

## **Excluded obstetric papers:**

Reasons for exclusion:

1) Less than 200 patients with an epidural included:

Bader AM, Gilbertson L, 1992<sup>1</sup>

Vigil-De Garcia P, Silva S, et al, 2001<sup>2</sup>

2) No denominator:

Bonica JJ, 1995<sup>3</sup>

Loo CC, Dahlgren G, et al, 2000<sup>4</sup>

3) No clear statements about serious side effects as neurological injury, epidural hematoma or infection:

Norris MC, Grieb WM, et al, 1994<sup>5</sup>

Fuller JG, McMorland GH, et al, 1990<sup>6</sup>

Ezra Y, Wade C, et al, 2002<sup>7</sup>

Stocks GM, Hallworth SP, et al, 2000<sup>8</sup>

Crawford JS, Davies P, et al, 1986<sup>9</sup>

Collis RE, Baxandall ML, 1994<sup>10</sup>

4) Studies with patients included in a later and bigger study:

Crawford JS, 1972<sup>11</sup>

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