Treatment of Pain Induced by Tumor Metastasis, According to Dogliotti

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Summary

Dogliotti's method of relieving intractable pain caused by cancer through injecting alcohol intrathecally is described. The injections of small amounts of alcohol have to be made with the utmost care in order to place the alcohol just around the selected sensible nerve-roots where these are entering the spinal cord and to prevent complications. During the procedure the patient must be placed in such a way that the selected nerve-roots are situated at the highest level of the spinal canal.

We have tried the method only in four cases and the results so far have been encouraging – one patient completely relieved, three patients partially relieved. Therefore we intend to go on with the method in properly selected cases. We have not observed any complications.

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