When providing analgesia for childbirth, neuraxial anesthesia can be a safe and extremely effective approach. One of the complications of neuraxial anesthesia is inadvertent dural puncture, which can be further complicated by the development of postdural puncture headaches. While this complication can be effectively treated, the additional sequelae of this complication have not been well explored. In this infographic, we review a study that describes some of the major neurological and other complications that can occur after postdural puncture headaches and the odds of developing these complications compared with patients who have not had a postdural puncture headache.

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