

Editorial

Timing of epidural blood patch: clearing up the confusion

Accidental dural puncture with a

apeutic epidural blood patch, studies should randomly assign patients who develop symptoms severe enough to warrant epidural blood patch within a defined timeframe after accidental dural puncture to immediate versus delayed blood patch, standardise the therapeutic approach, and measure a meaningful primary outcome such as total area under a time-pain score curve. Unfortunately, such studies present challenges because of the small proportion of patients who meet the inclusion criteria. In the meantime,