WHERE ARE THESE **PROCEDURES DONE?**

In theatre with specialized X-ray machine and special needles

HOW LONG DO THESE PROCEDURES LAST?

30-60 minutes

DO I HAVE TO BE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL?

No, unless under rare circumstances where there may be inside effects/complications that requires observation overnight or requiring another intervention

HOW SOON CAN I GO BACK TO WORK AFTER THE PROCEDURE?

Usully most people are back to work in a week

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Back Pain Management



NON SURGICAL MANAGEMENT

- NSAIDS
- Analgesia
- Physiotherapy

SPINAL PROCEDURE

- Facet (medial branch) block: For arthritis of the spine
- Epidural injections: for lumbar disc herniation/Sciatica
- Rhizotomy: For arthritis of the spine
- Kyphoplasty: For Osteoporosis/ pathological fractures
- Spine percutaneous biopsy: For diagnosis and treatment of Spinal infection and of Spinal cancer

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS OF THESE PROCEDURES?

- Injury to the spinal nerve root(s)
- Bone cement implantation syndrome (only a risk in Kyphoplasty procedure)
 - These risks are mitigated by the use of special X-ray machine throughout the operation

DO YOU SUFFER FROM FOLLOWING?

- Increased back pain with physical activities
- Back pain shooting to one leg after lifting a heavy object
- Back pain relieved by leaning forward
- Back pain with leg cramps and numbness
- Osteoporosis and new onset back pain
- Back pain which is worse at rest or at night
- Neck pain with occipital headaches
- Back pain, leg pain/weakness, loss of bladder & bowel control

SPINAL CAUSES FOR BACK PAIN

- Mechanical back ache (Musculogenic)
- Spondylosis (Spine arthritis)
- Lumbar disc herniation (Sciatica)
- Lumbar stenosis (Sciatica)
- Fragility fractures (Osteoporosis)
- Spine infection (TB)
- Spine cancer (or cancer spreading from organs like breast or prostate gland)