

New evidence

Citation	LOE	Study design	Patient numbers	Summary
Ramos et al. <i>Rev Esp Anesthesiol Reanim</i> 2004;51:378–384	IIb	Retrospective study of case records of women with ITP who gave birth at our hospital over the 10-year period from 1993 through 2002	28	Primary measure: analgesia/anaesthesia used during labour or caesarean section, the results of complete peripartum coagulation tests, presence or absence of anaesthetic complications, platelet count Primary outcome: regional analgesia/anaesthesia should not be used in cases where the platelet count is $<70 \times 10^9/L$
Chang et al. <i>Masui</i> 2003;52:893–896	III	Case report on a 27-yr-old parturient with ITP scheduled to undergo resection of a left ovarian cyst at 15 weeks gestation	1	Primary measure: satisfactory platelet count Primary outcome: regional (spinal) anaesthesia may be safely carried out in patients if their platelet counts are $>50 \times 10^9/L$