

A Perfect Storm: How to Run an Acute Pain Service in Times of Opioid Crisis and COVID-19 Pandemic

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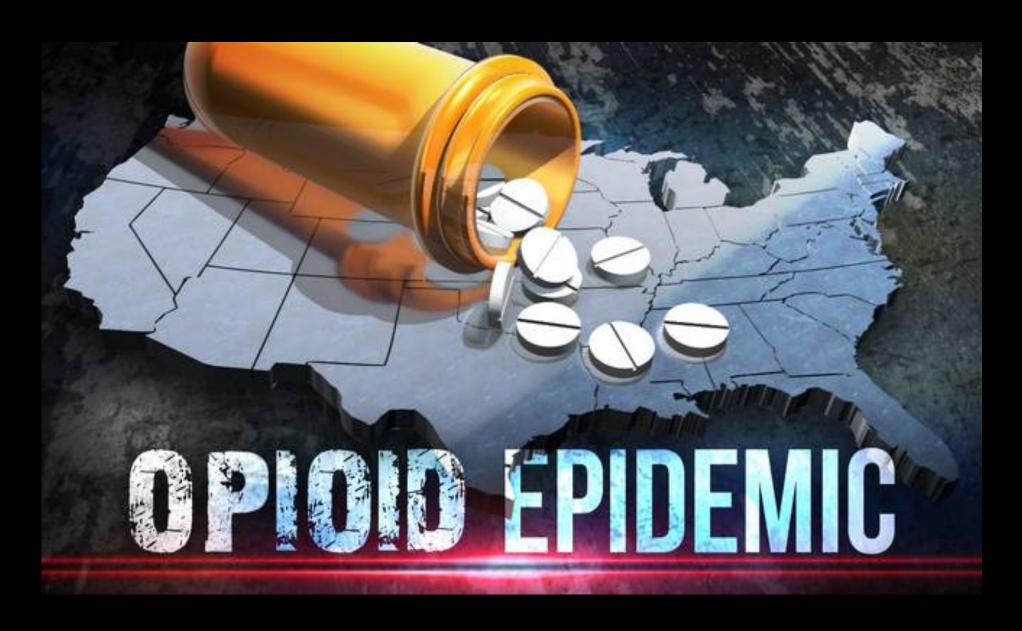
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Learning Objectives

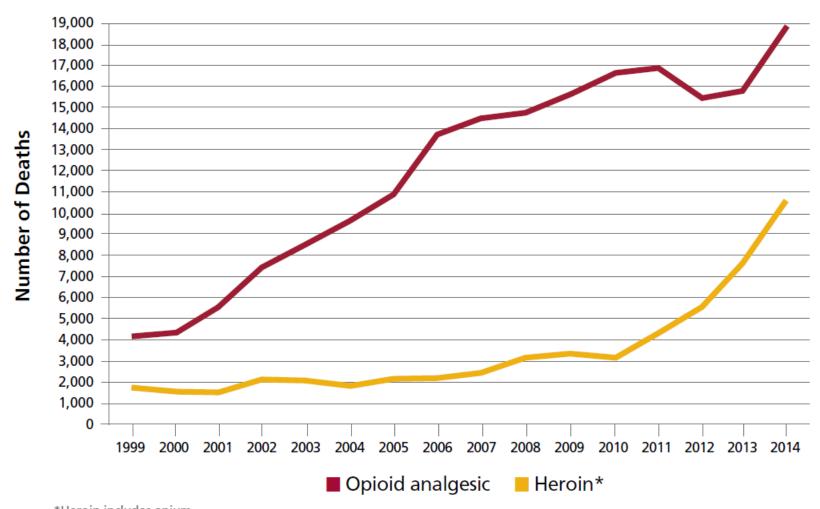
- Review non-opioid alternatives for acute pain management in the perioperative setting
- Identify strategies for perioperative management of patients on opioid use disorder medications
- Review challenges for acute pain management in COVID-19 patients
- Discuss PROs and CONs for peripheral nerve blocks as anesthetic technique in COVID-19 patients





Painveek.

U.S. Deaths from Opioids & Heroin: 1999-2014

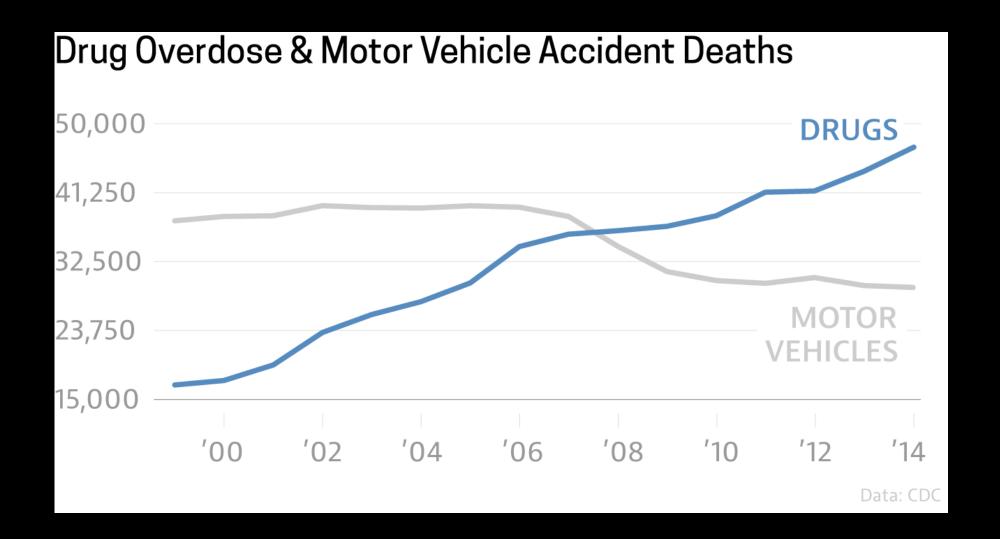


*Heroin includes opium.

1999-2013 Statistics: CDC/NCHS NVSS Multiple Cause of Death Files.

2014 Statistics: American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). Opioid Addiction: 2016 Facts & Figures.







On an average day in the U.S.:



More than 650,000 opioid prescriptions dispensed¹



3,900 people initiate nonmedical use of prescription opioids²



580 people initiate heroin use²



78 people die from an opioid-related overdose*3

*Opioid-related overdoses include those involving prescription opioids and illicit opioids such as heroin

Source: IMS Health National Prescription Audit¹ / SAMHSA National Survey on Drug Use and Health² / CDC National Vital Statistics System³



Economic Impact of the Opioid Epidemic:

- 55 billion in health and social costs related to prescription opioid abuse each year¹
- \$ 20 billion in emergency department and inpatient care for opioid poisonings²

Source: Pain Med. 2011;12(4):657-67.1

2013;14(10):1534-47.2



Opioid Epidemic – Causes?

- Overprescribing after surgery
- Pharmaceutical industry (extended release oxycodone)
- JCAHO (pain 5th vital sign)
- Patient factors (e.g., depression)



Experts Recommendation to Manage Postsurgical Pain:

The Joint Commission³

"Use an individualized, multimodal treatment plan to manage pain"

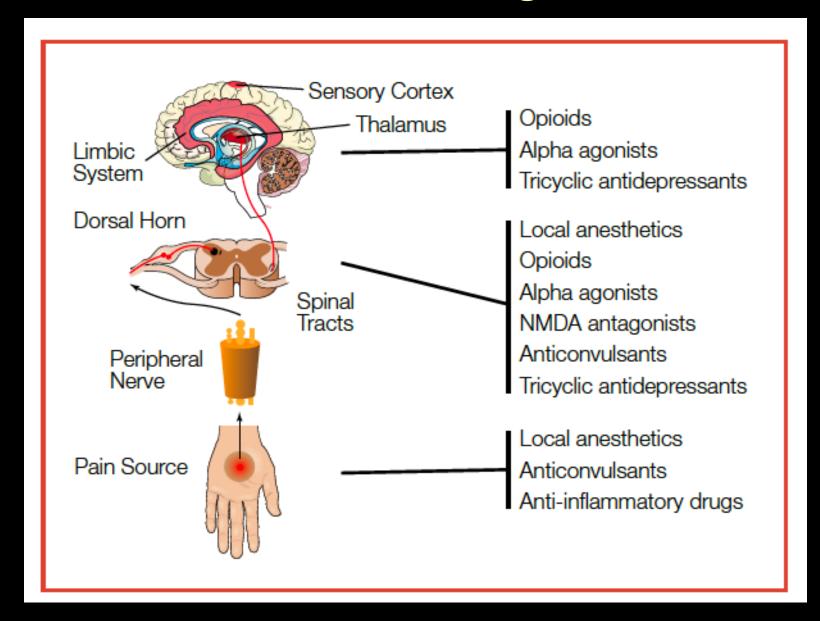
National Action Plan to Prevent Adverse Drug Events⁴

"Federal agencies should promote...nonopioid pharmacological therapies...as part of an overall pain management plan"

American Society of Anesthesiologists Task Force on Acute Pain Management⁵

"Whenever possible, anesthesiologists should use multimodal pain management therapy"







OVERALL GOAL:

Minimizing/Sparing Opioids



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Minimizing/Sparing Opioids

While avoiding significant additional side effects



What tools do we have available?



What is the best timing for administration pre/intra/post?

Are certain surgeries more susceptible to certain treatments?



Preoperative "Preemptive" Therapeutics





REVIEW ARTICLE

Preoperative preemptive drug administration for acute postoperative pain: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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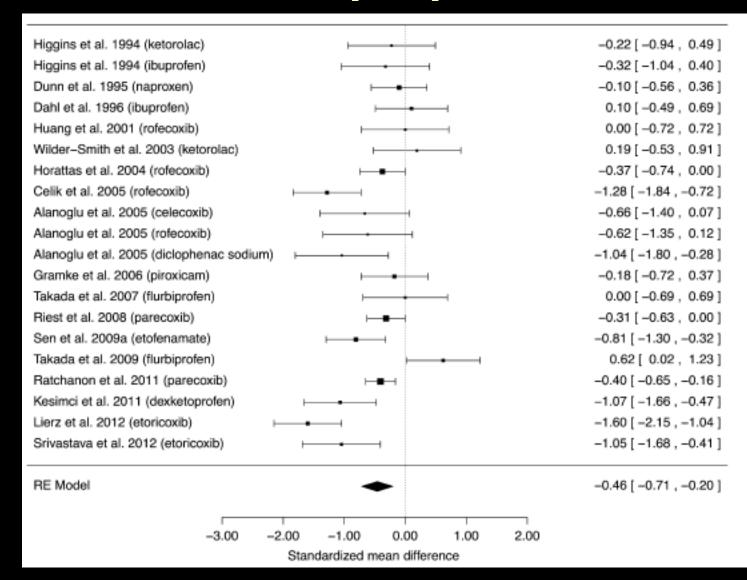
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39 articles included

Data from 3172 patients

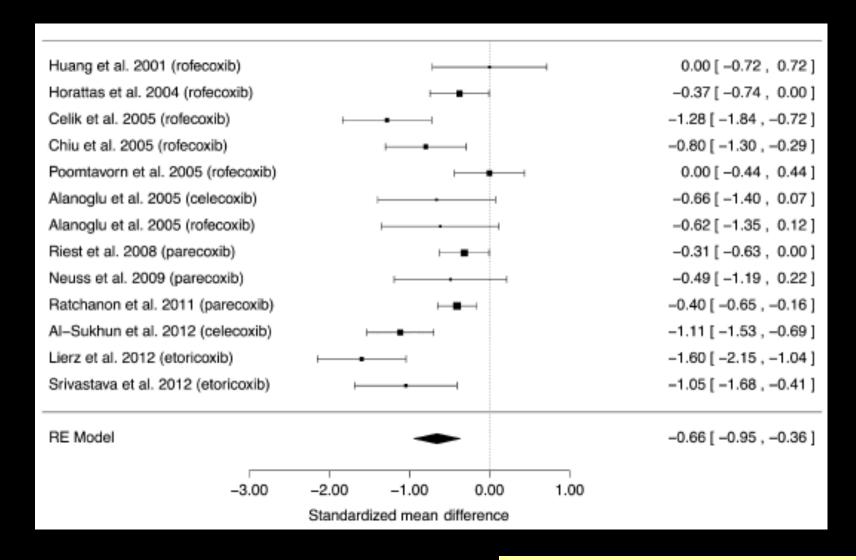


All NSAIDS – Postop Opioid Consumption



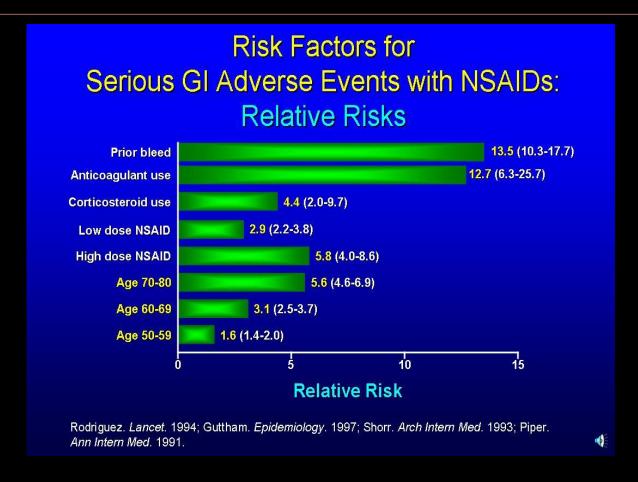


COX-2 Inhibitors – Postop Opioid Consumption





NSAIDs – Bleeding Risk



Relative Risk by NSAID

	Celecoxid	1.42
•	Ibuprofen	2.69
•	Diclofenac	3.89
•	Meloxicam	4.15
•	Naproxen	5.63
•	Piroxicam	9.93
	Ketorolac	14.54



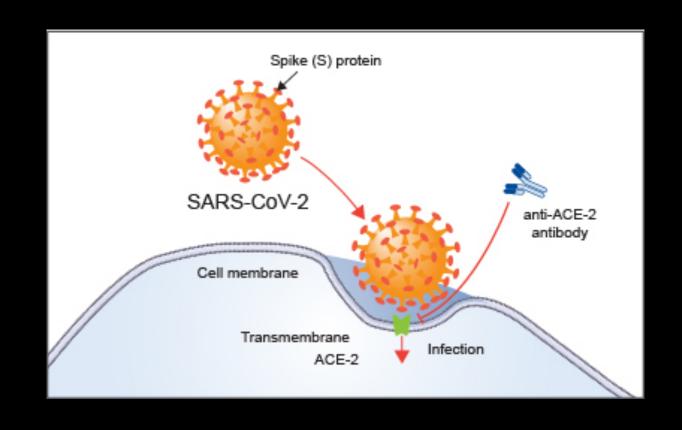
Special article

NSAIDs for analgesia in the era of COVID-19

Daniel L Herzberg , ^{1,2} Harry P Sukumaran, ¹ Eugene Viscusi ³



- SARS corona virus-2 infects cells by binding to ACE-2 (common in cardiovascular, GI and renal system)
- Ibuprofen could increase levels of cellular expressed ACE-2 and result in more severe disease





THE LANCET

March11,2020

Correspondence

Are patients with hypertension and diabetes mellitus at increased risk for COVID-19 infection?

The most distinctive comorbidities

of 32 non-survivors from a group of 52 intensive care unit patients with novel coronavirus disease drugs increases the risk of developing 2019 (COVID-19) in the study by Xiaobo Yang and colleagues1 were cerebrovascular diseases (22%) and diabetes (22%). Another study² ncluded 1099 patients with conirmed COVID-19, of whom 173 had severe disease with comorbidities of nypertension (23-7%), diabetes mellitus 16-2%), coronary heart diseases aspect that should be investigated (2-3%). In a third study, 3 of 140 patients who were admitted to hospital with COVID-19, 30% had hypertension and 12% had diabetes. Notably, the most requent comorbidities reported in these three studies of patients with COVID-19 are often treated with angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) nhibitors; however, treatment was not assessed in either study.

Human pathogenic coronaviruses severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus [SARS-CoV] and SARS-OV-2) bind to their target cells through angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2), which is expressed by epithelial cells of the lung, intestne, kidney, and blood vessels.4 The expression of ACE2 is substantially ACE inhibitors and angiotensin II type-I blockers increased ACE2 expression ARBs, which results in an upregulation patients.

of ACE2.5 ACE2 can also be increased by thiazolidinediones and ibuprofen. These data suggest that ACE2 expression is increased in diabetes and treatment with ACE inhibitors and ARBs increases ACE2 expression. Consequently, the increased expression of ACE2 would facilitate infection with COVID-19. We therefore hypothesise that diabetes and hypertension treatment with ACE2-stimulating severe and fatal COVID-19.

If this hypothesis were to be confirmed, it could lead to a conflict regarding treatment because ACE2 reduces inflammation and has been suggested as a potential new therapy for inflammatory lung diseases, cancer, diabetes, and hypertension. A further 5-8%), and cerebrovascular disease is the genetic predisposition for an increased risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection, which might be due to ACE2 polymorphisms that have been linked to diabetes mellitus, cerebral stroke, and hypertension, specifically in Asian populations. Summarising this information, the sensitivity of an individual might result from a combination of both therapy and ACE2 polymorphism.

We suggest that patients with cardiac diseases, hypertension, or diabetes, who are treated with ACE2increasing drugs, are at higher risk for severe COVID-19 infection and, therefore, should be monitored for ACE2-modulating medications, such as ACE inhibitors or ARBs. Based on a PubMed search on Feb 28, 2020, we ncreased in patients with type 1 or did not find any evidence to suggest type 2 diabetes, who are treated with that antihypertensive calcium channel eceptor blockers (ARBs). Hypertension or activity, therefore these could be a s also treated with ACE inhibitors and suitable alternative treatment in these

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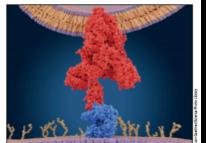
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Original Research

Ibuprofen Attenuates Cardiac Fibrosis in Streptozotocin-Induced Diabetic Rats

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Qiao W.a-c · Wang C.d · Chen B.c · Zhang F.b · Liu Y.b · Lu Q.b · Guo H.b · Yan C.c · Sun H.c · Hu G.a · > Yin X.a, b
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Keywords: > Diabetes > Cardiac fibrosis > Ibuprofen > Angiotensin-converting enzyme > Angiotensin-converting enzyme 2

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> https://doi.org/10.1159/000375362



- Ratio ACE: ACE 2 was raised in diabetic rats
- This was reversed by Ibuprofen
- Ibuprofen relatively raised ACE-2





#COVID—19 | La prise d'anti-inflammatoires (ibuprofène, cortisone, ...) pourrait être un facteur d'aggravation de l'infection. En cas de fièvre, prenez du paracétamol.

Si vous êtes déjà sous anti-inflammatoires ou en cas de doute, demandez conseil à votre médecin.

6:38 AM · Mar 14, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

45.3K Retweets and comments 39.2K Likes







The use of non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) in patients with COVID-19

Scientific Brief

19 April 2020





"At present there is no evidence of severe adverse events, acute healthcare utilization, long-term survival, or quality of life in patients with COVID-19, as a result of the use of NSAIDs"





> Clin Infect Dis. 2020 Jul 27;ciaa1056. doi: 10.1093/cid/ciaa1056. Online ahead of print.

Association between NSAIDs use and adverse clinical outcomes among adults hospitalized with COVID-19 in South Korea: A nationwide study

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PMID: 32717066 DOI: 10.1093/cid/ciaa1056

South Korea's National Database COVID-19
Hospitalized patients: 1824
NSAIDs Users: 354



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"NSAIDs use was associated with increased risk of the primary composite outcome." (in-hospital death, ICU admission, ventilator use, sepsis)



My opinion:

err on the side

of caution



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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Use of preoperative gabapentin significantly reduces postoperative opioid consumption: a meta-analysis

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Mechanism of action: unknown



812 Articles screened

17 RCTs selected

1791 patients



Opioid Consumption

Study name	St	atistics for	each study		Std diff in mean and 95% CI					
	Std diff in mean	Lower limit	Upper limit	P-value						Relative weigh
Pandey et al ²³	-1.013	-1.570	-0.457	0.000			_			5.88
Pandey et al34	-3.312	-3.657	-2.967	0.000	-	- _	_			6.0
Turan et al35	-3.259	-4.105	-2.413	0.000	←	<u> </u>				5.53
Turan et al36	-2.663	-3.425	-1.902	0.000	-					5.6
Radhakrishnan et al37	0.042	-0.464	0.549	0.870			-			5.93
Adam et al38	-1.699	-2.422	-0.976	0.000		_				5.70
Al-Mujadi et al39	-1.626	-2.159	-1.093	0.000		+				5.9
Pandey et al ⁴⁰	-3.259	-3.637	-2.881	0.000	-	-				6.0
Montazeri et al41	-0.903	-1.395	-0.411	0.000		-				5.9
Grover et al ⁴²	-1.359	-2.002	-0.715	0.000		-	-			5.79
Srivastava et al ⁴³	-1.819	-2.245	-1.394	0.000		-				6.0
Moore et al ²²	0.383	-0.214	0.980	0.209			+	-		5.84
Deniz et al44	-0.303	-0.856	0.249	0.282						5.89
Short et al ⁴⁵	-0.644	-1.082	-0.205	0.004		-				5.99
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Kinney et al ²¹	-0.059	-0.417	0.300	0.749			-			6.0
Bharti et al ²⁰	-0.978	-1.634	-0.322	0.003						5.78
	-1.350	-1.965	-0.735	0.000			-			
					-4.00	-2.00	0.00	2.00	4.00	
Favors gabapentin Favors control										



Type of Surgery

Group by	Study name	Statistics for each study					Std diff in mean and 95% CI					
ype of surgery		Std diff in mean	Lower limit	Upper limit	P-value						Relative weight	
Abdominal hysterectomy	Turan et al ³⁵	-3.259	-4.106	-2.413	0.000	←					100.00	
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Cesarean section	Short et al ⁴⁵	-0.644	-1.082	-0.205	0.004		-	-			35.01	
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Cocarcall Scotton		-0.321	-0.902	0.260	0.279							
Cholecystectomy	Pandey et al34	-3.312	-3.657	-2.967	0.000	-	-				33.72	
Cholecystectomy	Pandey et al ⁴⁰	-3.259	-3.637	-2.881	0.000	-	-				33.39	
Cholecystectomy	Srivastava et al ⁴³	-1.819	-2.245	-1.394	0.000		+■-				32.88	
Cholecystectomy		-2.803	-3.708	-1.899	0.000							
Orthopedic surgery	Pandey et al ²³	-1.013	-1.570	-0.457	0.000			-			25.23	
Orthopedic surgery	Radhakrishnan et al37	0.042	-0.464	0.549	0.870			-			26.01	
Orthopedic surgery	Adam et al38	-1.699	-2.422	-0.976	0.000			-			22.54	
Orthopedic surgery	Montazeri et al41	-0.903	-1.395	-0.411	0.000		–	■—			26.22	
Orthopedic surgery		-0.864	-1.536	-0.193	0.012							
Prostatectomy	Deniz et al44	-0.303	-0.856	0.249	0.282						100.00	
Prostatestomy		-0.303	-0.856	0.249	0.282							
Spinal surgery	Turan et al ³⁶	-2.663	-3.425	-1.902	0.000	_					100.00	
Spinal surgery		-2.663	-3.425	-1.902	0.000	-						
Thoracotomy	Kinney et al ²¹	-0.059	-0.417	0.300	0.749			-			100.00	
Thoracotomy	-	-0.059	-0.417	0.300	0.749			•				
Thyroid surgery	Al-mujadi et al39	-1.626	-2.159	-1.093	0.000		+	Ī			100.00	
Thyroid surgery		-1.626	-2.159	-1.093	0.000							
Total mastectomy	Grover et al42	-1.359	-2.002	-0.715	0.000		Ť	_			50.97	
Total mastectomy	Bharti et al ²⁰	-0.978	-1.634	-0.322	0.003			_			49.03	
Total mastectomy		-1.172	-1.631	-0.713	0.000							
Overall		-0.977	-1.163	-0.790	0.000			•				
						-4.00	-2.00	0.00	2.00	4.00		



Dose

Group by dosage	Study name	Statistics for each study				Std diff in means and 95% CI					Relative
		Std diff in means	Lower limit	Upper limit	P-value						weight
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1200.00	Adam et al ³⁸	-1.699	-2.422	-0.976	0.000						22.36
1200.00	Al-Mujadi et al ³⁹	-1.626	-2.159	-1.093	0.000		+=-				41.14
1200.00	-	-2.118	-2.460	-1.777	0.000		•				
300.00	Pandey et al ²³	-1.013	-1.570	-0.457	0.000		-	─ ─			15.41
300.00	Pandey et al ³⁴	-3.312	-3.657	-2.967	0.000	-= -					40.07
300.00	Montazeri et al41	-0.903	-1.395	-0.411	0.000		—	■—			19.72
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300.00		-1.821	-2.039	-1.603	0.000		•				
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600.00	Srivastava et al43	-1.819	-2.245	-1.394	0.000		- =				18.25
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600.00		-1.387	-1.568	-1.205	0.000		•				
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900.00	Deniz et al44	-0.303	-0.856	0.249	0.282			≡ +			53.89
900.00		0.013	-0.392	0.418	0.950			*			
Overall		-1.405	-1.525	-1.285	0.000		•				
						-4.00	-2.00	0.00	2.00	4.00	
						Favo	rs gabapentin		Favors control		



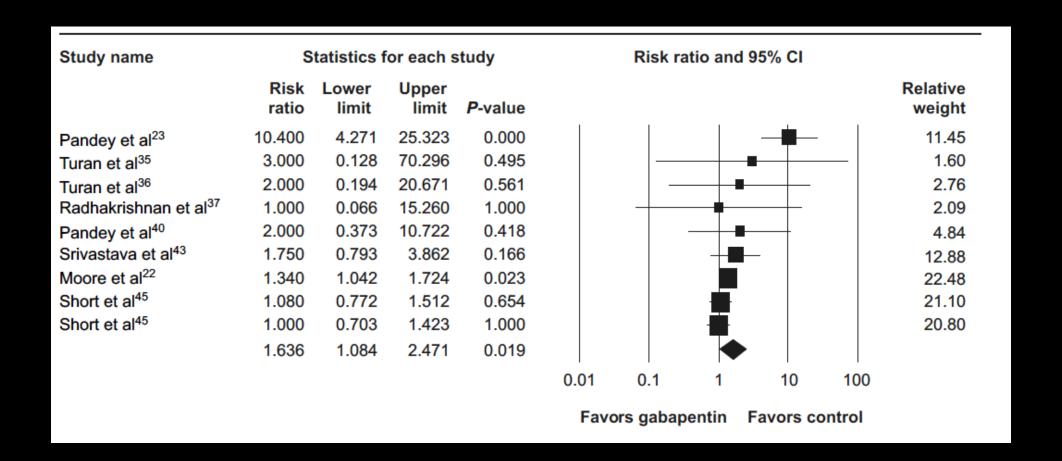
Secondary Outcomes/Side Effects:

Significant increase in somnolence

No impact on nausea/vomiting



Somnolence





ANESTHESIOLOGY

Perioperative Use of Gabapentinoids for the Management of Postoperative Acute Pain

A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Michael Verret, M.D., M.Sc., François Lauzier, M.D., M.Sc., Ryan Zarychanski, M.D., M.Sc., Caroline Perron, M.Sc., Xavier Savard, M.D. candidate, Anne-Marie Pinard, M.D., M.Sc., Guillaume Leblanc, M.D., M.Sc., Marie-Joëlle Cossi, Ph.D., Xavier Neveu, M.Sc., Alexis F. Turgeon, M.D., M.Sc., and the Canadian Perioperative Anesthesia Clinical Trials (PACT) Group*

ANESTHESIOLOGY 2020; 133:265-79



Verret M et al. Anesthesiology 2020;133:265-79

"Conclusion: No clinically significant analgesic effect for the perioperative use of gabapentinoids was observed"



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"Uber meta-analysis"

-6795 articles screened

- 281 RCTs selected
 - 24682 patients



Verret M et al. Anesthesiology 2020;133:265-79

Risk of Bias:

High: 27% of trials

Low: 11% of trials

Unclear: 62% of trials



<u>Gabapentin – Pregabalin:</u>

Gabapentin: 52% of trials

Pregabalin: 43% of trials

Both: 5% of trials



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No stratification by type of surgery



<u>Primary Outcome – Pain Intensity:</u>

"A slightly lower pain intensity was observed at 6, 12, 24, and 48h with gabapentinoids administration..."

Not clinically significant – below 10 points out of a 100 on VAS scale



Secondary Outcome – Opioids Administered:

"The amount of opioids administered at 24h was slightly lower with the use of gabapentinoids"



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"The amount of opioids administered at 24h was slightly lower with the use of gabapentinoids"

MME: 25.3 mg vs 38.7mg

35% lower – "not clinically significant"



Preoperative "Preemptive" Meds

Summary:

Preop. Cox-2 Inhibitors

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Preop. Gabapentin

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Acetaminophen PO

+

Other NSAIDS

-

Preop. Opioids

-



Intra/Post-operative Therapeutics



CLINICAL CONCEPTS AND COMMENTARY

Jerrold H. Levy, M.D., F.A.H.A., F.C.C.M., Editor

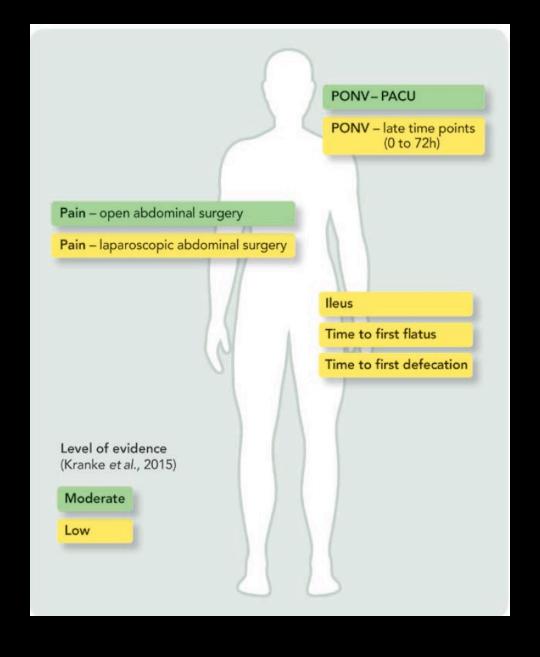
Perioperative Use of Intravenous Lidocaine

Lauren K. Dunn, M.D., Ph.D., Marcel E. Durieux, M.D., Ph.D.



Mechanism:

- Effects are observed with infusion rates that mimic the plasma concentration obtained with epidural administration
- Clinical effects exceed the duration of the infusion by over 8h (5.5 times the half-life
- Likely not primarily Na channel blockade
- Attenuation of portions of the proinflammatory system (pain, ileus)
- Opioid sparing





Type of Surgery:

Open Abdominal

+ + +

Lap. Abdominal

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Prostate, Breast

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Multilevel Spine

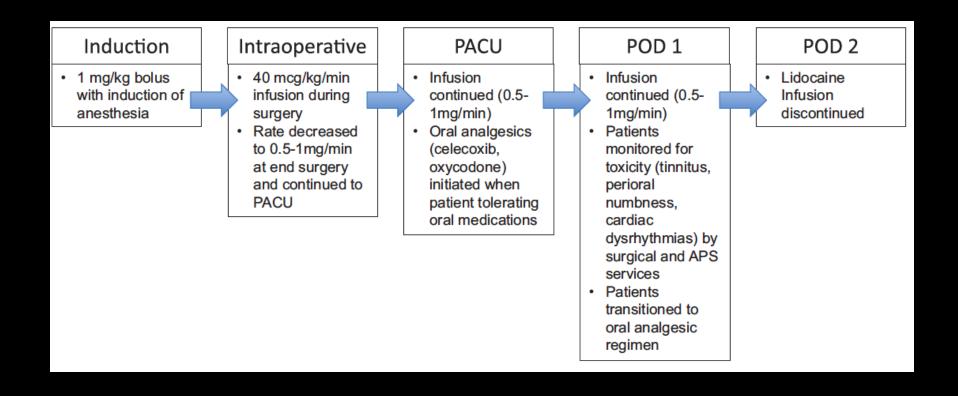
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Hip, Cardiac

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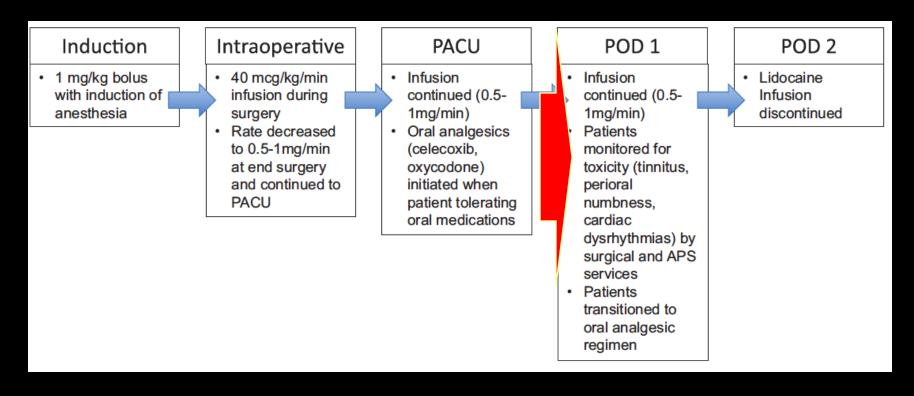
Typical Lidocaine Infusion Protocol





Typical Lidocaine Infusion Protocol

2/3 of studies with the strongest support stopped the infusion at the end of surgery or in the PACU





REPORTS OF ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS

A systematic review of intravenous ketamine for postoperative analgesia

Revue méthodique de l'utilisation de la kétamine intraveineuse pour l'analgésie postopératoire

Kevin Laskowski, MD · Alena Stirling, MD · William P. McKay, MD · Hyun J. Lim, MD

2257 articles reviewed

70 RCTs included

4701 patients





- NMDA receptor agonist
- Duration: 15 min (rapid redistribution)



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Opioid Consumption



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2.00

Favours placebo

-2.00

Favours ketamine

Type of Surgery:

Upper Abdominal

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Thoracic

+++

Major Orthopedic

++

Lower Abdominal

++

Head/Neck, Dental Tonsillectomy





Side Effects

Side effect		Ketamine	Placebo	P (corrected)
Neuropsychiatric	Overall	166 (7.35)	87 (4.95)	0.018
	When efficacious	60 (7.69)	20 (3.05)	< 0.001
	When not	97 (8.24)	64 (7.3)	0.99
PONV	Overall	472 (25.64)	460 (30.4)	0.018
	When efficacious	124 (16.94)	155 (25.88)	< 0.001
	When not	308 (34.34)	245 (33.61)	0.99
Sedation	Overall	17 (2.53)	25 (4.42)	0.99
	When efficacious	3 (1.23)	9 (4.15)	0.981
	When not	14 (5.12)	12 (5.8)	0.99



Small Dose Ketamine – Typical Regiment:

Bolus after induction: 0.25 mg/kg

Cont. infusion: 0.25 mg/kg/h

Continue in PACU/ICU

Wean over 48h



Effect of Perioperative Systemic α 2 Agonists on Postoperative Morphine Consumption and Pain Intensity

Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

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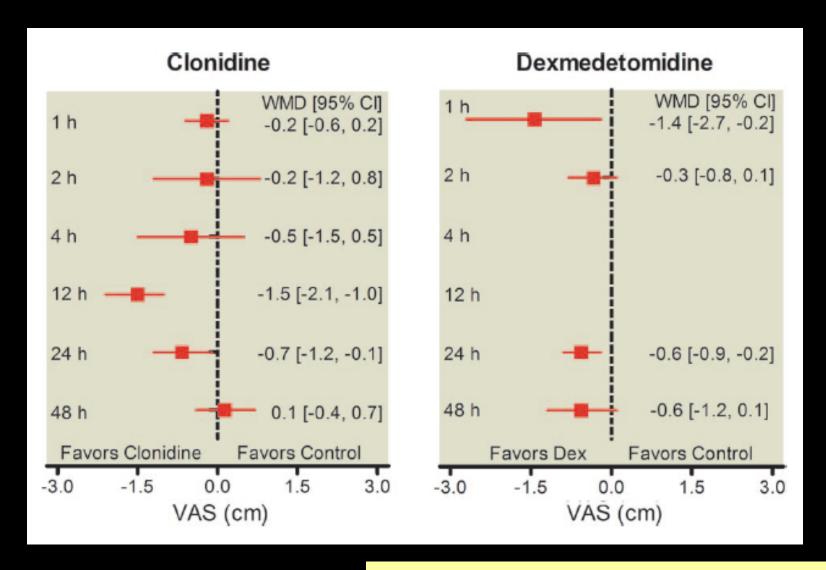
159 article reviewed

30 RCTs included

1792 patients

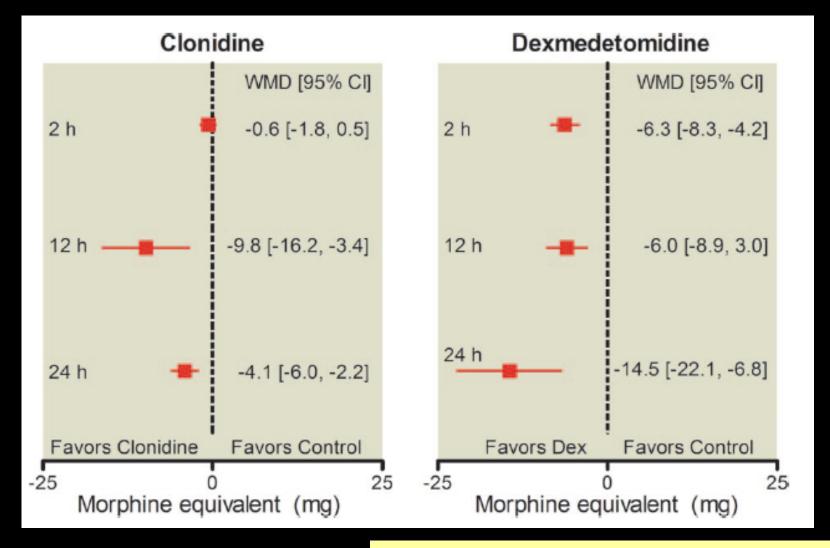


Pain Scores





Morphine Sparing





Hemodynamic Side Effects

	Number of	Number of Patients with Event/Total er Number of Patients (%)		Risk Ratio	Number Needed to Treat (NNT) Number Needed to Harm	
	Trials	Active	Control	[95% CI]	(NNH) [95% CI]	References
Intraoperative events Bradycardia						
Clonidine	6	16/214 (7.5)	8/228 (3.5)	1.95 [0.95, 3.98]	_	18, 20, 28, 29, 32, 38
Dexmedetomidine Hypotension	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	42
Clonidine	6	31/229 (13.5)	6/243 (2.5)	4.75 [2.17, 10.4]	NNH 9.0 [6.3, 16]	18, 20, 28, 29, 38, 41
Dexmedetomidine Hypertension	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	39
Clonidine	4	15/103 (14.6)	62/122 (50.8)	0.46 [0.16, 1.29]	_	18, 28, 29, 38
Dexmedetomidine Postoperative events Bradycardia	2	9/85 (10.6)	24/45 (53.3)	0.26 [0.13, 0.52]	NNT 2.3 [1.7, 3.7]	39, 42
Clonidine	4	4/160 (2.5)	3/155 (1.9)	1.33 [0.36, 4.90]	_	20, 26, 29, 37
Dexmedetomidine Hypotension	2	16/50 (32.0)	0/50 (0.0)	17.0 [2.35, 123]	NNH 3.1 [2.2, 5.2]	25, 42
Clonidine	5	15/230 (6.5)	3/185 (1.6)	3.37 [1.27, 8.92]	NNH 20 [12, 82]	20, 26, 29, 37, 41
Dexmedetomidine Hypertension	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	42
Clonidine	2	0/111 (0.0)	8/106 (7.5)	0.06 [0.00, 0.94]	NNT 13 [8.0, 40]	20, 32
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Local Anesthetics



Local Anesthetics:

Neuraxial Techniques

Peripheral Nerve Blocks

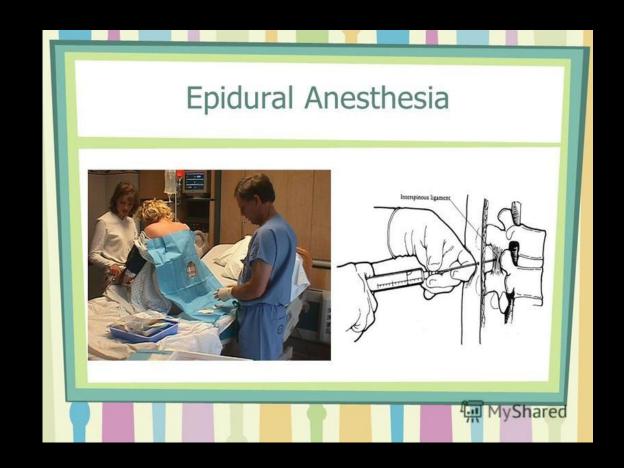
Infiltration Techniques



Continuous Epidural:

"Gold standard" for thoracotomy

Open laparotomy?





Continuous Epidural:

Disadvantages:

Technical challenging (THORACIC)

High failure rate

Labor intensive

•Hemodynamic changes (goal directed fluid therapy)



Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block:

"Gold standard" for major orthopedics

"Gold standard" for amputations





Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block:

Advantages:

- Tailored to 1 extremity
 - High success rate
- No hemodynamic changes
- Home discharge possible



Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block:

Disadvantages:

- Requires experience with technique
- Until recently limited to extremity surgeries



New Nerve Block Techniques:

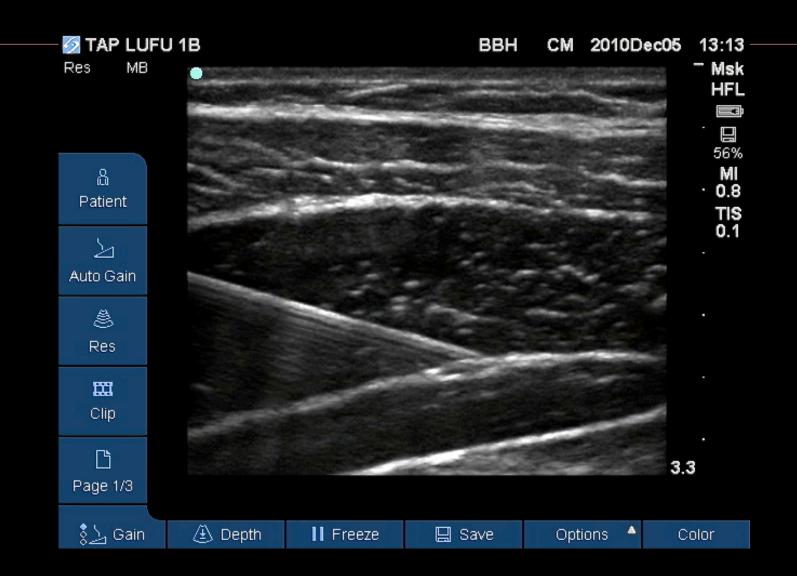
Abdominal Wall and Chest Wall:

Transverse abdominus plane (TAP) block

■Pectoralis (PEC) blocks

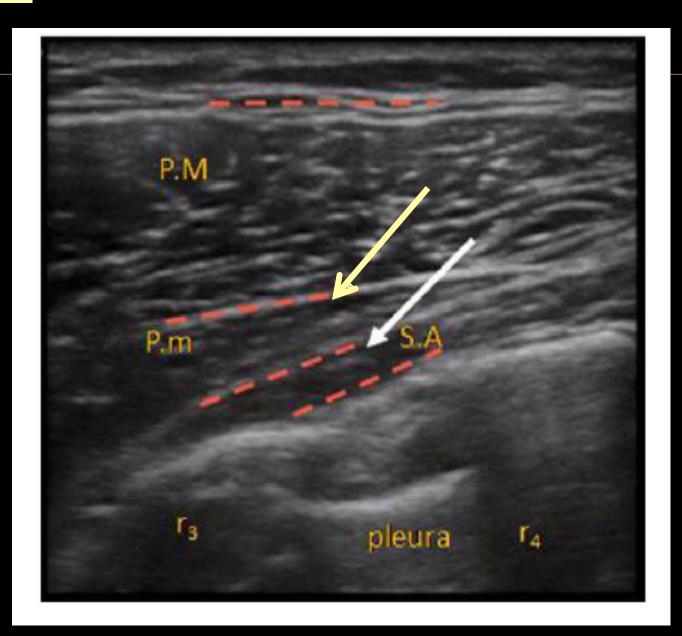


TAP BLOCK





PEC BLOCK





ANESTHESIOLOGY

Perioperative Management of Patients Infected with the Novel Coronavirus

Recommendation from the Joint Task Force of the Chinese Society of Anesthesiology and the Chinese Association of Anesthesiologists

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Chen X et al. Anesthesiology 2020;132(6):1307-1316



Psychologic Preparation and Self Encouragement



"General anesthesia is recommended for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to reduce the risk of patients coughing and bucking, which can generate airborne materials and droplets"



"Spinal anesthesia is still recommended as the primary choice for anesthesia for cesarean delivery in a mother with COVID-19"



Daring discourse: are we ready to recommend neuraxial anesthesia and peripheral nerve blocks during the COVID-19 pandemic? A pro-con

Michael N Singleton, Ellen M Soffin



PRO-Regional

CON-Regional

- Avoidance of Intubation (aerosol)
- ■Benefits of regional anesthesia (L&D, hip)
- Potentially resource preserving

- Coagulopathy
- •Higher failure rate (due to PPE)?
- Conversion to GA
- Respiratory compromise (phrenic nerve)
- Other aerosol generating events (cough)?



General or Regional Anesthesia in COVID-19 Patients?

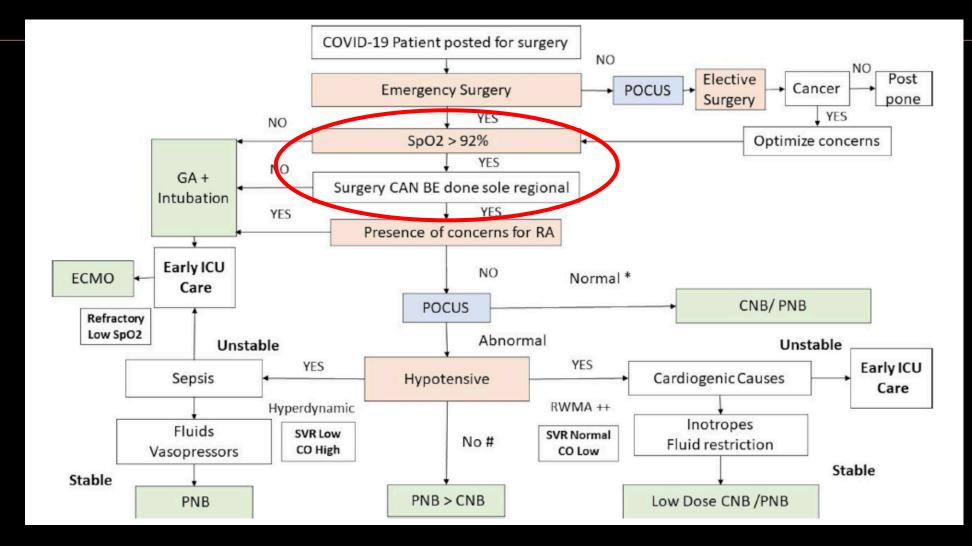
Education

Reconfiguring the scope and practice of regional anesthesia in a pandemic: the COVID-19 perspective

Balakrishnan Ashokka , ^{1,2} Arunangshu Chakraborty , ³ Balavenkat J Subramanian, ⁴ Manoj Kumar Karmakar , ⁵ Vincent Chan⁶



General or Regional Anesthesia in COVID-19 Patients?





- There are no data suggesting that one technique is superior to the other in the COVID-19 population
- Decision regarding anesthetic technique should be case by case and take into consideration:
- Current disease state (respiratory, coagulation, hemodynamics, organ failure)
 - "Sedation obstacles" (e.g., OSA)
 - Type and duration of planned surgery
 - Respiratory or hemodynamic impact of regional technique



Adjuvant Therapy

- Music Therapy
 - Acupuncture



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 - Acupuncture

Mixed evidence

No harm!



Music as an aid for postoperative recovery in adults: a systematic review and meta-analysis



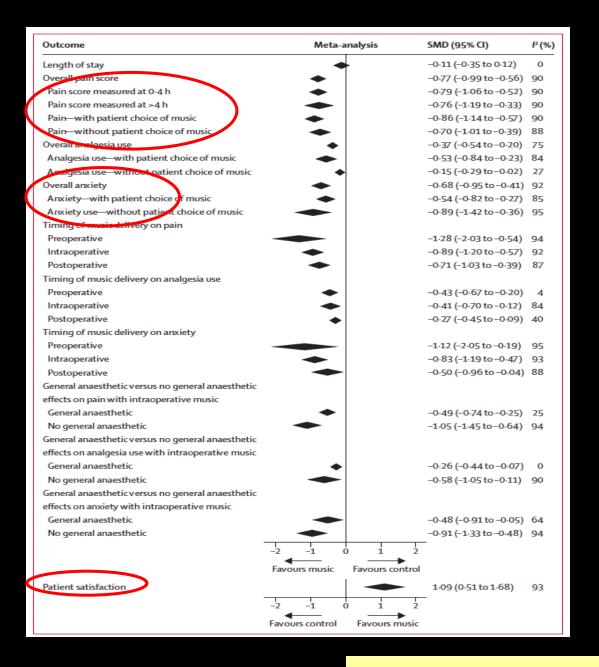
Jenny Hole, Martin Hirsch, Elizabeth Ball, Catherine Meads

Summary

Background Music is a non-invasive, safe, and inexpensive intervention that can be delivered easily and successfully. We did a systematic review and meta-analysis to assess whether music improves recovery after surgical procedures.

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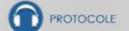


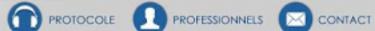


Music Therapy















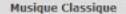


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Autour de la Harpe





Musique d'Ailleurs









Musique d'Aujourd'hui



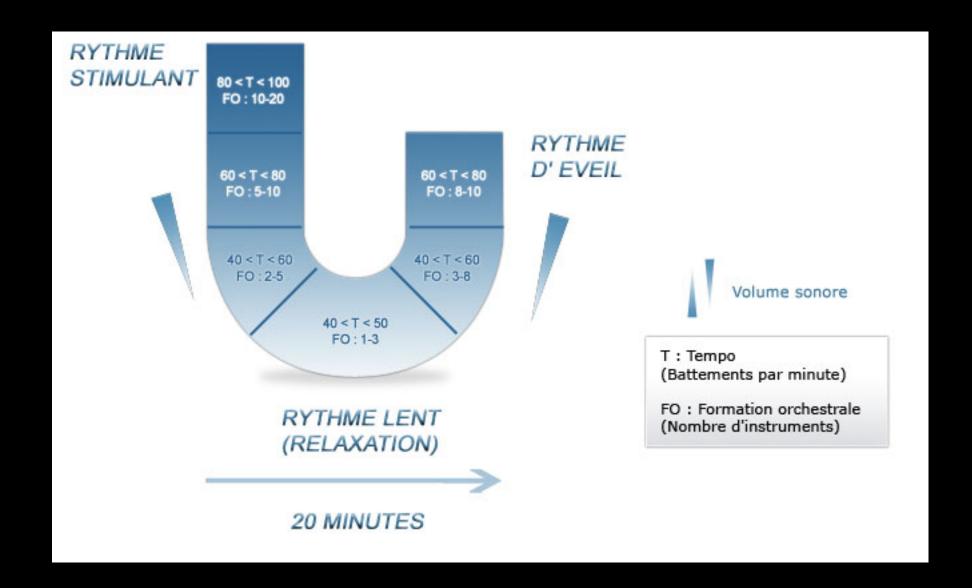














REVIEW ARTICLE

Acupuncture for Acute Postoperative Pain after Back Surgery: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

1515 Publications

5 RCTs selected (3 from same author)

480 patients

Young-Hun Cho, MS et al. Pain Practice 2014;201:279-91



Pain Scores

		ΑT		Sham / No	o treatr	nent		Std. Mean Difference	Std. Mean Difference
Study or Subgroup	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total	Weight	IV. Random, 95% CI	IV, Random, 95% CI
1.1.1 AT vs. Sham AT	1								
Yeh 2010a	2.1	1.2	33	3	1.4	30	51.1%	-0.68 [-1.19, -0.17]	
Yeh 2011	2.1	1.3	30	3	1.4	30	48.9%	-0.66 [-1.18, -0.14]	-
Subtotal (95% CI)			63			60	100.0%	-0.67 [-1.04, -0.31]	•
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 6	0.00; Cł	nj2 = (0.01, df	= 1 (P = 0.9	(4); 2 =	0%			
Test for overall effect: 2	Z = 3.61	(P =	0.0003)					
1.1.2 AT vs. No treatm	nent								
Yeh 2010a	2.1	1.2	33	3.1	1.5	31	51.3%	-0.73 [-1.24, -0.22]	
Yeh 2011	2.1	1.3	30	3	1.4	30	48.7%	-0.66 [-1.18, -0.14]	-
Subtotal (95% CI)			63			61	100.0%	-0.69 [-1.06, -0.33]	◆
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0	0.00; Cł	ni² = (0.04, df	= 1 (P = 0.8	35); l ² =	0%			
Test for overall effect: 2	Z = 3.75	(P =	0.0002)					
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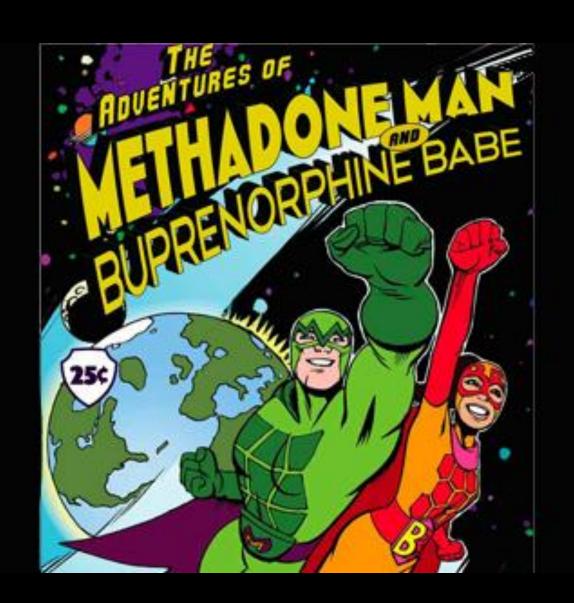
Opioid Sparing

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Test for overall effect: 2	Z = 1.26	(P =	0.21)	,	-				
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Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0	0.00; Ch	nj ² = (0.00, df	= 1 (P = 0.96	6); 2 = 0%				
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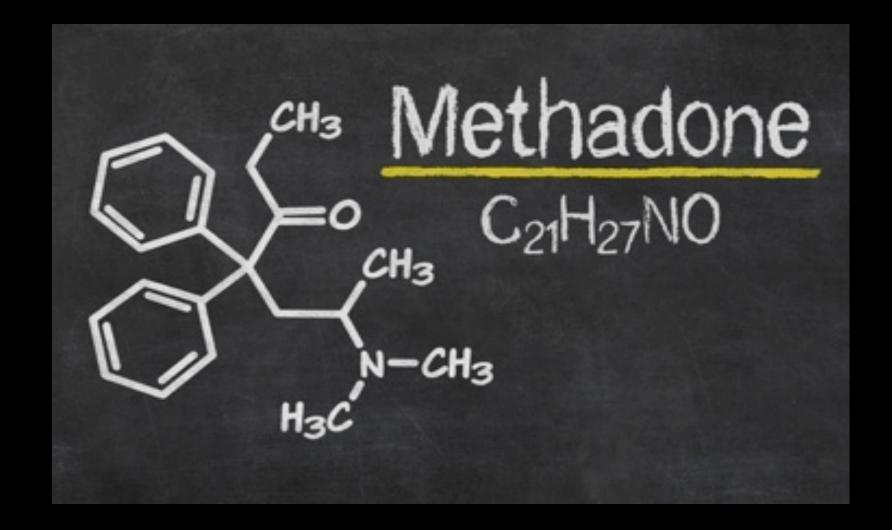
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Is there a "GOOD" Opioid?







- Developed in Germany between 1937-1939
- Synthetic opioid
- Targets the NMDA receptor in addition to the μ-receptor
- Long half-life 15-60h, mean 22h (CYP3A4, CYP2B6, CYP2D6)



Intraoperative Methadone for the Prevention of Postoperative Pain

A Randomized, Double-blinded Clinical Trial in Cardiac Surgical Patients

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N = 156, scheduled for cardiac surgery

Randomized to either receive 0.3mg/kg methadone or fentanyl 12 mcg/kg

Half of dose at induction, other half infused over next 2h



	Methadone Group	Fentanyl Group	Difference (99% CI)	P Value
Time of first morphine rescue (h) Morphine (mg)	6.5 (3.25 to 9.25)	3.75 1.5 to 5.75)	2.25 (1 to 4)	<0.001
First 24 h	6 (4 to 12)	10 (6 to 22)	−4 (−8 to −2)	< 0.001
Second 24 h	0 (0 to 2)	1 (0 to 6)	0 (–2 to 0)	0.036
Third 24 h	0 (0 to 0)	0 (0 to 0)	0 (0 to 0)	0.403
Total	8 (4 to 14)	14 (8 to 28)	-6 (-10 to -2)	< 0.001
Morphine dose ≥20 mg first 24 h	2 (2.6%)	23 (29.1%)	-26.5 (-41.4 to -12.9)	< 0.001
Oral pain tablets		, ,	,	
First 24 h	2 (0 to 4)	2 (0 to 4)	0 (0 to 0)	0.859
Second 24 h	4 (2 to 8)	4 (2 to 6)	0 (-2 to 2)	0.607
Third 24 h	2 (0 to 6)	4 (0 to 8)	0 (-2 to 0)	0.130
Total	10 (4 to 16)	12 (6 to 16)	0 (–4 to 2)	0.443



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Level of pain at rest				
15 min	3 (1 to 5)	5 (2 to 8)	−2 (−4 to −1)	< 0.001
2 h	3 (1 to 5)	4.5 (2 to 7)*	-1 (-3 to 0)	0.002
4 h	2 (1 to 4)	3 (1 to 6)*	-1 (-2 to 0)	0.012
8 h	2 (0 to 4)	4 (2 to 6)*	-2 (-3 to 0)	< 0.001
12 h	2 (0 to 4)†	4 (2 to 5)	-1 (-2 to 0)	< 0.001
24 h	2 (1 to 4)†	4 (2 to 7)*	-2 (-3 to 0)	< 0.001
48 h	2 (0 to 3)‡	3 (1 to 5)§	-1 (-2 to 0)	0.002
72 h	2 (0 to 3)†	3 (0 to 5)§	-1 (-2 to 0)	0.002
Level of pain with coughing	, , , , ,			
15 min	5 (3 to 6)	7 (4 to 10)	−2 (−4 to −1)	< 0.001
2 h	4 (3 to 6)	7 (4 to 8.5)*	−2 (−3 to −1)	< 0.001
4 h	4 (3 to 6)	6 (4 to 8)*	-2 (-3 to -1)	< 0.001
8 h	4 (2 to 5)	7 (5 to 8)*	−3 (−4 to −2)	< 0.001
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Overall satisfaction with pain management	, , , ,	, ,,,	, ,	
15 min	90 (75 to 95)	70 (40 to 90)	17 (5 to 30)	< 0.001
2 h	90 (75 to 97)	75 (50 to 90)	10 (0 to 20)	< 0.001
4 h	90 (80 to 98)	80 (60 to 90)	10 (0 to 20)	0.003
8 h	90 (80 to 100)	80 (60 to 95)	10 (0 to 20)	0.002
12 h	90 (80 to 100)†	85 (70 to 95)	5 (0 to 10)	0.025
24 h	95 (90 to 100)‡	90 (77.5 to 100)*	5 (0 to 10)	0.006
48 h	95 (90 to 100)	90 (75 to 100)§	5 (0 to 10)	<0.001
72 h	100 (90 to 100)	90 (80 to 100)§	5 (0 to 10)	<0.001

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Methadone – Risks:

Cardiac arrhythmias – QT prolongation

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2011: 26% of all opioid related deaths in the US



Perioperative Management of Opioid Use Disorder Medications



Guidelines



Buprenorphine Formulations: Clinical Best Practice Strategies Recommendations for Perioperative Management of Patients Undergoing Surgical or Interventional Pain Procedures

Adrian B. Jonan, MD¹, Alan D. Kaye, MD, PhD², and Richard D. Urman, MD^{1,2}

Jonan AB et al. Pain Physician 2018;21:E1-E12



Formulation	Brand Name	Dosage	Time to Peak Plasma Concentration (hrs)	Mean Half Life (hrs)	
Buccal Film	Belbuca	75, 150, 300, 450, 600, 750, 900 mcg	2.5–3	16.4–38.8	
Sublingual Tablet	Subutex	2, 8 mg 1.3–1.8		31-35	
Intravenous	Buprenex	0.3 mg 5–15 mins		1.2-7.2	
Transdermal System	Butrans	5, 7.5, 10, 15, 20 mcg/hr	72 hrs	26	
Buccal Film (Buprenorphine and naloxone)	Bunavail	2.1 mg/0.3 mg 4.2 mg/0.7 mg 6.3 mg/1 mg (buprenorphine/naloxone)	Not reported	16.4–27.5 (buprenorphine) 1.9–2.4 (naloxone)	
Sublingual Tablet (Buprenorphine and naloxone)	Zubsolv	0.7 mg/0.18 mg 1.4 mg/0.36 mg 2.9 mg/0.71 mg 5.7 mg/1.4 mg 8.6 mg/2.1 mg 11.4 mg/2.9 mg (buprenorphine/naloxone)	Not reported	24–42 (buprenorphine 2–12 (naloxone)	
Sublingual Film (Buprenorphine with naloxone)	Suboxone	2 mg/0.5 mg 4 mg/1 mg 8 mg/2 mg 12 mg/3 mg (buprenorphine/naloxone)	0.5–1	24–42 (buprenorphine) 2–12 (naloxone)	

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- Patients presenting for elective highly invasive surgery for which regional techniques can NOT be utilized (e.g., complex spinal fusion) AND being treated with HIGH dose buprenorphine/naloxone (8/2 and 12/3) should be postponed and referred to a pain clinic for suboxone weaning.
- Patients presenting for elective minimal/moderate invasive surgery for which multimodal analgesia (including regional techniques) can be utilized (e.g., TKA) AND being treated with small to moderate doses of buprenorphine/naloxone (2/0.5 and 4/1) are ok to proceed.



Setting Expectations:

Starts with preoperative visit

Involve pain service early

Continue home meds/ add IR meds

Periop. period NOT the right time to wean chronic meds



