

RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION

What is radiofrequency ablation?

Radiofrequency ablation uses radio waves through a needle to heat up the nerves to interrupt the pain signal to your brain.

When would I become a candidate for radiofrequency ablation?

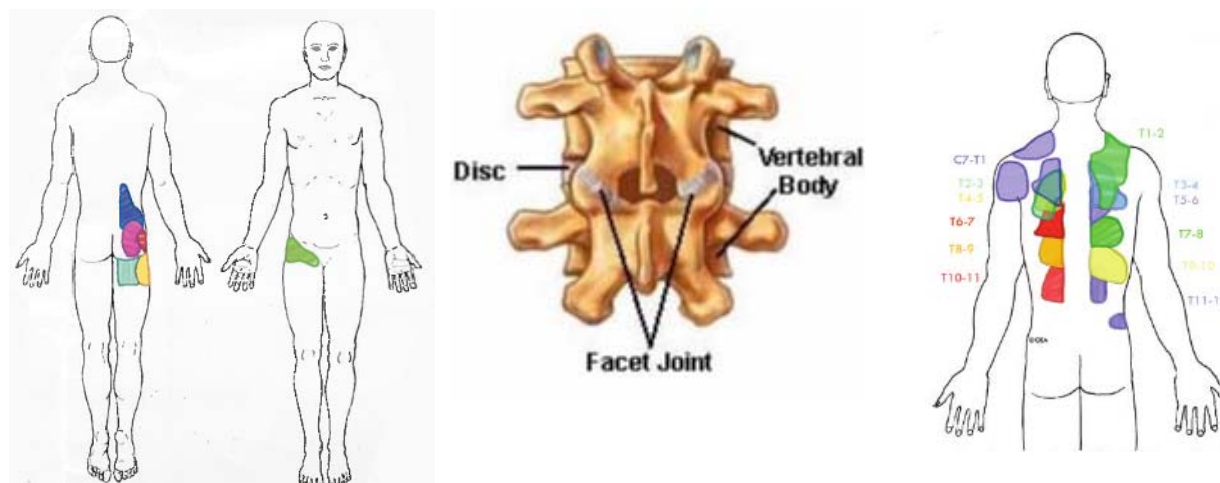
If you suffer from facet joint pain and have had facet injections or medial branch blocks that were effective in eliminating your pain.

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. (See diagrams below).



How is a radiofrequency done?

This procedure is performed outpatient, using fluoroscopy (X-ray) to guide the needle to 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.