

## Sphenopalatine Ganglion Blocks

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MIC Medical Imaging is proud to be Edmonton's first community-based provider of sphenopalatine ganglion (SPG) blocks. We are now offering this procedure at our Hys Centre and Tawa Centre clinics and will be adding more locations in the future.

This procedure is open to patients who meet the criteria listed on the SPG block requisition form. SPG blocks are currently indicated for:

- Chronic and episodic migraines
- Cluster headaches
- Trigeminal neuralgia and neuritis
- Post traumatic facial pain.

This procedure is not indicated for patients who suffer from tension headaches.

During the procedure, our Radiologists use a device and direct fluoroscopic guidance to deliver Lidocaine to the sphenopalatine ganglion. The appointment takes approximately one hour, and we recommend patients rest for the remainder of the day. Patients must arrange for someone to drive them home.

To order the procedure, please use the new *SPG Block Requisition*. Please email our MIC Client Relations Team for requisitions or if you have questions - [marketing@mic.ca](mailto:marketing@mic.ca). You can also call @ 780-702-0597.

Patients can schedule their appointment by calling our Central Booking team at 780.450.1500. There is a cost to patients of \$138.00 to cover the device, which MIC provides to patients at cost. Price is subject to change. You will receive a report from our Radiologist following the procedure.

The SPG block is part of our ongoing commitment to making advanced pain management procedures available in our community clinics.

Thank you. We look forward to taking care of your medical imaging needs.

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