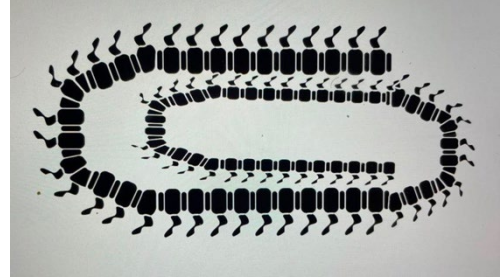




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DURAL TEAR STUDY DESIGN

Objectives:

1. To assess incidence of dural tears in the UK
2. To assess the grade of senior surgeon scrubbed when tear occurs
3. To assess the grade of surgeon managing the dural tears
4. To assess the method of repair
5. To assess the post-op management

Inclusion criteria:

1. All incidental durotomies during primary posterior lumbar spine surgery

Exclusion criteria:

1. Intentional durotomies
2. Revision lumbar spine surgery
3. Surgery involving the cervical or thoracic spine

Type of study:

Prospective data collection

Duration of study:

Prospective data collection over a four-month period with a minimum follow up over 2 months (i.e 6 month project in total)

Start of study – Dec 2022

End of study – Jun 2023