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The objective of the study is to compare epidural analgesia and intramuscular pethidine with respect to, effectiveness of pain relief, duration of labour ,incidence of obstetrics interventions and malpositions maternal complications and neonatal outcome. Epidural analgesia was more effective in providing pain relief during all stages of labour. Apart from prolongation of second stage of labour there were no significant maternal or fetal complications associated with epidural analgesis cokmpared to intramuscular pethidine.