Spinal Cord Stimulator (SCS)

What is a Spinal Cord Stimulator (SCS)?

A Spinal Cord Stimulator is a small implantable device that relieves chronic back, neck, leg, and arm pain by sending electrical impulses to electrodes located in the spine. These electrical impulses produce a gentle massaging or soothing sensation.

Patients suffering from chronic pain have found the SCS to be very effective at providing relief. Our expert physician skillfully places the electrodes to help the device best block the pain. The device’s electrical impulses are programmed with an external control unit that the patient can use to control the device, turn it on or off, and adjust the power level.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What types of pain does the SCS treat?

SCS is effective at providing long-term relief for chronic pain in the back, neck, arms, and legs.

Can a SCS help me?

One of the advantages of the SCS is that it has a one-week trial period with each patient prior to implantation. For one week, you can use the device to gauge its effectiveness for you. This is the patient’s chance to “try it before you buy it.”

How much does it cost?

We contract with all insurances, and most of them include the device as a covered service. A recent national study shows that patients who use the device have less than half of the healthcare cost of those who have back surgery.

How do I get more information?

Come see one of our expert physicians to learn more about how we can help you with your pain issues, and whether a SCS makes sense for you.
We are committed to providing a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary approach to ensure you receive the most appropriate care for your pain. Because the most important information comes from you, the patient, our team of highly trained experts will spend time asking questions and listening to you. We understand that your personal experience with your pain represents some of the most important data available to us for accurate diagnosis and effective treatment.

When pain is treated properly, the net result is a more active lifestyle, which will lead to a healthier, happier you!

**Patients Praise Nevada Advanced Pain Specialists**

- **97%** Over 97% of our patients would recommend us to others seeking pain relief
- **97%** Over 97% of our patients gave us “Good” or “Excellent” overall satisfaction scores
- **90%** Over 90% of our Facet Joint Injection patients report improvement in their condition. Over 75% said their condition improved by more than 50%
- **83%** Over 83% of our Epidural Injection patients report improvement in their condition. Over 75% said their condition improved by more than 50%
- **83%** Overall, 83% of our patients report a better quality of life, 60% report less pain, and 62% report improvement in their function

Source: Nevada Advanced Pain Specialists Internal Quality Survey data

**Dr. Ali Nairizi, left and Dr. Denis G. Patterson, are Fellowship Trained in Pain Management**

“The pain relief I’ve received from my treatment has given me my old life back. I’m so happy I found a helpful and compassionate pain management team.”

— Lisa, real patient

**We Treat a Broad Range of Pain Issues**

- Back Pain
- Migraines
- Acute and Chronic Pain
- Cancer Pain
- Geriatric Pain
- Arthritis Pain
- Nerve Damage
- Joint and Extremity Pain
- Work Injuries
- Auto Injuries
- Sports Injuries
- Compression Fractures
- Failed Back Surgery Syndrome

Please call our office at (775) 284-8650 for an appointment with one of our dedicated providers. We are contracted with all insurances.