

Follow-up scheme for patients with implanted intrathecal drug delivery pumps.

- ❑ After permanent implant of the catheter 4 weeks of screening starts
- ❑ Patient is sent home only if there are no side effects or short term side effects are controlled at least during a week
- ❑ During this time:
 - Daily wound control
 - Daily control of the needle
 - Taper of other medication intake
 - Daily control of side effects
 - 1 week after discharge remove stitches, general evaluation and adaptation of medication if necessary
 - After another 2 weeks: check up if it is a positive trial

If the trial is positive after 4 weeks the permanent implantation of the implantable pump is performed

- ❑ After permanent implantation
 - ❑ Patient stays for 2-3 days in the hospital (drainage of wound)
 - ❑ 10 day follow-up, remove stitches (in the hospital)
 - ❑ First refill appointment is scheduled
 - ❑ After this : normal refill follow-up according to the analgesic agent, volume of the pump and daily doses