



# Peripheral Nerve Stimulation

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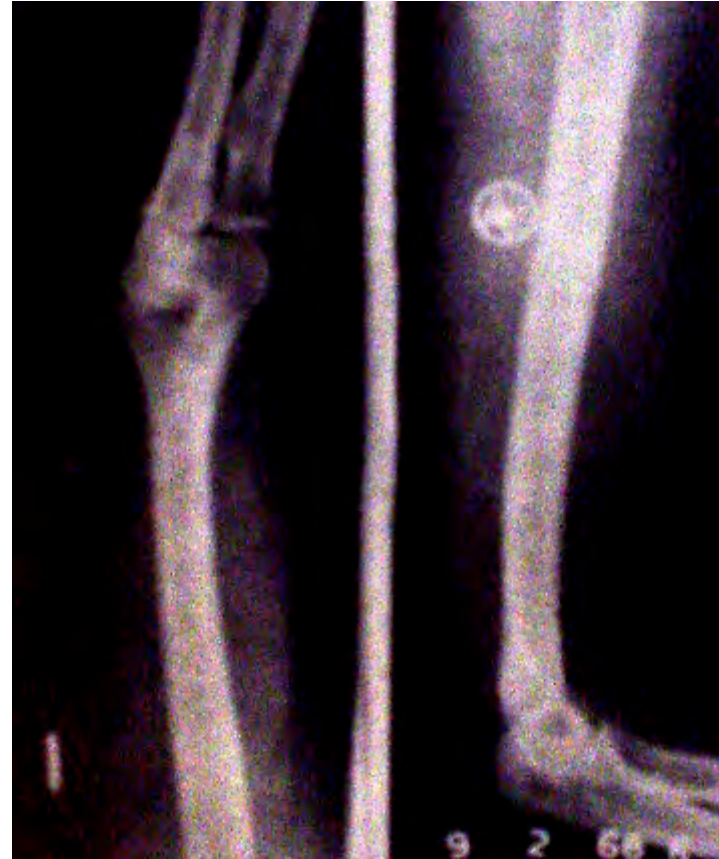
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# Peripheral Nerve Stimulation



- New (?) approach
- Neuropathic pain syndromes
- “Off label” use of devices
- Limited clinical experience



White & Sweet, 1969

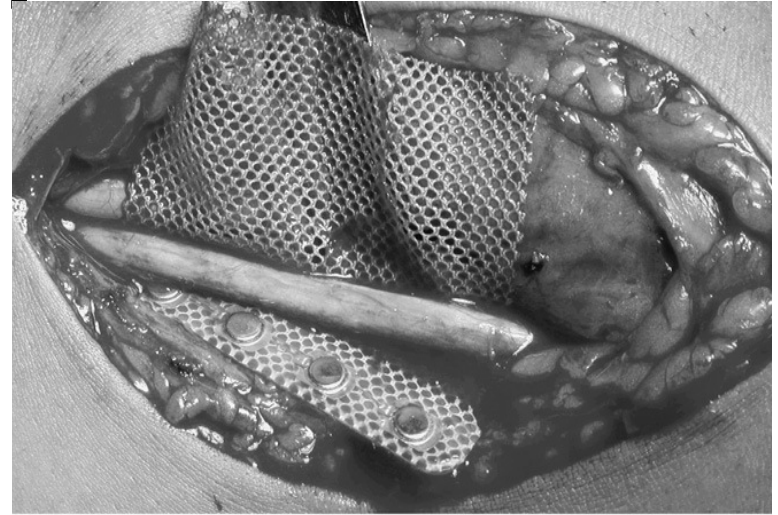


# Traditional (old) approach

**Direct exposure of the nerve  
Placement of electrode next  
to the nerve trunk**

**Perineural fibrosis  
Nerve manipulation  
Large incisions**

**Published experience –  
~350 cases (1969-2007)**



**Mobbs RJ, et al.  
J Clin Neuroscience  
2007 14:216–221**



# Percutaneous electrode insertion

**Placement of electrode next to the nerve trunk  
Epifascial plane**

**No nerve manipulation  
Smaller incisions**

**Published experience –  
~350 cases (1999-2007)**



Weiner & Reed,  
Neuromodulation 1999



# Current PNS indications

- ▶ Postsurgical neuropathic pain
- ▶ Inguinal pain
- ▶ Low back pain
- ▶ Postherpetic neuralgia
- ▶ Occipital neuralgia
- ▶ Cervicogenic headaches
- ▶ Cluster headaches
- ▶ Migraine headaches
- ▶ Fibromyalgia





# Peripheral Nerve Stimulation



## Definitions:

- TENS
- PENS
- PNS
- PNFS

- PSNS, STS, SubQS

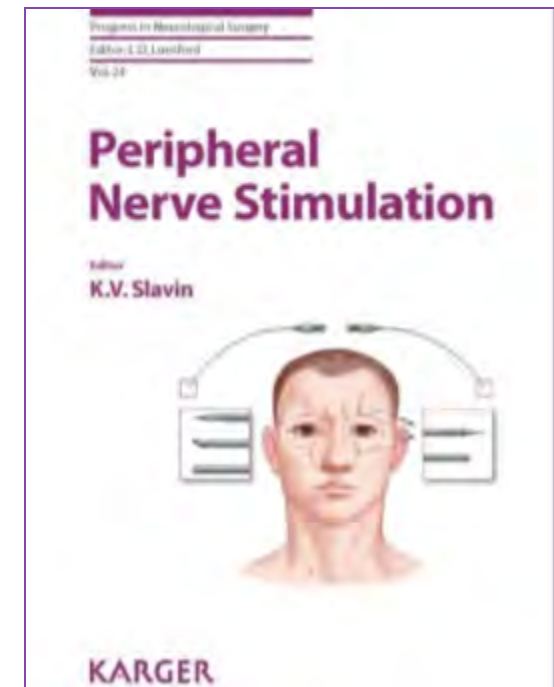
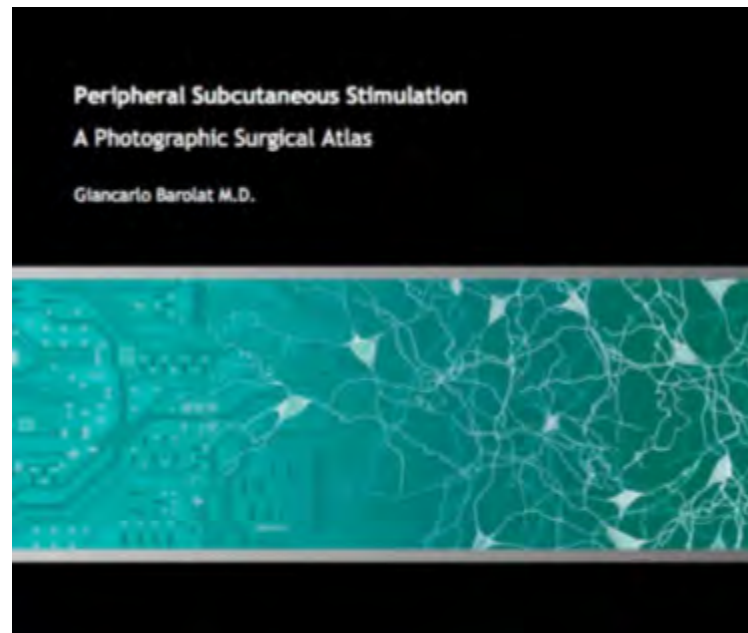
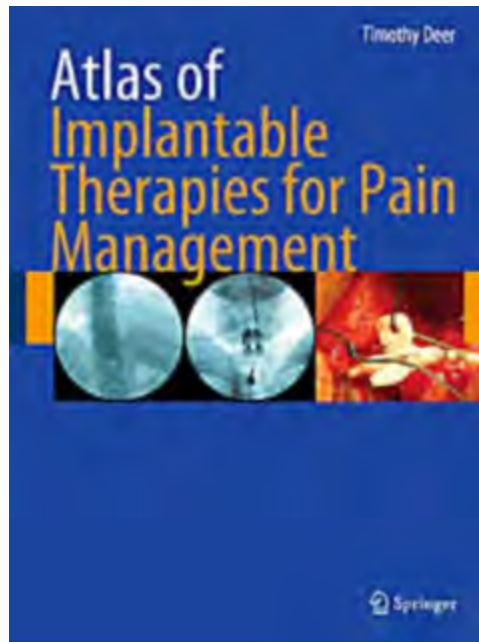


**Differentiating the Leaves From the Branches in the Tree of Neuromodulation: The State of Peripheral Nerve Field Stimulation**

Robert M. Levy, MD, PhD



# Recent PNS Books



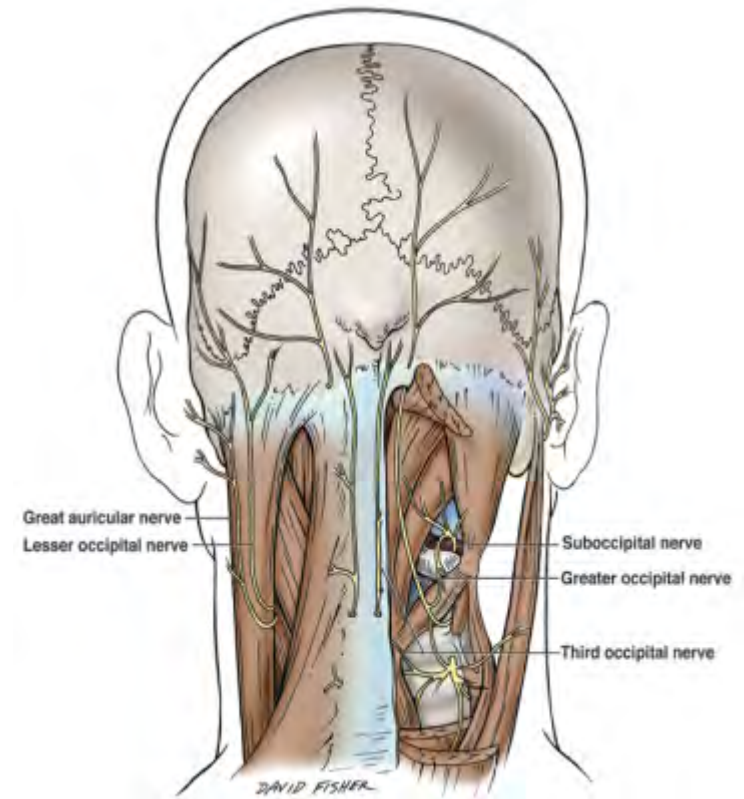


# **Craniofacial PNS indications**

- ▶ **Postsurgical neuropathic pain**
- ▶ **Postherpetic neuralgia**
  
- ▶ **Occipital neuralgia**
- ▶ **Cervicogenic headaches**
  
- ▶ **Cluster headaches**
- ▶ **Migraine headaches**



# Occipital Neuralgia

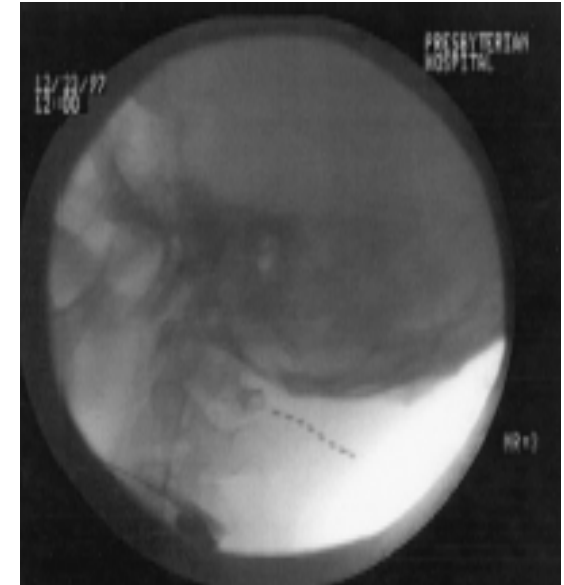
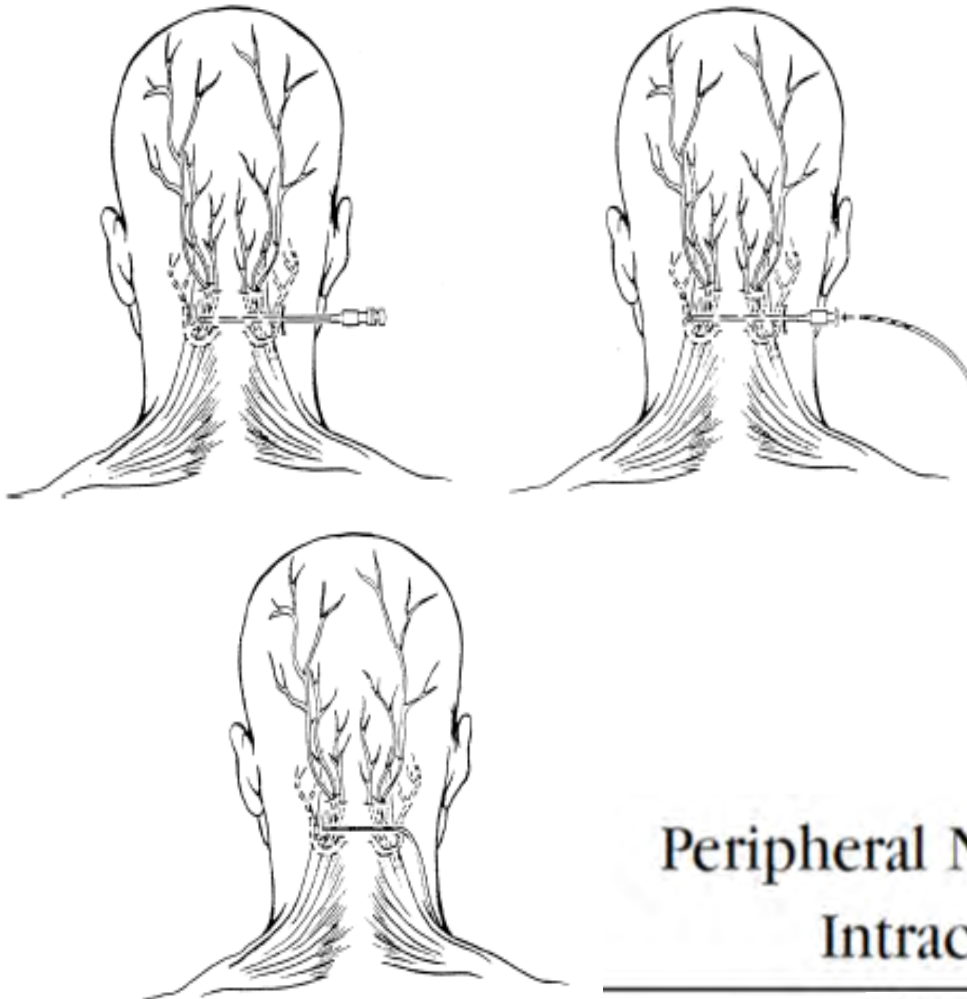


Anatomical study of the third occipital nerve and its potential role in occipital headache/neck pain following midline dissections of the craniocervical junction

*J Neurosurg Spine* 15:71-75, 2011  
 R. SHANE TUBBS, M.S., P.A.-C., Ph.D.,<sup>1</sup> MARTIN M. MORTAZAVI, M.D.,<sup>1</sup>  
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# Occipital Neuralgia



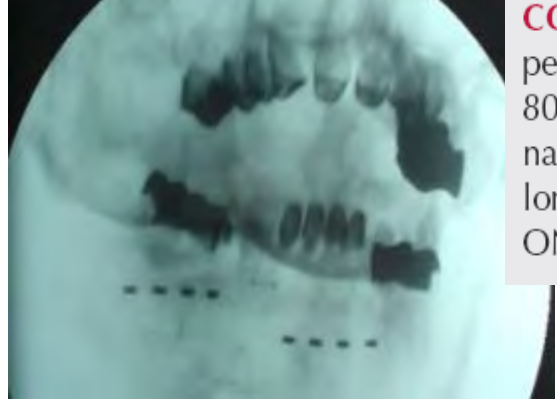
## Peripheral Neurostimulation for Control of Intractable Occipital Neuralgia

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# Occipital Neuralgia



## CLINICAL STUDIES

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*Neurosurgery 58:112-119, 2006*

### PERIPHERAL NEUROSTIMULATION FOR TREATMENT OF INTRACTABLE OCCIPITAL NEURALGIA

**CONCLUSION:** Overall, the beneficial effect from chronic stimulation in our series persisted in more than half of the patients for whom procedure was considered and in 80% of those who significantly improved during the trial and proceeded with internalization. Thus, chronic PNS may be a safe and relatively effective method for long-term treatment of chronic pain syndrome in patients with medically intractable ON.



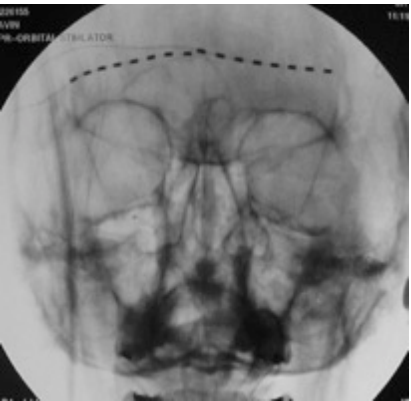
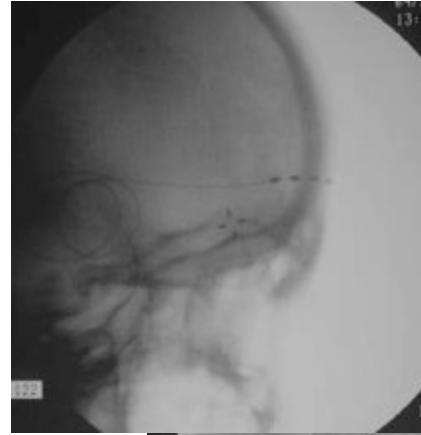
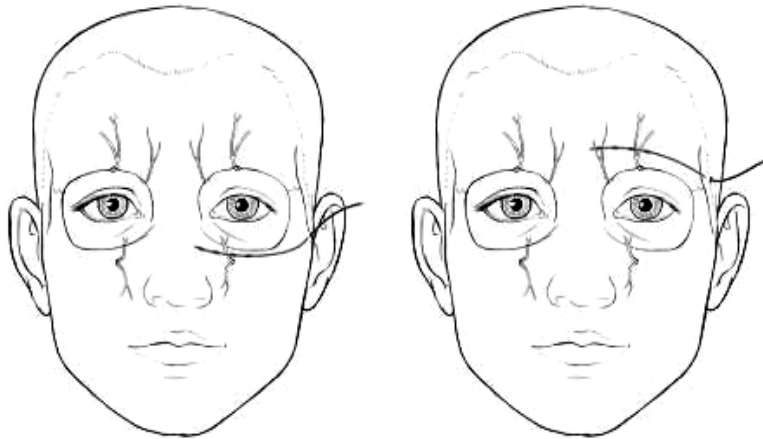
# Trigeminal Neuropathy







# Post-Traumatic Neuropathy (trigeminal branch stimulation)



## Trigeminal Branch Stimulation for Intractable Neuropathic Pain: Technical Note

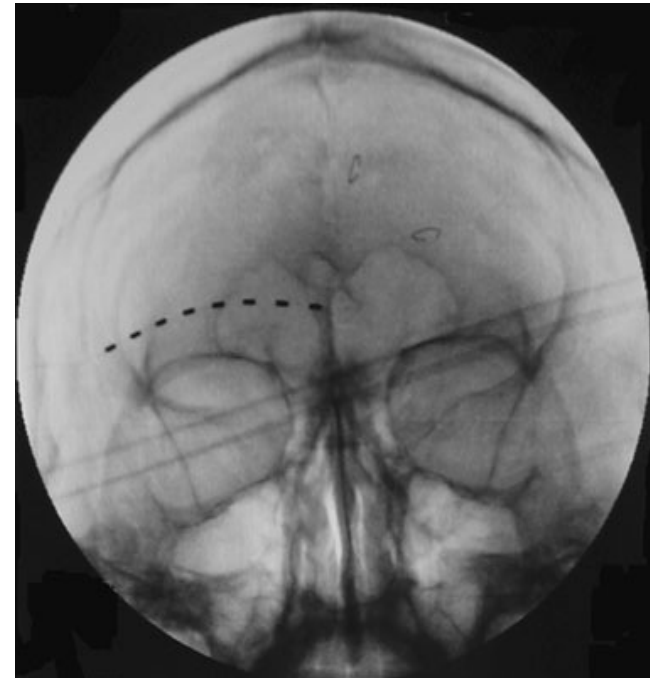
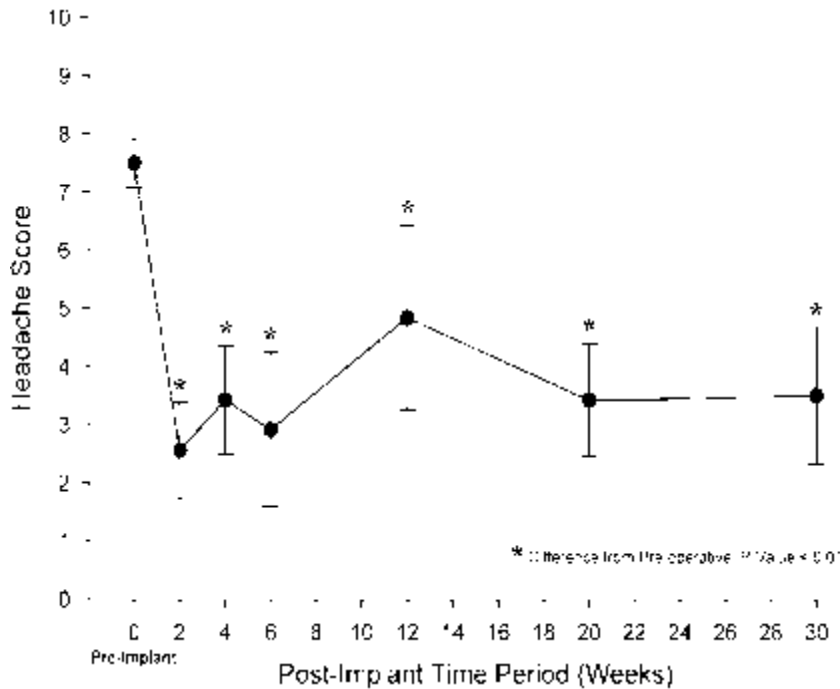
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# Supraorbital Neuralgia



## Cephalalgia

Peripheral nerve stimulator for the treatment of supraorbital neuralgia: a retrospective case series

Cephalalgia 2008; 28:355–359.

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# Trigeminal Neuropathic Pain (Gasserian Ganglion Stimulation)



## Chronic Stimulation of the Gasserian Ganglion in patients with Trigeminal Neuropathy: A Case Series.

[www.neurosurgicalreview.com](http://www.neurosurgicalreview.com)

JNR 2011; 1(S1)

Jean-Pierre Van Buyten<sup>1</sup> & Caroline Hens<sup>1</sup>

**Abstract:** Between 2009 and 2011 we implanted 8 patients with refractory Trigeminal Neuropathic Pain (TNP) with a custom, fixed, percutaneous, tripolar electrode to stimulate the Gasserian Ganglion (TGS). The electrode was positioned with the help of a three dimensional (3D), real-time, tip-tracked, electromagnetic (EM) guidance system. This technique reduced operating time, and augmented electrode targeting and procedural safety. Six of the eight patients had pain relief of at least 30%, all significantly tapered medication-intake (4 stopped opioids completely). No had minor dislocations, and none suffered any major complication. This EM stimulation technique is a valuable, reversible, minimally invasive method to treat refractory TNP.



# Cluster Headaches





# Cluster Headaches (deep brain stimulation)

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DOI 10.1007/s10072-005-0427-4

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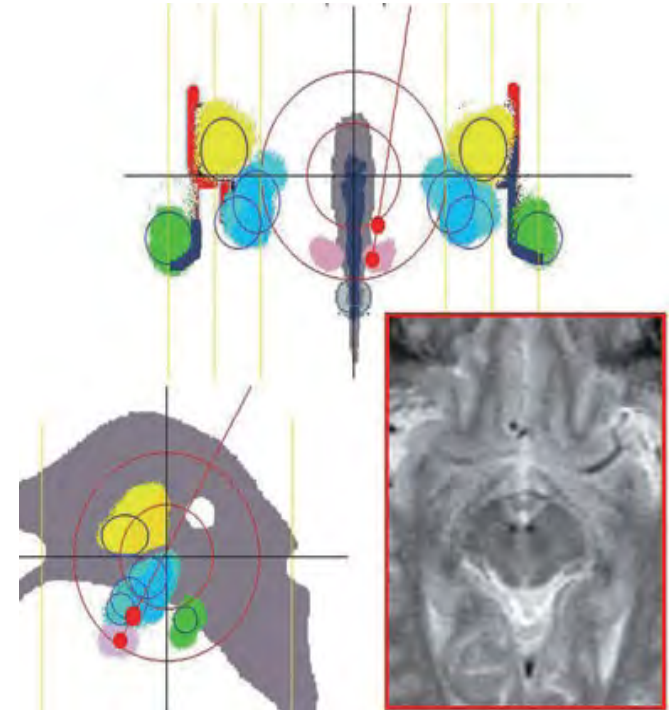
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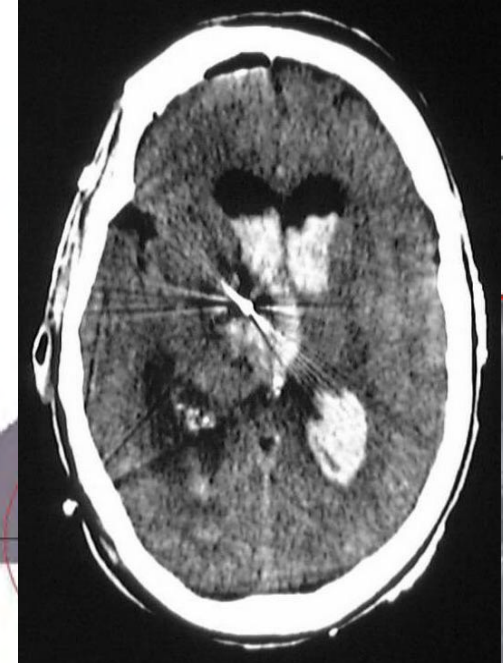
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# Cluster Headaches

## Treatment of medically intractable cluster headache by occipital nerve stimulation: long-term follow-up of eight patients

Brian Burns, Laurence Watkins, Peter J Goadsby

*Lancet* 2007; 369: 1099-106

## Occipital nerve stimulation for drug-resistant chronic cluster headache: a prospective pilot study

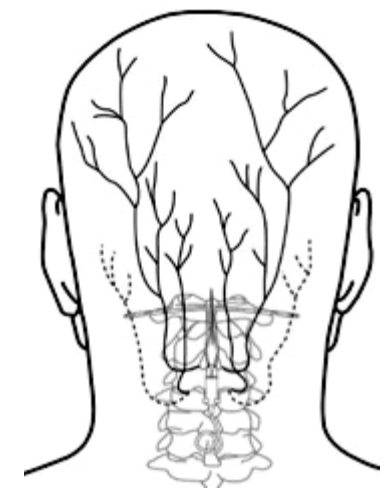
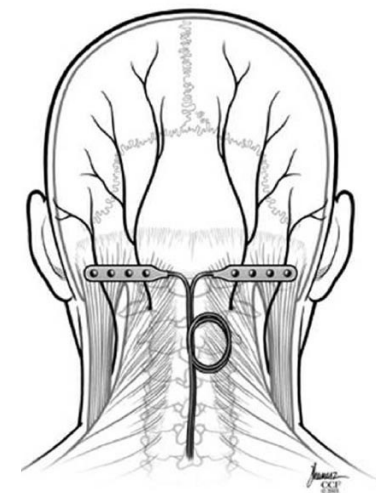
Delphine Magis, Marta Allena, Monica Bolla, Victor De Pasqua, Jean-Michel Remade, Jean Schoenen

*Lancet Neurol* 2007; 6: 314-21

## Therapeutic neurostimulation in chronic headaches: problems of patient selection

*Neurol Sci* (2008) 29:S59-S61

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# Cluster Headaches



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## Supraorbital Nerve Electric Stimulation for the Treatment of Intractable Chronic Cluster Headache: A Case Report

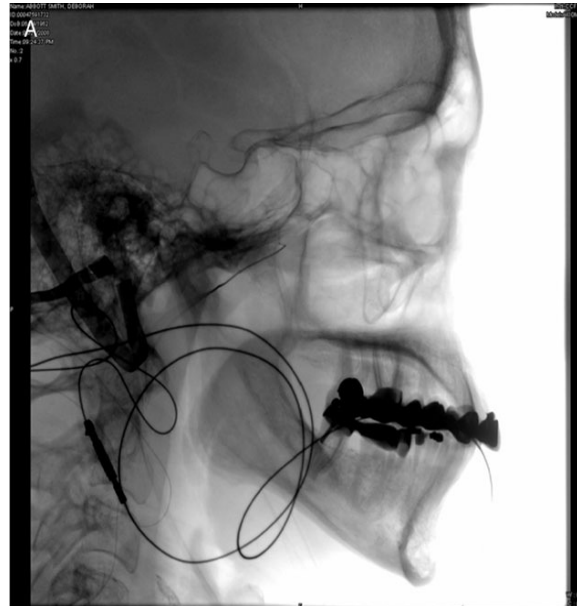
Samer N. Narouze, MD, MS; Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD

We describe a patient with intractable chronic cluster headache that responded well to supraorbital nerve electric stimulation.

Key words: cluster headache, supraorbital nerve neuromodulation, ophthalmic nerve



# Cluster Headaches

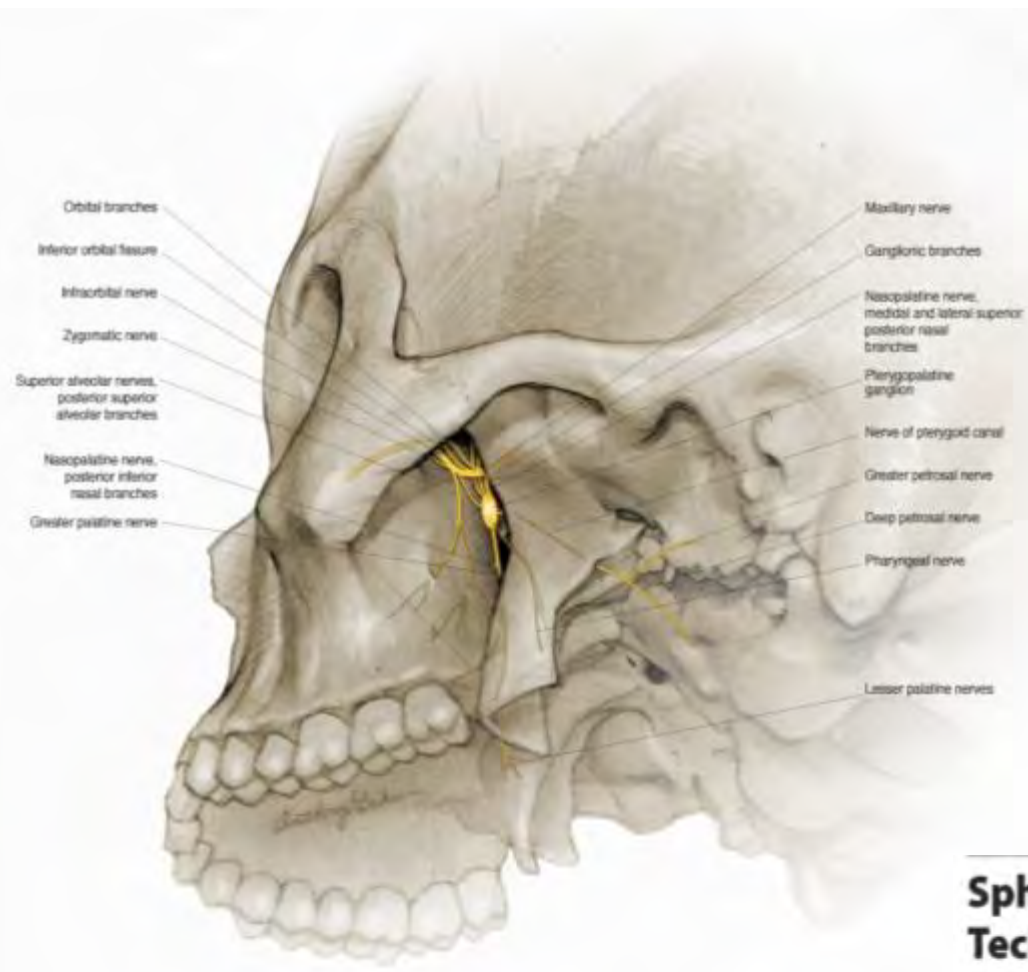


## **Electrical Stimulation of Sphenopalatine Ganglion for Acute Treatment of Cluster Headaches**

*(Headache 2010;50:1164-1174)*

Mehdi Ansarinia, MD; Ali Rezai, MD; Stewart J. Tepper, MD; Charles P. Steiner, BS; Jenna Stump, MS; Michael Stanton-Hicks, MD; Andre Machado, MD; Samer Narouze, MD

# Sphenopalatine Ganglion Stimulation



## Sphenopalatine Ganglion Interventions: Technical Aspects and Application

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 Samer Narouze<sup>b</sup> · Ali R. Rezai<sup>a</sup>

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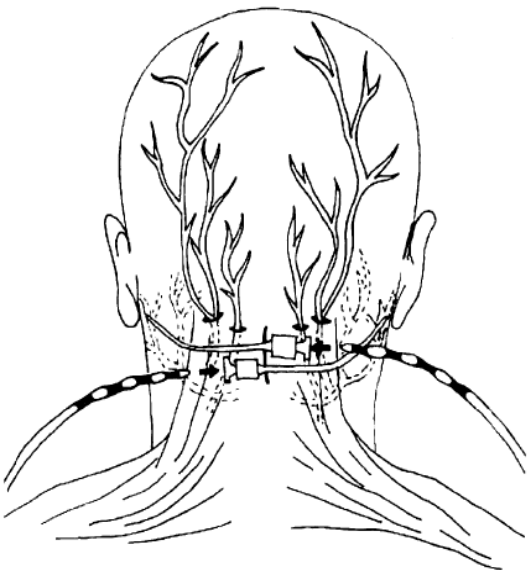


# Migraines





# Migraines



**Background.**—Up to 5% of the general population suffers from transformed migraine. This study analyzes clinical responses of transformed migraine to cervical peripheral nerve stimulation.

**Methods.**—Headache frequency, severity, and disability (Migraine Disability Assessment [MIDAS] scores) were independently measured in an uncontrolled consecutive case series of 25 patients with transformed migraine implanted with C1 through C3 peripheral nerve stimulation. All patients met International Headache Society (IHS) criteria for episodic migraine, as well as suggested criteria for transformed migraine, and had been refractory to conventional treatment for at least 6 months. Responses to C1 through C3 peripheral nerve stimulation were recorded.

**Results.**—Prior to stimulation, all patients experienced severe disability (grade IV on the MIDAS) with 75.56 headache days (average severity, 9.32; average MIDAS score, 121) over a 3-month period.

Following stimulation, 15 patients reported little or no disability (grade I), 1 reported mild disability (grade II), 4 reported moderate disability (grade III), and 5 continued with severe disability (grade IV), with 37.45 headache days (average severity, 5.72; average MIDAS score, 15). The average improvement in the MIDAS score was 68.7%, with all patients reporting their headaches well controlled after stimulation.

**Conclusions.**—These results raise the possibility that C1 through C3 peripheral nerve stimulation can help improve transformed migraine symptoms and disability. ~~A controlled study is required to confirm these results.~~

## Peripheral Neurostimulation for the Treatment of Chronic, Disabling Transformed Migraine

Charles A. Popeney, DO; Kenneth M. Aló, MD

*(Headache 2003;43:369-375)*



# Migraines

## Large Scale Occipital Nerve Stimulation Trials:

- Medtronic – Occipital Nerve Stimulation for Treatment of Intractable Migraine (ONSTIM) – completed
- Boston Scientific - Occipital Nerve Stimulation for Drug-Refractory Migraine (PRISM study) – completed
- St. Jude Medical (ANS) - A Clinical Evaluation for the Management of Chronic Migraine Headaches with Peripheral Nerve Stimulation – completed
- Boston Scientific – Multi-Center Prospective Study of ONS for Migraine Headaches (OPTIMISE) – in preparation



# Migraines

Occipital Nerve Stimulation for Treatment of Intractable Migraine (ONSTIM trial)

3 month results

Single-blind randomized trial

110 pts enrolled, 75 treated, 66 w/ 3 months f/u

Adjustable stim (AS) vs. preset stim (PS) vs. med mgmt (MM)

HA improvement 27% AS vs. 9% PS vs. 4% MM

Responder rate: 39% AS, 6% PS, 0% MM

Saper, NANS 08

Original Article

Cephalalgia International Headache Society

Occipital nerve stimulation for the treatment of intractable chronic migraine headache: ONSTIM feasibility study

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# Migraines

Occipital Nerve Stimulation for Drug-Refractory Migraine (PRISM study)

2 year results

Single-blind randomized sham-controlled trial

140 pts enrolled, 132 treated, 125 w/ 3 months f/u

Difference in reduction of migraine days/month was not significant (-5.5 d/mo in active group vs. -3.9 in sham)

Trend towards greater difference for those not overusing medications vs. overuse group (-5.9 vs. -2.6 and -5.0 vs. -4.0)

Lipton, NANS 09

PRISM study: occipital nerve stimulation for treatment-refractory migraine *Cephalalgia*, **29** (Suppl. 1) (2009) 1-166  
Lipton RB<sup>1</sup>, Goadsby PJ<sup>2</sup>, Cady RK<sup>3</sup>, Aurora SK<sup>4</sup>, Grosberg BM<sup>1</sup>, Freitag FG<sup>5</sup>, Silberstein SD<sup>6</sup>, Whiten DM<sup>7</sup> and Jaax KN<sup>7</sup>



# PNS for Migraines

Occipital Nerve Stimulation for the Management of Chronic Migraine (SJM)

1 year results

Double-blind prospective multi-center randomized sham-controlled trial (Active or Control groups for 12 weeks)

157 patients

Significant differences in all assessments at 12 weeks

Reduction of migraine days/month, total MIDAS scores, Zung PAD scores, VAS score, QoL improvement

1.0% of serious adverse events

Silberstein, IHC 2011







# Migraines

A novel approach to the treatment of chronic migraine headaches based on neurostimulation of both occipital and supraorbital nerves was developed and reduced to clinical practice in a series of patients with headaches unresponsive to currently available therapies. Following positive trials, seven patients with chronic migraine and refractory chronic migraine headaches had permanent combined occipital nerve–supraorbital nerve neurostimulation systems implanted. The relative responses to two stimulation programs were evaluated: one that stimulated only the occipital leads and one that stimulated both the occipital and supraorbital leads together. With follow-up ranging from 1 to 35 months all patients reported a full therapeutic response but only to combined supraorbital–occipital neurostimulation. Occipital nerve stimulation alone provided a markedly inferior and inadequate response. Combined occipital nerve–supraorbital nerve neurostimulation systems may provide effective treatment for patients with chronic migraine and refractory chronic migraine headaches. For patients with chronic migraine headaches the response to combined systems appears to be substantially better than occipital nerve stimulation alone.

Is the solution in combining occipital and supraorbital PNS?

*Cephalalgia*

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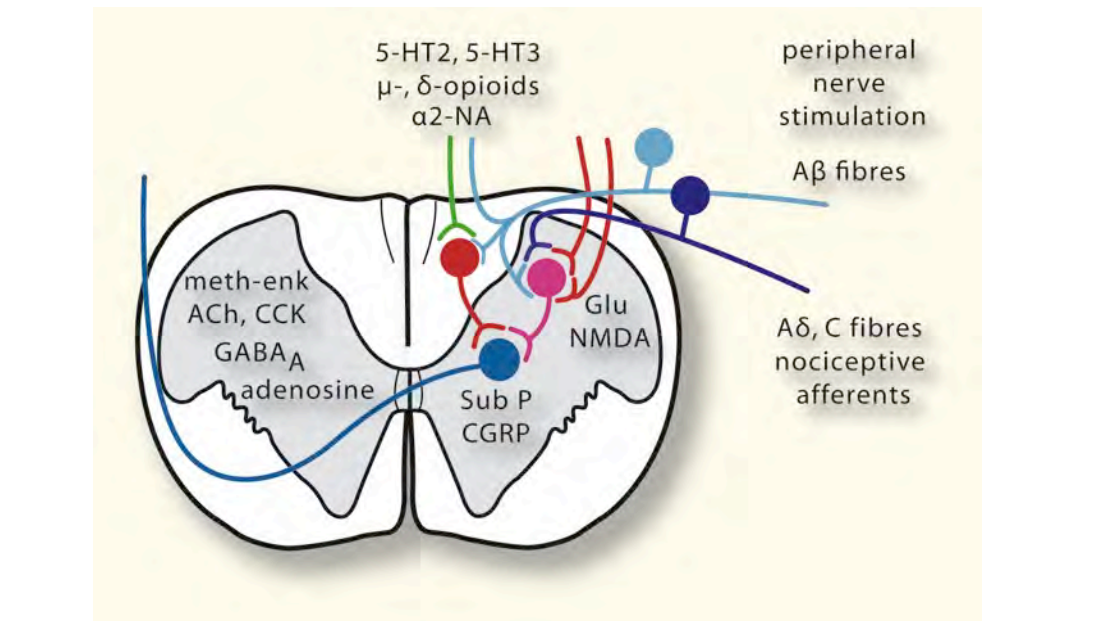
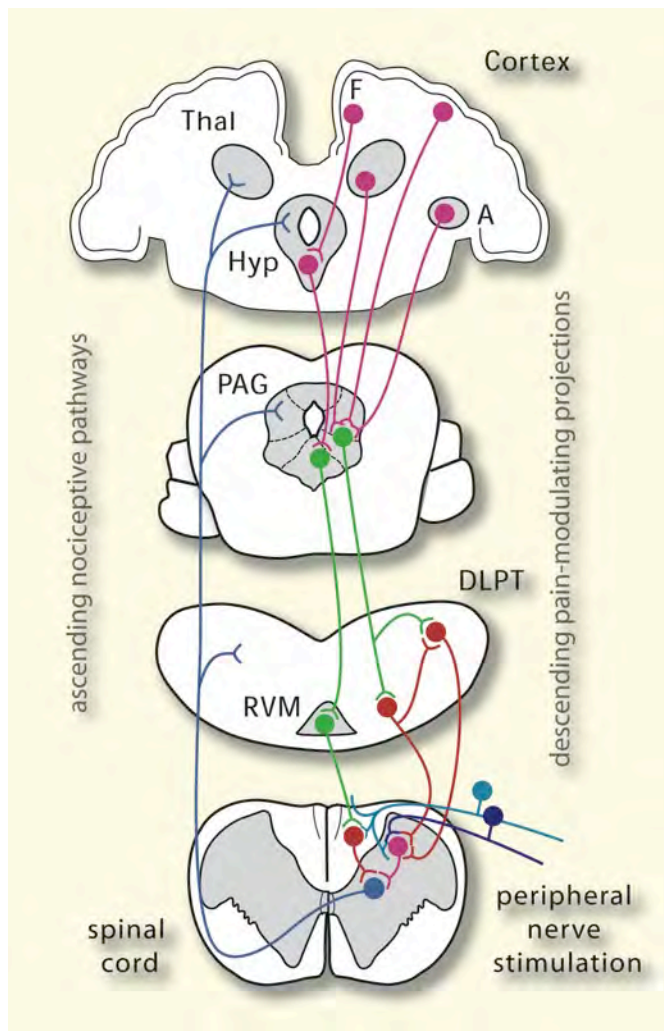
Combined occipital and supraorbital neurostimulation for the treatment of chronic migraine headaches: initial experience

*Cephalalgia* 2009.

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# PNS in headaches: How does it work?



**Central Mechanisms of Peripheral Nerve Stimulation in Headache Disorders**

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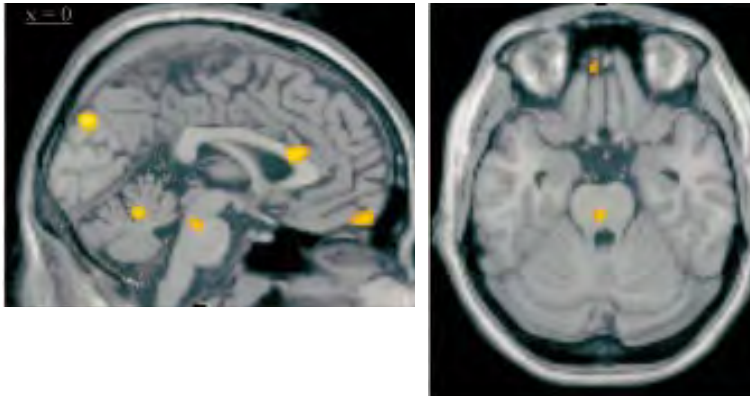




# PNS in headaches: How does it work?

## Mechanism of action

- central modulatory effect linked to the convergence of C2 afferents and trigeminal afferents at the second order neurons in the trigeminocervical complex (Bartsch, 02, 03)
- activation of thalamus and cingulate cortex in response to occipital nerve stimulation (Matharu, 04)



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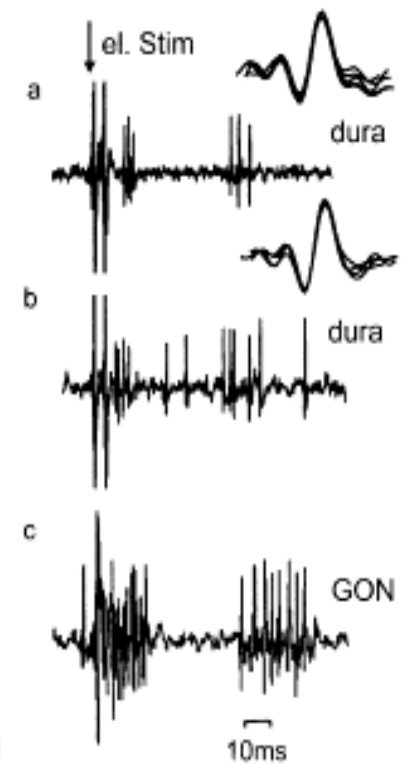
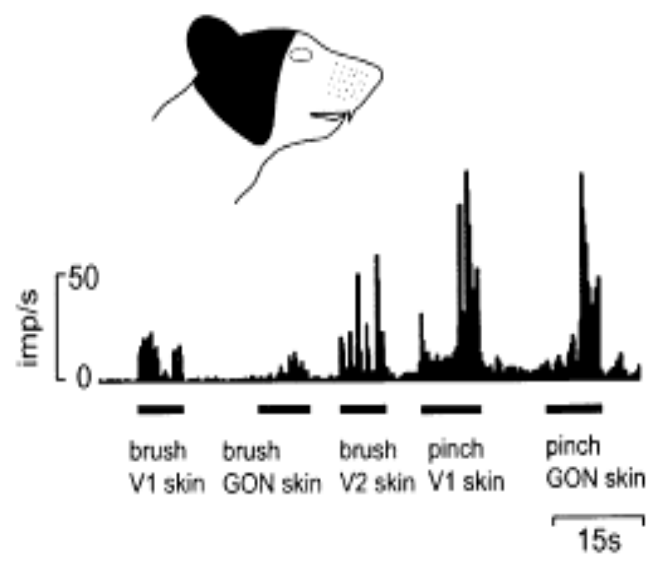
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### Central neuromodulation in chronic migraine patients with suboccipital stimulators: a PET study

Manjit S. Matharu,<sup>1</sup> Thorsten Bartsch,<sup>1</sup> Nick Ward,<sup>2</sup> Richard S. J. Frackowiak,<sup>2</sup> Richard Weiner<sup>3</sup> and Peter J. Goadsby<sup>1</sup>

# PNS in headaches: How does it work?



*Brain* (2002), 125, 1496-1509

Stimulation of the greater occipital nerve induces increased central excitability of dural afferent input

Thorsten Bartsch and Peter J. Goadsby



# Low Back Pain





# Low Back Pain

## “Peripheral Nerve Field Stimulation”

6 patients, short-term  
Paicius, 2007



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# Low Back Pain

## “Subcutaneous Peripheral Nerve Stimulation”

1 patient, short-term  
Krutch. 2008

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### A Case Report of Subcutaneous Peripheral Nerve Stimulation for the Treatment of Axial Back Pain Associated With Postlaminectomy Syndrome

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# Low Back Pain

## “Peripheral Nerve Stimulation”

14 patients, long-term  
Verrills, 2009

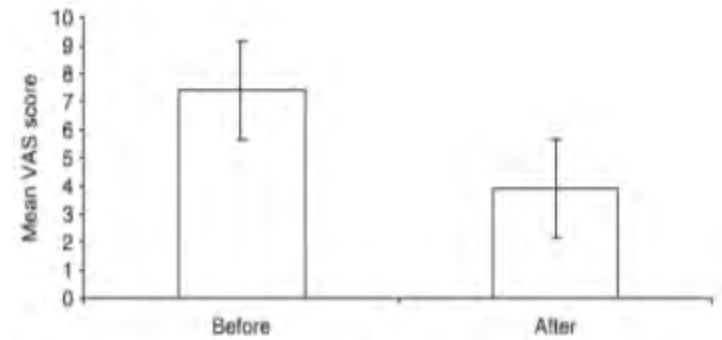
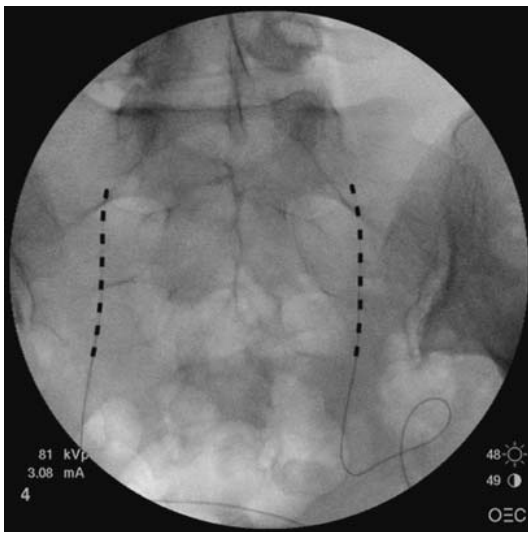


FIGURE 3. Patient pain relief as a result of peripheral nerve stimulation (PNS), where pain relief is expressed as the mean visual analog scale (VAS) recorded both pre- and post-PNS.

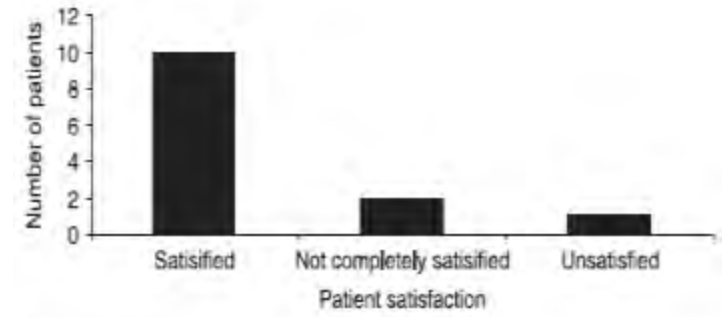


FIGURE 5. Patient satisfaction following peripheral nerve stimulation.

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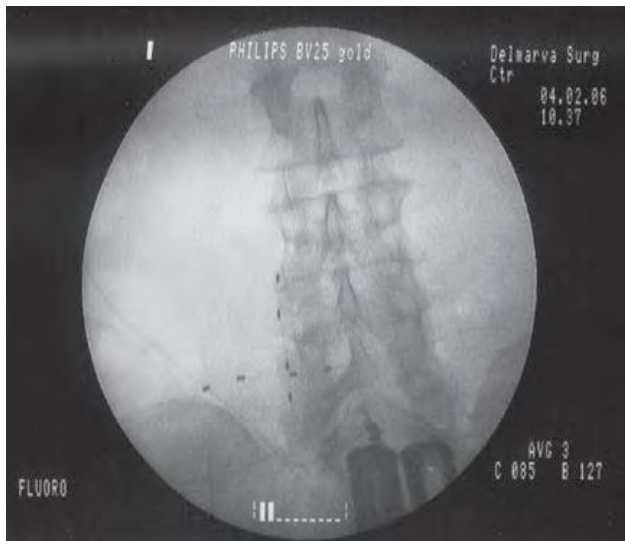
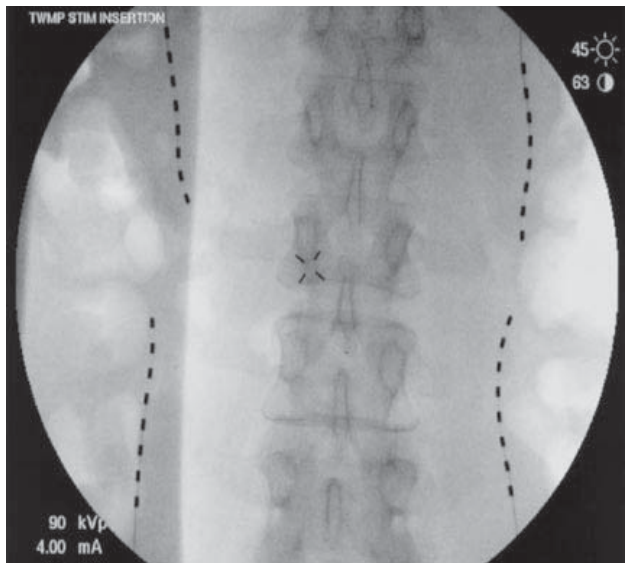
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# Low Back Pain

“Cross Talk  
PNS concept”

Falco, 2009



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Observational Report

## Cross Talk: A New Method for Peripheral Nerve Stimulation. An Observational Report with Cadaveric Verification

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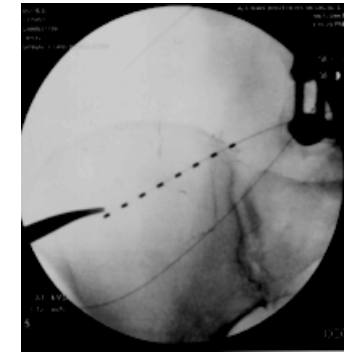
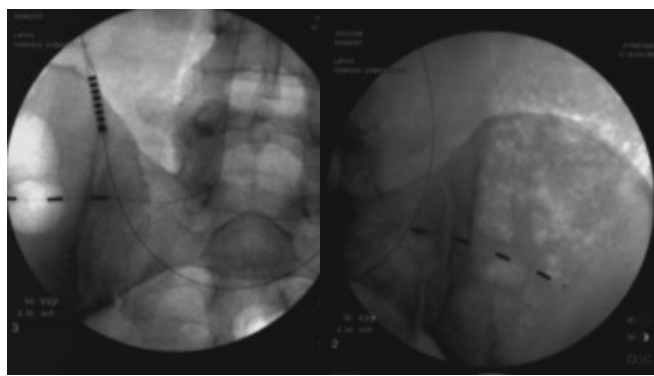
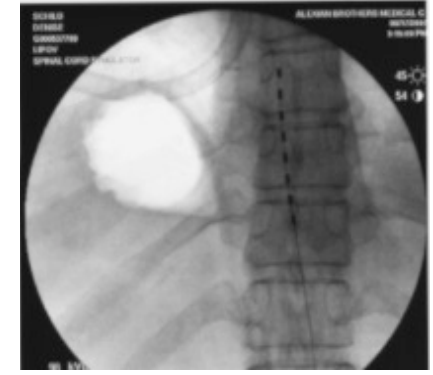
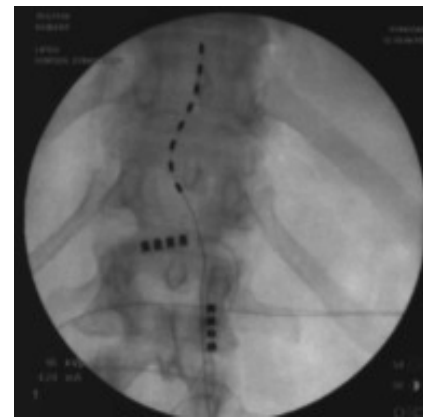




# Hybrid neurostimulation

Combination  
of SCS and PNS

Our experience  
– 12 patients



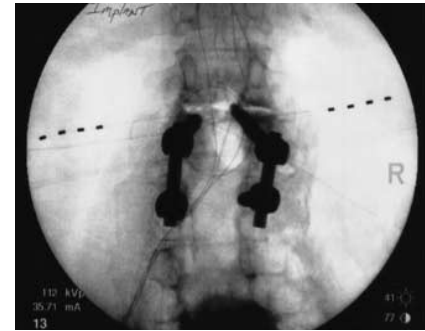
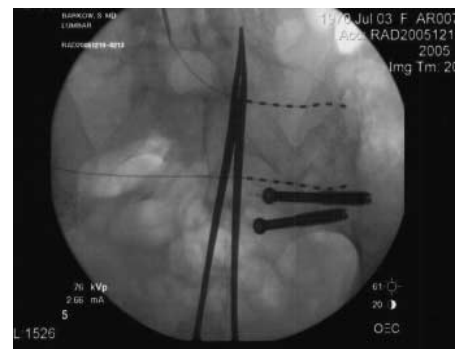
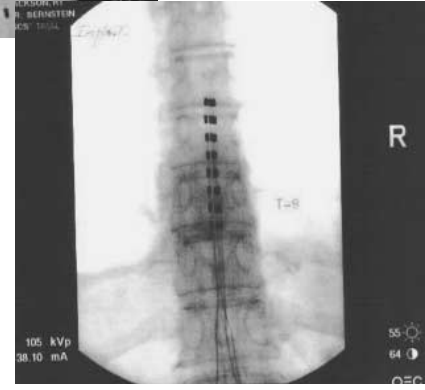
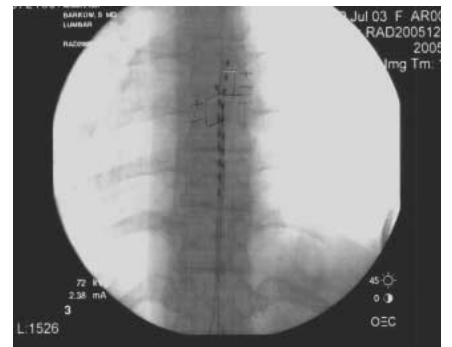




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20 patients  
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### Spinal Cord Stimulation in Conjunction With Peripheral Nerve Field Stimulation for the Treatment of Low Back and Leg Pain: A Case Series

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# Low Back Pain

Multi-center European study  
(111 patients)  
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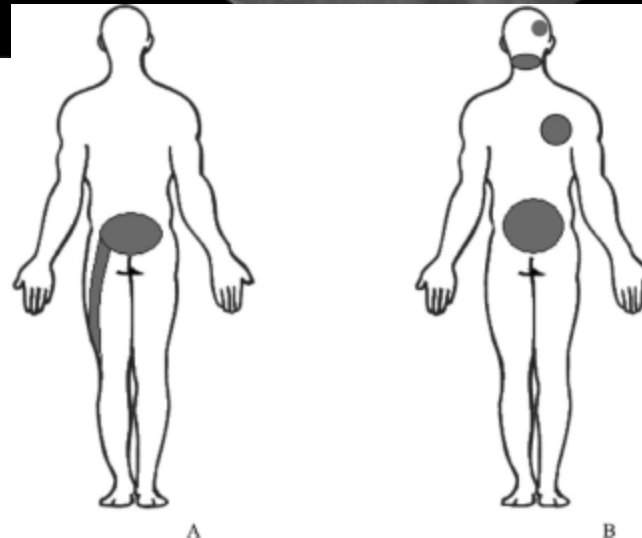


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# Low Back Pain

**Table 1. Subcutaneous Target Stimulation: Exclusion Criteria**

1. A pathophysiologic contraindication (eg, a chief complaint of mechanical low back pain)
2. Abnormal pain behavior
3. Unresolved psychiatric illness
4. Unresolved issues of secondary gain
5. Another coexisting chronic pain problem or chronic neurologic disease
6. A coexisting condition that would increase procedural risk (eg, sepsis, coagulopathy)
7. Inappropriate use of medication
8. Patients who applied for litigation

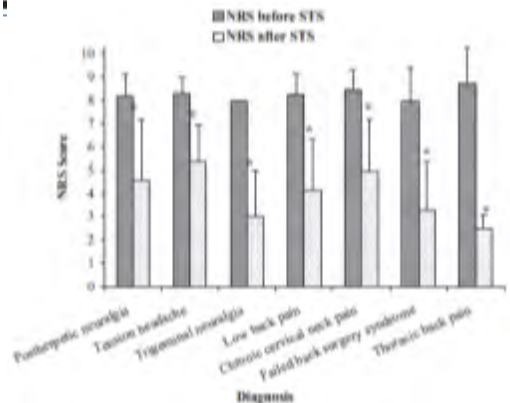
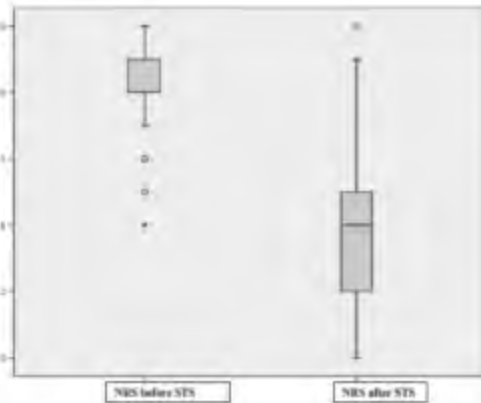
**Table 2. Diagnostic Classification According to International Classification of Diseases (ICD)-10-Code (WHO)<sup>20</sup> and Average Pain Intensity (Numerical Rating Scale [NRS]) before and after Implantation of Patients Included into the Analysis.**

Diagnosis	ICD-10-Code	N = 111	Mean (SD) NRS before Implantation	Mean (SD) NRS after Implantation	Corrected P Value
Failed back surgery syndrome	M96.1	37	8.0 (1.4)	3.3 (2.1)	<0.0001
Low back pain	M54.5	29	8.3 (0.9)	4.2 (2.2)	<0.0001
Chronic cervical or neck pain	M54.92	15	8.4 (0.9)	4.9 (2.2)	0.0313
Postherpetic neuralgia	B02.2	12	8.2 (1.0)	4.5 (2.7)	0.0059
Tension headache	G44.2	10	8.3 (0.7)	5.4 (1.6)	0.0313
Trigeminal neuralgia	G50.0	4	8.0 (0.0)	3.0 (2.0)	0.7500
Thoracic back pain	R07.4	4	8.8 (1.5)	2.5 (0.6)	0.7500

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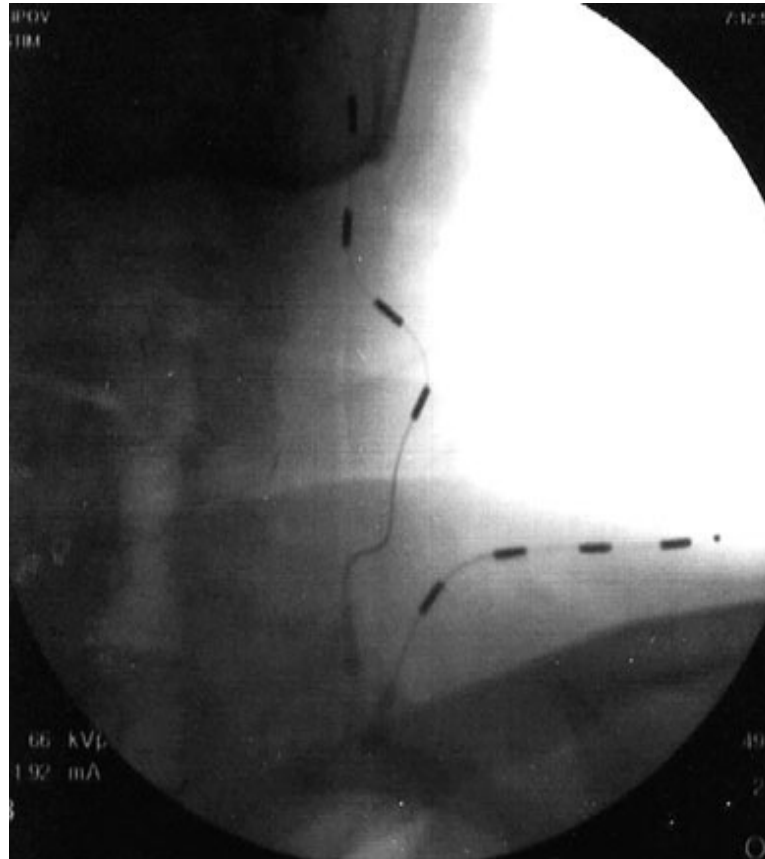




# Neck Pain



# Paraspinal Subcutaneous Stimulation



## Use of Peripheral Subcutaneous Field Stimulation for the Treatment of Axial Neck Pain: A Case Report

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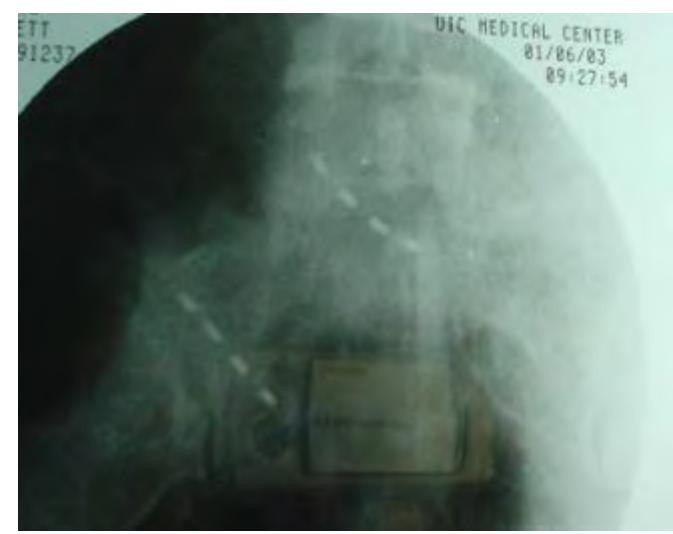
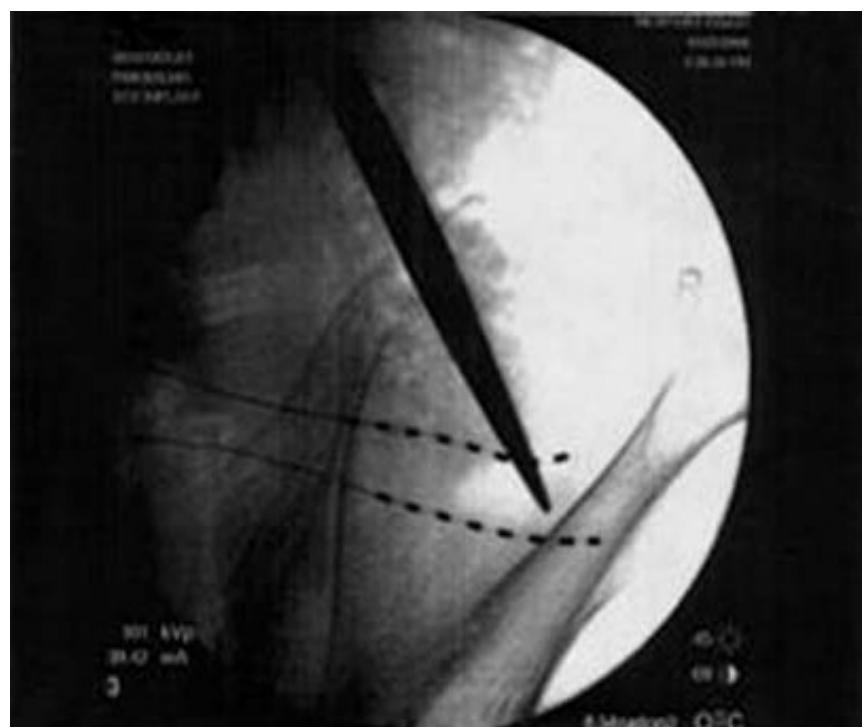




# Abdominal / Inguinal Pain



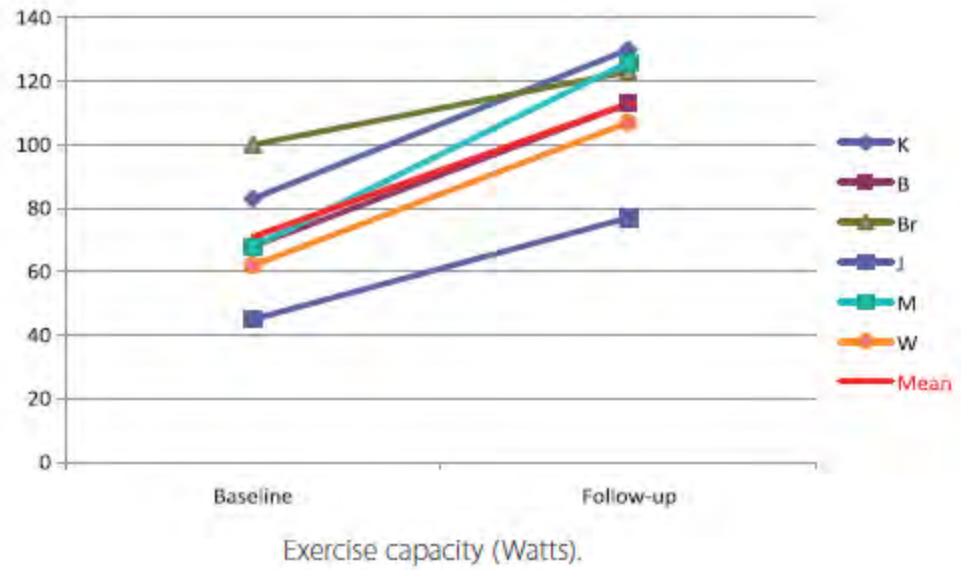
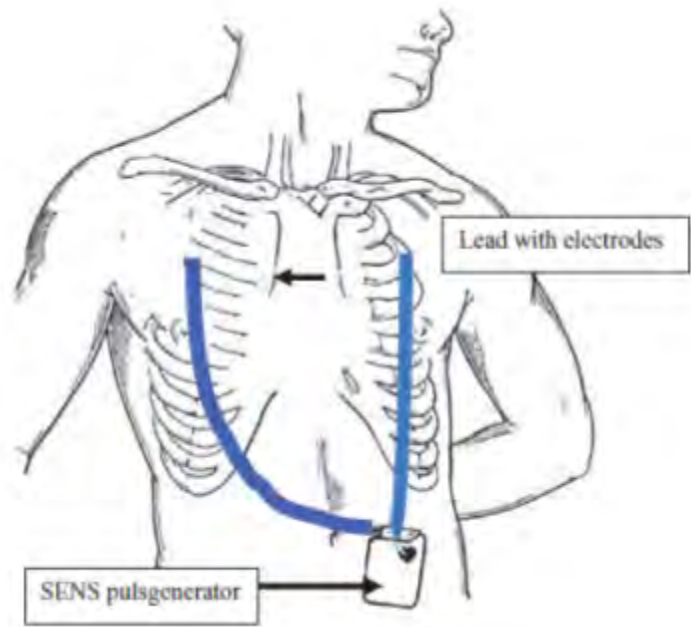
# Abdominal Stimulation (post-herniorrhaphy)





# Chest Pain / Angina Pectoris

# Chest Wall Stimulation (angina pectoris)

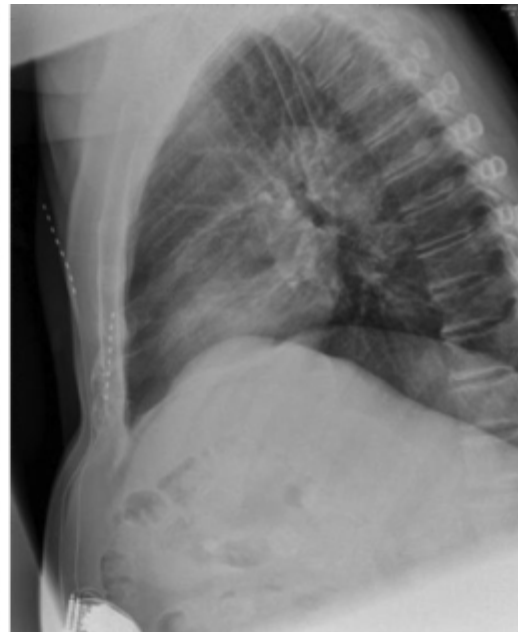
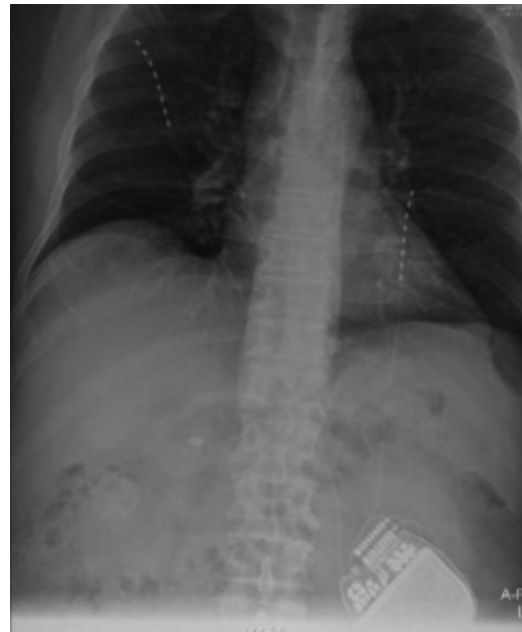


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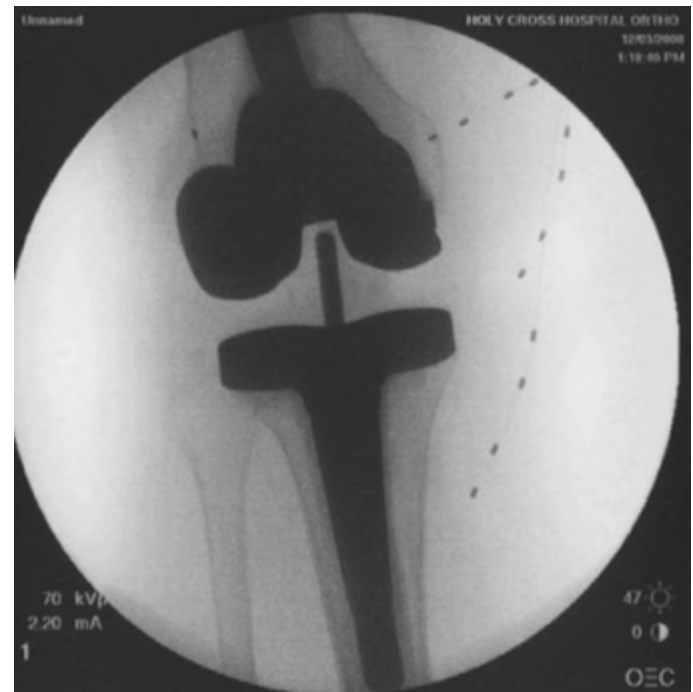
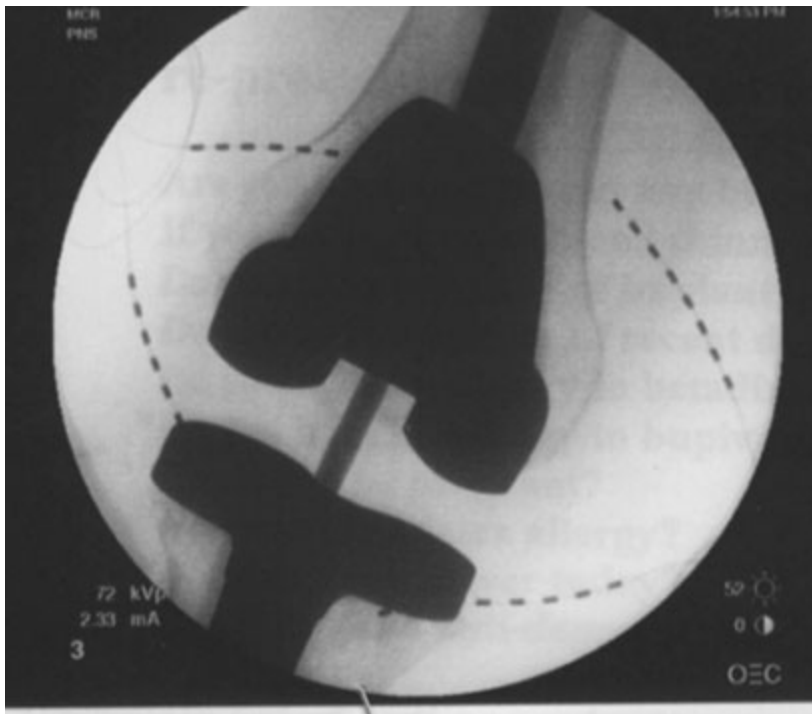
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# Pain in Extremities

# Post-arthroplasty knee pain

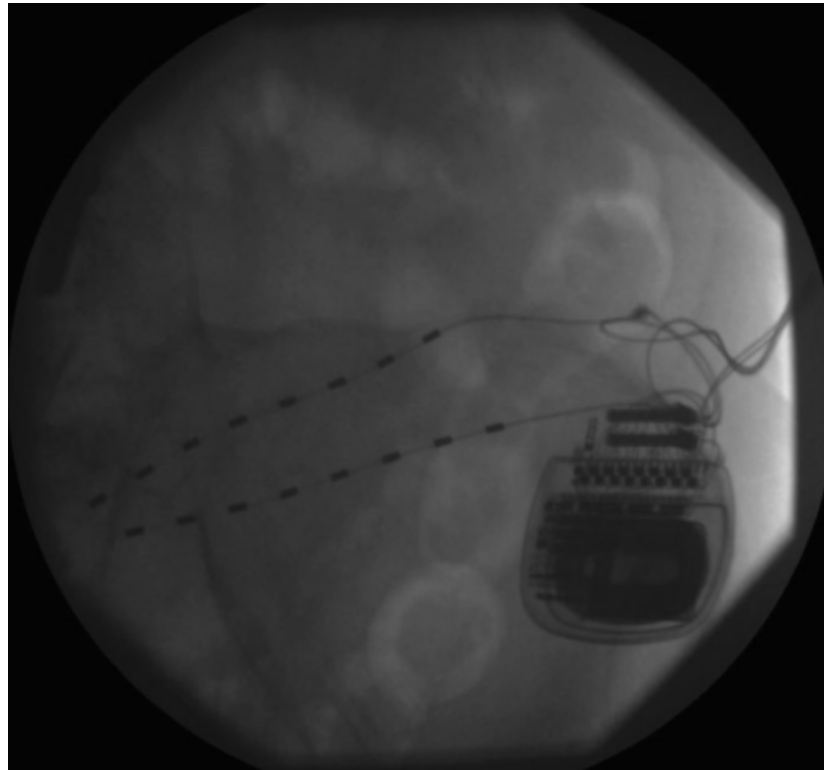


**Novel approach for peripheral subcutaneous field stimulation for the treatment of severe, chronic knee joint pain after total knee arthroplasty**

William Porter McRoberts, MD, Martin Roche, MD



# Post-ICBG harvesting hip pain



**Treatment of Chronic Intractable Hip Pain After Iliac Crest Bone Graft Harvest Using Peripheral Nerve Field Stimulation**

Alexander E. Yakovlev, MD, Beth E. Resch, APNP+



# Post-amputation neuroma pain

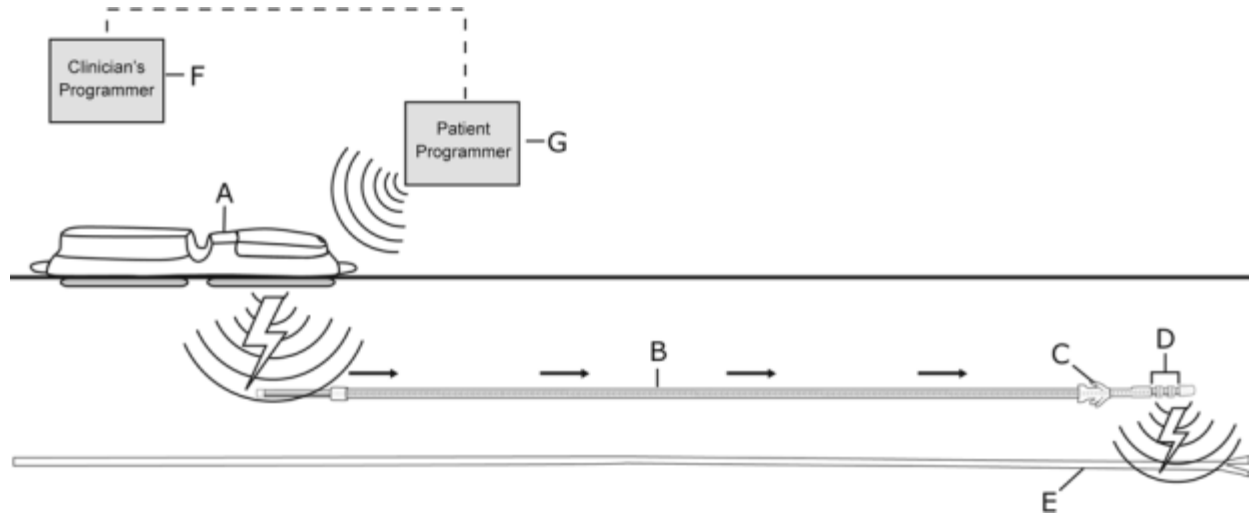
Blocking pain  
transmission  
through the use of  
high frequency  
alternating current





# Post-carpal tunnel pain

“StimRouter”:  
Implantable  
PNS device  
coupled with  
external  
transmitter



Prospective Clinical Study of a New Implantable Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Device to Treat Chronic Pain

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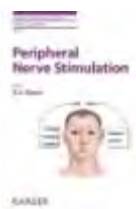
Migration

# “Out” migration



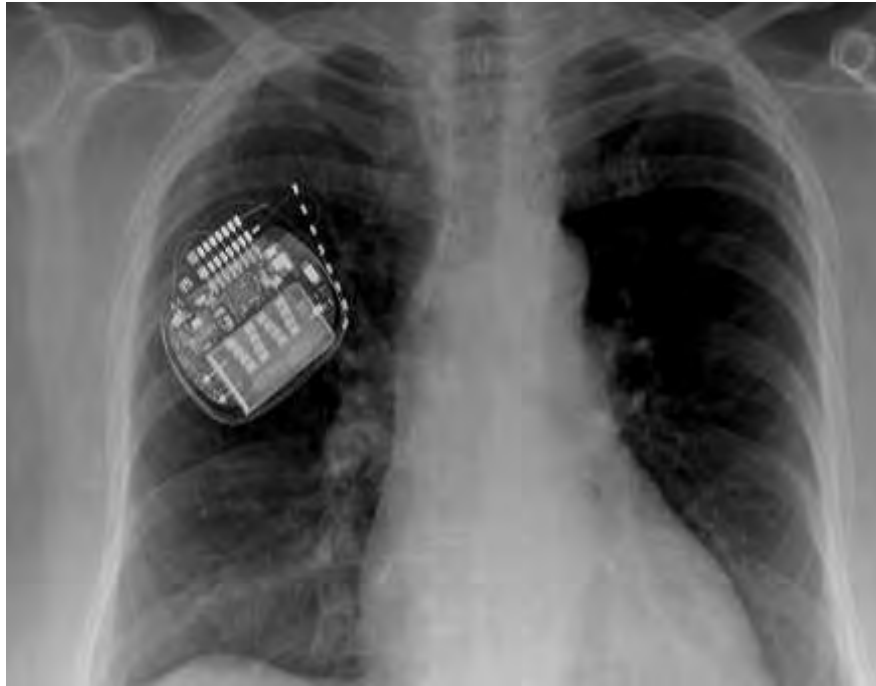
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# Extreme “out” migration



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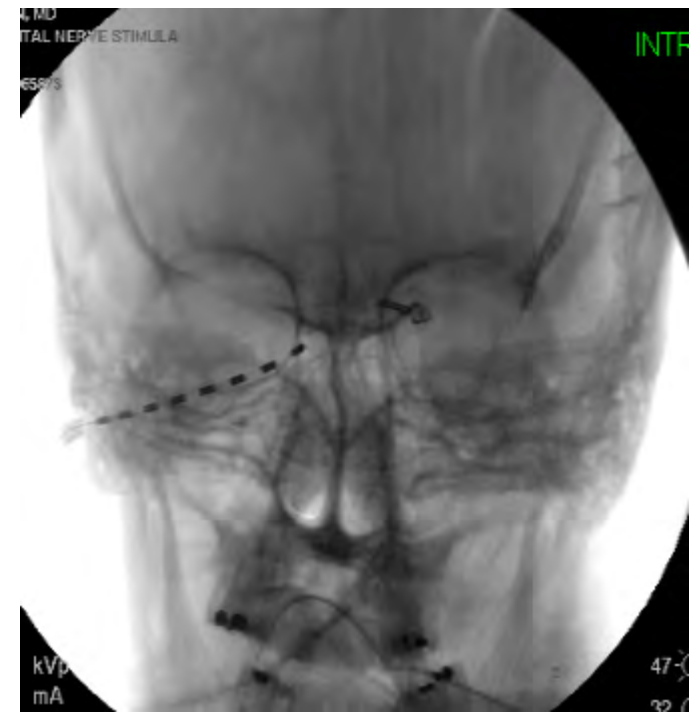
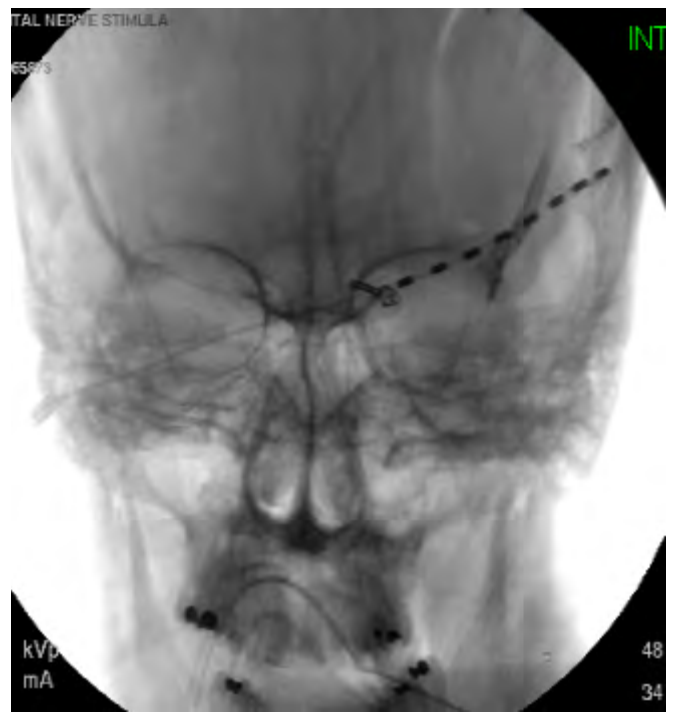
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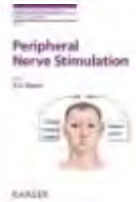


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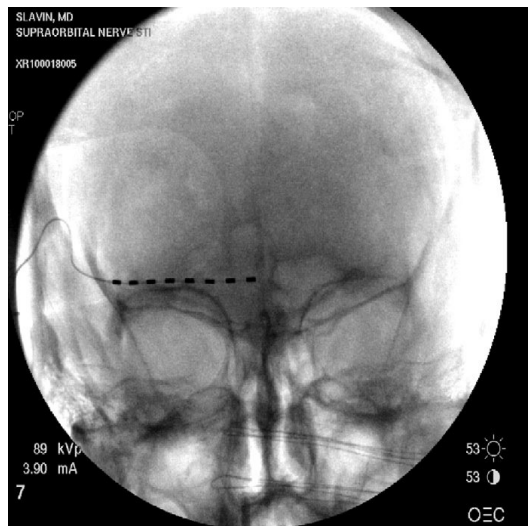
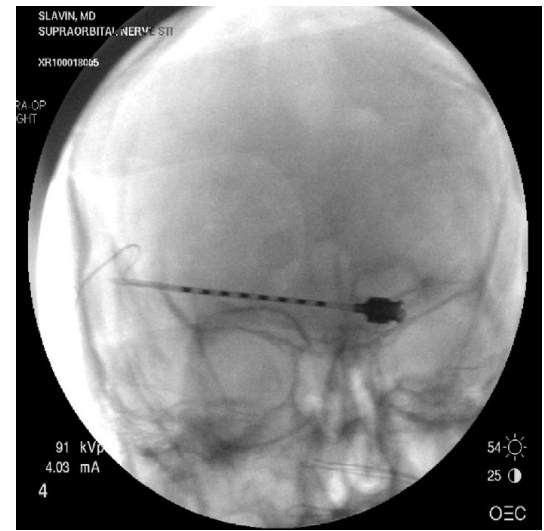
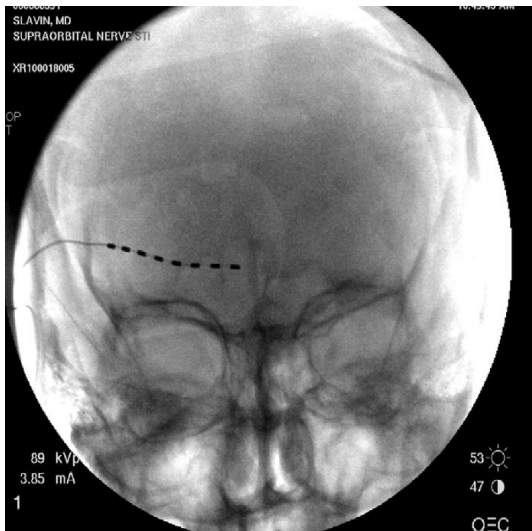
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# Simplified revision technique



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# **PNS complication prevention**

**Correctness of the electrode depth**



# Insertion plane

## Too deep

### Occipital Neurostimulation-Induced Muscle Spasms: Implications for Lead Placement

Salim M. Hayek, MD, PhD<sup>1</sup>, Joseph F. Jasper, MD<sup>2</sup>, Timothy R. Deer, MD<sup>3</sup>, and Samer N. Narouze, MD<sup>4</sup>

Pain Physician 2009; 12:867-876 •



## Too superficial

### Percutaneous Occipital Stimulator Lead Tip Erosion: Report of 2 Cases

Terrence L. Trentman, MD, David W. Dodick, MD, Richard S. Zimmerman, MD, and Barry D. Birch, MD

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# Electrode erosion



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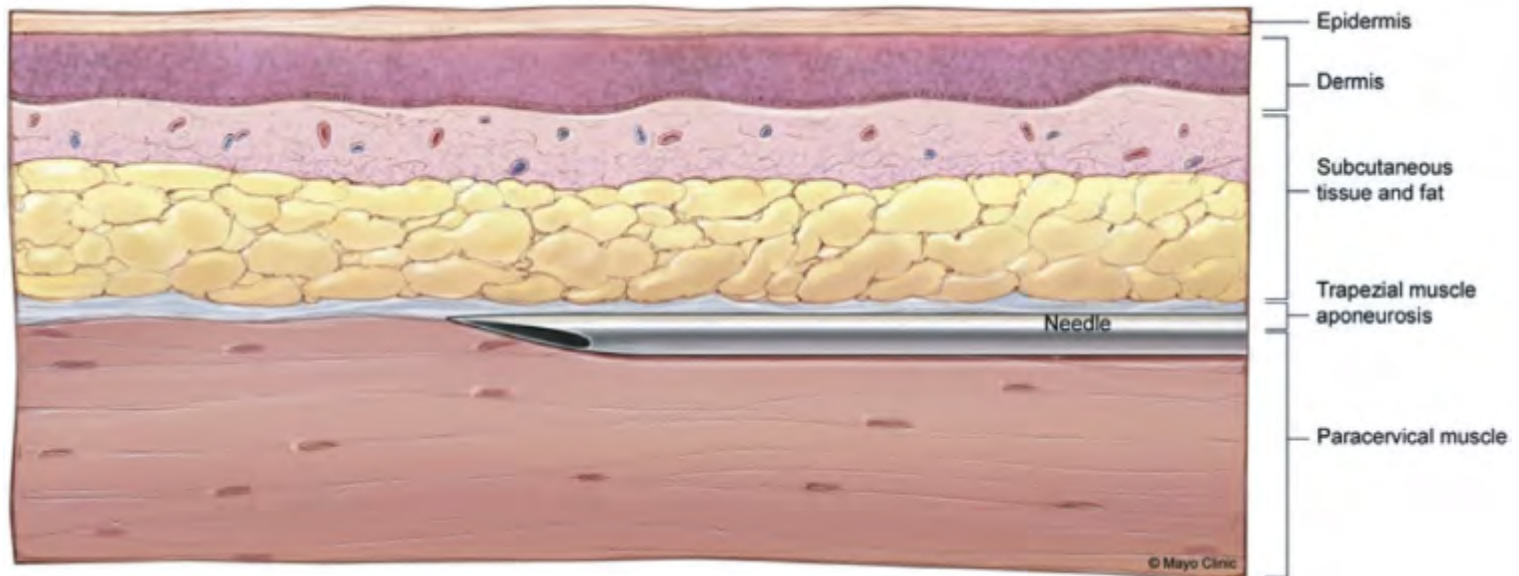
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Peripheral Nerve Stimulation



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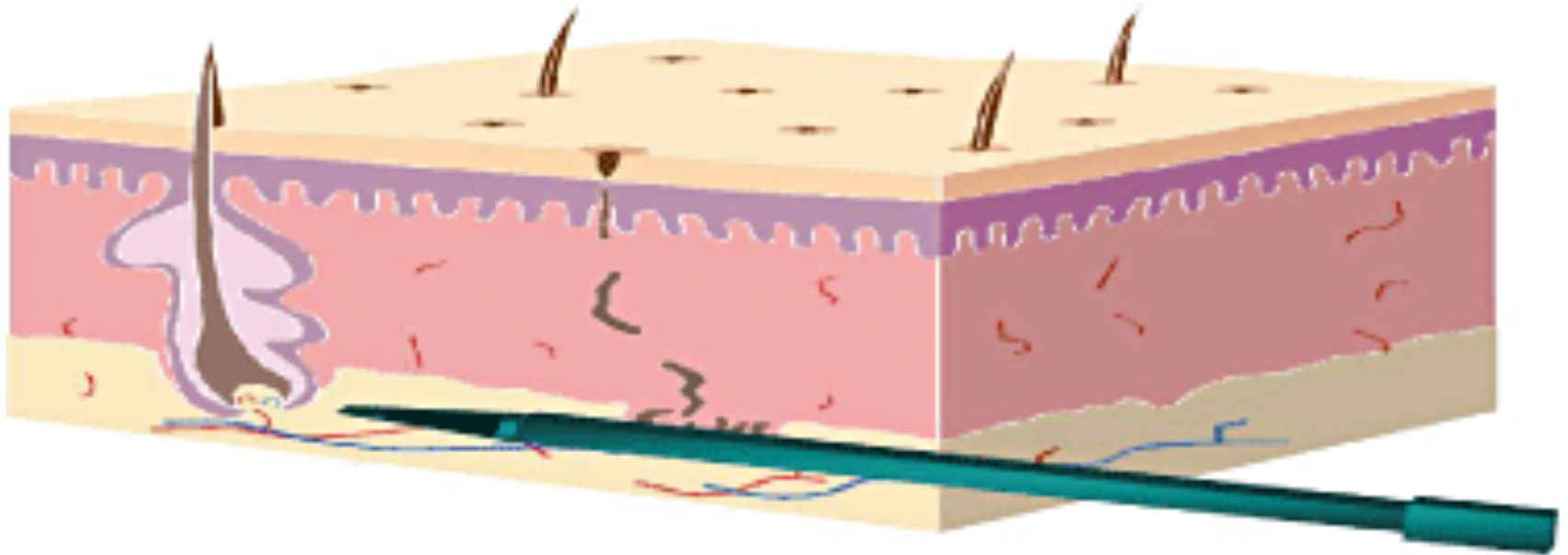
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# Erosion prevention



**Electrode insertion plane**

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# Electrode erosion



## Electrode insertion plane

**Procedure 44**

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# **PNS complication prevention**

**Infection control**



# Infection





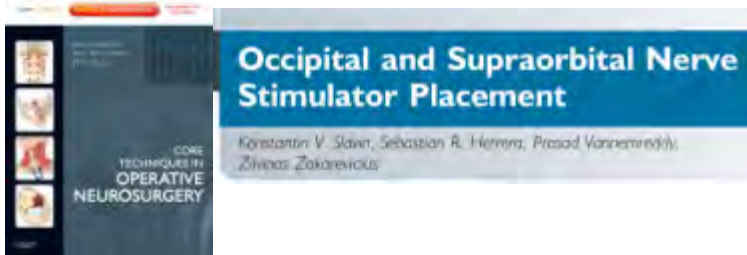
# Prevention of infection

- Perioperative antibiotics
- Avoid excessive tissue dissection
- Meticulous hemostasis
- Appropriate size of incision
  - Not too small
  - Not too large
- Avoid over-tightening of the sutures
- Plan exit site of trial electrodes to avoid crossing the path of permanent device



# Infection risk reduction

## Trial vs. Permanent Implant



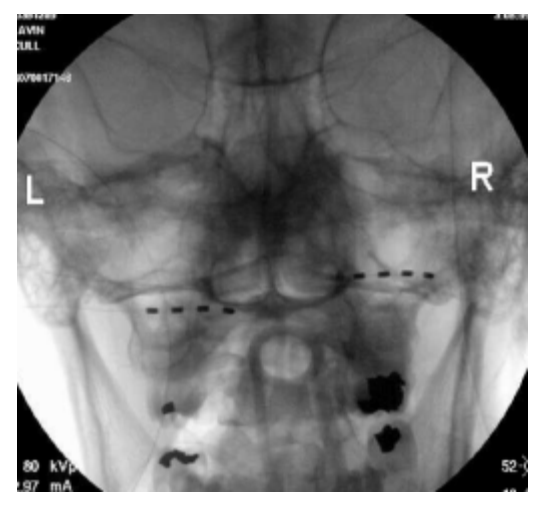
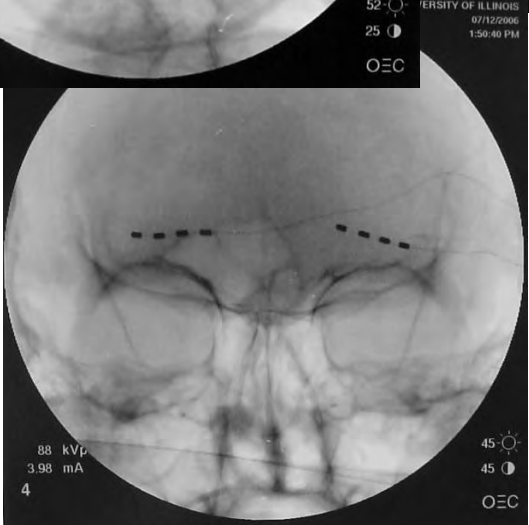
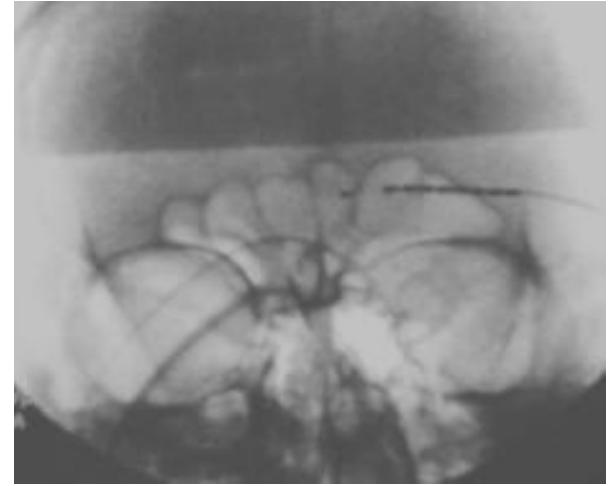
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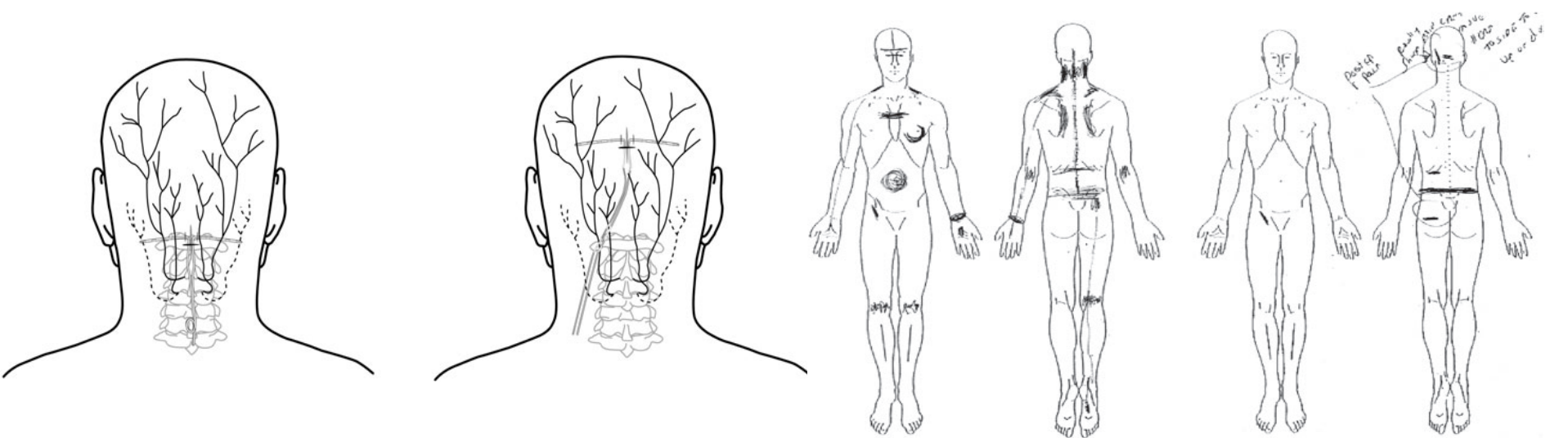


# Best electrodes?





# Fibromyalgia (occipital nerve stimulation)



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## C2 Area Neurostimulation: A Surgical Treatment for Fibromyalgia

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