

Issue: The dura contains cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) which cushions the neural elements inside. A tear allows the CSF to leak out which can cause severe headaches and other problems.

Cause: Accidental cuts, or tension placed on an immobile nerve root (more common in revision cases or very chronic herniations)

Prevention: Highly dependent on surgeon's skill set and comfort!

Solution:

If the dural tear is prior to implantation, repair the tear and proceed with implantation if the dura is mobile

If the dura is not mobile, abandon implantation

If dural tear occurs with or after use of any of our instruments, report to your TM and to Quality at www.barricaid.com/complaints/