

You are invited !

Hear Dr. John Treves speak about why and when a spinal cord dorsal column stimulator is appropriate.

Friday, February 17th
12-1 PM

8005 Farnam Drive, #305,
Omaha

The seminar is *free*, and lunch is included. RSVP by February 13th to Laurie Adams or Deb Harrold, or email: TCM@MedSecureinc.com

The Dorsal Column Stimulator can be placed either in the hospital, but some doctors do the procedure in their office. Costs vary, but the device itself costs around \$25,000. Hospital and doctor charges can bring the total up to \$100,000.00

A trial placement, which can cost up to \$10,000 is done before implanting to test for effectiveness. Many physician's insist upon psychological testing prior to a trial of the stimulator. Those with psychological dysfunction and drug dependency are not considered appropriate candidates.

What is a Dorsal Column Stimulator?

It is a specialized device, which stimulates nerves by tiny electrical impulses via small electrical wires placed on the spinal cord.

Who is a candidate for a spinal cord dorsal column stimulator?

A stimulator is for patients with chronic neuropathic pain that continues despite surgical and/or conservative measures.

Are Dorsal Column stimulators over prescribed?

Yes! Join us on February 17th to as Dr. Treves describes appropriate uses of the device.



Lyrica

Is a relatively new medication from Pfizer. It is similar to Neurontin, but more potent, so efficacy can be achieved at a lower dose.

It is prescribed for neuropathic pain, such as leg pain from back injuries. The most common side effects are dizziness and drowsiness.

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What is a discogram?

Discogram is used to determine if a specific disc is the source of the patient's pain. Discogram does not diagnose disc pain, but rather, determines the patients response to injecting dye into the disc. The test is painful, and the patient must be awake during the procedure. A CT scan is done with the procedure.

There are limited risks with this procedure. Disc infection is a serious, but very rare complication. The discogram, which is very painful, is often done prior to lumbar fusion.

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