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Summary

Epidural steroid injections in the Lumbar Spine can be delivered by several roots but the Transforaminal approach (TFESI) is considered the most target-specific as it helps to deliver the highest possible concentration of Corticosteroids close to the site of pathology (presumably the inflamed nerve root). Lateral parasagittal epidural (LIP) also is considered a good technique regarding ventral epidural spread of contrast under fluoroscopy. LIP is better than midline epidural regarding spread and clinical response.

The results in this study detected no difference between both approaches regarding the VAS given by the patients or the rate of complications and adverse events reported. The difference detected was the fluoroscopy time which was shorter with the LIP, ventral epidural spread was better in LIP than TF.

So the final outcome of this study suggested that the interventionalist should choose LIP technique as it is more ease to do with the same clinical reported. It has also more ventral spread than TF technique.