

# Epidural steroid injection in chronic lumbar back pain: a cross-over, single-blinded study of methyl-prednisolone 80mg versus methyl-prednisolone 40mg

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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### Type(s)

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## Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers

N0192187922

## Study information

### Scientific Title

### Study objectives

Does 40mg of epidural methyl-prednisolone produce an equivalent improvement in disability scores when compared to 80mg of epidural methyl-prednisolone?

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

### Study design

Randomised single-blinded cross-over trial

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Study setting(s)

Hospital

### Study type(s)

Treatment

### Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

### Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Musculoskeletal Diseases: Low back pain

### Interventions

1. 80mg methyl-prednisolone repeated three months later with 40mg dose
2. 40mg methyl-prednisolone repeated three months later with 80mg dose

### Intervention Type

Drug

### Phase

Not Specified

### Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

methyl-prednisolone

**Primary outcome measure**

Evidence that a reduced dose of methyl-prednisolone given epidurally does not cause a significant worsening of the primary outcome measure ie the Oswestry Low Back Pain Disability Index.

**Secondary outcome measures**

Not provided at time of registration

**Overall study start date**

24/05/2006

**Completion date**

28/02/2007

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

Patients attending Nottingham City Hospital Day Case Unit, with chronic back pain who are presenting for repeat epidural steroid injection as part of their chronic pain management programme.

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

Not Specified

**Target number of participants**

60

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Blood clotting disorder
2. Anticoagulant (Warfarin) use

**Date of first enrolment**

24/05/2006

**Date of final enrolment**

28/02/2007

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

**Study participating centre**  
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## Sponsor information

### Organisation

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## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Government

### Funder Name

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (UK), NHS R&D Support Funding

## Results and Publications

### Publication and dissemination plan

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date**

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

**IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration

**Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Other publications</a>	pilot study	01/07/2011		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	27/09/2012		Yes	No