

The Obstetric Anaesthetists' Association has recently published new guidance on the management of post dural puncture headache (PDPH). This is the first national guidance on this subject. We hope these evidence-based guidelines will standardise and improve care for the management of this well-known complication in obstetric anaesthesia.

The new guidelines provide anaesthetists with accessible advice on:

- The role of conservative and pharmacological treatment in the management of PDPH
- The role of an epidural blood patch in the management of PDPH
- How to perform an epidural blood patch
- How to provide effective follow-up for a woman who has developed PDPH.

**How to access the new guideline**

The guideline is freely available via the [OAA website](#). The papers accompanying the guideline are published in the International Journal of Obstetric Anesthesia (freely available to OAA members).

If you have any feedback or questions in relation to the new guideline, please contact [secretariat@oaa-anaes.ac.uk](mailto:secretariat@oaa-anaes.ac.uk).

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