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Information for you: Regional Anaesthesia

**Spinal or epidural**

**Very common or common:**

- Low blood pressure
- Itching
- Inability to pass urine
- Headache (1:300). May need intervention
- Feeling sick
- Pain and bruising at injection site

**Uncommon:**

Temporary nerve damage

**Rare or very Rare:**

- Permanent nerve damage due to direct injury, haematoma (blood clot) or infection (1:23,500-1:50,000)
- Toxic effect of the drugs

Very common	1:10
Common	1:100
Uncommon	1:1000
Rare	1:10,000
Very Rare	1:100,000

If you plan to stay awake during surgery but your block gives you inadequate pain relief or fails; you will be offered additional pain relief or a general anaesthetic

**Peripheral Nerve Blocks**

**A. For all blocks:**

**Very common or common:**

- Pain and bruising at injection site
- Temporary nerve damage. Usually resolves in 4-6 weeks

**Rare or very rare:**

- Permanent nerve damage
- Drug toxicity

**B. Upper Limb (Shoulder/Arm/Hand):**

- Drooping of eyelids
- Hoarseness of voice
- Inability to take a deep breath
- Pneumothorax (air around lung lining).

**C. Trunk Blocks:**

- Injury to internal organs

**D. Lower Limb: (Thigh/Leg/Ankle)**

- All generic (see section A)

I consent to having a nerve block for .....  
I understand the risks associated with the anaesthetic technique as presented above.

Patient's Name .....  
Patient's Signature .....

Date .....

Anaesthetist's Name .....  
Anaesthetist's Signature .....

Date .....  
Job Title .....

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