



Diagnostic Injections

Diagnostic injections are used to help locate the source of the pain. There are several types of diagnostic injections. These include selective nerve root injections and medial branch blocks (nerves that are close to the spinal cord), among others. The choice of injection is based on the patient's history, examination, and imaging studies (x-rays, MRI's, CT Scans, and myelograms). While these pictures may show abnormalities like arthritis, degenerative disc disease and bulging/herniated discs, they cannot show pain. Spinal injections are not only used to relieve pain, but are also commonly used to find pain.