPAR BLOCK
PIRIFORMIS INJECTION
INGUINAL NERVE BLOCK
PUDENDAL NERVE BLOCK
JOINT INJECTION
OCCIPITAL NERVE BLOCK
PULSED RADIOFREQUENCY
TREATMENT
INTERCOSTAL NERVE BLOCK
RECTUS SHEATH BLOCK
TROCHANTERIC BURSA INJECTION
ISCHIAL BURSA INJECTION
ILIO LUMBAR LIGAMENT INJECTION
QUADRATUS LUMBORUM INJECTION
ACHILLES TENDON INJECTION
PLANTAR FASCIA INJECTION
GENICULAR NERVE BLOCK & RF
NEUROTOMY OF KNEE JOINT
SUPRASCAPULAR NERVE BLOCK
BOTOX INJECTION
PLATELET RICH PLASMA THERAPY
TENNIS ELBOW INJECTION
GOLFER'S ELBOW INJECTION
SUPRASCAPULAR NERVE ABLATION
BOTOX FOR MIGRAINE
CERVICAL MEDIAL BRANCH BLOCKS
LUMBAR MEDIAL BRANCH BLOCKS
STELLATE GANGLION BLOCK
HIP JOINT COOLED
RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION
INGUINAL NERVE ABLATION
LATERAL FEMORAL CUTANEOUS
NERVE BLOCK
GREATER AURICULAR NERVE BLOCK
BOTOX FOR BACK PAIN

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