

# Top-up epidural som anæstesiform ved sectio

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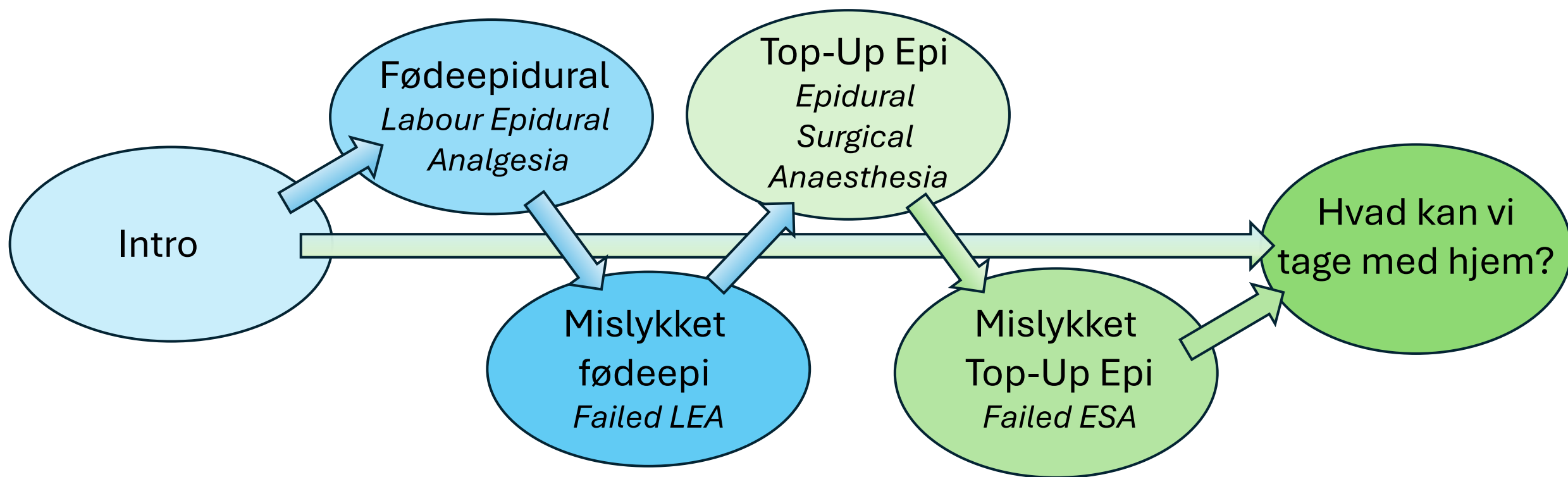
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- Overlæge med fagligt ansvar for den obstetriske anæstesi på RH
- Chair SSAI Obstetric Anaesthesia

# Agenda



# Vær omhyggelig og tag ansvar

1. Efter epidural → Virker epiduralen – godt nok?

2. Inden sectio → Har epiduralen virket – godt nok?

3. JA → Top-Up

NEJ → Spinal (CSE)

A green oval with a black border containing the text "Hvad kan vi tage med hjem?".

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  - Smerter...
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# Failed Labour Epidural Analgesia

Mislykket  
fødeepi  
*Failed LEA*

- Hvad er det?

# Definition of failed labour epidural?

1. Lack of adequate pain relief by 45 min from epidural placement?
2. Dural-puncture?
3. Re-siting or abandoning the epidural?
4. Maternal dissatisfaction with analgesia at the follow-up visit?
5. When it documented in the anesthetic record as failure
6. When there is an unilateral block?
7. Based on a midwife satisfaction scoring system?
8. VPS >10, 30mins after initial dose?
9. VAPS >30, 20mins after initial dose?
10. 3 episodes of breakthrough pain?



# Definition of failed labour epidural?

1. Lack of adequate pain relief by 45 min from epidural placement?
2. Duration of analgesia
3. Re-sedation
4. Maternal hypotension
5. When to stop? Follow-up visit?
6. When to stop? failure
7. Based on patient's pain
8. VPS
9. (VAF)
10. 3 episodes of breakthrough pain?

1-4 Thangamuthu et al, 2013, Delphi

5. Hood et, 1993

6. Eappen et al, 1998

7. Dresner et al, 2006

8. Agaram et al, 2009.

9. Le Coq et al , 1998

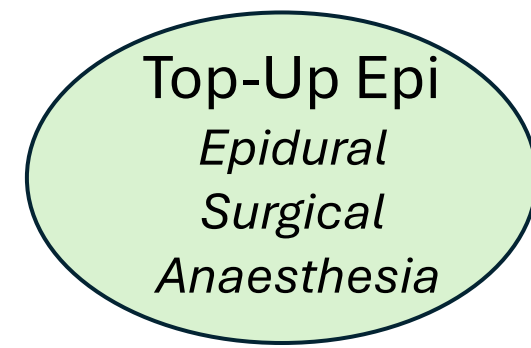
10. Hess et al, 2001

# Failed Labour Epidural Analgesia?

Faktorer associeret med Failed Labour Epidural Analgesia:

1. Højt BMI ( $>30\text{kg/m}^2$ )
2. Uerfarne anæstesilæger
3. Multiparity
4. Tidligere Failed Labour Epidural Analgesia
5. Cervical dilatation  $> 7\text{cm}$

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Risiko for højt blok?

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Top-Up Epi  
Epidural  
Surgical  
Anaesthesia

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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**The extension of epidural blockade for emergency caesarean section: a survey of Scandinavian practice**

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12 forskellige Top-Up blandinger i DK  
25 i Skandinavien

15ml Lidokain 2% m adr 5 mikrog/ml

2ml Natrium-Bikarbonat 1 mg/ml

2ml Sufentanil 5mikrog/ml

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19ml Top-Up

5min-ish...

Temperatur

+/- Sufentanil...

OP

Test? → 10-19ml



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## Risiko for højt blok?

- Afhænger af bolus' tidspunkt og volumen...
- Litteraturen: <math><0,03\%</math> (Shepherd et al 2023)  
<math><1\%</math> (Yoon et al 2017)  
<math>2,2\%</math> (Shen et al 2022)

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# Stol på epiduralen, når...

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- Evidence for:
  - Behov for boli under veer ↓
  - Ikke-obstetrisk anæstesi-læge ↓
  - Enhanced urgency for CS ↓
- Insufficient evidence – to evaluate
  - CSE vs Epidural
  - Duration of labor analgesia
  - BMI / weight

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SPECIAL ARTICLE



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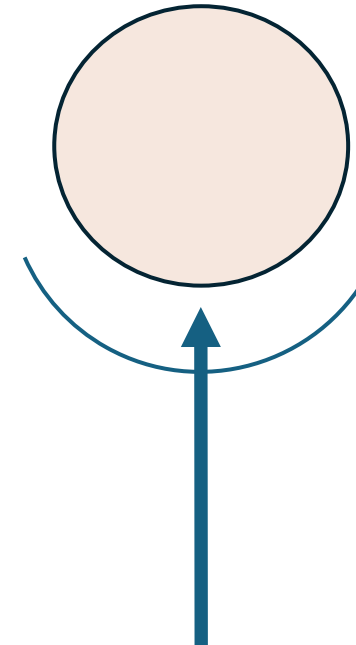
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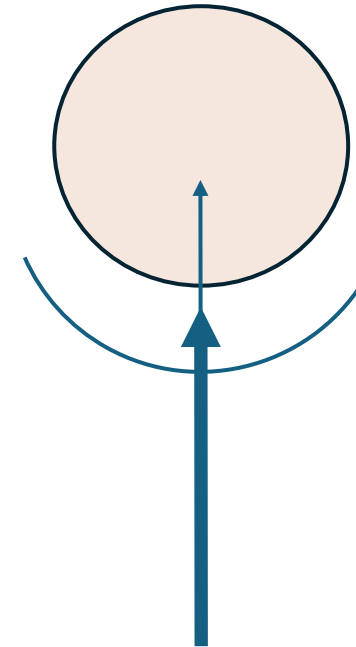
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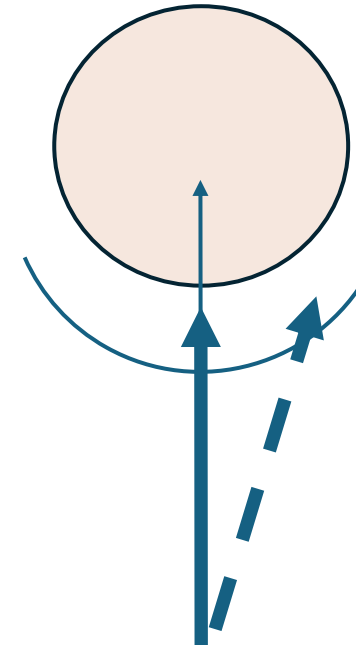
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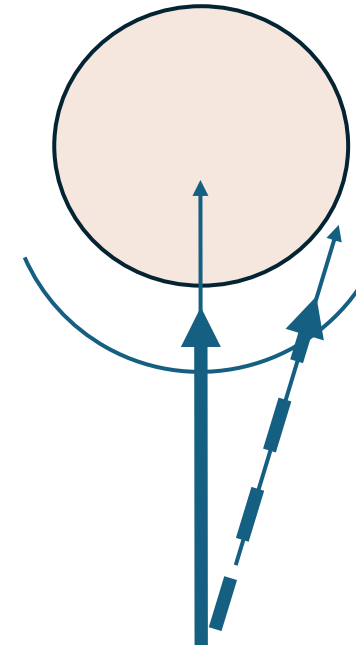
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Original Article

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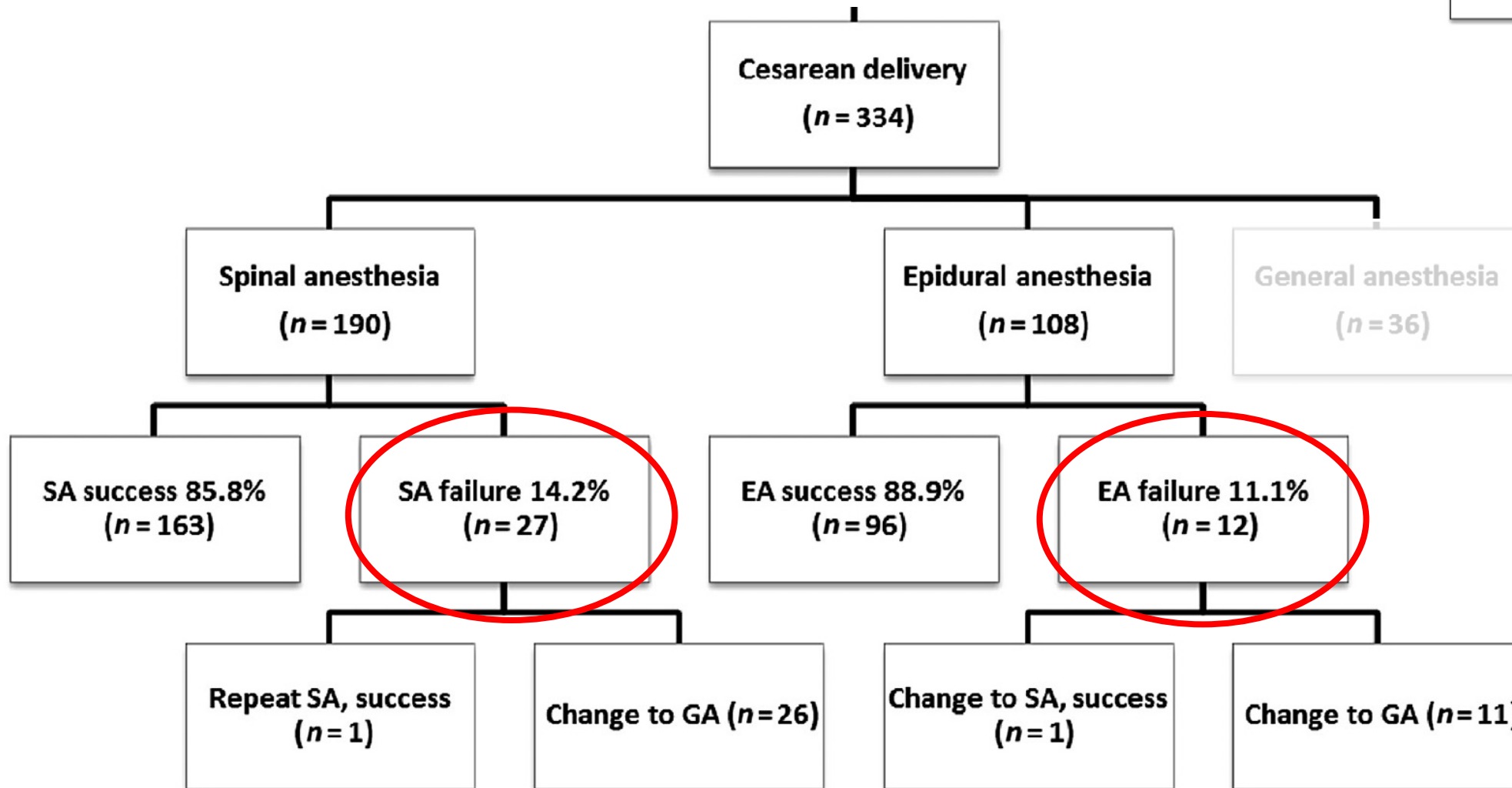
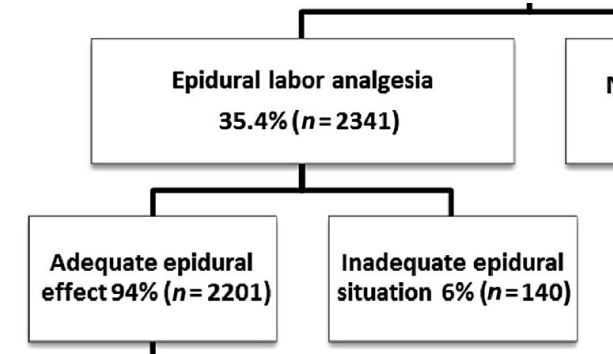


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## A comparison of anesthetic outcomes between activation and removal of epidural catheters for patients who underwent unscheduled intrapartum cesarean delivery

Bailey Shepherd, MD<sup>a</sup>, Emily E. Sharpe, MD<sup>b</sup> , Kendall Hammonds, MPH<sup>c</sup>, and Michael P. Hofkamp, MD<sup>a</sup> 

- Retrospektivt.
- 124 CSE/Spinal matched vs 124 Top-Up
- 3/124 Unable to obtain new neuraxial technique
- Conversion to GA 10% vs 19%
- *Results: After adjusting for parity, depression, last neuraxial labor analgesic technique, physician-administered rescue analgesia boluses, and duration from neuraxial placement to entering the operating room for cesarean delivery, patients who had removal of their epidural catheters were more likely to have regional anesthesia without conversion to general anesthesia or administration of additional anesthetic medication (odds ratio 4.298; 95% confidence interval 2.448, 7.548; P<0.01).*

# Alternativ til Top-Up Epidural

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## **Comparing epidural surgical anesthesia and spinal anesthesia following epidural labor analgesia for intrapartum cesarean section: a prospective randomized controlled trial**

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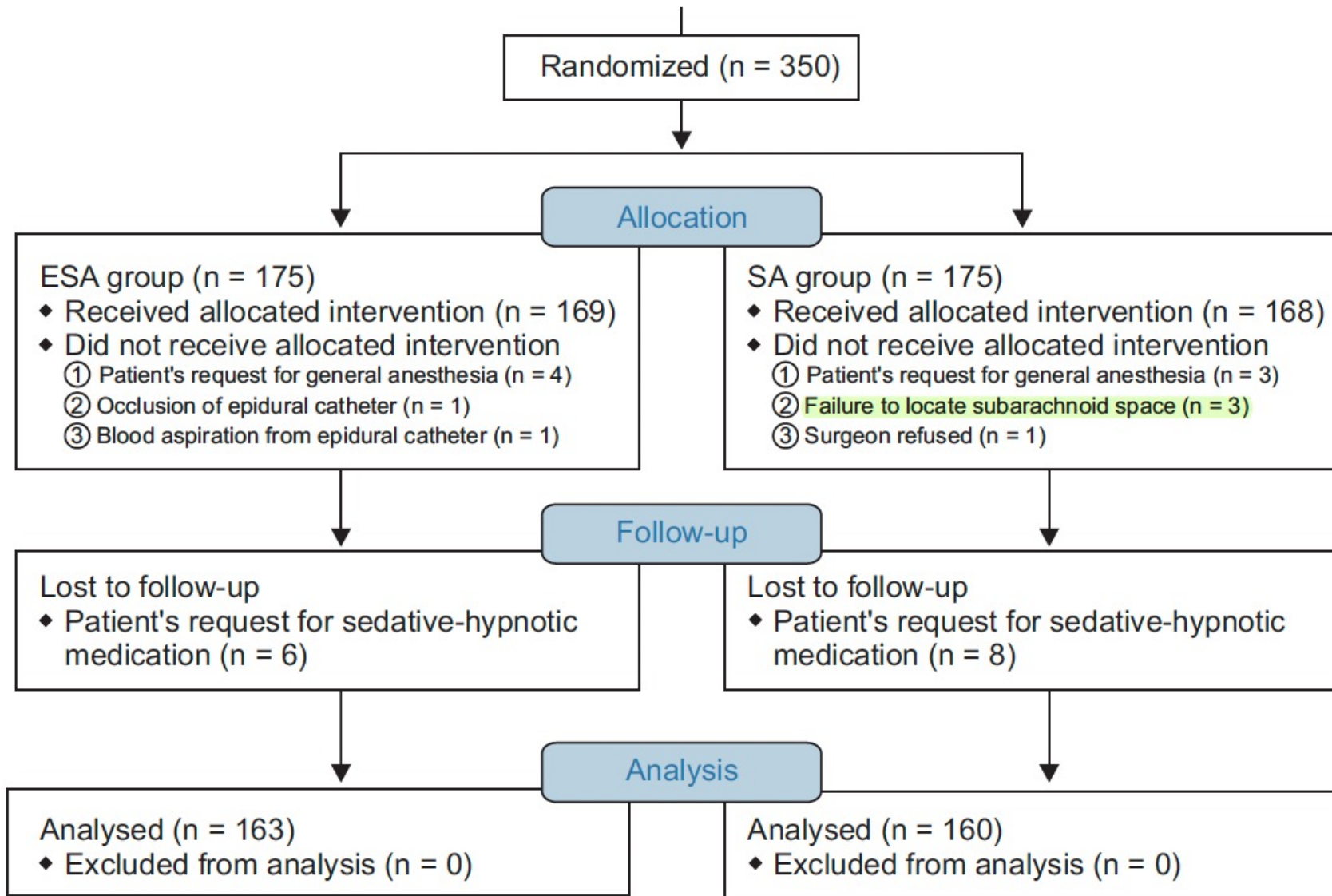


Fig. 1. CONSORT flow diagram.

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**Table 4.** Outcome Data

	ESA (n = 163)	SA (n = 160)	P value
→ Failure of pain-free surgery (1+2)	25 (15.3%)	4 (2.5%)	< 0.001
1. Conversion to general anesthesia (①–⑤)	4 (2.5%)	2 (1.3%)	0.697
① Failed sensory block	0	0	
② Sensory block height below T5	1 (0.6%)	1 (0.6%)	0.486
③ Poor quality	2 (1.2%)	1 (0.6%)	0.987
④ Patchy block	1 (0.6%)	0	0.993
⑤ Pain from forceps pinching at the surgical site	0	0	
→ 2. Analgesic supplements (100 µg fentanyl iv)	21 (12.9%)*	2 (1.3%)	< 0.001
→ Mean phenylephrine requirement (mg)	0 (0–0)*	425 (362–512)	< 0.001
Side effects			
High neuraxial block	0	1 (0.6%)	0.993
Nausea	10 (6.1%)	8 (5.0%)	0.980
Vomiting	3 (1.8%)	4 (2.5%)	0.761
Hypotension	8 (4.9%)	12 (7.5%)	0.462
Shivering	30 (18.4%)	25 (15.6%)	0.605
Fetal outcomes			
1 min Apgar score	8 (7–8)	8 (7–8)	0.310
5 min Apgar score	9 (9–9)	9 (8–9)	0.799
Birth weight (kg)	3.4 ± 0.3	3.3 ± 0.4	0.712

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## A prospective audit of regional anaesthesia failure in 5080 Caesarean sections★

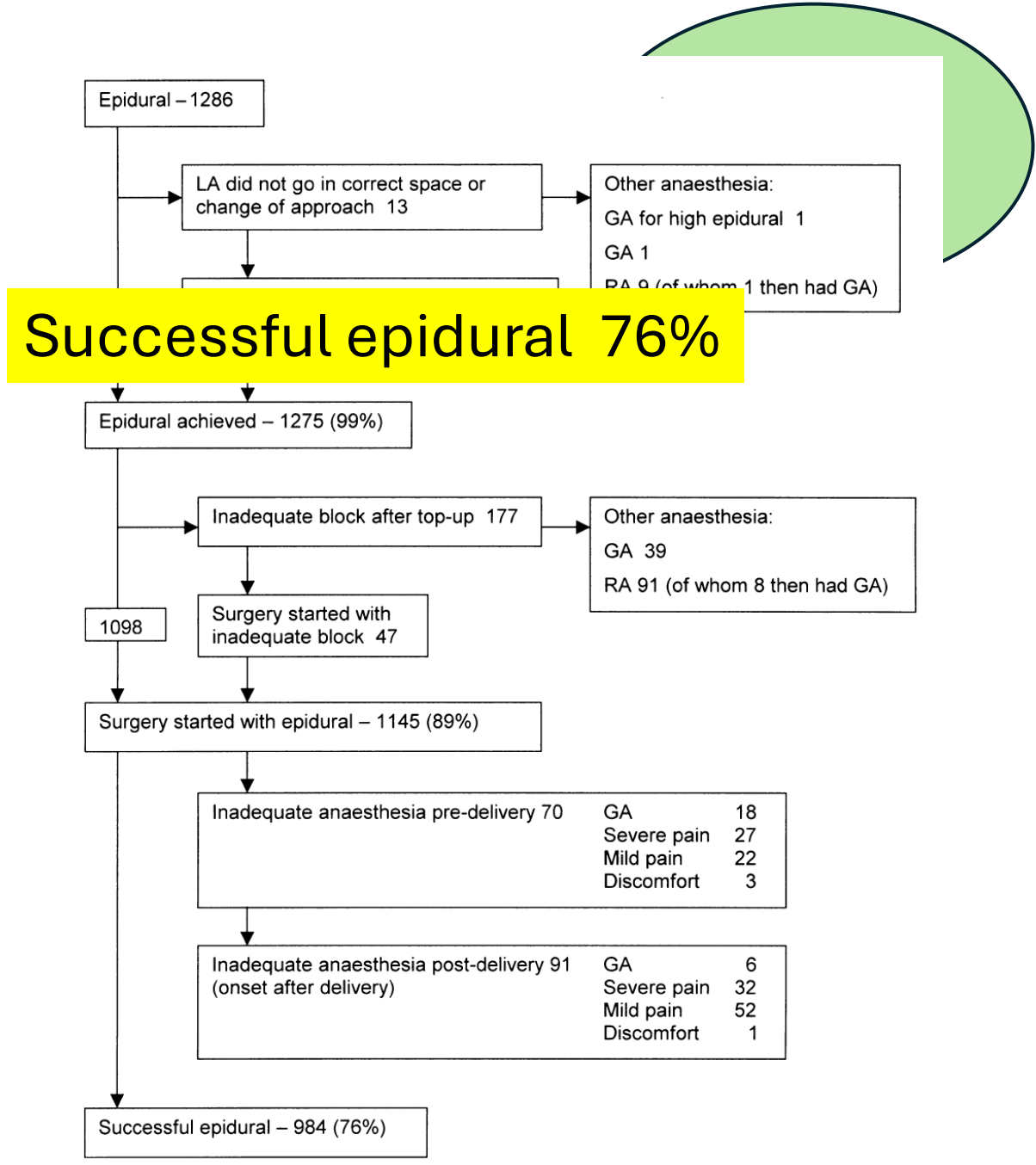
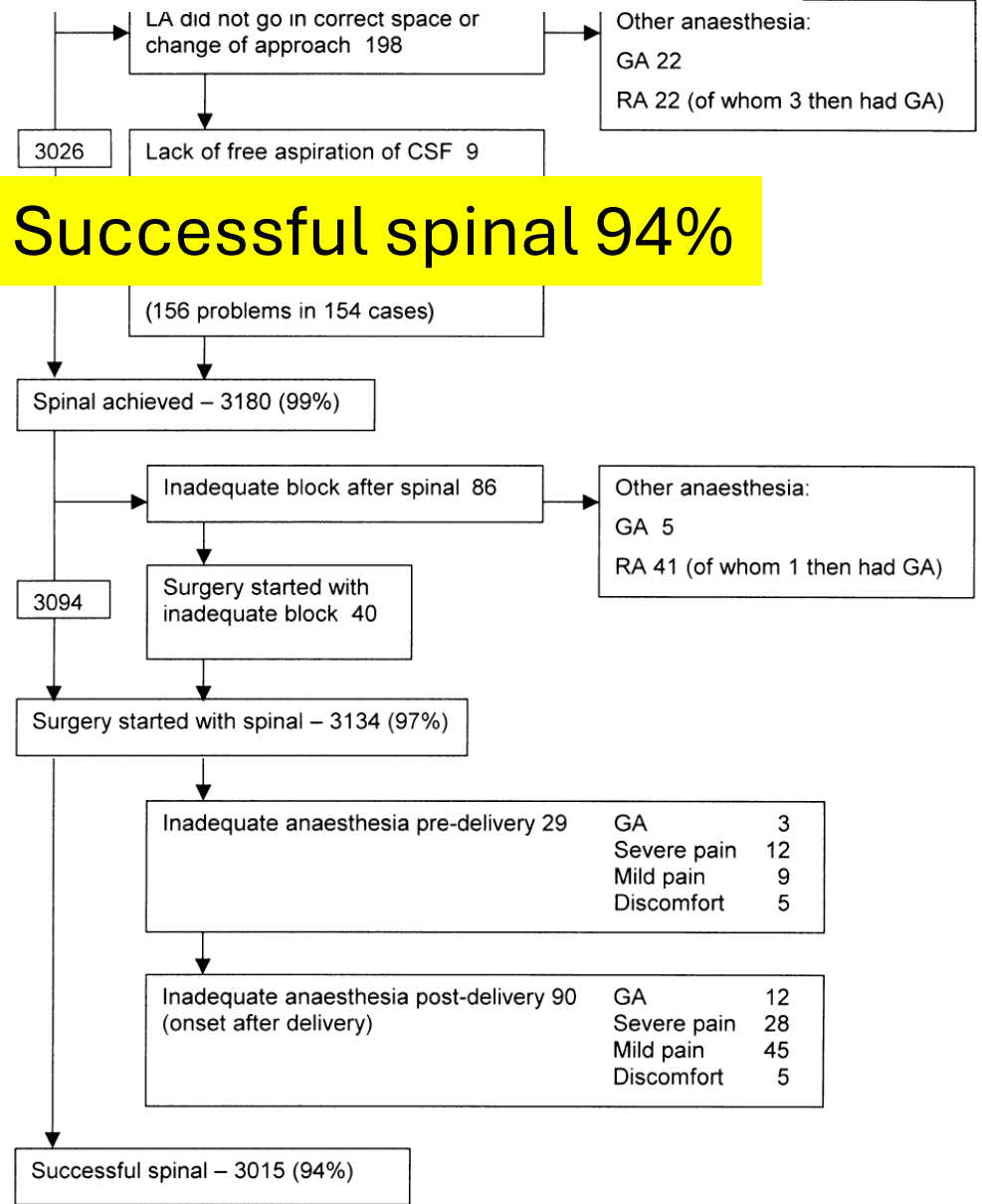
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# Failed conversion → IntraOp Pain


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## Guidelines

# Prevention and management of intra-operative pain during caesarean section under neuraxial anaesthesia: a technical and interpersonal approach

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# Failed conversion – Recommendations

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1. Informed consent
  2. Discuss the planned level of block and how it will be tested, the sensations that should be expected with an effective block
  3. For non-emergent cases, a test dose should be used. For emergency caesarean section, a test dose should not be used.
  4. Use a recommended technique for the caesarean section. The test dose should be administered as a simple and effective block with a slight leg raise.
  5. Use light sedation if necessary, aiming for a level of sedation that allows the patient to remain comfortable and aware.
  6. Identify the block level as the point at which sensation is first felt when moving from blocked to unblocked dermatomes between the mid-axillary and midclavicular lines bilaterally.
  7. Test the lower limit of the block as well as the upper limit, using the back of the leg if necessary to avoid spraying near the genital area.
  8. If the block is inadequate, consider a top-up dose of local anaesthetic. If pain or distress occurs, then use ketamine in the first instance.
  9. If the patient is unable to tolerate the procedure, consider general anaesthesia. General anaesthesia should be considered if the patient is unable to tolerate the procedure.
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1. Informeret samtykke
  - 2.-3. Informér patienten
  4. Anvend anerkendt teknik og doser af anæstetika inkl opioid
  - 5.-8. Test. T4 + bagsiden af låret + motorblok
  9. Ved smerteklager → Stop kir. → Behandl smerterne
  10. Overvej GA
  11. Alle ptter, der oplever smerter bør tilses efterfølgende

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1. Informér pt
2. Behandl smerterne
3. CSE/GA? Du bestemmer!
4. Følg op

See it  
Own it  
Fix it  
Share it

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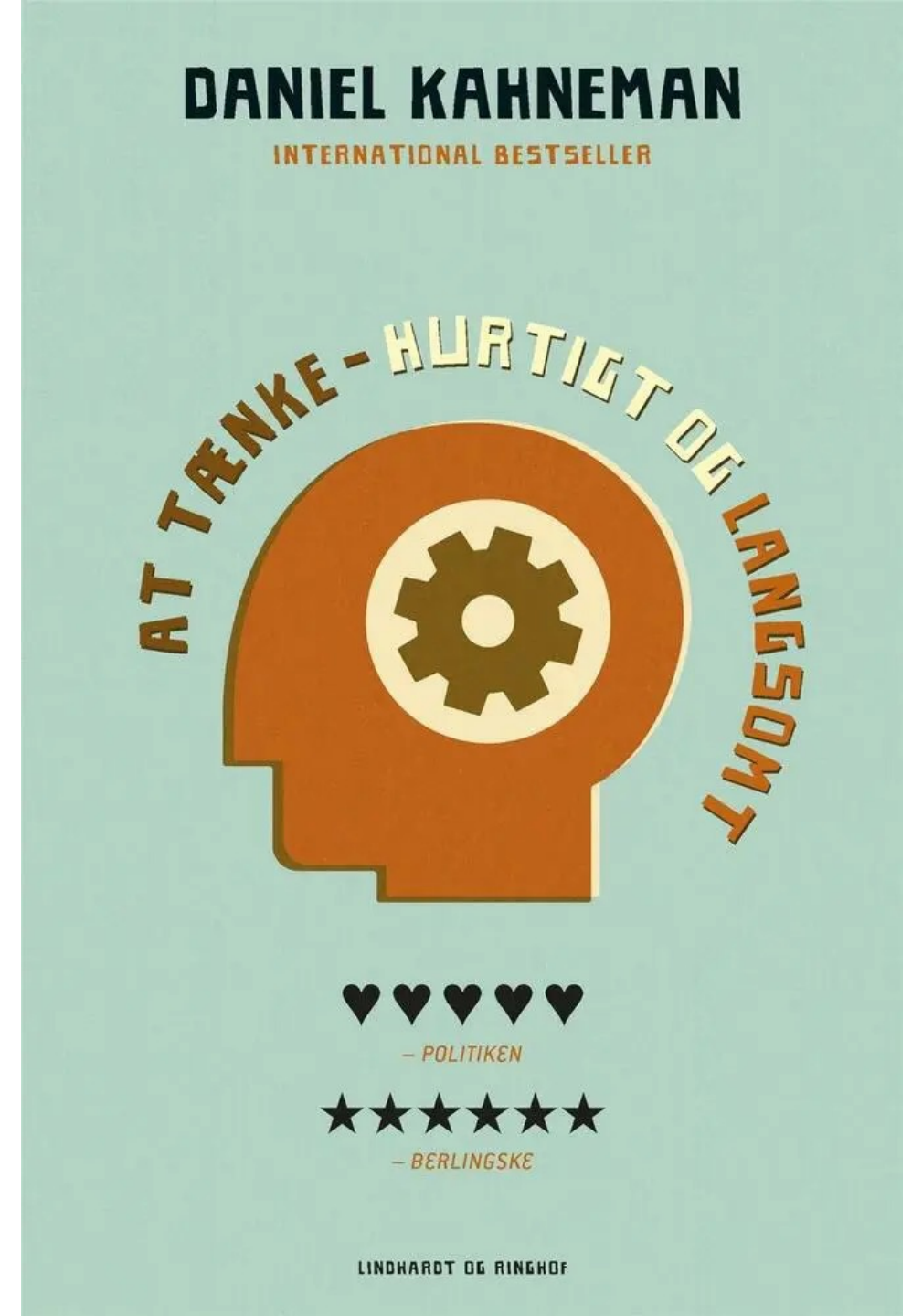
“Mr. Osborne, may I be excused? My brain is full.”

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NB!

Hvad har betydning for mine valg?



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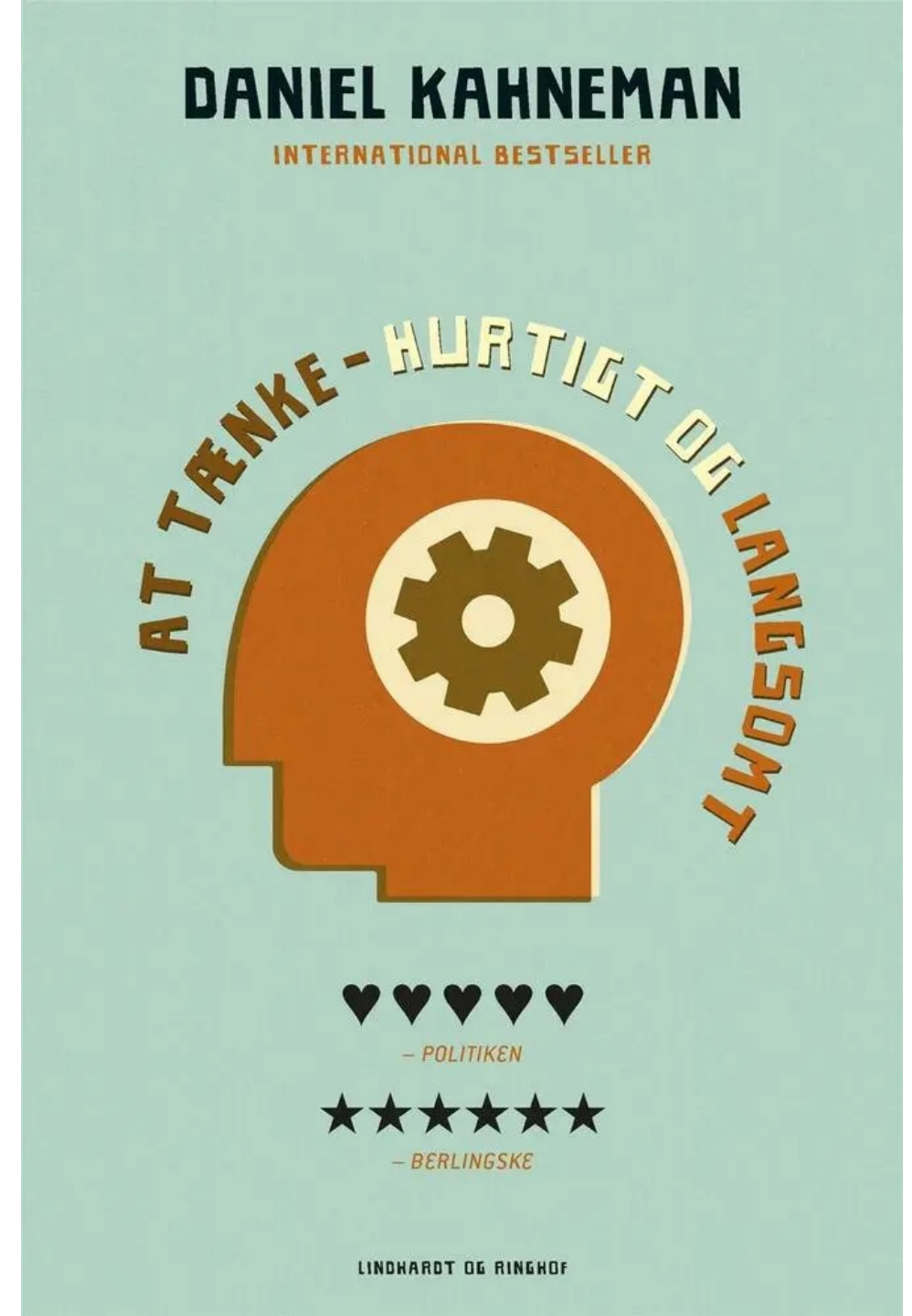
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Anæstesiens 3 T'er

Travl

Træt

Tusind andre ting



# ESAIC Guideline

- Delphi process
- Literature
- PICOs...
- No evidence!
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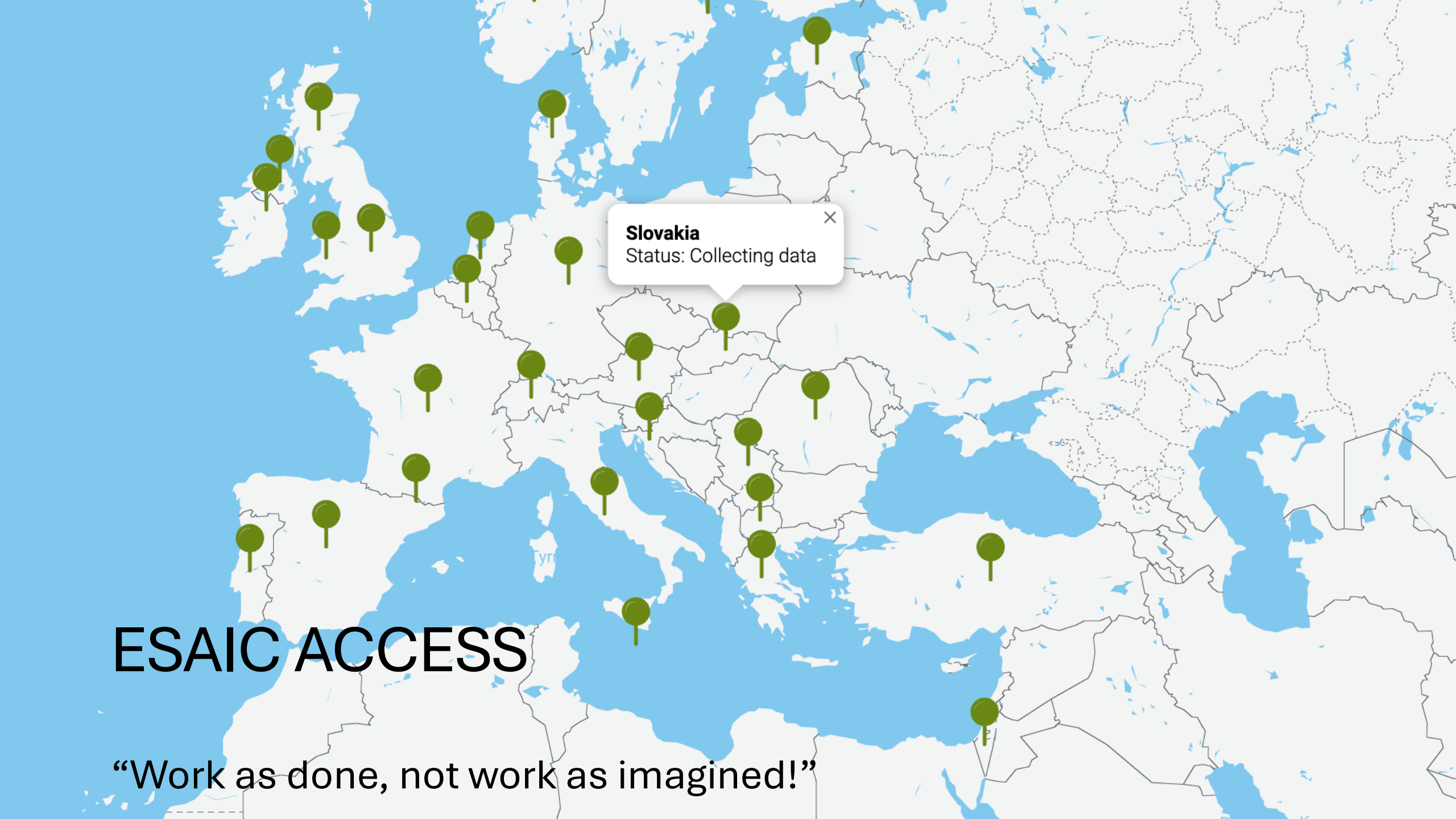
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“Work as done, not work as imagined!”

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København	Rigshospitalet	DK004	Approved	Approved	REDCap	REDCap	15&16	Yes
Hillerød	Nordsjællands Hospital i Hillerød	DK008	Approved	Approved	REDCap	REDCap	15&16	Yes
Rønne	Bornholms Hospital	DK010	Approved	Approved	REDCap	REDCap	15&16	Yes
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“Work as done, not work as imagined!”

# Failed Top-Up

Mislykket  
Top-Up Epi  
*Failed ESA*

1. Anæstesi: Fødeepi kan ikke bruges
2. Obstetriker: Øget muskeltonus
3. Patient: Smerter i forbindelse med kejsersnit

## Review Article

# Inadequate neuraxial anaesthesia in patients undergoing elective caesarean section: a systematic review

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- 54 studier. 3497 ptter.
  - 78% Spinal/CSE.
  - 22% Epi de novo.
- 15% Inadækvat neuraxial anæstesi (behov for suppl intraopr)
  - 10% Spinaler, 30% Epidural
  - GA: 2/3497 ptter (0,06%)

**Inadequate NA:**

Supplemental analgesia

Conversion to GA

Patient reported assessment

Anaesthetist assessment

Block height threshold

Pain score threshold

Not Given

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- Prospektivt, elektivt sectio
- 193 ptter spurgt efter sectio om smerter intraopr. Ja/Nej
- 12% Ja. (4% inden forløsning, 8% efter)

*Spinal med Hyperbar Bupivacain 12mg, Fentanyl 20mikrog, Morfin 100mikrog.*

*Before surgery began, the block was assessed via four distinct tests:*

- 1. Motor-block (parturient unable to lift legs),*
- 2. Sensory assessment to pinprick bilaterally to T4 (using a sharp instrument),*
- 3. Sensory assessment to cold assessed by cold alcohol swab,*
- 4. Surgical test using tweezers at level of skin incision.*

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- Obstetrikerens opfattelse
- 4% har smerter
- Falsk Positiv 2%
  - Obst oppfatter smerter.
  - Pt har IKKE smerter
- Falsk Negativ 83%
  - Obst oppfatter IKKE smerter.
  - Pt har smerter

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Obst oppfatter IKKE smerter.  
Pt har smerter
- Anæstesilægens opfattelse
- 17% har smerter
- Falsk Positiv 12%  
Anæst oppfatter smerter.  
Pt har IKKE smerter
- Falsk Negativ 52%  
Anæst oppfatter IKKE smerter.  
Pt har smerter

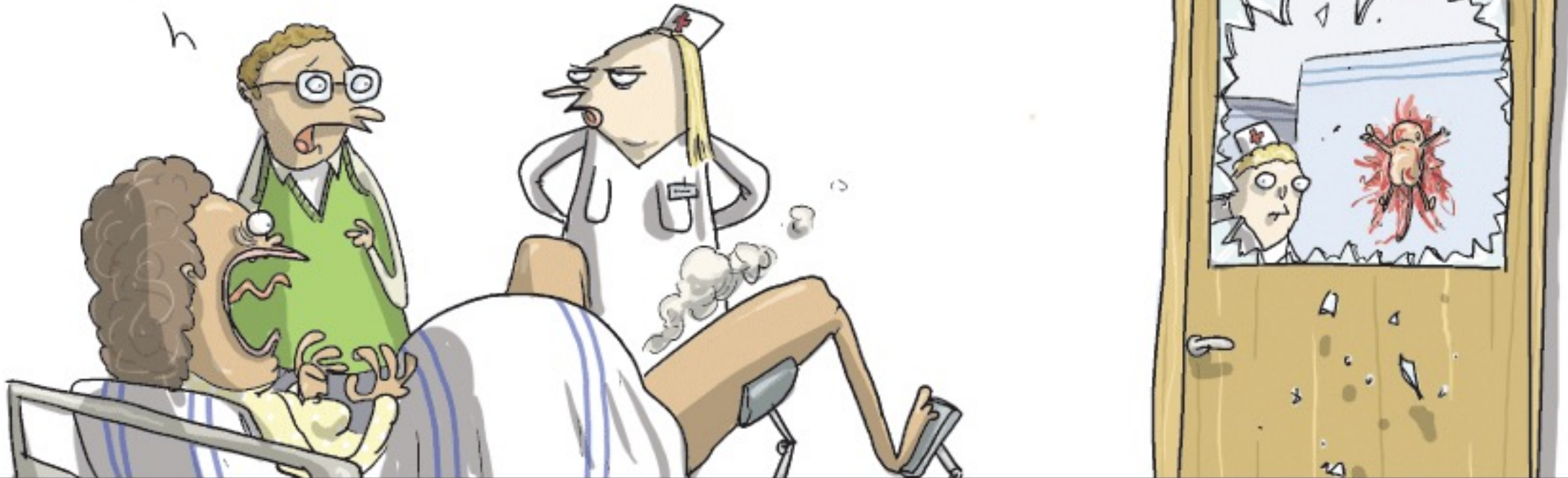


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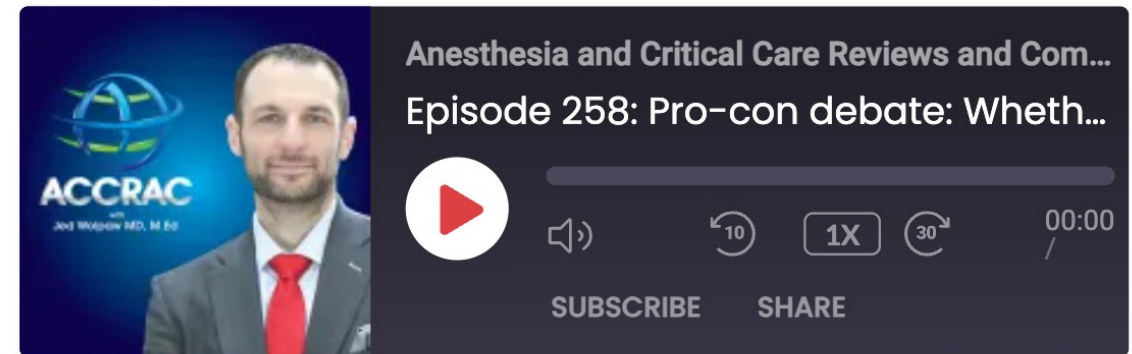


# Podcast

ANESTHESIA, OB

## EPISODE 258: PRO-CON DEBATE: WHETHER TO USE AN EXISTING LABOR EPIDURAL FOR C-SECTION WITH DRs. HOFKAMP AND SHARPE

🕒 JULY 3, 2023 💬 1 COMMENT



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In this 258th episode I welcome Dr Emily Sharpe and Dr. Mike Hofkamp back to the show to have a pro-con debate about what to do when a woman in labor with an epidural in place has to go unexpectedly for c-section. Dr. Hofkamp argues for removing the epidural and doing a second neuraxial technique while Dr. Sharpe argues for using the existing epidural.

## 7.6 Caesarean section anaesthesia: technique and failure rate

Dr Makani Purva, Hull Royal Infirmary  
 Dr S Mike Kinsella, University Hospitals Bristol

### Best practice

#### Caesarean section

Caesarean section	Category (%)		
	4	2-3	1
Carried out with regional anaesthesia	> 95	> 85	> 50
Regional to general anaesthesia conversion	< 1	< 5	< 15

Other suggested outcomes that might be monitored include:

- compliance with a 30-minute decision to delivery interval for category 1 caesarean sections
- rate of pain during caesarean sections carried out with regional anaesthesia for different urgency categories.<sup>1</sup>
- Type of anaesthesia (general anaesthetic); all regional anaesthesia; epidural top-up; spinal; combined spinal-epidural; other, according to urgency of the type of caesarean section.
- Regional anaesthesia failure – conversion to general anaesthesia for a case where regional anaesthesia has been started (a needle was inserted into the back or a drug given down an epidural catheter for the purpose of surgery).