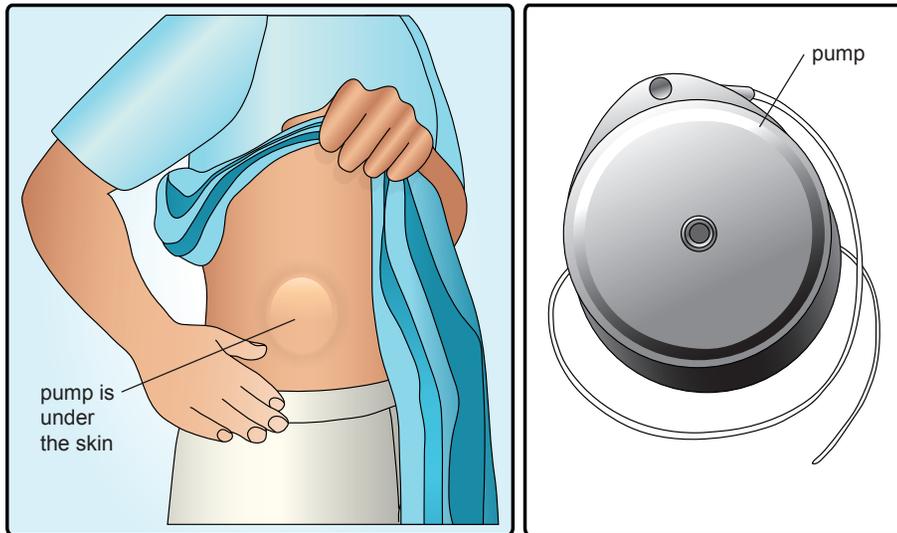


Internal Intraspinal Pain Device (Pump)



What is this?

Your doctor will place a flexible tube (catheter) in the intrathecal space (see drawing on page 5) and connect it under your skin on your side to an automated pump under your skin in your belly.

How does it work?

The automated pump can be controlled from outside your body to deliver your medication continuously and as needed. This option is only considered for patients with chronic pain caused by cancer who may benefit from this pain treatment for many years.

How do I take care of this?

This treatment option will require your pump to be refilled with medication at a given appointment to avoid serious and dangerous withdrawal symptoms.

Be present at all your appointments as the pump should never be allowed to go empty.

After the surgery, you may feel some discomfort or tenderness.

You can start taking baths right after the dressing and staples are removed. Otherwise, no special care is required.

You will gradually return to normal activities once the incision is completely healed. Now that you have a pump, your doctor or nurse will discuss with you about work, exercise, travel and any other activities you enjoy.

If you ever need to pass an MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging), you must tell the radiologist that you have a pump. The pump will need to be verified after the MRI to make sure it is working properly.

KEY POINTS

- Delivers medication to your spine.
- You will require regular appointments at the hospital to fill the pump.
- Every day, write the level of pain you feel in your Pain Intensity Scale and Diary.
- The pump under your skin may affect your body image.
- This treatment will not limit your mobility.
- Report any side effect that you have to the doctor or nurse during your visit at the clinic.