



ADHESIVE ARACHNOIDITIS (AA)

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CLINICAL PROFILE OF 80 MRI-DOCUMENTED CASES OF ADHESIVE ARACHNOIDITIS

Our research and education project is continually collecting data and information about persons who have AA in order to help meet our mission of bringing diagnosis and treatment of this disease to every community. As far as we can tell no other organization is collecting information about persons who develop AA. Here is our first clinical profile. Please share this information with any interested party.

	<u>NO.</u>
1. Females	65 – 81%
2. Males	15 – 19%
3. Age Range in Years	18 to 80
4. Mean Age ± S.D. in Years	48.9 ± 13.7
5. No. with a Predisposing Spinal Condition *	61 – 76.3%
a. Herniated discs	44 – 55%
b. Spondylolisthesis	17 – 21.25%
c. Osteoporosis	6 – 7.5%
d. Spine arthritis	23 – 28.75%
e. Scoliosis	9 – 11.25%
f. Tarlov cysts	9 – 11.25%
6. No. with One or More Spinal Surgeries	43 – 53.8%
7. Total No. of Spine Surgeries in 43 Cases	91
8. Range of Surgeries in 43 Cases	1 to 8
9. No. Who Had 2 or More Spine Surgeries	22 – 27.5%
10. No. Who Had One or More Epidural Injections	69 – 86.3%
11. Total No. Epidural Injections in 69 Cases	236
12. Range of Epidural Injections in 69 Cases	1 to 20
13. No. Reported Over 8 Epidural Injections	16 – 20.0%
14. Symptoms and Complications Reported by Over 55% of Cases	
a. Pain Relief on standing	70 – 87.5%
b. Standing Too Long Causes Need to Lie Down	69 – 86.3%
c. Hurts to Lie Flat on Back	67 – 83.8%
d. Pain Always Present	66 – 82.5%
e. Shooting Pains, Tremors, or Jerking in Legs	64 – 78.8%
f. Burning Pains in Feet	63 – 78.8%
g. Cold Hands or Feet	58 – 72.5%
h. Crawling of Insects on Skin	58 – 72.5%
i. Water Dripping/Running Down Legs	53 – 66.3%
j. Difficulties Starting Urination/Defecation	51 – 63.8%
k. Leg Raise Hurts Back	50 – 62.5%
l. Blurred Vision	47 – 58.8%
m. Pain Behind Eyes	45 – 56.3%

+Some cases reported more than one condition.

Major Facts from this Study: Female, spine disorders, middle-age, multiple surgeries and epidurals, symptom profile of constant pain, positional pain relief, bladder dysfunction, and weird skin sensations.

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