

MEDIAL BRANCH BLOCK

What is a Medial branch block?

A Medial branch block uses a Corticosteroid which is injected near the medial branch nerves located around the facet joint. It is used as a diagnostic tool and treatment for pain.

What are Facets joints?

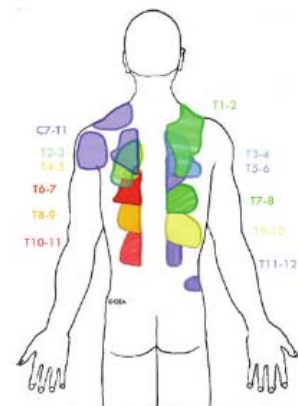
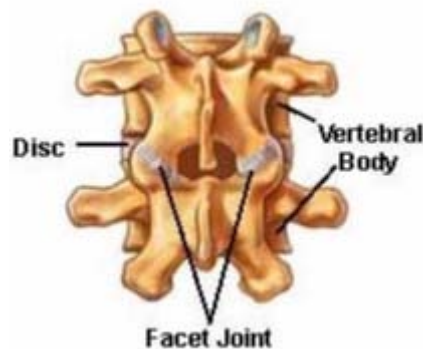
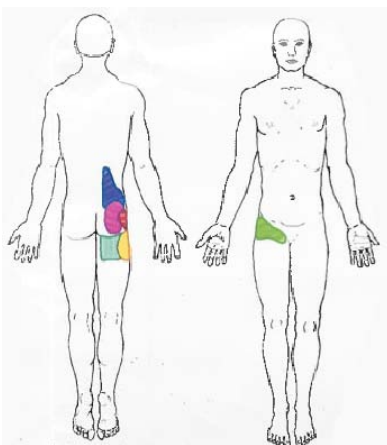
Facet joints stabilize your spine when you move and bend, and are located between each vertebra.

Where do you experience Facet joint pain?

Facet pain can be felt in different areas depending on which facet joint is irritated or inflamed.

What determines where the injection is placed?

The Physician will decide where to place the injection dependent of the areas in which your pain is radiating. (See chart below)



What is injected?

Corticosteroids are a strong anti-inflammatory medication.

How is it injected?

These injections are performed outpatient, using fluoroscopy (X-ray) to guide the needle to the medial branch nerves surrounding the facet joint.

*Your injection **day** will be scheduled by Agape Pain Management and Lifestyle Center. The **time** for the injection is set up by Las Cruces Surgical Center and you will be called the day before your injection by Las Cruces Surgical Center and notified of the time for your injection. The nurses at Las Cruces Surgical Center will call you to go over your medical history and pre-procedure instructions prior to your injection. Please arrive for your injection at the time specified by Las Cruces Surgical Center. Your follow up after your injection will be scheduled by Agape Pain Management and Lifestyle Center four weeks after your injection.