



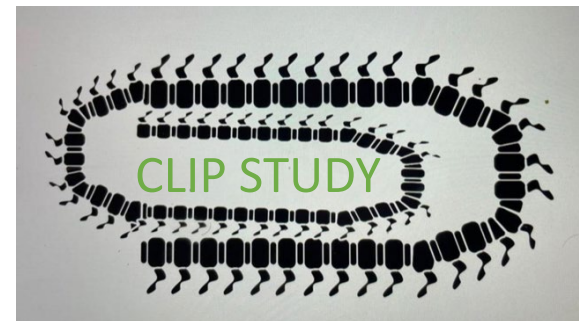
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CSF Leak Incidence and Plan (CLIP) Study

A collaborative, multicenter observational study
facilitated by the BASS Trainee Subcommittee

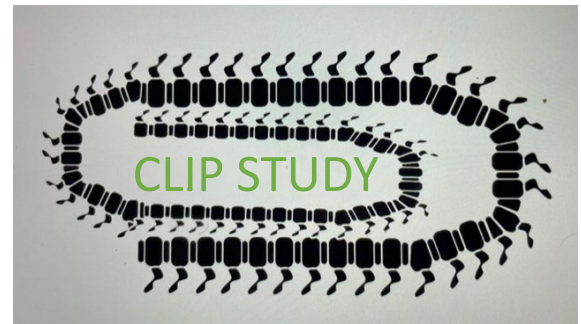
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Background



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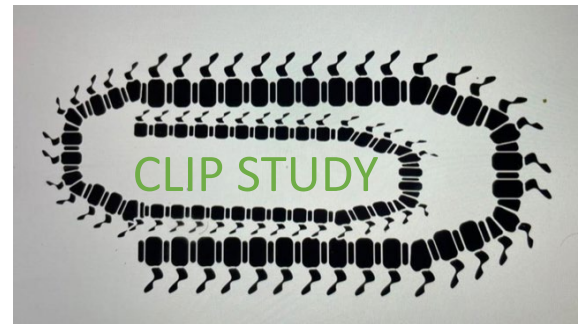


- There is significant nationally and internationally variability managing incidental durotomies.
- Intraoperative care varies with unknown rates of symptomatic re-leaks and revision surgery.
- Consistent post operative management improves post operative care within units.
- This prospective study aims to analyse post operative care with reference to re-leak and revision rates.

Aims



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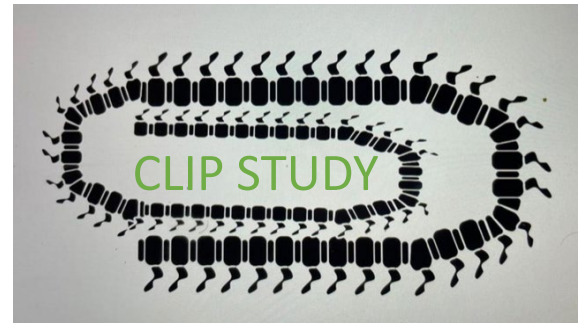


- To assess **current practice** managing dural tears throughout UK centres in terms of immediate surgical treatment, imaging and management within neurosurgical and orthopaedic units.

Objectives



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Primary outcomes

- Collect **prospective data** regarding incidence of dural tears
- Immediate (intra-op) **management** and post-operative management
- Patient reported outcome measures (from British Spine Registry [BSR])

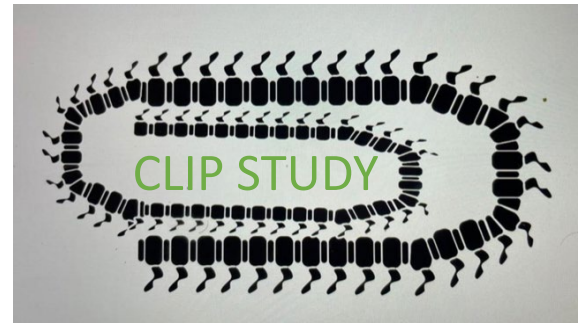
Secondary outcomes

- Compare BSR with clinical data
- Local data to be submitted centrally to be analysed on a regional and national level

Data Collection



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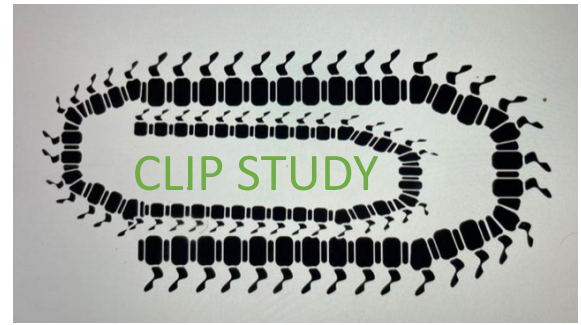


- Prospective **six month** period starting in **December 2022**

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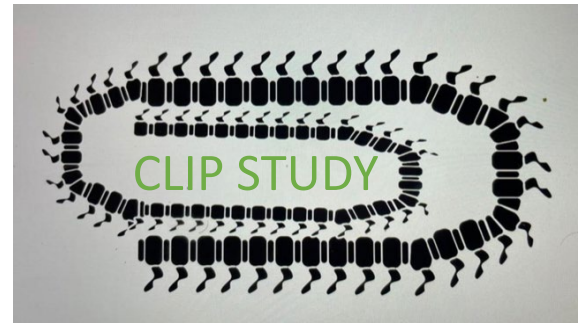
The **TRAINEE lead** (aka Primary Investigator [**PI**]) from each unit **shall be responsible for gathering data** for all spinal procedures in their unit for the data collection period (neurosurgical and orthopaedic)

All successful contributors shall be recognised with collaborator status on any presentations or publications. Ideally this shall result in Pubmed author status, however this cannot be guaranteed as different journals have different models by which collaborative projects are published.

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Collaborators who fail to submit data by the 6 month deadline, will not be deemed as having successfully participated in the project and will not be included as and recognised as collaborators.

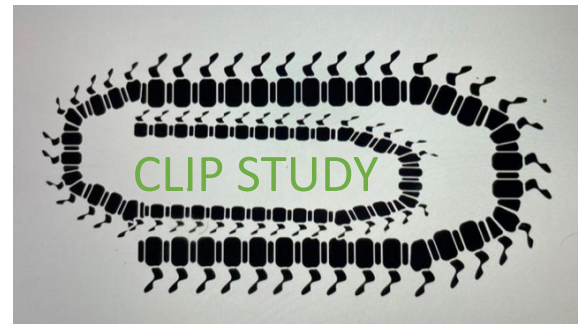
The project does not require ethical approval as it is a service evaluation.

All collaborators will be sent information from the analysis of the data collected (locally, regionally, and nationally) so that they may be able to present it to their local trust if they wish (this is encouraged).

Analysis & Dissemination



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Final **analysis** will be performed **centrally** by BASS, as will the final writing and presentation

Local performance versus overall project analysis can be fed back on request

To register interest and receive the **CLIP STUDY** toolkit and documents please email the team at: clipstudyBASS@gmail.com