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Opioid Initiative Wave I –  
*Medications and Blocks*

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# **INTRAVENOUS LIDOCAINE FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT IN THE ED**

# PAIN REDUCTION

- Blockade of voltage-dependent Na channels
- Reduction of transmission in sensory pathways
- Inhibition of ectopic discharges from injured nerve and DRG
- Reduction in de-afferentation & central pain
- Anti-inflammation and anti-hyperalgesia

# INDICATIONS

- Acute Pain:
  - ▶ Renal colic, MSK trauma, VOC SCD, Acute LBP, Acute Extremity Ischemia, Bowel Obstruction
  - ▶ Post-op pain
- Chronic Neuropathic pain:
  - ▶ Post-herpetic neuralgia, Central pain, Chronic headache, Malignant pain

# ADVERSE EFFECTS

- Periorbital/perioral numbness
- Dizziness and vertigo
- Dysarthria
- Severe AE (rarely):
  - ▶ cardiovascular collapse
  - ▶ cardiac dysrhythmia
  - ▶ anaphylaxis

# DOSING

- 1-1.5 mg/kg preservative-free Lidocaine over 15 min ( in 100 ml NS)
- Continuous infusion:
  - ▶ 100 mg over 30 min testing dose
  - ▶ 0.5-2.5 mg/kg/hr

# RENAL COLIC

- Case series:
  - ▶ 1.5 mg/kg over 10 min, 7/8 patients with complete pain relief
- RCT: IV Lidocaine (1.5 mg/kg) vs. IV Morphine (0.1 mg/kg):
  - ▶ NRS >3 at 60 min: 90% IVL vs. 70% IVM
- RCT: IV Lidocaine (1.5 mg/kg) + IV Morphine vs. IV Morphine (0.1 mg/kg):
  - ▶ Combo: faster onset of pain, less nausea and vomiting



# ACUTE MIGRAINE HEADACHE

- RCT: IVL ( 1 mg/kg) vs. NS Placebo
  - ▶ No difference in pain score at 20 minutes
- RCT: IVL ( 50 mg x3 doses) vs. DHE vs. Chlorpromazine:
  - ▶ 29% of patients with acceptable pain relief

## ACUTE BACK PAIN

- RCT: 100 mg IVL vs. 30 mg IV ketorolac:
  - VAS scores at 60 min: 8 IVL vs. 14 IVK
  - Rescue medication: 67% IVL vs. 50% IVK

# ACUTE EXTREMITY ISCHEMIA

- RCT: IVL (2mg/kg) vs. IV Morphine (0.1 mg/kg):
  - ▶ NRS lower in IVL group at 15 and 30 min by 1.25 and 2.25 points

# VOC SCD

- 11 patients, 15 IVL administration, pre-and post-assessment:
  - ▶ NRS > 20% post 24-h IVL administration in 53% of patients
  - ▶ MME reduction post 24-h IVL administration by 32%
  - ▶ Mean dosing: 1.3 mg/kg/hr

# UNDIFFERENTIATED SEVERE PAIN

- Prospective pilot study-IVL vs. IVM
  - ▶ IVL at 75 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg loading dose
  - ▶ 50 min infusion of the same dose after
  - ▶ At 60 min: change in NRS: IVM > IVL
  - ▶ AE: 13% IVL vs. 37% IVM

# SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

- Limited and Low quality evidence
- High % of missing data
- High heterogeneity
- Lack of safety data

# CONCLUSION

- Limited data to support IV Lidocaine use in the ED
- A need for more robust research
- A need for protocolized approach to IV Lidocaine use in the ED
- A need for research in larger and geriatric populations with underlying cardiac disease

# IV ACETAMINOPHEN FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT IN THE ED



# IV ACETAMINOPHEN

- Weak Analgesic ( PO, PR or IV)
- Advantage of IV-faster onset of analgesia
- Part of multimodal analgesia
- Adjunct to opioid analgesia
- Good safety profile
- Insane cost

# PAIN REDUCTION

- Weak Cox-Inhibition (Cox-2, Cox-3)
- Serotonergic agonism
- Endogenous opioid stimulation
- TRPV-1 (capsaicin) agonism
- Cannabinoids/vanilloids agonism

# INDICATIONS

- Mild/Moderate Acute Pain-single agent
- Moderate/Severe pain-adjunct to opioids:
  - ▶ Renal Colic
  - ▶ Acute Traumatic MSK Pain
  - ▶ Acute LBP
  - ▶ Acute Migraine

# RENAL COLIC

- IV APAP 1g over 15 min vs. IV MS 0.1 mg/kg
- PO: comparative change in pain score at 30 min:
  - ▶ 4 trials: similar to MS pain relief
  - ▶ 2 trials: better than MS
  - ▶ 2 trials: worse than MS
- IV APAP: minimal rates of side effects

# ACUTE MSK PAIN

- 1g IV APAP vs. 10 mg MSO4 over 15 min
- No difference at 30 and 60 min in:
  - ▶ Pain score
  - ▶ Rescue Analgesia
- Less AE in IV APAP group

# ACUTE LOW BACK PAIN

- IV APAP 1g vs. IV dexketoprofen 50 mg vs. IV morphine 0.1 mg/kg
- At 30 min post-administration:
  - ▶ Similar change in pain intensity between 3 groups
  - ▶ Less side effects in APAP vs. Morphine

# ACUTE MIGRAINE

- IV APAP 1g vs. IV Dexketoprofen
  - ▶ *No difference in pain score at 15 min and 30 min*
- IV APAP + IV Prochlorperazine + IV Diphenhydramine vs. IV Prochlorperazine + IV Diphenhydramine
  - ▶ *Greater change in pain score ( 1.7) in IV APAP group, less rescue analgesia ( 38% vs. 53%)*
- IV APAP 1g vs. IV Metoclopramide 10 mg
  - ▶ *IV APAP better pain relief at 15 min ( 42% vs.0), similar pain relief at 60-120 min*

***Turkcuer 2014, Meyering 2017, Faridaalae 2015)***

# **PROBLEMS WITH IV APAP**



# COST

- January-July 2014-300% price increase
- Current retail price: \$26-32 per vial, about \$110-140 per 24h
- Oral form: 500mg x2, \$.48
- Rectal form: 650 mgx2, \$ 1.70

# FORMULARY

- Single vial (expensive unused residual)
- Non-titratable
- Infusion over 15 min
- Glass vial ( occupational hazard)

# IATROGENIC OVERDOSING

- Pediatric population:
  - calculating dosage in MG, administering in ML
- 10-fold dosing error

# NO LONG-TERM ANALGESIC SUPERIORITY OVER PO AND PR

- Rectal APAP 40 mg/kg- **longer analgesia** than 15 mg/kg IV APAP
- IV APAP vs. Oral APAP as adjunct to opioids:
  - ▶ No difference in pain scores at 30 min

# CONCLUSION

- **IV ACETAMINOPHEN IN THE ED:**
  - ▶ NOT warranted for routine analgesia
  - ▶ NOT w/o dosing errors
  - ▶ NOT affordable
  - ▶ NOT offering clear advantage over PO and PR routes

# CONCLUSION

- **IV APAP IN THE ED-CASE BY CASE BASIS**

**WHEN:**

- ▶ PO/PR routes contraindicated
- ▶ Other analgesics not tolerable
- ▶ Risk of opioid and NSAID's-related AE
- ▶ Multimodal analgesia desired

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
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# **NITROUS OXIDE AND TRIGGER POINT INJECTION**

# Nitrous Oxide




# Benefits of Nitrous Oxide



Babl 2015  
Zhang 1999  
Becker 2008  
Chapman 1979

# Nitrous Oxide as an ANALGESIC

- Indicated for any and every painful condition
- All ages
- 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester pregnancy

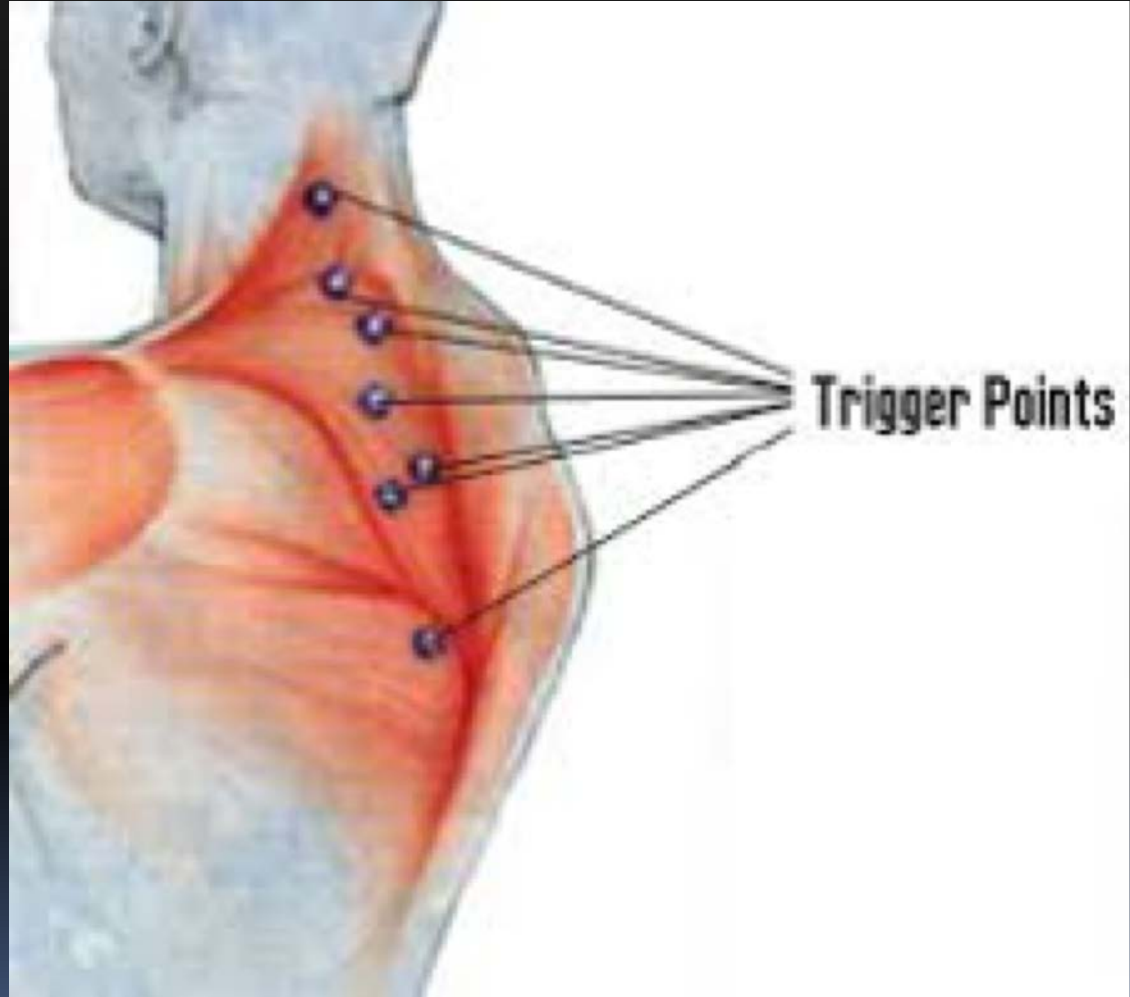


Laceration repair  
Minor joint reduction  
Lumbar puncture  
Peripheral and central venous access  
Incision & Drainage  
FB removal  
Burn/Wound Care  
Fecal Disimpaction  
Cardioversion

# Contraindications

- COPD or severe active asthma
- Otitis Media, Sinusitis
- Bowel Obstruction
- Altered level of consciousness
  - Psychiatric disease, EtOH, Head Injury
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester pregnancy



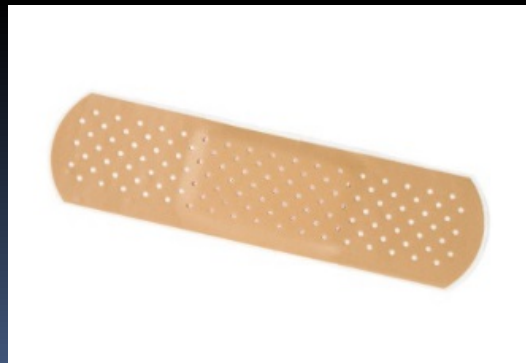






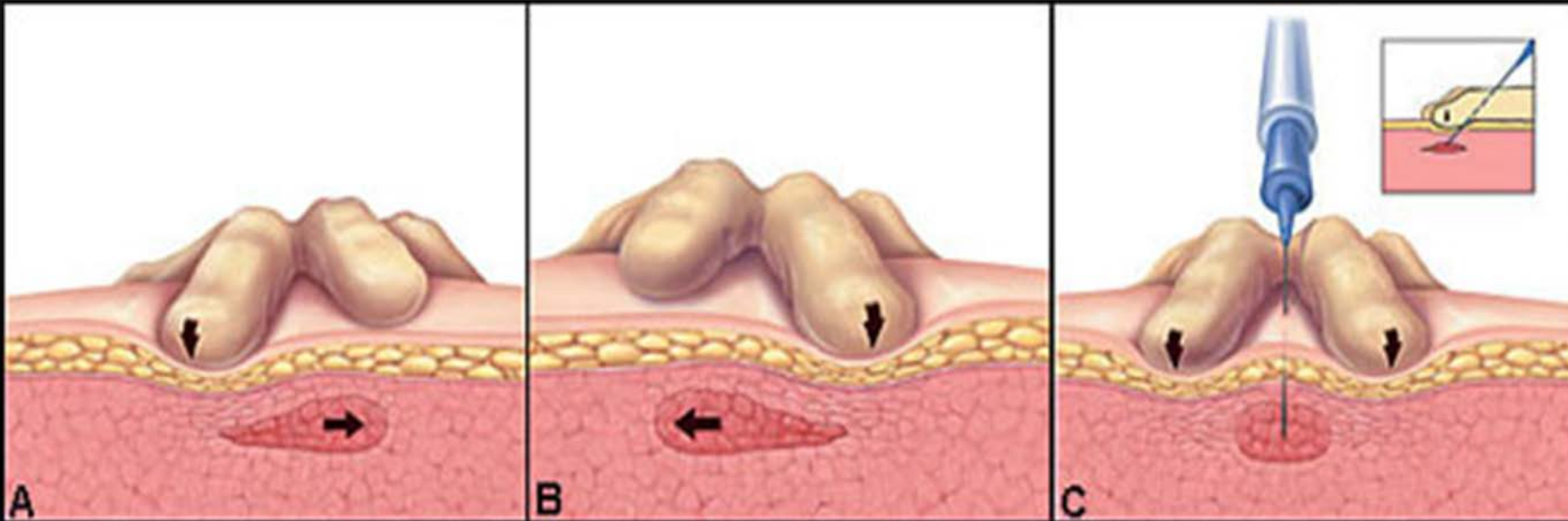


# Equipment



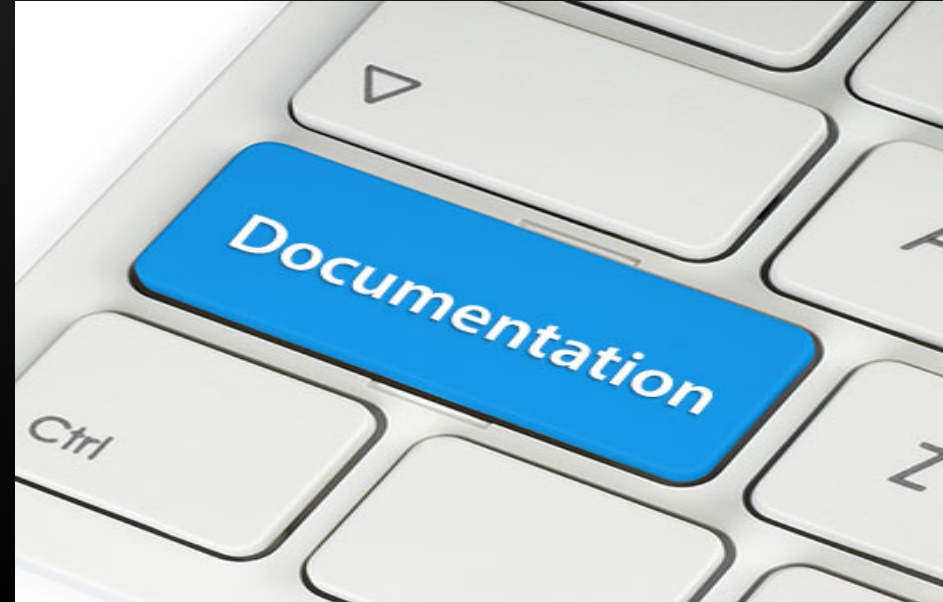
2 mL






Alvarez 2002  
Hopwood 1994  
Simon 1999

- ✓ Presence of a trigger point
- ✓ Muscle group
- ✓ Needle size
- ✓ Local anesthetic
- ✓ Time Out





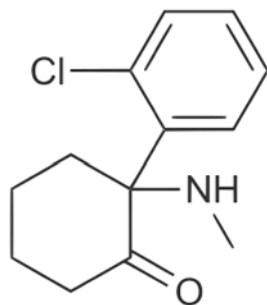
# Take Home Points

- Trigger Point Injection is an easy and quick procedure for immediate pain relief secondary to severe localized muscle spasm
  - Nitrous Oxide is a fast acting easily administered analgesic, ideal for the management of procedural pain in the ED
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# Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this learning module, learners will obtain:

1. Explain the indications, contraindications, and dosages for ketamine analgesia.
2. Describe the most common emergency nerve blocks and their applications.



# Ketamine

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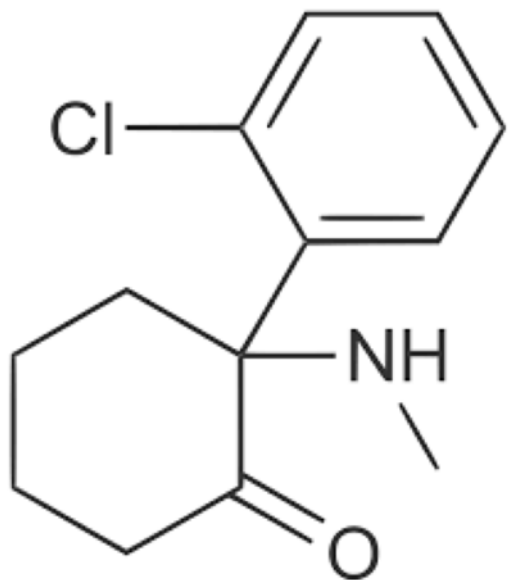
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# Analgesics

# Ketamine



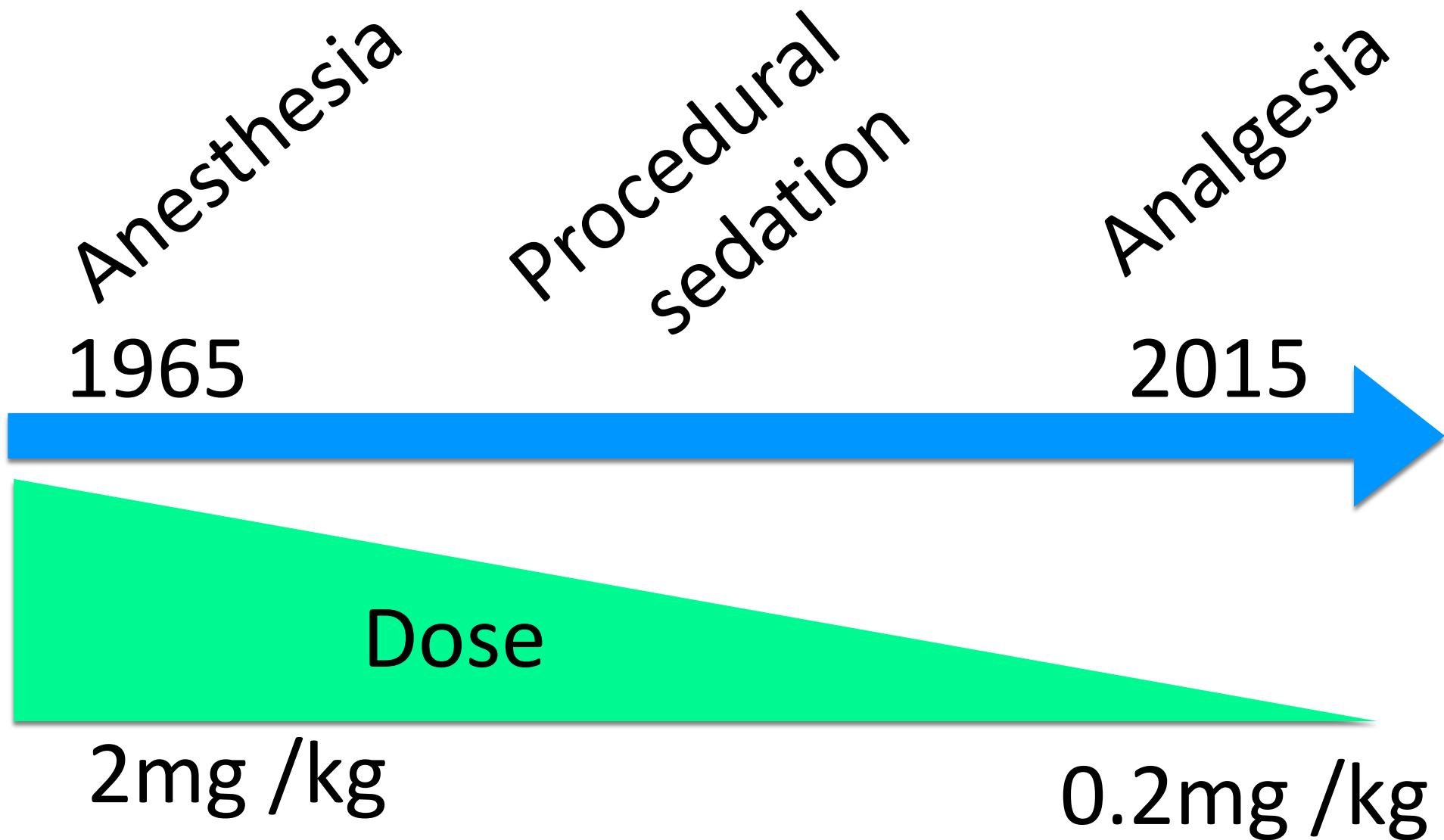
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Salicylates

2000 BC

Opium

4000 BC





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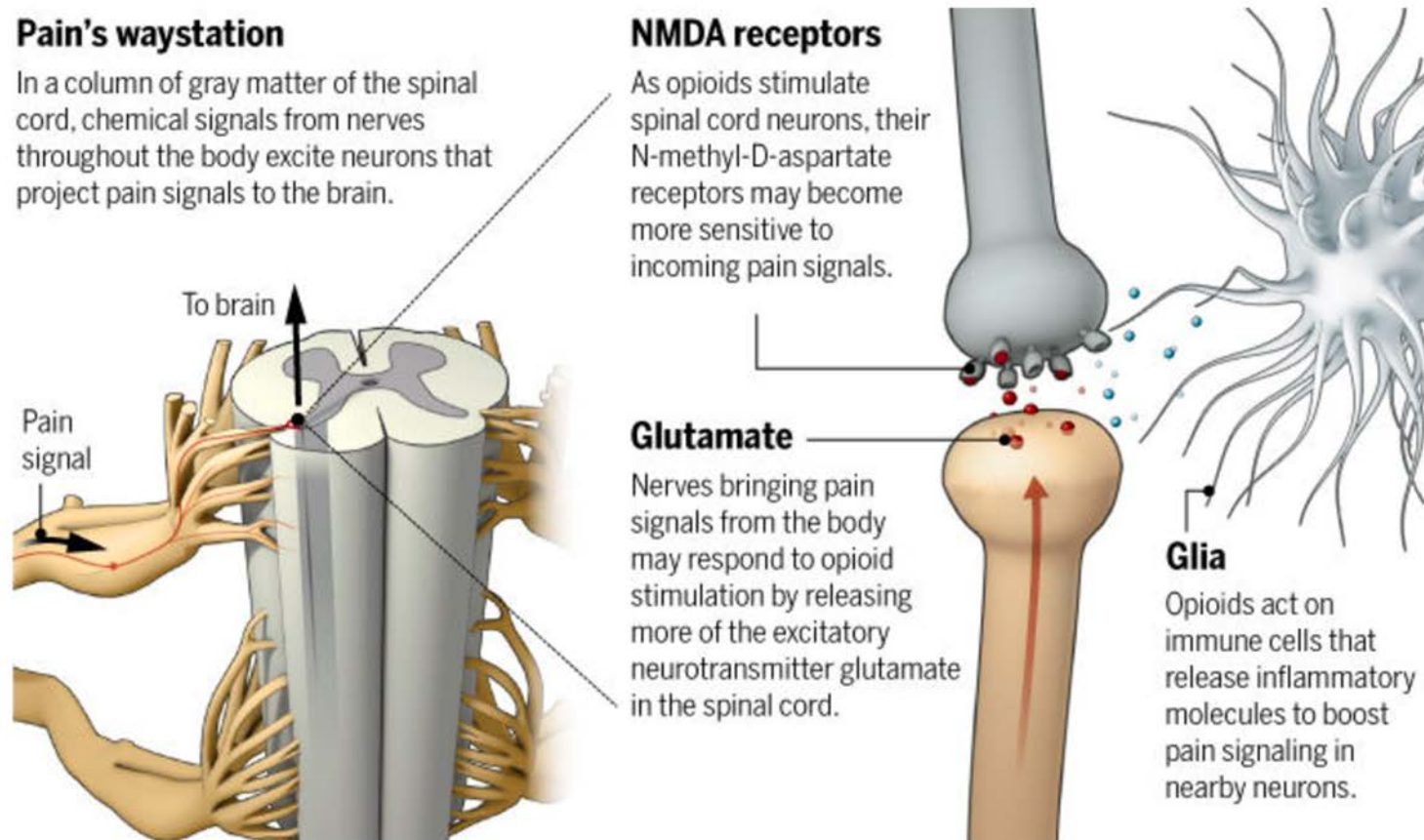
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### Turning down the volume

Animal studies have revealed several ways in which opioids may amplify pain signals in the central nervous system, suggesting targets for drugs that could counter the effect.

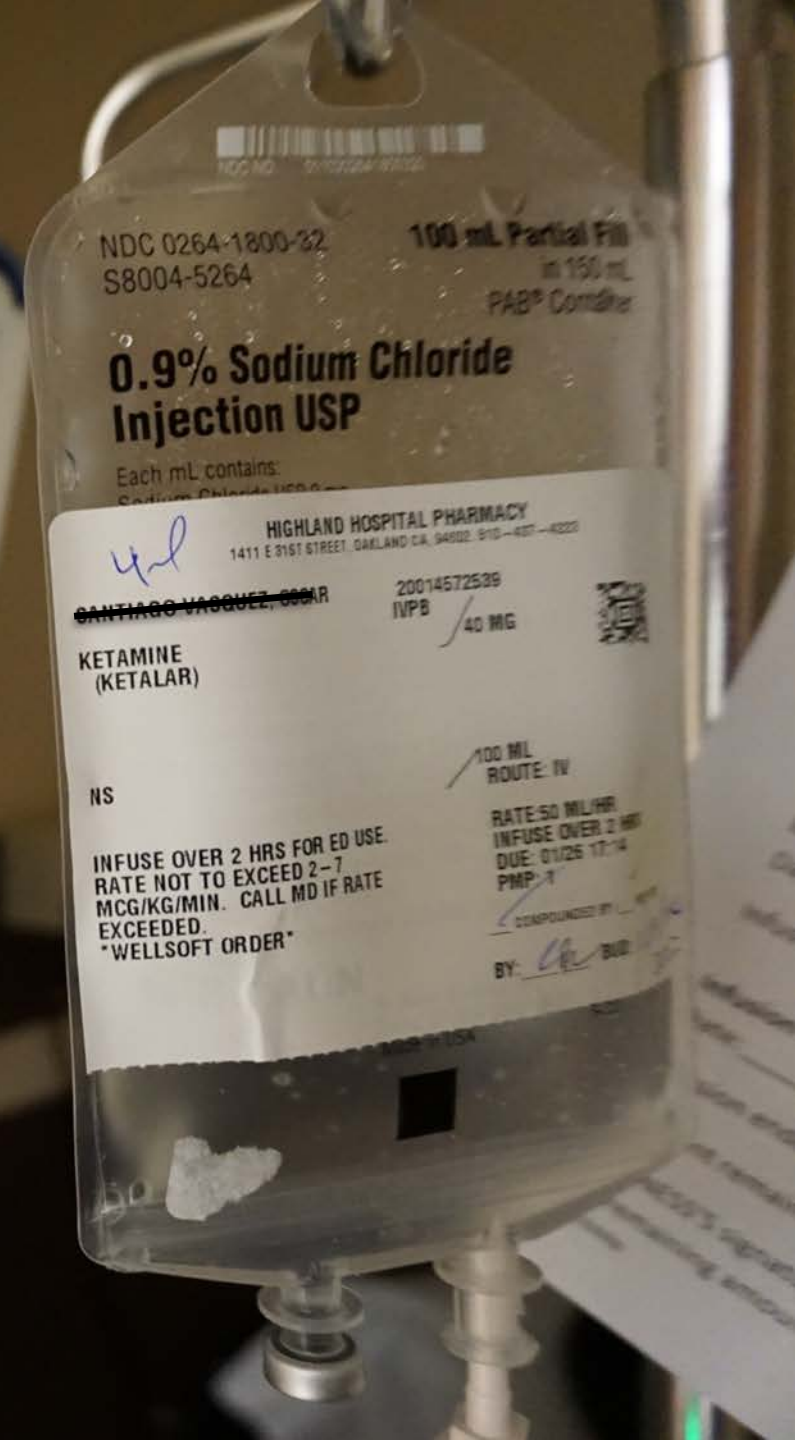
#### Pain's waystation

In a column of gray matter of the spinal cord, chemical signals from nerves throughout the body excite neurons that project pain signals to the brain.



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# Ketamine is very safe



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Original Contributions

The first 500: initial experience with widespread use of low-dose ketamine for acute pain management in the ED ☆,☆☆,★,★★

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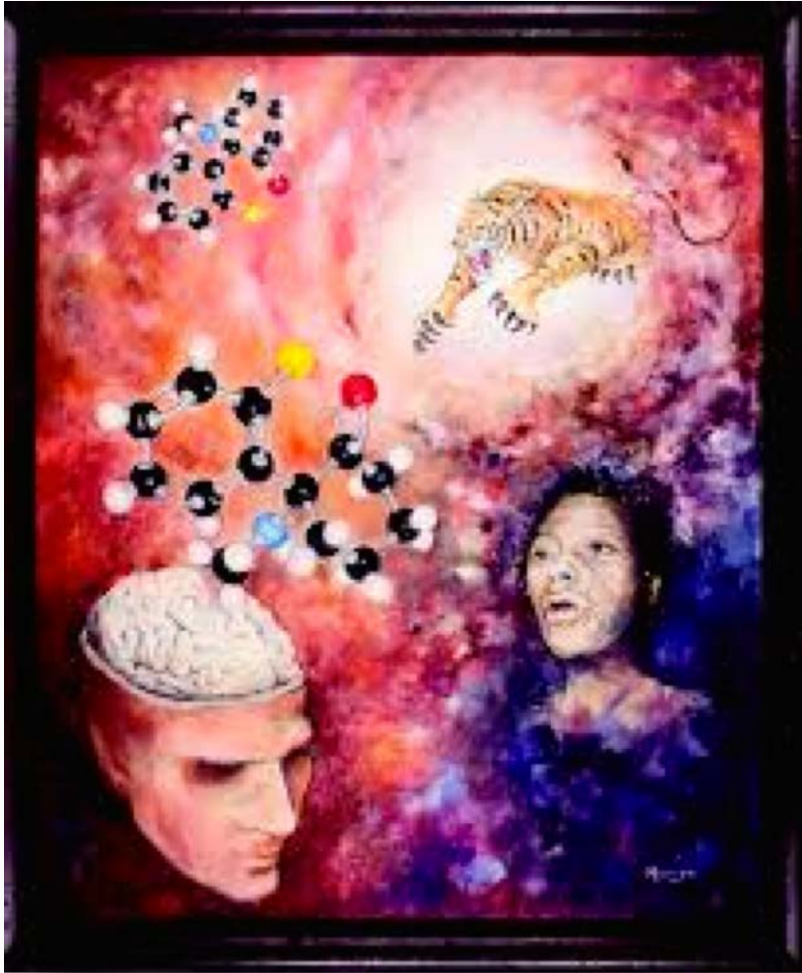
**Methods.** We prospectively administered 15 mg intravenous ketamine followed immediately by con-

# Ketamine WORKS

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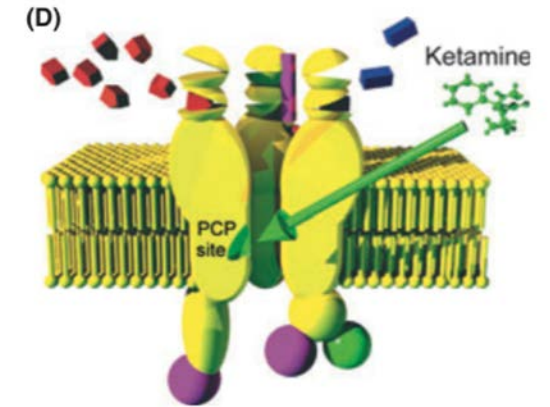




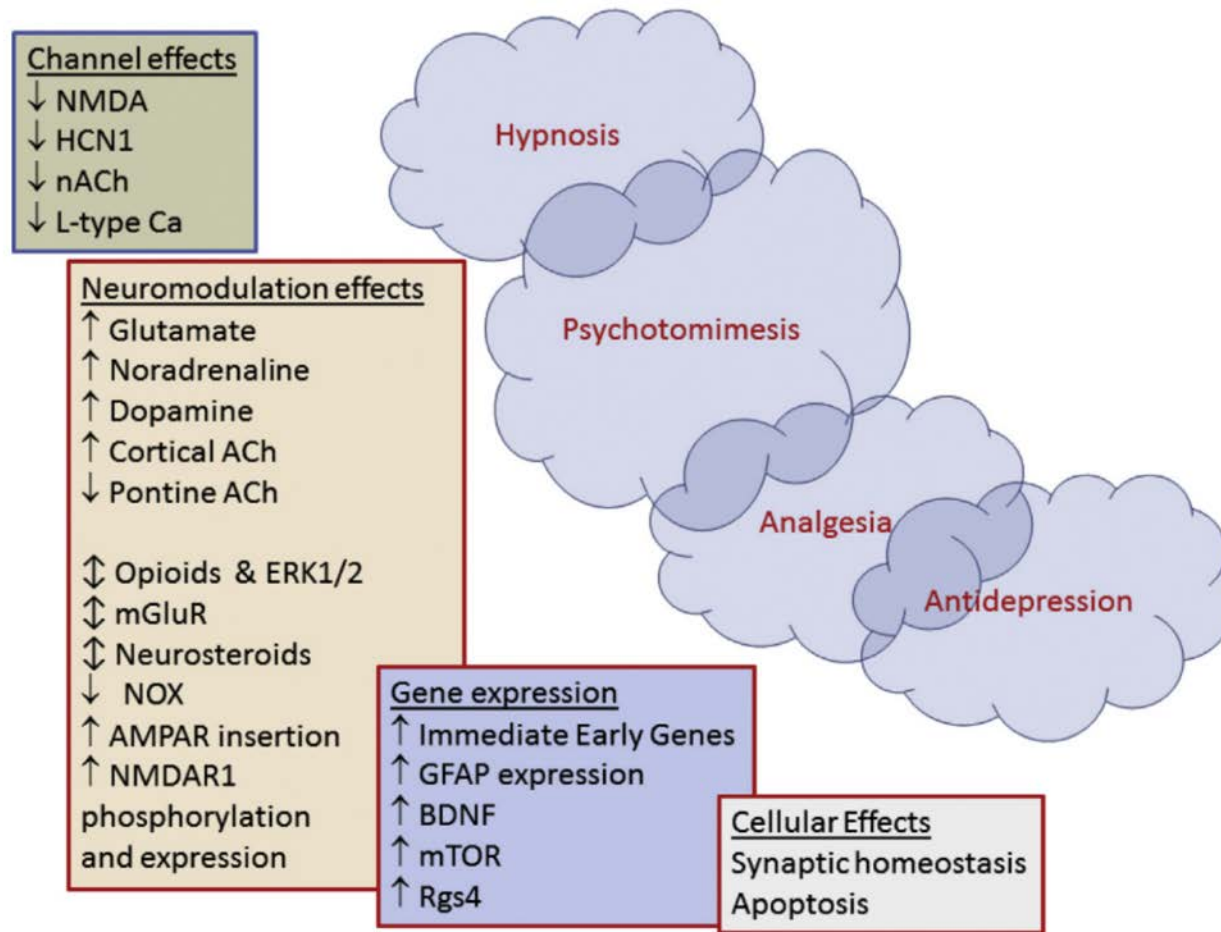
**Ketamine can cause  
perceptual changes  
And hallucinations**

# NMDA receptor antagonist

- anti-nociceptive analgesic
- dissociative hypnotic
- cardiovascular stimulant
- neuropsychiatric stimulant



# Complex dose dependent pharmacodynamics

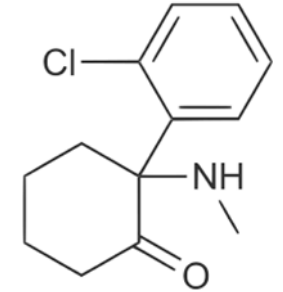


# Indications for ketamine

- Intractable pain
- opioid tolerant patients
- critically ill patients
- procedural pain



# ketamine

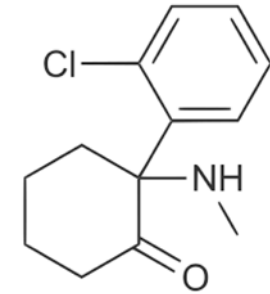


- Safe & requires no special monitoring
- delivered as a bolus or infusion
- Oral, IN, IM IV routes of administration





# Low-dose Ketamine analgesia



- *10-20mg IV slow bolus  
or over 10-20 minutes*
- *Infusion 20-30mg / hour (0.3mg/kg/hr)*



# Regional anesthesia

## Guidelines for Emergency Regional Anesthesia for Trauma Orthopedic Injuries

### Block OK

- Shoulder dislocation
- Clavicle fracture
- Proximal humerus fracture
- Low energy distal radius fracture
- Hand and digit injuries
- Hip fracture and dislocation
- Low energy foot and ankle fractures

Contact orthopedic surgery as soon as possible for any patients to be admitted or patients who will require in ED consultation, but do not delay block placement.

### Block after Consultation

- Humeral shaft fracture
- Elbow fracture
- Both bone forearm fracture
- Femoral shaft fracture

Perform and document detailed neurologic exam and consult with orthopedic service before block is placed.

### No Block

#### High risk for compartment syndrome

- Tibial fracture
- High emergency forearm fracture
- High Energy foot fracture
- Any injury with evidence of neurovascular injury or clinical concern for a possible compartment syndrome

Perform block only after requested by Trauma and Orthopedic service attending.

### Universal precautions

- Appropriate splinting, protection, icing of any injured extremity.
- Appropriate analgesic administration.
- Block placement should not delay other time sensitive interventions.
- Appropriate consideration of and patient discussion of the risks and benefits of any block.
- Documentation of consent.
- Thorough, detailed, and appropriately documented neurologic exam before block is performed.
- Thorough, detailed, and appropriately documented compartment exam before block is performed.
- Safe and sterile procedural technique appropriately documented including but not limited to: pre-procedure timeout with confirmation correct patient, indication, and side; appropriate patient monitoring; use of real-time ultrasound-guidance with avoidance of needle to nerve contact and vascular puncture; aspiration and small volume (3-5mL) injection of appropriately dosed local anesthetic.
- Presence of necessary resuscitation equipment and intralipid in case of local anesthetic toxicity reaction.
- Clear marking of blocked extremity and documentation of block details in the medical record.
- Verbal communication of block details with participating clinical teams prior to discharge or transfer from ED.
- Appropriate post block care of weakened or insensate extremity to prevent falls and limb injury.



# 2003 first use of battlefield regional anesthesia





**WE'VE COME A LONG WAY**

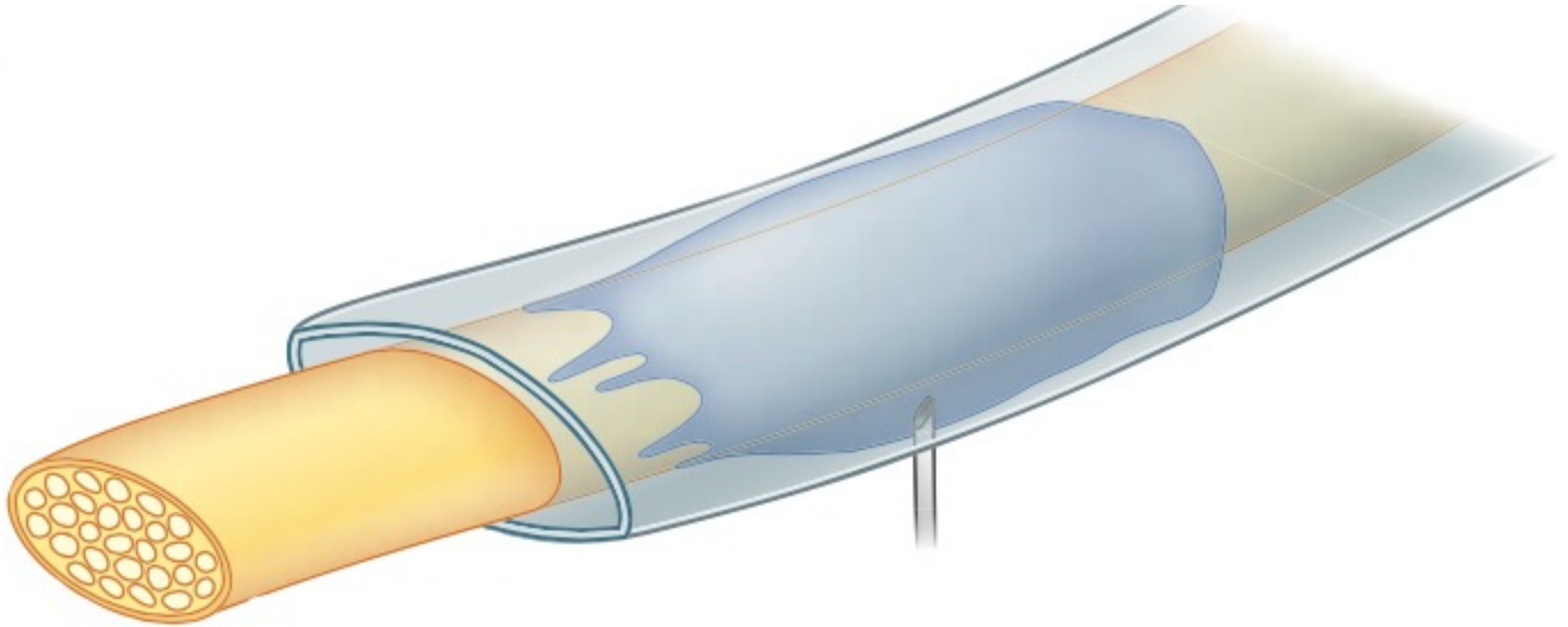
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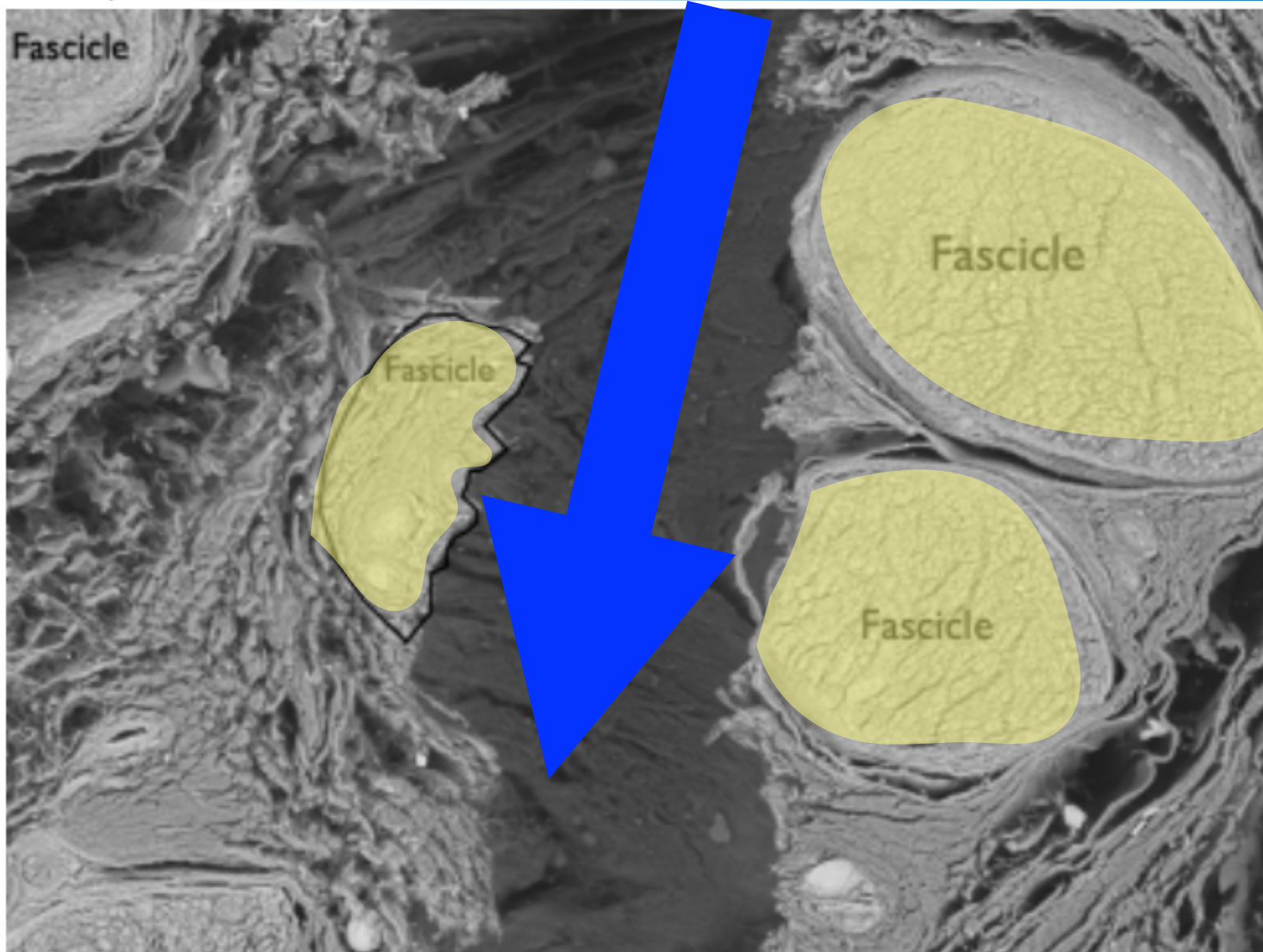
**Today's lecture**

A photograph of an iceberg in the ocean. The top of the iceberg is visible above the water line, while the much larger, submerged part is visible below. A bright sun is in the sky, and a pink arrow points from the text 'Today's lecture' down to the tip of the iceberg.

**How blocks can  
transform your  
practice**









Become a  
needle jock



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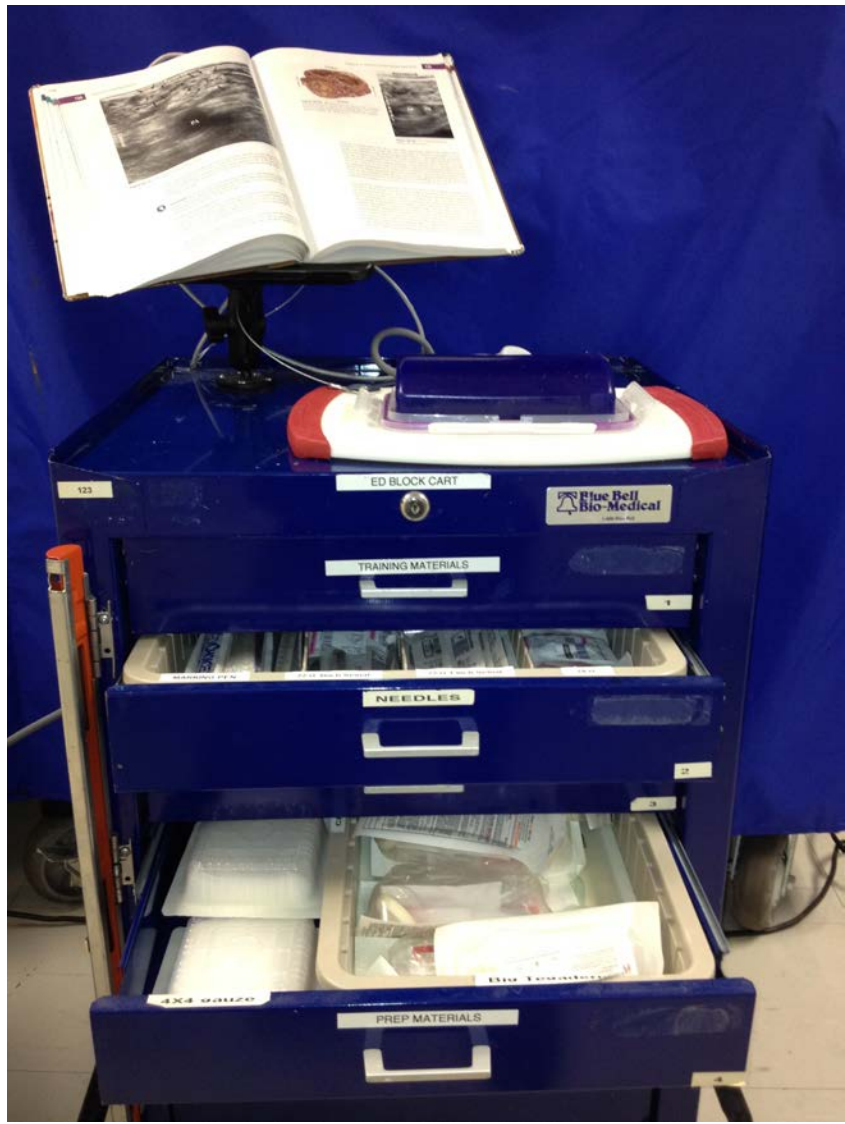
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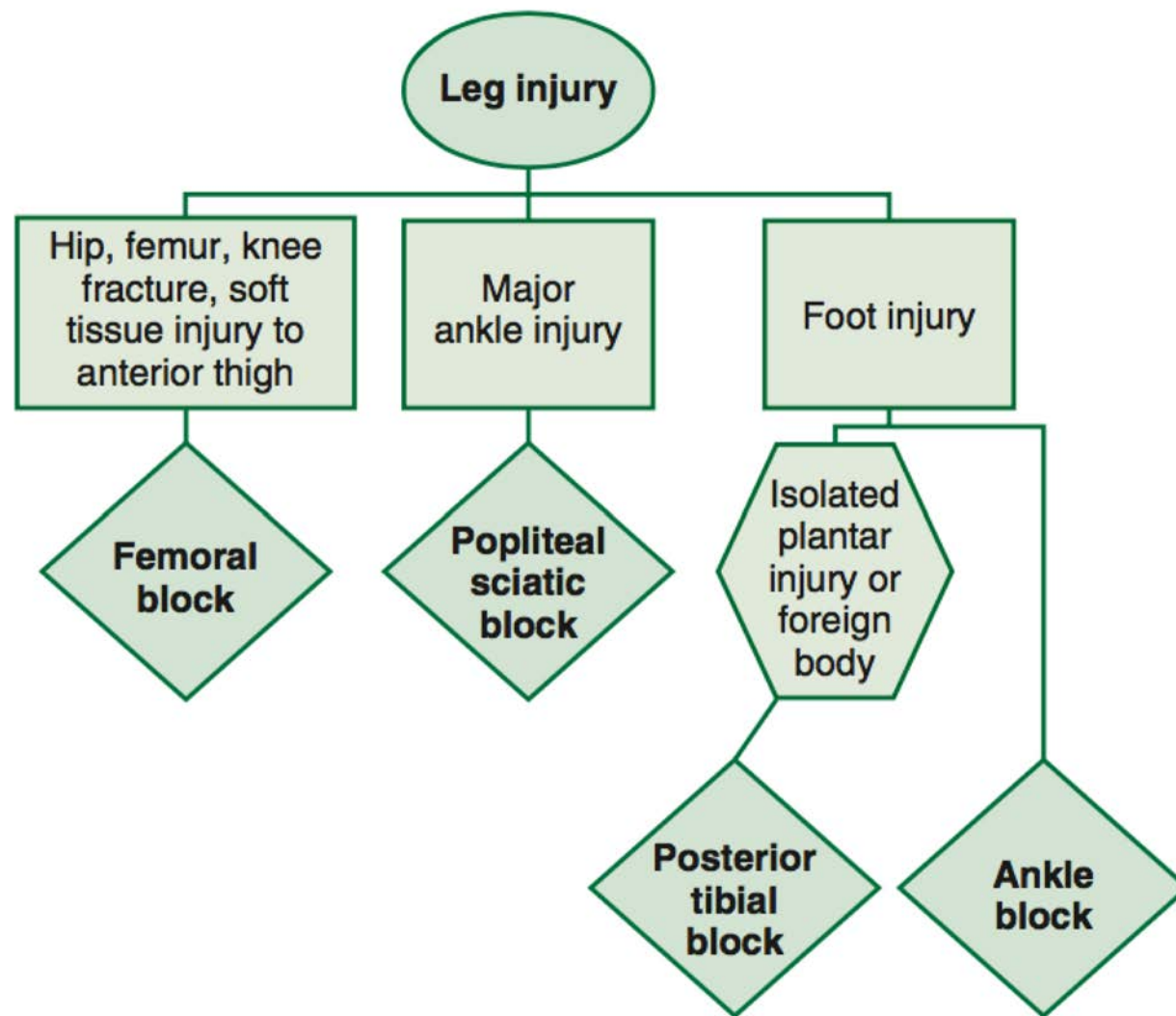
# Work together





# GEAR UP

# protocols



## ANATOMY

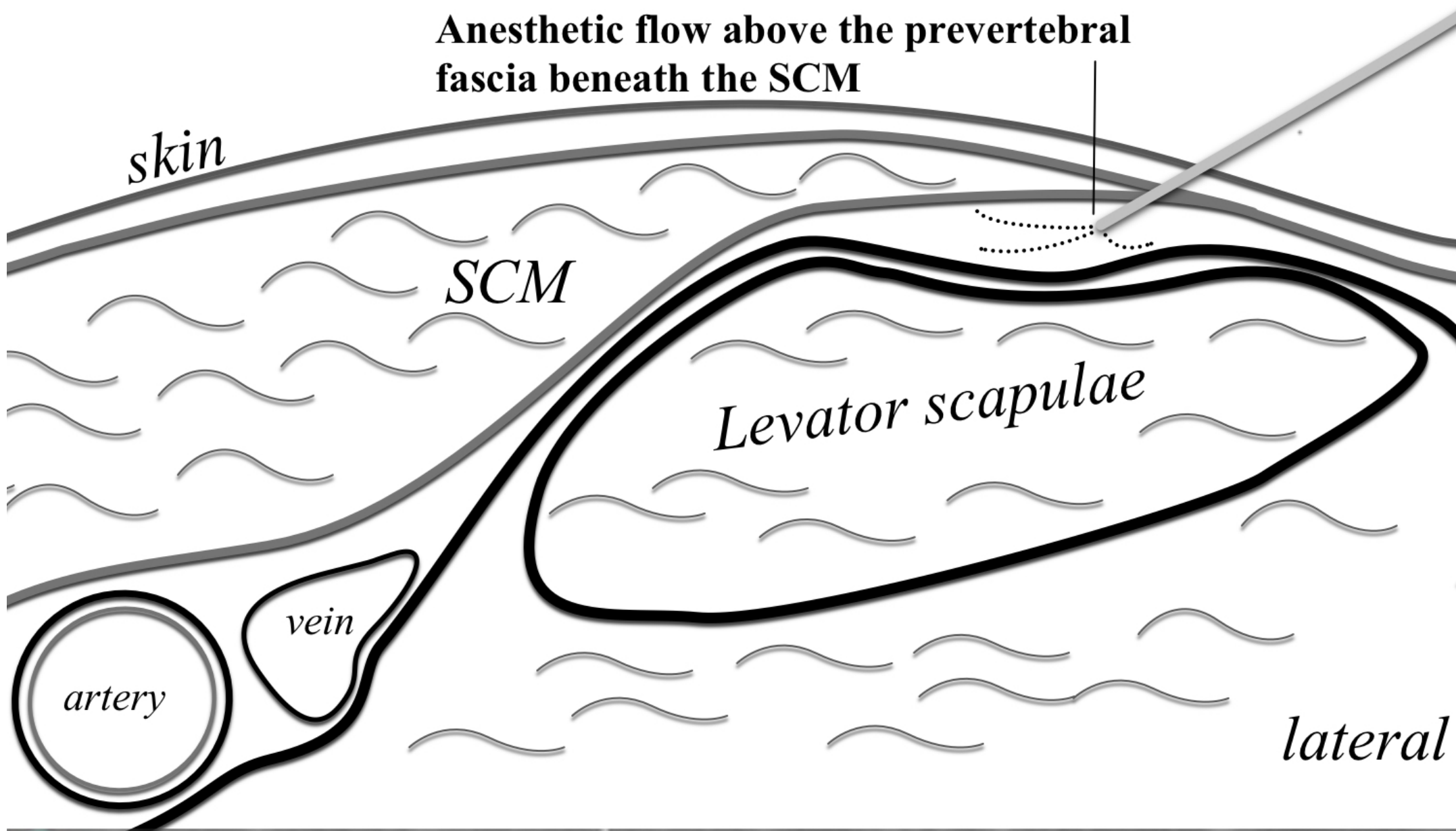
1. injection point
2. mastoid
3. clavicular insertion SCM
4. sternal notch
5. superior pole thyroid cartilage

Area of  
innervation

- A. Transverse cervical nerves
- B. Greater auricular nerve
- C. Lesser occipital nerve
- D. Supraclavicular nerves



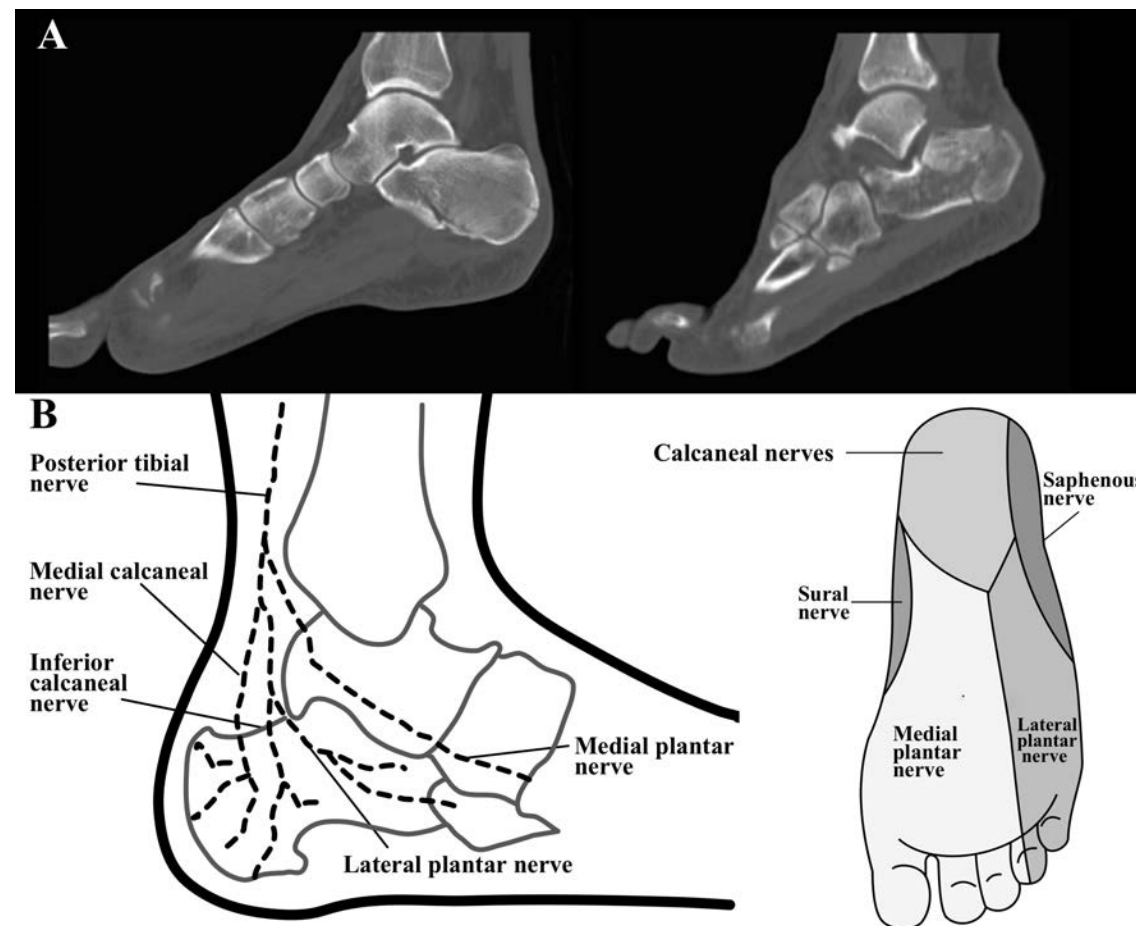
**Anesthetic flow above the prevertebral  
fascia beneath the SCM**



# Forearm blocks



# posterior tibial block





# Fem block

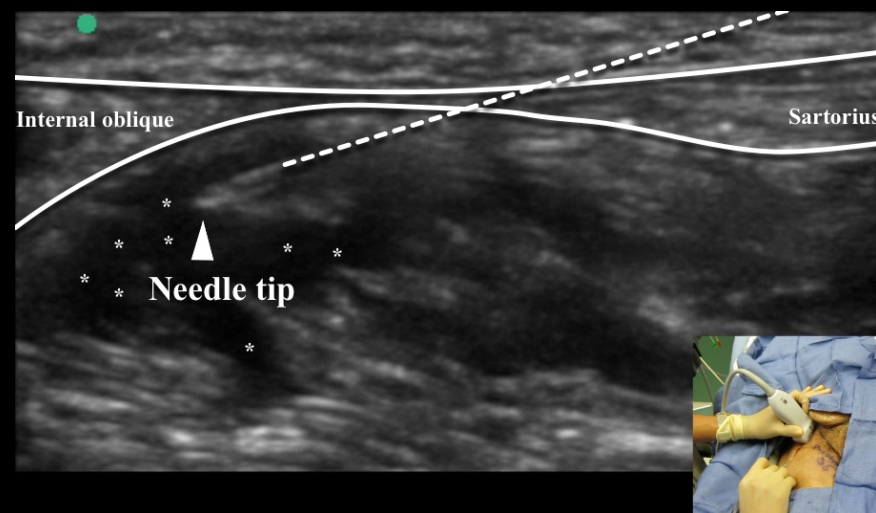
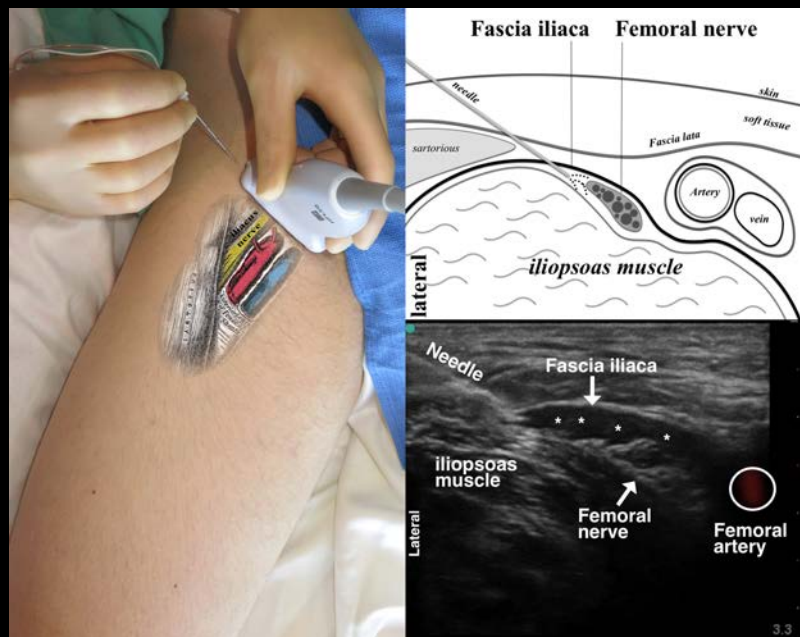
## Femoral Block

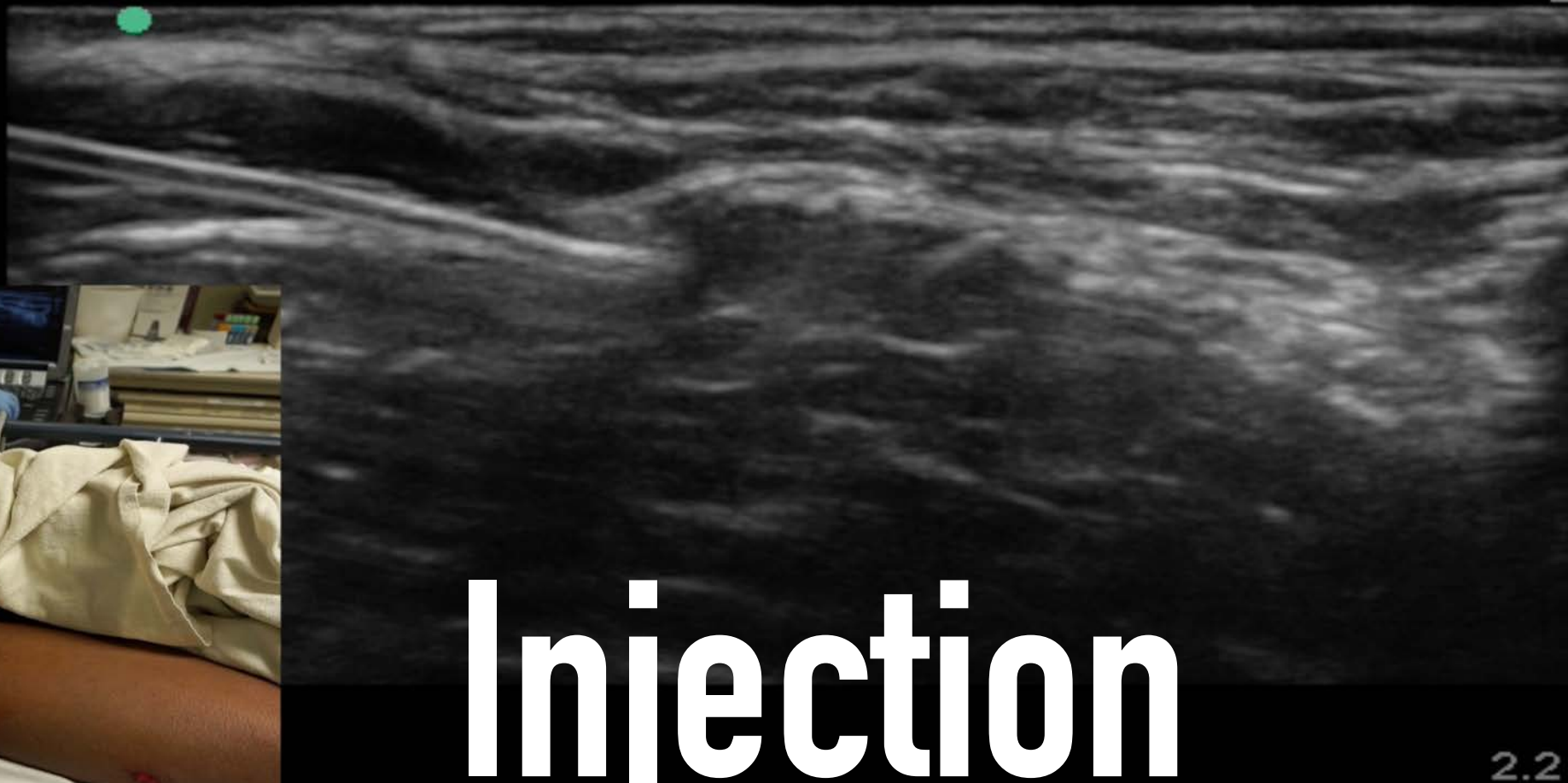
Selective block of the femoral nerve just adjacent to the femoral artery

## 3 in 1 Fascia Iliaca Block

Large volume block that positions the needle to encourage retrograde flow of local anesthetic towards the lumbar plexus with resulting block of these nerves:

1. Femoral
2. Lateral femoral cutaneous
3. Obturator





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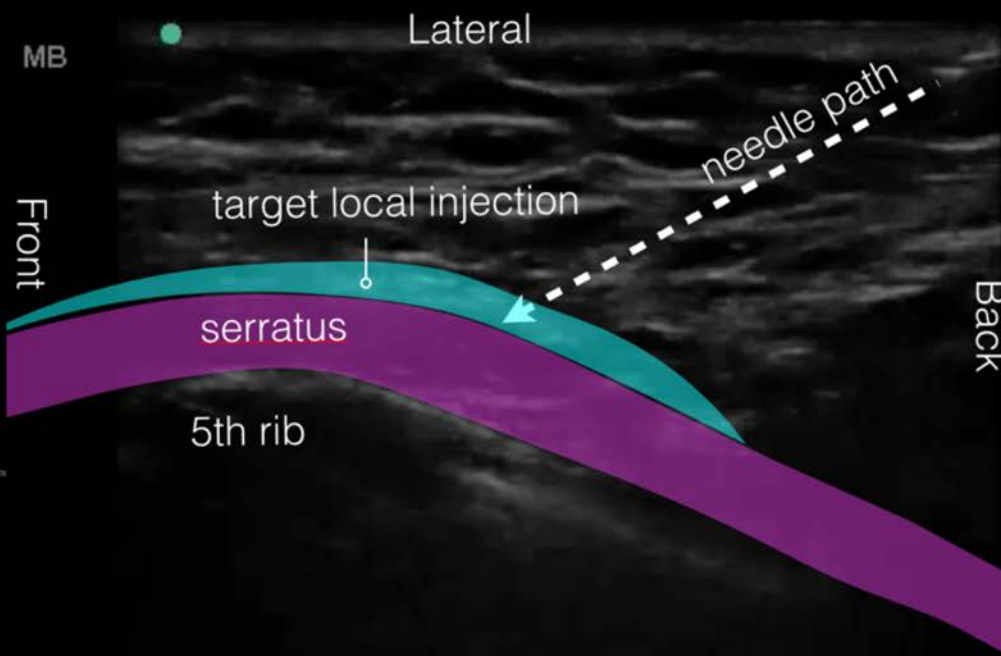
# Injection

# Serratus block



Lateral decubitus position

1. Find T4-5 mid-axillary line
2. Image ribs and pleura
3. Image serratus
4. Inject over serratus



## For More Information

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