

spinal Fluid answer ASAP

Posted by Becky - 09 Sep 2006 00:50

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Hi Doc Sarah,

I hope you are moving along on getting your new home set up? I know this can be a very stressing and tiresome job.

I wrote you an email back in July or Aug, it must have gotten missed. I will start over.

June 27th, I had a pump trial done, had it put in on tues and taken out on thurs. I had a horrible pain that shot up from stepping on my foot to my back. I called Dr Whitworth at 4 am (LOL). He told me to head straight to his office as soon as they open to take out the catheter. Since then I have been going down hill with new symptoms and more pain.

When I went back for my visit in July they set me up with one of his new helpers in there, another Dr. I did not think much of her, plus she could not give me any answers why all this happened with the pump trial. My Aug visit I saw the NP, told her everything, and she was very upset. ☺

She immediately tried to get me to see the dr and of course he was too busy. The soonest appt I could get was on Sept 6th. I typed up everything, that was causing me pain and where it was exactly. it went like this:

Since pump trial, I have been experiencing new pain. I have constant throbbing and aching in both legs, and burning. Burning is down the back of both legs, right ankle, left inside of calf, down buttocks to foot on outside of rt leg. Behind rt knee on the inside of my leg.

I have swelling in both legs. When I try to bend down on both legs, they feel like they are going to explode, and it is hard to get up from that position. Cannot stretch legs without pain from a bent position. Having nerve pain behind the rt knee on the inside of my leg when trying to straighten out leg. Toes on rt foot are numb and my feet feel like I am walking on gravel when barefoot.

Back pain feels like someone is taking my spine and twisting it with both their hands and the lower back feels like it has a knife in it all the time.

Drove to Franklin on Fri Aug 24th, later that night my spine felt like it was getting twisted. This is very painful.

If I am standing in one spot, my legs burn more and get numb the longer I am standing there, almost like I can't feel them. This usually happens in about 2-3 min.

During pump trial, I could not walk on my left leg without having stabbing pains running up to my back, every time I stood on that foot. When she took out catheter it was very painful, my back is so sensitive to the touch, without having something being pulled out.

For the last week I have been waking up in pain every night. I find it hard to fall asleep b/c of the pain.

My legs are sore to the touch, more in some spots than others.

When I am having a lot of pain in my back. I get an sm headache and nausea. I also am having pain in my hip joints to the point I can hardly walk on that particular leg. This is not constant, but very painful when it does come on.

He went over all his records and told me for some reason I was not getting spinal fluid into my lumbar area. I am not sure if he saw it when he was putting the catheter in or what. I am scheduled for an MRI on monday and hopefully we can get s

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Posted by Becky - 07 Nov 2006 15:37



Hi Helen,

I believe I got it also from a steroid injection. I immediately I a headache after the injection, the dr swore that he didn't see any fluid in his syringe and was trying to call it a stress issue. He tried the blood patch and could not get back in there b/c of the swelling. One week later I ended up in the hospital with severe vomiting and a migraine headache from hell.

The Dr. still denied stabbing my dura sac. He had so much trouble trying to get in there with that injection, and he did it blindly. I will never let that happen again. My dr's say now that there with be no entry into my spine for anything. It is not to be touched again. Oh well.

I was dx with this disease in aug of 2005 thru an MRI. None of the Dr's said a word about it. I had to pick up the dx of the MRI around feb the next yr this is how I found out. My Pain dr also dx me with it, along with several other problems.

I had surgery in 1994, a laminectomy on the L4-5 area. Now I have no disc there, only bone on bone which is painful. I had another mri a few weeks ago. Now it reads that I have 3 bulging disc along with L5-S1 degenerating. My Dr's won't let me work anymore, and that scares me, I have already applied for SSD and waiting on a decision.

I couldn't even tell you if I have any of those cysts you are talking about is this normal?

I do know that I have a blockage of spinal fluid in my lumbar spine. Would this be a similar problem?

Wishing u low pain today,

Becky

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Re:spinal Fluid answer ASAP

Posted by helen - 08 Nov 2006 09:37

Hi Becky

Some Tarlov cysts are large enough to be clearly seen on MRI's, but they are nothing to worry about as they occur naturally. The trouble begins when doctors blindly inject because if they inject into one, it leads directly to the arachnoid layer and spinal fluid. I only found out about this AFTER treatment when a neuro surgeon pointed one out on my MRI and tried to convince me it was the source of my problems (which of course it wasn't). I don't think these cysts are related to your problems.

Bye for now, Helen

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