

Labour Neuraxial Pain Relief LocSSIP

The following are the mandatory checks that **MUST** occur before and after insertion of every epidural and combined spinal-epidural for pain relief in maternity:

Before:

- Consent obtained
- Check for:
 - LMWH (12hrs for prophylaxis; 24hrs for treatment dose)
 - Obstetric/medical history & allergies assessed by anaesthetist
 - Is there a need to check blood results
- Is CTG, BP & HR monitoring adequate?
- Is IV access adequate?

After:

- Safety checks for epidural catheter performed (Meniscus drop/aspiration)
- What/when test dose was administered and any adverse effects?
- Were there any issues with insertion or changes to care plan?
- Agreed block and straight leg raise monitoring frequency
- Has the patient been informed of expected resolution of epidural effect?
- Has insertion and 20 minute assessment of epidural block been documented on BadgerNet?