Kliiniline küsimus nr 10.

Kas patsiendi postoperatiivse ägeda valu ravis on regionaalanalgeesia (epiduraalanalgeesia, närviblokaadid) vs parenteraalne ja enteraalne analgeesia tulemuslikum?

<u>Kriitilised tulemusnäitajad</u>: valu tugevus, valu vähenemine, lisavaluvaigisti vajadus, aeg esimese lisavaluvaigisti vajaduseni, aeg valuvaigistava toime saabumiseni, postoperatiivsete tüsistuste esinemissagedus, rehospitaliseerimine valu tõttu, patsiendi (eestkostja) rahulolu valuraviga, meetodi ohutus

Süstemaatilised ülevaated

Me leidsime hea kvaliteediga tõendumaterjali 5 Cochrane ülevaatest, 5 süstemaatilisest ülevaatest, 7 meta-analüüsist ja 5 RCT-st, mis käsitleb antud küsimuse teemat. Kuna küsimus on mahukas, siis teemad on jaotatud osadeks ja nende kokkuvõte on allpool toodud alapunktidena:

*Epiduraalanalgeesia vs intravenoosne (i/v) opiaat

 Epiduraalanalgeesia (püsi-) leevendab paremini valu kui parenteraalsed opioidid (PCA) kuni 72 tundi peale intraabdominaalset operatsiooni, aga on seotud kõrgema sügelemise sagedusega.
 Epiduraalanalgeesia võrreldes süsteemsete opioididega leevendab paremini valu (kuni kolm päeva peale operatsiooni) ja vähendab intubatsiooni aega peale kõhuaordi operatsioone. Samuti leiti, et epiduraalanalgeesia vähendab postoperatiivse müokardi infarkti, pikenenud mehhaanilise ventilatsiooni, GI ja neeru tüsistuste sagedust. Samas suremus jäi samaks.

3. Epiduraalanalgeesia võrreldes parenteraalselt manustatud opioididega (kaasa arvatud PCA) tagab parema postoperatiivse valu leevenduse kõikide operatsioonitüüpide korral, välja arvatud epiduraalanalgeesia ainult hüdrofiilse opioidiga. Võrreldes i/v PCA-ga epiduraali grupis oli väiksem iiveldus/oksendamise ja sedatsiooni sagedus, samas oli suurem sügelemise, uriini retentsiooni ja motoorse blokaadi sagedus.

4. Epiduraalanalgeesia lokaalanesteetikumidega vähendab gastrointestinaaltrakti paralüüsi võrreldes parenteraalse või epiduraalse opioidiga peale laparotoomiat. Valu leevendus oli sarnane. PONV-i (*postoperative nausea and vomiting*) osas olulist vahet ei olnud. Epiduraalanalgeesia kombinatsioonis lokaalanesteetikum+opioid mõju gastrointestinaaltrakti funktsioonile on siiani lahendamata, küll aga annab parema valu leevenduse.

5. Epiduraalanalgeesia vähendas märkimisväärselt valu ja iileuse kestust kolorektaalkirurgia järgselt. Samas tõstis sügelemise, uriini retentsiooni ja hüpotensiooni sagedust. Epiduraalanalgeesia ei mõjutanud haiglas viibimise aega.

6. Epiduraalanalgeesia vähendab pikenenud mehhaanilise ventilatsiooni või reintubatsiooni vajadust, parandab kopsu funktsiooni ja vere oskügenisatsiooni, samas tõuseb hüpotensiooni, uriini retentsiooni ja sügelemise risk.

7. Epiduraalanalgeesia ja kardiokirurgia – kõrge torakaalepiduraalanalgeesia kasutamine CABG (coronary artery bypass graft) operatsioonidel vähendab postoperatiivset valu, düsrütmiate riski, kopsukomplikatsioone (vähendab atelektaasi ja parandab kopsufunktsiooni) ja ekstubatsiooni aega võrreldes intravenoosse opioid analgeesiaga. Suremust ei mõjuta. Haiglas viibimise aeg oli sarnane. Ei vähenda suremust ja müokardi infarkti riski.

*Epiduraalanalgeesia vs paravertebraalblokaad

Epiduraalanalgeesial ja paravertebraalblokaadil (PVB) on torakaalkirurgia järgselt võrreldav efekt valule 4-8 tunni, 12, 24 ja 48 tunni möödudes, kopsukomplikatsioonide esinemissagedus ning morfiini vajadus on sarnane. Samas esineb PVB korral vähem uriini retensiooni, iiveldust ja oksendamist, hüpotensiooni ning ebaõnnestunud blokaadide arv on väiksem kui epiduraalanalgeesia korral. Paravertebraalblokaadil leiti ka parem mõju kopsufunktsioonile – märgatavalt parem PEFR (*peak expiratory flow rate*), ühes artiklis leiti ka oluliselt kõrgem FVC (*forced vital capacity*) ja FEV1 oli 2. postoperatiivsel päeval kõrgem kui epiduraalanalgeesia grupis.

Paravertebraalbloki grupis oli korisooli tase statistiliselt madalam kui epiduraalanalgeesia grupis.

*Femoraalnärviblokaad põlveproteesi asetamiseks

1. Igasugune femoraalnärviblokaad (FNB) (nii pidev infusioon kui ühekordne süst) omab võrreldes morfiini PCAga paremat analgeetilist efekti esimese 72 tunni jooksul, nii liigutamisel kui ka rahuolekus. FNB-i saanud haiged tarbisid vähem morfiini, neil oli vähem iiveldust ja oksendamist ning parem põlve painutus ja suurem rahulolu kui PCAga haigetel.

2. Epiduraalanalgeesiaga võrreldes ei olnud FNB-il esimese 24 tunni valu tugevusel erinevust, aga esines vähem PONV-i ja haiged olid valuraviga rohkem rahul. Pidev FNB on valuravis efektiivsem kui ühekordne FNB.

3. Haiged, kes said pidevat femoraalnärviblokaadi (CFNB) peale põlveproteesi asetamist vajasid rohkem rofekoksiibi ja oksükodooni kui haiged, kes said epiduraalanalgeesiat (CEA) (epiduraal sisaldas ka fentanüüli), kuid CFNB grupis oli oluliselt vähem iiveldust ja oksendamist.

4. Femoraalnärviblokaad võrreldes patsient-kontrollitud analgeesiaga (PCA) – leiti, et PCA grupis esines enam tugeva valu episoode ja ka kõrgemad valuskooringud kui CFNB grupis 1 - 3 postoperatiivse päeva jooksul (eriti rahuloleku valu osas).

*LIA – lokaalne haava infiltratsioon kateetriga kombineerituna patsiendi poolt kontrollitud (PCA) opioidiga omab sarnast efekti valule võrreldes epiduraalkateetriga, välja arvatud esimesel postoperatiivsel päeval. Mõlemal tehnikal on sarnane mõju haiglas viibimisele, soole peristaltika taastumisele ning opioidi kasutamisel, samas haavakateetrid olid seotud vähemate komplikatsioonide arvuga.

LIA omab varases postoperatiivses perioodis peale põlve proteesimist efektiivset valuvastast toimet enamuses randomiseeritud uuringutes, isegi kombineerituna multimodaalse analgeesiaga, samas analoogset efekti puusa proteesimise järgselt ei pruugi olla. LIA langetab võrreldes kontrollgrupiga (vee ja füsioloogilise lahuse infusiooniga kateeter) oluliselt nii rahuloleku kui liikumise valuskooringut, opioidide kasutust postoperatiivses perioodis, PONV-i esinemissagedust ja haiglas viibimise aega ning tõstab patsientide rahulolu taset.

***TAP blokid kõhukirurgias** – pole uuringuid, mis võrdleks TAP (*transversus abdominis plane*) blokki teiste analgeesia liikidega, nagu epiduraalanalgeesia või LIA (kõhuhaava lokaalanesteetikumi infiltratsioon). On ainult piiratud tõendus, mis soovitab perioperatiivse TAP bloki kasutamist opioidide tarbimise ja valu vähendamiseks peale kõhukirurgiat (võrreldes üldse mittesekkumise või platseeboga). Ei ole ka ilmset postoperatiivse iiveldamise/oksendamise või sedatsiooni vähenemist (mõned väiksed uuringud). Paljud uuringud on hetkel käigus ja ootavad publitseerimist (*Cochrane 2010*).

***Ohutus** – epidepiduraalanalgeesiaga seotud püsiva neuroloogilise kahjustuse risk on väga madal. Epiduraalse hematoomi ja abstsessi riski on kõrgem, kui on diagnoos hilinenud.

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 6. To review the impact of epidural vs systemic analgesia on postoperative pulmonary complications. Search of databases (1966 to March 2006) and bibliographies. Inclusion criteria were randomized comparison of epidural vs systemic analgesia lasting 24 hours or longer postoperatively and reporting of pulmonary complications, lung function, or gas exchange. Fiftyeight trials (5904 patients) were included. Articles were reviewed and data extracted. Data were combined using fixed-effect and randomeffects models. The odds of pneumonia were decreased with epidural analgesia (odds ratio [OR], 0.54; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.43-0.68), independent of site of surgery or catheter insertion, duration of analgesia, or regimen. The effect was weaker in trials that used patient-controlled analgesia in controls (OR, 0.64; 95% CI, 0.49-0.83) compared with trials that did not (OR, 0.30; 95% CI, 0.18-0.49) and in larger studies (OR, 0.62; 95% CI, 0.23-0.58). From 1971-2006, the incidence of pneumonia with epidural analgesia remained about 8% but decreased from 34% to 12% with systemic analgesia (P<.001); consequently, the relative benefit of epidural analgesia decreased also. Epidural analgesia reduced the need for prolonged (>24h) ventilation or reintubation, improved 	Popping DM, Elia N, Marret E et al Protective effects of epidural analgesia on pulmonary complications after abdominal and thoracic surgery: a meta- analysis. Arch Surg 143(10): 990–9 (2008)

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lung function and blood oxygenation, and increased the risk	
of hypotension, urinary retention, and pruritus. Technical	
failures occurred in 7%. Conclusion: Epidural analgesia	
protects against pneumonia following abdominal or thoracic	
surgery, although this beneficial effect has lessened over	
the last 35 years because of a decrease in the baseline risk.	
7. Pulmonary dysfunction commonly occurs following coronary	Tenenbein PK, Debrouwere R,
artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery, increasing morbidity and	Maguire D et al
mortality. We hypothesized that thoracic epidural anesthesia	Thoracic epidural
(TEA) would improve pulmonary function and would	analgesia improves
decrease complications in patients undergoing CABG	pulmonary function in
surgery. This prospective, randomized, controlled trial was	
conducted with Ethics Board approval. Fifty patients,	cardiac surgery. Can J
undergoing CABG surgery, were randomized to the epidural	Anaesth 55(6): 344–50
group or to the patient-controlled analgesia morphine	(2008)
group. Patients in the epidural group received a high, thoracic	
epidural, preoperatively. Intraoperatively, 0.75% ropivacaine	
was infused, followed postoperatively, by 0.2% ropivacaine for 48	
hr. Outcome measurements included: visual analogue pain	
scores; spirometry; atelectasis scores on chest radiographs;	
and the incidence of atrial fibrillation. Results: Twenty-five	
patients were enrolled in each group. Patients in the epidural	
group had significantly less pain on the operative day, and	
for the subsequent two days. Compared to baseline, the	
forced expiratory volume in one second was significantly	
higher in the epidural group, on the first and second	
postoperative days (43.7 ± 12.2% vs 36.4 ± 12.0%, p < 0.002,	
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hours postoperatively ($p < 0.04$); however, on the third,	
postoperative day, the groups were similar with regards to	
this outcome. The incidence of atrial fibrillation was similar	
in both groups, and there were no complications related to	
the epidural. Conclusions: High TEA decreases postoperative pain	
and atelectasis and improves pulmonary function in patients	
undergoing CABG surgery. Our results support the use of TEA in this group of patients	
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8. Perioperative thoracic epidural analgesia reduces stress	Hansdottir V, Philip J, Olsen
response and pain scores and may improve outcome after cardiac	MF et al
surgery. This prospective, randomized trial was designed to	Thoracic epidural versus
compare the effectiveness of patient-controlled thoracic	intravenous patient-
epidural analgesia with patient-controlled analgesia with	
	controlled analgesia after
intravenous morphine on postoperative hospital length of	cardiac surgery: a
intravenous morphine on postoperative hospital length of stay and patients' perception of their quality of recovery	cardiac surgery: a randomized controlled
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9. High thoracic epidural anesthesia/analgesia (HTEA) for	Barrington MJ, Kluger R,
coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) surgery may have	Watson R et al
myocardial protective effects. In this prospective randomized	Epidural anesthesia for
controlled study, we investigated the effect of HTEA for elective	coronary artery bypass
CABG surgery on the release of troponin I, time to tracheal	surgery compared with
extubation, and analgesia. 120 patients were randomized	general anesthesia alone
to 2 groups of 60 from December 1999 to March 2002 – a general	does not reduce
anesthesia (GA) group or a GA plus HTEA group. The GA group	biochemical markers of
received fentanyl (7-15 mkg/kg) and a morphine infusion. The	myocardial damage.
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extubation [median (interquartile range)] in the HTEA group	
was 15 min (10–320 min), compared with 430 min (284–590	
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the HTEA group. We conclude that HTEA for CABG surgery had	
no effect on troponin release but improved postoperative analgesia	
and was associated with a reduced time to extubation.	
10. Perioperative central neuraxial analgesia may improve	Liu SS, Block BM & Wu CL.
outcome after coronary artery bypass surgery due to attenuation	Effects of perioperative
of stress response and superior analgesia. MEDLINE and other	central neuraxial
databases were searched for randomized controlled trials in	analgesia on outcome
patients undergoing coronary artery bypass surgery with	after coronary artery
cardiopulmonary bypass who were randomized to either general	bypass surgery: a meta-
anesthesia (GA) versus general anesthesia-thoracic epidural	analysis.
analgesia (TEA) or general anesthesia-intrathecal analgesia (IT).	Anesthesiology 101(1): 153-
Results: Fifteen trials enrolling 1,178 patients were included	61 (2004)
for TEA analysis. TEA did not affect incidences of mortality	
(0.7% TEA vs. 0.3% GA) or myocardial infarction (2.3% TEA	
vs. 3.4% GA). TEA significantly reduced the risk of	
dysrhythmias with an odds ratio of 0.52, pulmonary	
complications with an odds ratio of 0.41, and time to	
tracheal extubation by 4.5 h and reduced analog pain scores	
at rest by 7.8 mm and with activit by 11.6 mm. Seventeen	
trials enrolling 668 patients were included for IT analysis.	
IT had no significant effect on incidences of mortality (0.3%	
IT vs. 0.6% GA), myocardial infarction (3.9% IT vs. 5.7% GA),	
dysrhythmias (24.8% vs. 29.1%), nausea/vomiting (31.3%	
vs. 28.5%), or time to tracheal extubation (10.4 h IT vs. 10.9	
h GA). IT modestly decreased systemic morphine use by 11 mg	
and decreased pain scores by 16 mm. IT significantly increased	
the incidence of pruritus (10% vs. 2.5%). Conclusions: There	
were no differences in the rates of mortality or myocardial	
infarction after coronary artery bypass grafting with central	
neuraxial analgesia. There were associated improvements in faster	
time until tracheal extubation, decreased pulmonary complications	
and cardiac dysrhythmias, and reduced pain scores.	
11. The most recent systematic review and meta-analysis	Ding X, Jin S, Niu X, Ren H,
comparing the analgesic efficacy and side effects of paravertebral	Fu S, et al.

and epidural blockade for thoracotomy was published in 2006. Nine well-designed randomized trials with controversial results have been published since then. The present report constitutes an updated meta-analysis of this issue. Thoracotomy is a major surgical procedure and is associated with severe postoperative pain. Epidural analgesia is the gold standard for post-thoracotomy pain management, but has its limitations and contraindications, and paravertebral blockade is increasingly popular. However, it has not been decided whether the analgesic effect of the two methods is comparable, or whether paravertebral blockade leads to a lower incidence of adverse side effects after thoracotomy. Two reviewers independently searched the databases PubMed, EMBASE, and the Cochrane Library (last performed on 1 February, 2013) for reports of studies comparing post-thoracotomy epidural analgesia and paravertebral blockade. The same individuals independently extracted data from the appropriate studies. Eighteen trials involving 777 patients were included in the current analysis. There was no significant difference in pain scores between paravertebral blockade and epidural analgesia at 4–8, 24, 48 hours, and the rates of fullence of urinary retention (p<0.0001), nausea and vomiting (p = 0.01), hypotension (p<0.00001), and rates of failed block were lower in the paravertebral blockade group (p = 0.01). This meta-analysis showed that PVB can provide comparable pain relief to traditional EPI, and may have a better side-effect profile for pain relief after thoracic surgery. Further high-powered randomized trials are to need to determine whether PVB truly offers any advantages over EPI.	A Comparison of the Analgesia Efficacy and Side Effects of Paravertebral Compared with Epidural Blockade for Thoracotomy: An Updated Meta-Analysis. PLoS ONE 9(5): e96233. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.00962 33 (2014) Baidya DK, Khanna P, Maitra S. Analgesic efficacy and safety of thoracic paravertebral and epidural analgesia for thoracic surgery: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Interactive CardioVascular and Thoracic Surgery 18 (2014) 626–636
thoracotomy for lung surgery. 541 patients from 12 clinical trials have been included in this systematic review and meta- analysis. We found that visual analogue scale (VAS) scores at rest and during activity/coughing at 4–8, 24 and 48 h	5,5

blinding. We rated 14 (31%) RCTs at high risk for both participant and assessor blinding and rated eight (18%) RCTs at high risk for one blinding aspect. Pain at rest and pain on movement were less for FNB (of any type) with or without a concurrent PCA opioid compared with PCA opioid alone during the first 72 hours post operation. Pooled results demonstrated a moderate effect of FNB for pain at rest at 24 hours (19 RCTs, 1066 participants, SMD -0.72, 95% CI -0.93 to -0.51, moderate-quality evidence) and a moderate to large effect for pain on movement at 24 hours (17 RCTs, 1017 participants, SMD -0.94, 95% CI -1.32 to -0.55, moderate-quality evidence). Pain was also less in each FNB subgroup: single-shot FNB, continuous FNB and continuous FNB + sciatic block, compared with PCA. FNB also was associated with lower opioid consumption (IV morphine equivalent) at 24 hours (20 RCTs, 1156 participants, MD -14.74 mg, 95% CI -18.68 to -10.81 mg, high-quality evidence) and at 48 hours (MD -14.53 mg, 95% CI -20.03 to -9.02 mg), lower risk of nausea and/or vomiting (RR 0.47, 95% CI 0.33 to 0.68, number needed to treat for an additional harmful outcome (NNTH) four, high-quality evidence), greater knee flexion (11 RCTs, 596 participants, MD 6.48 degrees, 95% CI 4.27 to 8.69 degrees, moderatequality evidence) and greater patient satisfaction (four RCTs, 180 participants, SMD 1.06, 95% CI 0.74 to 1.38, low-guality evidence) compared with PCA. We could not demonstrate a difference in pain between FNB (any type) and epidural analgesia in the first 72 hours post operation, including pain at 24 hours at rest (six RCTs, 328 participants, SMD -0.05, 95% CI -0.43 to 0.32, moderate-quality evidence) and on movement (six RCTs, 317 participants, SMD 0.01, 95% CI -0.21 to 0.24, high-quality evidence). No difference was noted at 24 hours for opioid consumption (five RCTs, 341 participants, MD -4.35 mg, 95% CI -9.95 to 1.26 mg, high-quality evidence) or knee flexion (six RCTs, 328 participants, MD -1.65, 95% CI -5.14 to 1.84, high-quality evidence). However, FNB demonstrated lower risk of nausea/vomiting (four RCTs, 183 participants, RR 0.63, 95% CI 0.41 to 0.97, NNTH 8, moderate-quality evidence) and higher patient satisfaction (two RCTs, 120 participants, SMD 0.60, 95%) CI 0.23 to 0.97, low-quality evidence), compared with epidural analgesia. Pooled results of four studies (216 participants) comparing FNB with local infiltration analgesia detected no difference in analgesic effects between the groups at 24 hours for pain at rest (SMD 0.06, 95% CI -0.61 to 0.72, moderate-quality evidence) or pain on movement (SMD 0.38, 95% CI -0.10 to 0.86, low-quality evidence). Only one included RCT compared FNB with oral analgesia.We considered this evidence insufficient to allow judgement of the effects of FNB compared with oral analgesia. Continuous FNB provided less pain compared with single-shot FNB (four RCTs, 272 participants) at 24 hours at rest (SMD - 0.62, 95% CI -1.17 to -0.07, moderate-quality evidence) and on movement (SMD -0.42, 95% CI -0.67 to -0.17, high quality evidence). Continuous FNB also demonstrated lower opioid consumption compared with single-shot FNB at 24 hours (three RCTs, 236 participants, MD -13.81 mg, 95% CI -23.27 to -4.35 mg, moderate-quality evidence). Generally, the meta-analyses demonstrated considerable statistical heterogeneity, with type of FNB, allocation concealment and blinding of participants, personnel and outcome assessors reducing heterogeneity in the analyses. Available evidence was insufficient to allow determination of the comparative safety of the various analgesic techniques. Few RCTs reported on serious adverse effects such as neurological injury, postoperative falls or thrombotic events. Following TKR, FNB (with or without

concurrent treatments including PCA opioid) provided more effective analgesia than PCA opioid alone, similar analgesia to epidural analgesia and less nausea/vomiting compared with PCA alone or epidural analgesia. The review also found that continuous FNB provided better analgesia compared with single-shot FNB. RCTs were insufficient to allow definitive conclusions on the comparison between FNB and local infiltration analgesia or oral analgesia. 15. Pain after total knee arthroplasty is severe and impacts functional recovery. We performed a retrospective study, comparing conventional patient control analgesia (PCA) modalities versus continuous femoral nerve blockade (CFNB) for 1582 post-TKA (total knee arthroplasty) patients . Using our electronic acute pain service (APS) database, we reviewed the data of 579 patients who had received CFNBs compared with 1003 patients with intravenous PCA over 4 years. Our results show that the incidence of a severe pain episode was higher in the PCA compared with the CFNB group. Lower pain scores were observed in the CFNB group compared with the PCA group from postoperative day (POD) 1 to 3, primarily due to lower rest pain scores in the CFNB group. Our study shows that there is improvement in pain scores, at rest and on movement, as well as a reduction in incidence of severe pain, in patients who receive CFNB versus those who receive intravenous PCA.	Lee RM, Tey JBL, Chua NHL. Postoperative pain control for total knee arthroplasty: continuous femoral nerve block versus intravenous patient controlled analgesia. Anesth Pain. 2012;1(4):239- 42. DOI: 10.5812/aapm.3404
16. Because postoperative pain after total knee replacement (TKR) can be severe, we compared the analgesic efficacy of continuous femoral nerve blockade (CFNB) and continuous epidural analgesia (CEA) after TKR in this prospective randomized trial. Patients undergoing TKR under spinal anesthesia were randomized to receive either a femoral infusion of bupivacaine 0.2% (median infusion rate 9.3 mL/h) (n =53) or an epidural infusion of ropivacaine 0.2% with fentanyl 4 mkg/mL (median infusion rate 7.6 mL/h) (n =55). Adjuvant analgesics were oral rofecoxib and oxycodone and IV morphine. Pain, nausea and vomiting, hypotensive episodes, motor block, range of knee movement, and rehabilitation milestones were assessed postoperatively. There were equivalent pain scores, range of movement, and rehabilitation in both groups. There was significantly less nausea and vomiting in the CFNB group (P <0.002). The CFNB group received more rofecoxib (P <0.04) and oxycodone (P <0.05) than the CEA group. The operative limb displayed more motor block than the nonoperative limb in both groups at the level of the hip and knee for up to 48 h (P <0.05, Mann-Whitney U-test), but there was no difference between groups in the nonoperative limb. CFNB is an effective regional component of a multimodal analgesic strategy after TKR.	Barrington MJ, Olive D, Low K. Continuous femoral nerve blockade or epidural analgesia after total knee replacement: a prospective randomized controlled trial. ANESTH ANALG. 2005;101:1824–9
17. This meta-analysis was designed to systematically analyse all published studies comparing local anaesthetic infiltration with wound catheters and epidural catheters in open liver resection . A literature search was performed using the Cochrane Colorectal Cancer Group Controlled Trials Register, the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials in the Cochrane Library, MEDLINE, Embase and Science Citation Index Expanded. Randomized trials, and prospective and retrospective studies comparing wound catheters with epidural catheters were included. Statistical analysis was performed using Review Manager Version 5.2 software. The primary outcome measures were pain scores in the post-operative period operation. Secondary outcome measures were hospital stay, time to opening bowels, overall complications and analgesia-specific complications. Four studies including 705 patients were included in the analysis. The pain scores	BellR,PandanaboyanaS,Prasad KR.Epiduralversuslocalanaesthetic infiltration viawound catheters in openliverresection:aanalysis.ANZJournalofSurgery 2014:epub

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18. In recent years, there has been an increasing interest in local	Andersen LØ, Kehlet H.
infiltration analgesia (LIA) as a technique to control postoperative	Analgesic efficacy of local
pain. We conducted a systematic review of randomized clinical	infiltration analgesia in
trials investigating LIA for total knee arthroplasty (TKA) and total	hip and knee arthroplasty:
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early postoperative pain treatment. In addition, the analgesic	British Journal of Anaesthesia
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controlled trials in 756 patients operated on with THA and	
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compared with placebo was reported in trials with low risk of	
bias when a multimodal analgesic regimen was administered	
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epidural analgesia, LIA was reported to have similar or	
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which continuous wound catheters were placed into the operative field by a surgeon were eligible for inclusion. Included trials had to report pain scores or opioid consumption. The participants in the included trials had undergone a variety of operations and catheters were placed at a variety of sites. The outcomes pain score (using the visual analogue score) with and without activity, opioid rescue during infusion period, opioid use, post- operative nausea and vomiting (PONV), patients rating satisfaction as excellent and length of hospital stay were reported. Quantitative systematic review (44 RCTs, n=2,141 participants). Results for all surgical groups combined: Pain scores: The use of continuous wound catheters was associated with a significant decrease in visual analogue scores for pain at rest (weighted mean difference -10mm, 95% Cl: -13, -7, p<0.001, n=1,814 patients) and in visual analogue score for pain with activity (weighted mean difference -22mm, 95% Cl: -32, -13, p<0.001, n=794 patients) compared to control. Substantial statistical heterogeneity was found (l ² =85.3%). Opioid use: The percentage of patients with need for opioid rescue during the infusion period was significantly reduced in the continuous wound catheter group compared to control (odds ratio 0.15, 95% Cl: 0.08, 0.29, p<0.001, n=411 patients). Opioid use per day was also significantly reduced in the continuous wound catheter group compared to control (weighted mean difference -11mg, 95% Cl: -14, -7, p<0.001, n=1,637 patients) Substantial statistical heterogeneity was found (l ² =99.1%) Post-operative nausea and vomiting: The percentage of patients that experienced post-operative nausea and vomiting was significantly reduced in the continuous wound catheter group compared to control (odds ratio 0.45, 95% Cl: 0.3, 0.68, p<0.001, n=614 patients). Satisfaction rating: The percentage of patients rating as excellent was significantly greater in the continuous wound catheter group compared to control (odds ratio 7.7, 95% Cl: 1.8, 34, p=0.00	College of Surgeons 2006; 203(6): 914-932
20. The transversus abdominis plane (TAP) block is a peripheral nerve block which anaesthetises the abdominal wall. The increasing use of TAP block, as a form of pain relief after abdominal surgery warrants evaluation of its effectiveness as an adjunctive technique to routine care and, when compared with other analgesic techniques. To assess effects of TAP blocks (and variants) on postoperative analgesia requirements after abdominal surgery. We searched specialised registers of Cochrane Anaesthesia and Cochrane Pain, Palliative and Supportive Care Review Groups, CENTRAL, MEDLINE, EMBASE and CINAHL to June 2010. We included randomised controlled trials (RCTs) comparing TAP block or rectus sheath block with: no TAP or rectus sheath block; placebo; systemic, epidural or any other analgesia. At least two review authors assessed study eligibility and risk of bias, and extracted data. We included eight studies (358 participants) , five assessing TAP blocks, three assessing rectus sheath blocks; with moderate risk of bias overall. All studies had a background of general anaesthesia in both arms in most cases. Compared with no TAP block or saline placebo, TAP block resulted in significantly less postoperative requirement for	Charlton S, Cyna AM, Middleton P, Griffiths JD. <i>Perioperative transversus</i> <i>abdominis plane (TAP)</i> <i>blocks for analgesia after</i> <i>abdominal surgery.</i> Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2010, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD007705. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00770 5.pub2.

 morphine at 24 hours (mean difference (MD) -21.95 mg, 95% confidence interval (CI) -37.91 to 5.96; five studies, 236 participants) and 48 hours (MD -28.50, 95% CI -38.92 to -18.08; one study of 50 participants) but not at two hours (all random-effects analyses). Pain at rest was significantly reduced in two studies, but not a third. Only one of three included studies of rectus sheath blocks found a reduction in postoperative analgesic requirements in participants receiving blocks. One study, assessing number of participants who were pain-free after their surgery, found more participants who received a rectus sheath block to be pain-free for up to 10 hours postoperatively. As with TAP blocks, rectus sheath blocks made no apparent impact on nausea and vomiting or sedation scores. Authors' conclusions: No studies have compared TAP block with other analgesics such as epidural analgesia or local anaesthetic infiltration into the abdominal wound. There is only limited evidence to suggest use of perioperative TAP block reduces opioid consumption and pain scores after abdominal surgery when compared with no intervention or placebo. There is no apparent reduction in postoperative nausea and vomiting or sedation from the small numbers of studies to date. Many relevant studies are currently underway or awaiting publication. 21. Epidural anaesthesia is used extensively for cardiothoracic and vascular surgery in some centres, but not in others, with argument over the safety of the technique in patients who are usually extensively for transient or persistent neurological problems. We performed an extensive systematic review to find published cohorts of use of epidural catheters during vascular, cardiac, and thoracic surgery. Using electronic searching, hand searching, and reference lists of retrieved articles. Results: Twelve studies included 14,105 patients, of whom 5,026 (36%) had vascular surgery. (4,971 (35%) cardiac surgery and 4,108 (29%) thoracic surgery. The patints following epidural anaest	Ruppen W, Derry S, McQuay HJ et al. Incidence of epidural haematoma and neurological injury in cardiovascular patients with epidural analgesia/anaesthesia: systematic review and meta-analysis. BMC Anesthesiol 6: 10 (2006)
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Ravijuhendid

Kokkuvõte ravijuhendites leiduvast:

We reviewed 1 guideline. The guideline is:

Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists and Faculty of Pain Medicine "Acute Pain Management: Scientific Evidence", 2010 (AU-10)

1. For all types of surgery, epidural analgesia provides better postoperative pain relief compared with parental (including PCA) opioid administration (Level I); except epidural analgesia using hydrophilic opioid only (Level I)

2. High thoracic epidural analgesia used for coronary artery bypass graft surgery reduces postoperative pain, risk of dysrhythmias, pulmonary complications and time to extubation when compared with IV opioid analgesia (Level I)

3. Epidural local anaesthetics improve oxygenation and reduce pulmonary infections and other pulmonary complications compared with parenteral opioids (Level I)

4. Continous epidural analgesia was superior to contonius intercostal analgesia following thoracotomy

5. Epidural pethidine produces better pain relief and less sedation than IV pethidine after Caesarean section (Level II)

6. The risk of permanent neurological damage in association with epidural analgesia is very low; the incidence is higher where there have been delays in diagnosing an epidural haematoma or abscess (Level IV)

7. Immediate decompression (within 8 hours of the onset of neurological signs) increases the likelihood of partial or good neurological recovery (Level IV)

8. Compared with opioid analgesia, continuous peropheral nerve blockade (regardless of catheter location) provides better postoperative analgesia and leads to reductions in opioid use as well as nausea, vomiting, pruritus and sedation (Level I)

9. Compared with thoracic epidural analgesia, continuous thoracic paravertebral analgesia results in comparable analgesia but has a better side effect profile (less urinary retention, hypotension, nausea, and vomiting) than epidural analgesia and leads to a lower incidence of postoperative pulmonary complications (Level I)

10. Continuous interscalene analgesia provides better analgesia, reduced opioid-related side effects and improved patient satisfaction compared with IV PCA after open shoulder surgery (Level II)

11. Continuous femoral nerve blockade provides postoperative analgesia that is as effective as epidural analgesia but with fewer side effects following total knee joint replacement surgery (Level II)

12. Femoral nerve block provides better analgesia compared with parenetral opioid-based techniques after total knee arthroplasty (Level I)

A. NÄRVIBLOKADID ÜLAJÄSEME OPERATSIOONIDE KORRAL

Ravijuhendid:

1. Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists and Faculty of Pain Medicine "Acute Pain Management: Scientific Evidence." Third Edition 2010 (AU-10)

2. "Behandlung acuter perioperativer und postraumatischer Schmertzen"2009 (DE-09)

AU-10:

- 1. Compared with opioid analgesia, continuous peripheral nerve blockade (regardless of catheter location) provides better postoperative analgesia and leads to reductions in opioid use as well as nausea, vomiting, pruritus and sedation (Level I). (Richman JM, 2006)
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DE-09

Õla ja õlavarre operatsioonid:

- Õla- ja õlavarre operatsioonide puhust valu tuleb ravida vähemalt ühekordse interskaleense pikatoimelise paikse anesteetikumi annusega. (Soovituse tugevus: A)
- Kui antud meetodit ei saa kasutada või on patsiendil vastunäidustused, tuleb alternatiivina kasutada intravenoosset süsteemselt toimivat tugevatoimelist opioidi. Soovituse tugevus: A
- Operatsioonidel, mille korral esineb valu tugevusega 30 mm (visuaalne analoogskaala, VAS) üle 12 tunni, on pidev kateetermeetod tõhusam kui intravenoosne patsiendi kontrollitav analgeesia (1b)

Mõlema ravijuhendi soovitused põhinevad samadel uuringutel:

Autor, aasta Tõenduse tase	Patsiendid	Ravi	Kontroll	Tulemus
Harvey jt, 2004 1b	N = 19, subakromiaalne dekompressioon	Subakromiaalne blokaad, pidev + patsiendi kontrollitud analgeesia ropivakaiiniga	Platseebo	Operatsioonijärgne valu ↓, opioidi vajadus ↔
Ilfeld jt, 2003 1b	N = 20, ambulatoorne rotaatormanseti operatsioon, akromioplastika, subakromiaalne dekompressioon	Interskaleenne blokaad, ühekordne + pidev ropivakaiiniga	Ühekordne süste + kateeter platseeboga	Operatsioonijärgne valu ↓, opioidi vajadus ↓, kõrvaltoimed ↓, unehäired ↓
Borgeat jt, 2000 1b	N = 35, suuremahulised õlaoperatsioonid	Interskaleenne blokaad, pidev patsiendi kontrollitud analgeesia ropivakaiiniga	Pidev intravenoosne manustamine + PCA nikomorfiiniga	Operatsioonijärgne valu ↓, kõrvaltoimed ↓, patsiendi rahulolu ↑
Klein jt, 2000b 1b	N = 40, ambulatoorne rotaatormanseti operatsioon	Interskaleenne blokaad, ühekordne + pidev ropivakaiiniga	Ühekordne süste + kateeter platseebo- ga	Operatsioonijärgne valu ↓
Lehtipalo jt, 1999 1b	N = 30, (kolmeharuline), akromioplastika	Interskaleenne blokaad, pidev	 Intravenoosne PCA morfiiniga Intravenoosne ja lihasesisene morfiini manustamine kui VAS > 30 mm 	Operatsioonijärgne valu ↓
Borgeat jt, 1998 1b	N = 60, suuremahulised õlaoperatsioonid	Interskaleenne blokaad, pidev + patsiendi kontrollitud analgeesia	Pidev intravenoosne manustamine + PCA	Operatsioonijärgne valu ↓, kõrvaltoimed ↓, patsiendi rahulolu ↑

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Borgeat 1997 1b	jt,	N = 40, suuremahulised õlaoperatsioonid	Interskaleenne blokaad, pidev + patsiendi kontrollitud analgeesia bupivakaiiniga	Pidev intravenoosne manustamine + PCA nikomorfiiniga	Operatsioonijärgne valu ↓, kõrvaltoimed ↓, patsiendi rahulolu ↑
llfeld 2005b 3b	jt,	N = 50, (retrospektiivne), õlaartroplastika	Interskaleenne blokaad, pidev	Närviblokaadit a	Liigutuste ulatus esimesel 24 tunnil ↑, operatsioonijärgne valu ↓

Käe ja käeliigeste operatsioonid:

 Käe ja käeliigeste operatsioonijärgse valuravis on soovitatav kasutada regionaalset analgeesiameetodit. Soovituse tugevus: A

Autor, aasta	Patsiendid	Ravi	Kontroll	Tulemus
Tõenduse tase				
Hadzic jt, 2004 1b	N = 50, ambulatoorne käe- või käeliigese operatsioon	Intraklavikulaarne blokaad + operatsioonijärgne suukaudne opioid	Üldanesteesia + haavainfiltratsioon	Operatsioonijärgne valu ↓, valuravimite vajadus ↓, varane suunamine kodusele ravile, kõrvaltoimed ↓
Mc Cartney jt, 2004 1b	N = 100, ambulatoorne käe või käeliigese operatsioon	Aksillaarne blokaad lidokaiiniga + operatsioonijärgne suukaudne opioid	Üldanesteesia + operatsioonijärgne suukaudne opioid	Operatsioonijärgne valu esimesel 24 tunnil ↓, anesteesiajärgne intensiivravi ↓, varane suunamine kodusele ravile, aeg esimese valuravimi annuseni ↑, operatsioonijärgne iiveldus ja oksendamine ↓

Süstemaatilised ülevaated

Pleksus-analgeesia vs i/v opiaat -

J. M. Richman et al. leiab oma meta-analüüsis, kuhu on hõlmatud 19 artiklit 603 patsiendiga, et igasugune pidev perineuraalne analgeesia, olenemata kateetri asukohast, omab paremat analgeetilist efekti ning võrreldes opiaatidega nii 24, 48 kui 72 tunnil peale operatsiooni (P<0,001). Samuti esineb vähem opioid-sõltuvaid kõrvaltoimeid.

 H. Ullah et al. Cochrane ´i ülevaateuuringus leiab, et pidev interskaleenne brahiaalpleksuse blokaad omab paremat valuvaigistavat toimet kuni 72 tundi postoperatiivselt võrreldes opiaatidega.
 Samas hõlmab see ülevaade ainult kaht (keskmise või halva kvaliteediga) uuringut, 147 patsiendiga.

Kokkuvõtte (abstract või kokkuvõtlikum info)	Viide kirjandusallikale
Although most randomized clinical trials conclude that the	Does Continuous Peripheral
addition of continuous peripheral nerve blockade (CPNB)	Nerve Block Provide
decreases postoperative pain and opioid- related side effects	Superior Pain Control to
when compared with opioids, stud- ies have included relatively	Opioids? A Meta-Analysis
small numbers of patients and the majority failed to show	Jeffrey M. Richman, MD,
statistical significance during all time periods for reduced pain or	Spencer S. Liu, MD, Genevieve
side effects. We identified studies primarily by searching Ovid	Courpas, BA, Robert Wong,

Medline (1966 – May 21, 2004) for terms related to post- operative analgesia with CPNB and opioids. Each article from the final search was reviewed and data were extracted from tables, text, or extrapolated from figures as needed. Nineteen articles, enrolling 603 patients, met all inclusion criteria. Inclusion criteria were a clearly defined anesthetic technique (combined general/ regional anesthesia, general anesthesia alone, peripheral nerve block), randomized trial, adult patient population (>18 yr old), CPNB (or analgesia) used postoperatively (intrapleural cathethers were deemed not to be classified as a peripheral nerve catheter), and opioids administered for postoperative analgesia in groups not receiving peripheral nerve block. Perineural analgesia provided better postoperative analgesia com- pared with opioids ($P < 0.001$). This effect was seen for all time periods measured for both mean visual analog scale and maximum visual analog scale at 24 h ($P < 0.001$), 48 h ($P < 0.001$) postoperatively. Perineural cath- eters provided superior analgesia to opioids for all cath- eters provided superior analgesia to opioids for all cath- eters provided superior analgesia to opioids for all cath- eter locations and time periods ($P < 0.05$). Nausea/ vomiting, sedation, and pruritus all occurred more commonly with opioid analgesia ($P < 0.001$). A reduction in opioid use was noted with perineural analgesia ($P < 0.001$). CPNB analgesia, regardless of catheter location, provided superior postoperative analgesia and fewer opioid-related side effects when compared with opioid analgesia.d postoperatively	MD, Andrew J. Rowlingson, BA, John McGready, MS, Seth R. Cohen, BS, and Christopher L. Wu, MD Anesth Analg 2006; 102:248 – 57
 Background Postoperative pain may lead to adverse effects on the body, which might result in an increase in morbidity. Its management therefore poses a unique challenge for the clinician. Major shoulder surgery is associated with severe postoperative pain, and different modalities are available to manage such pain, including opioid and non-opioid analgesics, local anaesthetics infiltrated into and around the shoulder joint and regional anaesthesia. All of these techniques, alone or in combination, have been used to treat the postoperative pain of major shoulder surgery but with varying success. Objectives The objective of this review was to compare the analgesic efficacy of continuous interscalene brachial plexus block (ISBPB) with parenteral opioid analgesia for pain relief after major shoulder surgery. Search methods We searched the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL) (2012, Issue 12), MEDLINE (1950 to December 2012), EMBASE (1980 to December 2012), Web of Science (1954 to December 2012), CINAHL (1982 to December 2012) and bibliographies of published studies. Selection criteria We included randomized controlled trials assessing the effectiveness of continuous ISBPB compared with different forms of parenteral opioid analgesia in relieving pain in adult participants undergoing elective major shoulder surgery. Data collection and analysis Two review authors independently assessed trial quality and extracted outcome data. We included two randomized controlled trials (147 participants). A total of 17 participants were excluded from one trial because of complications related to continuous ISBPB group and 64 in the parenteral opioid analgesia (one). Thus we have information on 130 participants (66 in the continuous ISBPB group and 64 in the parenteral opioid group). The studies were clinically 	Continuous interscalene brachial plexus block versus parenteral analgesia for postoperative pain relief after major shoulder surgery Hameed Ullah, Khalid Samad, Fauzia A Khan Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 2.

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B. LIA- LOKAALNE INFILTRATSIOONI ANALGEESIA (LOCAL INFILTRATION ANALGESIA **Mõiste:**

Antud juhul räägime põlve või puusaliigese endoproteesimise puhul kasutatavast suure mahuga, multimodaalsest haava (liigeskapsli) inflitratsioonist. Multimodaalne seetõttu, et kasutakse erinevaid segusid, reeglina pikatoimeline lokaalanesteetikum+ NSAID+ adrenaliin. Teine mõiste on *local anaesthetic infiltration*- põhimõtteliselt haava infiltratsioon lokaalanesteetikumiga. Süstemaatlised ülevaated:

PUUSALIIGESE ENDOPROTEESIMINE

• LIA vs platseebo või no treatment:

Leidus 2 süstemaatilist ülevaadet (Yin, Marques)

<u>Yin 2014-</u> LIA (391 pt) vs platseebo või no treatment (357 pt). 9 uuringut: 4 uuringus intra- ja postoperatiivne LIA, ainult intraoperatiivne LIA 5 uuringus.

Valu tugevus- hinnatud 4, 6, 8, 24 ja 48 tunnil liikumisel ja rahuolekus: **Oluline valutugevuse vähenemine** LIA grupis

- 4 tunnil nii rahuolekus (WMD, 17.72; 95% CI, 25.19 to 10.24; P < .00001; heterogeneity: I2 = 90%, P < .00001), liikumisel (WMD, 11.47; 95% CI, 15.58 to 7.36; P < .00001; heterogeneity: I2 = 49%, P = .14)
- 6 tunnil liikumisel (SMD, 10.91; 95% CI, 20.14 to 1.68; P = .02; heterogeneity: I2 = 77%, P = .04)
- 24 hours rahuolekus (SMD, .58; 95% CI, 1.04 to .11;
- P = .01; heterogeneity: I2 = 79%, P = .0009). p < 0.00001)

Ülejäänud ajahetkedel valu tugevuse vähendamisel LIA eelist ei leitud.

Opioidi vajadus:

Tugev tõestus, et LIA **vähendab opioidi vajadust** esimesel ööpäeval (SMD, 1.24; 95% CI, 1.98 to .50; P = .001; heterogeneity: I2 = 89%, P < .00001) ja 48 kuni 72 tunnil (SMD, .40; 95% CI, .76 to .04; P = .03; heterogeneity: I2 = 0%, P = .54)

MAJOR OUTCOM ES	STUDI ES INCLU DED	NUMBE R OF PATIE NTS, LIA/CO NTROL	STATIST ICAL METHO D	MEAN DIFFERENCE (95% CI)	P VALUE FOR STATIS TICAL SIGNIFI CANCE	P VALUE FOR HETEROG ENEITY	I2 TEST FOR HETE ROGE NEIT Y
Pain scores PACU at rest	Weng 2008, Solovy ova 2013	73/73	SMD (random)	1.91 (5.99, 2.18)	.36	<.00001	99%
6 h at	Lunn	96/96	WMD	6.66 (15.38, 2.07)	.13	.07	69%

Table 2. Quantitative Results of LIA on Pain Scores and Analgesic Consumption After Hip Arthroplasty

rest	2011, Aguir re 2012		(random)				
6 h with motion	Lunn 2011, Aguir re 2011	96/96	WMD (random)	10.91 (20.14, 1.68)	.02	.04	77%
8 h at rest	Anders en 2007, Lunn 2011, Murp hy 2012	105/106	SMD (random)	.14 (.89, .62)	.72	.0004	87%
8 h with motion	Anders en 2007, Lunn 2011	68/71	WMD (random)	15.81 (44.25,12.63)	.28	.003	89%
Analgesic consump tion 0–6 h	Weng 2008, Busch 2010	70/70	SMD (random)	2.88 (7.02, 1.26)	.17	<.00001	98%
7–12 h	Weng 2008, Busch 2010	70/70	SMD (random)	.84 (1.94, .25)	.13	.002	90%
13–18 h	Weng 2008, Busch 2010	70/70	SMD (fixed)	.24 (.57, .10)	.16	.30	8%
19–24 h	Weng 2008, Busch 2010	70/70	SMD (fixed)	.14 (.47, .19)	.42	.99	0%
24–48 h	Anders en 2007, Chen 2010	64/64	SMD (fixed)	.26 (.60, .09)	.15	.18	45%
48–72 h	Anders en 2007, Chen 2010	64/64	SMD (fixed)	.40 (.76, .04)	.03	.54	

Kõrvaltoimed:

Tõsiseid **kõrvaltoimeid**, mis oleks seotud LIA-ga, **ei raporteeritud** (k.a infektsioon). LIA grupis esines kõrvaltoimeid 15,5 % (23/206), kontrollgrupis 19,8% (35/177).

Patsientide rahulolu:

2 uuringus pt rahulolu suurem, 2 uuringus olulist vahet ei leitud.

Haiglas viibimise aeg: 4 analüüsitud uuringus ei ole olulist vahet Margues 2014: 13 uuringut, 909 pt

Valu tugevus:

Oluliselt väiksem 24 tunnil rahuolekus SMD -0.61 (95% CI -1.05, -0.16; p = 0.008) ja liigutamisel SMD -0.85 (95% CI -1.45, -0.25; p = 0.006). Ka **48 tunnil** on valu tugevus **väiksem** nii rahuolekus SMD -0.29 (95% CI -0.52, -0.05; p = 0.018) kui ka liigutamisel. SMD -0.43 (95% CI -0.78, -0.09; p = 0.014). Ühekordse LIA korral (7 uuringut) oli **valu väiksem 24 tunnil** SMD -0.63 (95% CI -1.21, -0.006; p= 0.031), **48 tunnil** valu tugevus **sarnane** mõlemas grupis. Korduvate dooside või püsiinfusiooni korral (5 uuringut) oli valu tugevus **väiksem liigutamisel 24 tunnil** SMD -1.38 (95% CI -2.5, -0.26; p = 0.016), **48 tunnil** nii rahuolekus SMD - 4.49 (95% CI -0.96, -0.02; p= 0.043) kui ka liigutamisel SMD -0.6 (95% CI -1.16, -0.04; p = 0.036) Opioidi vajadus:

Opioidi vajadus väiksem LIA grupis. **Haige mobiliseerimine** võimalik varem LIA grupis

Kõrvaltoimed:

Liveldust esines **vähem** LIA grupis (5 uuringut, 309 pt); Peto OR 0.46 (95% CI 0.27, 0.80; p= 0.006) Tõsine kude **infektsioon** esines 5 patsiendil ,sellest 4 LIA grupis: Peto OR 3.47 (95% CI 0.58,20.81; p= 0.17. 4 infektsiooni juhtumit esines patsientidel, kellele manustati kordusdoose postoperatiivselt kateetri kaudu.

Haiglasoleku aeg:

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Haiglasoleku	aeg	mõnevõrra	lühem:	0,83	päeva	(95%	CI	0.12,	1.54	päeva;	p=	0.022)

• LIA vs epiduraalanalgeesia-

Marques 2014- 1 uuring 80 pt-ga.

- Valu tugevus väiksem epiduraali infusiooni ajal epiduraali grupis, 48 tunnil oli valu tugevam EA grupis võrreldes LIA-ga.
- Opiaadi vajadus väiksem LIA grupis 20%.

Haiglasoleku aeg keskmiselt 2 päeva lühem LIA grupis.

Lisaks leitud 2 uuringut

Pandazi 2013- 63 pt: intraoperatiivne LIA vs epiduraalanageesia vs PCA morfiiniga. Tulemused:

- · Väiksem opioidi vajadus igal ajahetkel
- Valu tugevus väiksem rahuolekus 6, 12, 24 tunnil ning liikumisel 6 ja 12 tunnil LIA grupis võrreldes PCA grupiga kuid EA grupiga võrreldes vahet ei olnud.
- Kõrvaltoimete suhtes vahet ei olnud gruppide vahel.

Jules-Elysee 2015: RCT, 84 pt, EA vs multimodaalne analgeesia k.a periartikulaarne infiltratsioon (PAI).

Tulemused:

- Valu tugevus väiksem EA grupis liikumisel 0.74 (95% CI 0.18 kuni 1.31; p= 0.01)
- **Opioidi vajadus suurem PAI** grupis esimesl postoperatiivsel päeval (43 ± 21mg vs 28 ±23 mg; p=0.002).
- Haiglas oleku aeg sarnane mõlemas grupis (3.0 vs 3.1 päeva).
- Kõrvaltoimed: iiveldust, oksendamist ja sügelust esines rohkem EA grupis (p< 0.05)

PÕLVELIIGESE ENDOPROTEESIMINE

• LIA vs platseebo või " no treatment"

Xu 2014- ühekordne LIA vs platseebo või "no treatment", 18 RCT, 1858 pt kokku. Valu tugevus oluliselt väiksem LIA grupis (16 RCT-d):

- 2 h (WMD -3.61, 95% CI -7.19 to -0.03; P = 0.048; heterogeneity P = 0.19, I2 = 31.4%)
- 4 h (WMD -7.30, 95% CI -12.95 to -1.66; P = 0.01; heterogeneity P b 0.01, I2 = 77.7%)
- 6 h (WMD -7.50, 95% CI -11.74 to -3.25; P = 0.01; heterogeneity P b 0.01, I2 = 86.7%)
- 12 h (WMD -4.14, 95% CI -7.88 to -0.40; P = 0.03; heterogeneity P b 0.01, I2 = 86.7%)
- 24 h (WMD 5.15, 95% CI 8.04 to -2.26; P = 0.01; heterogeneity P b 0.01, I2 = 78.6%)
- 48 h (WMD -2.73, 95% CI -4.80 to -0.67; P = 0.01; heterogeneity P = 0.22, I2 = 25.1%)

Opioidi vajadus väiksem (8 RCT) LIA grupis (WMD -5.21, 95% CI -9.89 -0.52; p=0.03; I² 79,1%) **Funktsiooni taastumine** (ROM- "range of motion") **parem** LIA grupis (WMD 2.05 95% CI 0.21 3.89; p= 0.03; I² 0%) **Kõrvaltoimete** osas **vahet ei olnud** gruppide vahel. <u>Marques 2014</u>- 12 RCT.

Valu tugevus:

Kõikides uuringutes kokku oli **valu tugevus väiksem** LIA grupis 24 tunnil SMD -0.40(95% CI - 0.58, -0.22; p=<0.001) ja 48 tunnil SMD 0.27(95% CI -0.50, -0.50; p= 0.018).

Uuringutes, kus oli teostatud ainult **ühekordne LIA** operatsiooni ajal, oli **valu** tugevus **väiksem** LIA grupis **24 tunni**l rahuolekus SMD -0.25 (95% CI -0.45, -0.04; p= 0.017) ja liigutamisel SMD -0.28 (95% CI -0.47; - 0.10; p=0.003). **48 tunnil kliiniliselt olulist vahet gruppide vahel ei olnud.**

Püsiinfusiooni või kordusdooside manustamise korral oli **valu tugevus väiksem** nii **24 tunnil** rahuolekus SMD -0.59 (95% CI - 0.83; -0.35; p=<0.001) kui liigutamisel SMD -0.69 (95% CI -1.15, -0.23; p=0.003), **48 tunnil** rahulolekus SMD -0.52 (95% CI -0.78, -0.26; p<0.001) ja liigutamisel SMD -0.59 (95% CI-1.00, -0.19; p=0.004)

Opiodi vajadus väiksem 35-40 % SLIA grupis ja 32-52% väiksem CLIA grupis.

Haiglas viibimise aeg lühem CLIA grupis 1 päeva võrra (p=0.012)

LIA vs FNB

Marques 2014- 6 uuringut,

- Ei ole tõestust, et valu tugevus oleks väiksem uuringugrupis.
- Opioidi vajaduses vahet ei olnud.
- Uuringutes, mis hindasid patsientide **mobiliseerimist** postoperatiivselt, olid LIA grupis veidi **paremad** tulemused võrreldes FNB-ga.
- Haiglasoleku aeg oli võrdne gruppide vahel.

Fan 2015-8 RCT-d, 752 pt.

- Valu tugevus rahuolekus väiksem LIA grupis esimesl postoperatiivsel päeval (SMD = -0.494, p < 0.001, I² = 8,3%), liikumisel olulist vahet gruppide vahel ei olnud (SMD=- 0.263, P =0.28).
- **Opioidi vajadus** esimesel postoperatiivsel päeval **väiksem** LIA grupis võrreldes FNB-ga (SMD=-0.73 p<0.001)
- **Kõrvaltoimed:** iiveldust oksendamist, pearinglust esines LIA grupis **vähem** (p= 0.27 ja p= 0.218), samas oli rohkem haava infektsiooni ja uriini retensiooni (p=0.745 ja p=0.242).

• LIA vs EA

Margues 2014- 3 uuringut, 204 pt.

- Valu vähenemine tõenäolisem LIA grupis võrreldes EA-ga.
- Opioidi vajadususes vahet ei olnud.
- Mobiliseerimine parem LIA grupis.
- Haiglasoleku aeg lühem LIA grupis.

Lisaks leidus 2 RCT-d LIA vs EA

<u>Binici 2014</u>- 30 pt (28 N ja 2 M).

- Valu tugevuses vahet ei olnud 30 minutil ja 8 , 12 tunnil (p > 0.05), 60 minutil ja 2 tunnil valu tugevus statistiliselt olulisel määral tõusnud LIA grupis (p < 0.05).
- Valuvaigisti vajadus oluliselt tõusnud LIA grupis 60 minutil ja 2 tunnil (p< 0.05), teistel ajahetkedel vahet ei ole.

• Bromage skoor EA grupis kõrgem 60 minutil (p<0.01), 8, 12 ja 14 tunnil vahet ei olnud (p>0.05)

Jadeau 2013- 45 pt, EA+ FNB vs LIA.

- Valu tugevus suurem LIA grupis liigutamisel (p= 0.0084), rahuolekus vahet ei olnud (p=0.4068).
- **Opiodi vajadus suurem** LIA grupis (228 mg vs 142 mg)
- Haiglas oleku aeg võrdne mõlemas grupis (3,2 päeva)

Viited:

Kokkuvõtte (abstract või kokkuvõtlikum info)	Viide kirjandusallikale
 Kokkuvötte (abstract või kokkuvõtlikum info) Objective: The aim of this study was to compare the effects of epidural analgesia with infiltration analgesia in postoperative pain control for total knee arthroplasty. Methods: Thirty patients (28 female, 2 male; mean age: 69.37±5.11 years, range: 61 to 80 years) undergoing total knee arthroplasty between May 2011 and September 2011 were randomly divided into 2 groups. All patients received spinal anesthesia with bupivacaine. Postoperative analgesia of 72 ml 0.9% NaCl + 48 ml bupivacaine (1 ml = 5 mg, total 120 ml) was administered throughout 24 hours to Group 1 (n=15) by epidural catheter and to Group 2 (n=15) by ON-Q infiltration pump. Groups were compared based on the Bromage scores and visual analog scale (VAS), blood pressure, postoperative analgesia requirement and side effects. Results: Demographic data were similar in both groups. Rates of additional analgesia requirement at the postoperative 60th minute and 2nd hour were significantly higher in Group 2 than Group 1 (p<0.05). Rates of nausea-vomiting at the postoperative 60th minute and 2nd hour were significantly higher in Group 2 (p<0.01, nespectively). Bromage scores at 60 minutes and 2 hours was significantly higher in Group 1 (p<0.05). While a statistically significant difference was found between systolic arterial pressure measurements at 60 minutes (p<0.05), there was no significant difference in diastolic arterial pressure measurements at 60 minutes (p<0.05), there was no significant difference in diastolic arterial pressure measurements at 60 minutes (p<0.05), there was no significant analgesia. Local infiltration is superior to epidural analgesia in respect of few side effects and early mobilization. Key words: Epidural analgesia; knee arthroplasty; local infiltrative analgesia; postoperative pain. 	Viide kirjandusallikale Acta Orthop Traumatol Turc 2014; 48(1): 73-79 A comparison of epidural analgesia and local infiltration analgesia methods in pain control following total knee arthroplasty Eylem BİNİCİ BEDİR, Tuhan KURTULMUŞ, Selma BAŞYİĞİT, Uğur BAKIR, Necdet SAĞLAM, Gürsel SAKA
Total knee arthroplasty (TKA) is usually associated with severe post-operative pain, which can prevent rehabilitation of patients' knee function and influence the satisfaction of surgery. Local infiltration analgesia (LIA) is a method that has been applied in clinical practice recently. However, the clinical use of this method is still under discussion. In this paper, we systematically reviewed randomized clinical trails (RCTs) comparing LIA with peripheral nerve block (PNB) to verify the efficacy and safety of LIA. During the analysis, we strictly filtered papers and chose ones that had fewer disturbance	The Jpurnal of Arthroplasty The Comparison of Local Infiltration Analgesia With Peripheral Nerve Block Following TKA: A System Review With Meta-Analysis

variables. We also analyzed the heterogeneity. We conclude that when compared with PNB, pain control with LIA is at least comparable	Lin Fan, MD , Chunyan Zhu, MD , Pengfei Zan, MD , Xiao Yu, MD, Jin Liu, MD, Qi Sun, MD , Guodong Li, MD
 Purpose: To examine the efficacy and safety of single-dose local infiltration of analgesia (LIA) for post-operative pain relief in total knee arthroplasty (TKA) patients. Methods: A systematic electronic literature search (up to Aug 2013) was conducted to identify the RCTs that address the efficacy and safety of single-dose LIA in the pain management after TKA. Subgroup analysis was conducted to determine changes of visual analog score (VAS) values at six different postoperative time points. Weighted mean differences or relative risks with accompanying 95% confidence intervals were calculated and pooled using a random effect model. Results: Eighteen trials involving 1858 TKA patients met the inclusion criteria. The trials were liable to medium risk of bias. The VAS values at postoperative 2 h, 4 h, 6 h, 12 h, 24 h, and 48 h per patient were significantly lower in the LIA group than in the placebo group, and the former group also had less morphine consumption and better early functional recovery including range of motion, time to straight leg raise and 90° knee flexion than the latter group. No significant difference in length of hospital stay or side effects was detected between the two groups. Conclusions: The current evidence shows that the use of single-dose LIA is effective for postoperative pain management in TKA patients, with satisfactory short-term safety. More high-quality RCTs with long-term follow-ups are required for examining the long-term safety of single-dose LIA. Level of evidence: 1, II 	The Knee 21 (2014) 636–646 Efficacy and safety of single-dose local infiltration of analgesia in total knee arthroplasty: A meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials Chang-Peng Xu, Xue Li, Zhi- Zhong Wang, Jin-Qi Song a, Bin Yu
Abstract: Postoperative pain after hip arthroplasty (HA) is very common and severe. Currently, use of routine analgesic methods is often accompanied by adverse events (AEs). Local infiltration analgesia (LIA) for controlling pain has been a therapeutic option in many surgical procedures. However, its analgesic efficacy inHAand its safety remain unclear. Data from9 randomized controlled trials, involving 760 participants, comparing the effect of LIA with that of placebo infiltration or no infiltration on patients undergoing HA were retrieved from an electronic database, and the pain scores, analgesic consumption, and AEs were analyzed. Effects were summarized using weighted mean differences, standardized mean differences, or odds ratio with fixed or random effect models. There was strong evidence of an association between LIA and reduced pain scores at 4 hours at rest (P < .00001) and with motion (P < .00001), 6 hours with motion (P = .02), and 24 hours at rest (P = .01), and decreased analgesic consumption during 0 to 24 hours (P = .001) after HA. These analgesic efficacies for LIA were not accompanied by any increased risk for AEs. However, the current meta-analysis did not reveal any associations between LIA and the reduced pain scores or analgesic consumption at other time points.	The Journal of Pain, Vol 15, No 8 (August), 2014: pp 781-799 Local Infiltration Analgesia for Postoperative Pain After Hip Arthroplasty: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Jun-Bin Yin, Guang-Bin Cui, Ming-Shan Mi, Yu-Xia Du, Sheng-Xi Wu, Yun-Qing Li and Wen Wang

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placebo infiltration or no infiltration on patients undergoing HA were retrieved from an electronic	prospective, randomised
database, and the pain scores, analgesic	pragmatic trial
consumption, and AEs were analyzed. Effects were	Jacques T. YaDeau, M.D.,
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Abstract	Arch Orthop Trauma Surg.
PURPOSE:	2013 Nov;133(11):1607- 12.
Epidural and intravenous patient-controlled analgesia	14.
(PCA) are established methods for pain relief after total hip arthroplasty (THA). Periarticular infiltration is an	Periarticular infiltration
alternative method that is gaining ground due to its	for pain relief after total
simplicity and safety. Our study aims to assess the	hip arthroplasty: a comparison with epidural

efficacy of periarticular infiltration in pain relief after THA.	and PCA analgesia.
METHODS: Sixty-three patients undergoing THA under spinal anaesthesia were randomly assigned to receive postoperative analgesia with continuous epidural infusion with ropivacaine (epidural group), intraoperative periarticular infiltration with ropivacaine, clonidine, morphine, epinephrine and corticosteroids (infiltration group) or PCA with morphine (PCA group). PCA morphine provided rescue analgesia in all groups. We recorded morphine consumption, visual analog scale (VAS) scores at rest and movement, blood loss from wound drainage, mean arterial pressure (MAP) and adverse effects at 1, 6, 12, 24 h postoperatively.	Pandazi A, Kanellopoulos I, Kalimeris K, Batistaki C, Nikolakopoulos N, Matsota P, Babis GC, Kostopanagiotou G.
RESULTS:	
Morphine consumption at all time points, VAS scores at rest, 6, 12 and 24 h and at movement, 6 and 12 h postoperatively were lower in infiltration group compared to PCA group ($p < 0.05$), but did not differ between infiltration and epidural group. There was no difference in adverse events in all groups. At 24 h, MAP was higher in the PCA group ($p < 0.05$) and blood loss was lower in the infiltration group ($p < 0.05$).	
CONCLUSIONS:	
In our study periarticular infiltration was clearly superior to PCA with morphine after THA, providing better pain relief and lower opioid consumption postoperatively. Infiltration seems to be equally effective to epidural analgesia without having the potential side effects of the latter.	
Abstract	BMC Musculoskeletal
Background: Surgical pain is managed with multi-modal anaesthesia in total hip replacement (THR) and total knee replacement (TKR). It is unclear whether including local anaesthetic infiltration before wound closure provides additional	Disorders 2014, 15:220 Local anaesthetic infiltration for peri-operative
pain control.	pain control in total hip and
Methods: We performed a systematic review of randomised controlled trials of local anaesthetic infiltration in patients receiving THR or TKR. We searched MEDLINE, Embase and Cochrane CENTRAL to December 2012. Two reviewers	knee replacement: systematic review and meta- analyses of short- and long-term effectiveness
screened abstracts, extracted data, and contacted authors for unpublished outcomes and data. Outcomes collected were post-operative pain at rest and during activity after 24 and 48 hours, opioid requirement, mobilisation, hospital stay	Elsa MR Marques , Hayley E Jones, Karen T
and complications. When feasible, we estimated pooled treatment effects using random effects meta-analyses.	Elvers, Mark Pyke, Ashley W Blom and Andrew D Beswick
Results: In 13 studies including 909 patients undergoing	

THR, patients receiving local anaesthetic infiltration	
experienced a greater reduction in pain at 24 hours at rest by standardised mean difference (SMD) -0.61 (95% CI -1.05, -0.16 ; p = 0.008) and by SMD -0.43 (95% CI -0.78 - 0.09; p = 0.014) at 48 hours during activity. In TKR, diverse multi-modal regimens were reported. In 23 studies including 1439 patients undergoing TKR, local anaesthetic infiltration reduced pain on average by SMD -0.40 (95% CI -0.58 , -0.22 ; p < 0.001) at 24 hours	
at rest and by SMD -0.27 (95% CI -0.50 , -0.05 ; p = 0.018) at 48 hours during activity, compared with patients receiving no infiltration or placebo. There was evidence of a larger reduction in studies delivering additional local anaesthetic after wound closure. There was no evidence of pain control additional to that provided by femoral nerve block.	
Patients receiving local anaesthetic infiltration spent on average an estimated 0.83 (95% CI 1.54, 0.12; $p =$ 0.022) and 0.87 (95% CI 1.62, 0.11; $p = 0.025$) fewer days in hospital after THR and TKR respectively, had reduced opioid consumption, earlier mobilisation, and lower incidence of vomiting. Few studies reported long- term outcomes.	
Conclusions: Local anaesthetic infiltration is effective in reducing short-term pain and hospital stay in patients receiving THR and TKR. Studies should assess whether local anaesthetic infiltration can prevent long-term pain. Enhanced pain control with additional analgesia through a catheter should be weighed against a possible infection	
risk.	
Abstract	J Bone Joint Surg Am, 2015
Background: The optimal postoperative analgesia after	May 20; 97 (10): 789 -798
primary total hip arthroplasty remains in question. This	
randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study compared the use of patient-controlled epidural analgesia (PCEA) with use of a multimodal pain regimen including periarticular injection (PAI). We hypothesized that PAI would lead to earlier readiness for discharge, decreased opioid consumption, and lower pain scores.	Patient-Controlled Epidural Analgesia or Multimodal Pain Regimen with Periarticular Injection After Total Hip
Methods : Forty-one patients received PAI, and forty- three patients received PCEA. Preoperatively, both groups were administered dexamethasone (6 mg, orally). The PAI group received a clonidine patch and sustained-release oxycodone (10 mg), while the PCEA group had placebo. Both groups received combined spinal-epidural anesthesia and used an epidural pain pump postoperatively; the PAI group had normal saline solution, while the PCEA group had bupivacaine and hydromorphone. The primary outcome, readiness for discharge, required the discontinuation of the epidural, a pain score of <4 (numeric rating scale) without parenteral narcotics, normal eating, minimal nausea, urination without a catheter, a dry surgical wound, no acute medical	Arthroplasty Arthroplasty Kethy M. Jules-Elysee, MD; Amanda K. Goon, BA; Geoffrey H. Westrich, MD; Douglas E. Padgett, MD; David J. Mayman, MD; Amar S. Ranawat, MD;

problems, and the ability to independently transfer and walk 12.2 m (40 ft).	
Results: The mean time to readiness for discharge (and standard deviation) was 2.4 ± 0.7 days (PAI) compared with 2.3 ± 0.8 days (PCEA) (p = 0.86). The mean length of stay was 3.0 ± 0.8 days (PAI) compared with 3.1 ± 0.7 days (PCEA) (p = 0.46). A significant mean difference in pain score of 0.74 with ambulation (p = 0.01; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.18 to 1.31) and 0.80 during physical therapy (p = 0.03; 95% CI, 0.09 to 1.51) favored the PCEA group. The mean opioid consumption (oral morphine equivalents in milligrams) was significantly higher in the PAI group on postoperative day 0 (43 ± 21 compared with 28 ± 23; p = 0.002) and postoperative days 0 through 2 (136 ± 59 compared with 90 ± 79; p = 0.004). Opioid-Related Symptom Distress Scale (ORSDS) composite scores for severity and bothersomeness as well as scores for nausea, vomiting, and itchiness were significantly higher in the PCEA group (p < 0.05). Quality of Recovery-40 scores and patient satisfaction were similar.	
Conclusions: PAI did not decrease the time to discharge and was associated with higher pain scores and greater opioid consumption but lower ORSDS scores compared with PCEA. The choice for analgesic regimen may depend on a particular patient's threshold for pain and the potential side effects.	
Level of Evidence: Therapeutic Level I. See Instructions for Authors for a complete description of levels of evidence.	
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C. TAP

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1. Yu **2014** : Four RCTs, 96 single – shot TAP-block and 100 sinlge-shot LAI (local anaesthetic infiltration) patients

Results:

TAP-block group had **lower VAS pain scores 24 hours** postoperatively compared with the LAI group, both at rest (WMD [95% CI] = -0.67 [p < 0.01] and with movement (WMD = -0.89, p < 0.01). There were **no significant** between-group **differences** in 24-hour postoperative **morphine requirements**, the rates of **PONV** or VAS pain scores at **2** and **4 h postoperatively**. **2. Carlton 2010:** 8 uuringut, 358 pt

TAP vs placebo: significantly less postoperative requirement for morphine at 24 hours (mean difference (MD) -21.95 mg, 95% confidence interval (CI) -37.91 to 5.96; five studies, 236 participants) and 48 hours (MD -28.50, 95% CI -38.92 to -18.08; one study of 50 participants) but not at two hours (all random-effects analyses). Pain at rest was significantly reduced in two studies, but not a third.

3. Johns 2012: 9 RCTs, 413 (205/208) pt, abdominal surgery.

Cumulative morphine utilization was statistically significantly reduced at 24 h. [WMD=23.71mg (38.66-8.76); P=0.002] and 48h [WMD=38.08mg (18.97-57.19); P<0.0001] in patients who received a TAP block and the incidence of PONV was significantly reduced [OR=0.41(0.22-0.74); P=0.003]. There was a nonsignificant reduction in the visual analogue scales of postoperative pain [WMD=0.73cm (1.84-0.38), P=0.2]. There were no reported adverse events following TAP block.

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The transversus abdominis plane (TAP) block is a peripheral nerve block which anaesthetises the abdominal wall. The increasing use of TAP block, as a form of pain relief after abdominal surgery warrants evaluation of its effectiveness as an adjunctive technique to routine care and, when compared with other analgesic techniques. To assess effects of TAP blocks (and variants) on postoperative analgesia requirements after abdominal surgery. We searched specialised registers of Cochrane Anaesthesia and Cochrane Pain, Palliative and Supportive Care Review Groups, CENTRAL, MEDLINE, EMBASE and CINAHL to June 2010. We included randomised controlled trials (RCTs) comparing TAP block or rectus sheath block; placebo; systemic, epidural or any other analgesia. At least two review	Charlton S, Cyna AM, Middleton P, Griffiths JD. <i>Perioperative</i> <i>transversus abdominis plane</i> <i>(TAP) blocks for analgesia after</i> <i>abdominal surgery.</i> Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2010, Issue 12. Art. No.: CD007705. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007705.pub2.

authors assessed study eligibility and risk of bias, and extracted data. We included eight studies (358 participants) , five assessing TAP blocks, three assessing rectus sheath blocks; with moderate risk of bias overall. All studies had a background of general anaesthesia in both arms in most cases. Compared with no TAP block or saline placebo, TAP block resulted in significantly less postoperative requirement for morphine at 24 hours (mean difference (MD) -21.95 mg, 95% confidence interval (CI) -37.91 to 5.96; five studies, 236 participants) and 48 hours (MD -28.50, 95% CI -38.92 to -18.08; one study of 50 participants) but not at two hours (all random-effects analyses). Pain at rest was significantly reduced in two studies, but not a third. Only one of three included studies of rectus sheath blocks found a reduction in postoperative analgesic requirements in participants receiving blocks. One study, assessing number of participants who were pain-free after their surgery, found more participants who received a rectus sheath block to be pain-free for up to 10 hours postoperatively. As with TAP blocks, rectus sheath blocks made no apparent impact on nausea and vomiting or sedation scores. Authors' conclusions: No studies have compared TAP block with other analgesics such as epidural analgesia or local anaesthetic infiltration into the abdominal wound. There is only limited	
evidence to suggest use of perioperative TAP block reduces opioid consumption and pain scores after abdominal surgery when compared with no intervention or placebo. There is no apparent reduction in postoperative nausea and vomiting or sedation from the small numbers of studies to date. Many relevant studies are currently underway or awaiting publication.	
BACKGROUND: Postoperative pain management is of great importance in perioperative anesthetic care. Transversus abdominis plane (TAP) block has been described as an effective technique to reduce postoperative pain and morphine consumption after open lower abdominal operations. Meanwhile, local anesthetic infiltration (LAI) is also commonly used as a traditional method. However, the effectiveness of these two methods has not been compared before.	Transversus abdominis-plane block versus local anesthetic wound infiltration in lower abdominal surgery: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials BMC Anesthesiology 2014, 14:121
METHODS: A meta-analysis of all relevant randomized controlled trials (RCTs) was conducted to compare the efficacy of single shot TAP block with that of single shot LAI for postoperative analgesia in adults. Major medical databases and trial registries were searched for published and unpublished RCTs. The endpoints include postoperative visual analog scale (VAS) pain score, morphine requirement, and rate of postoperative nausea and vomiting (PONV). For continuous data, weighted mean differences (WMDs) were formulated; for dichotomous data, risk ratios (RR) were calculated. Results were derived using a random-/fixed-effects model with 95% confidence interval (CI).	Nanze Yu, Xiao Long, Jorge R Lujan- Hernandez, Julien Succar, Xin Xin and Xiaojun Wang
RESULTS: Four RCTs, encompassing 96 TAP-block and 100 LAI patients, were included in the final analysis. Patients in the TAP-block group had lower VAS pain scores 24 hours postoperatively compared with the LAI group, both at rest (WMD [95% CI] = -0.67 [p < 0.01] and with movement	

 (WMD = -0.89, p < 0.01). There were no significant between-group differences in 24-hour postoperative morphine requirements, the rates if PONV or VAS pain scores at 2 and 4 h postoperatively. CONCLUSION: TAP block and LAI provide comparable short-term postoperative analgesia, but TAP block has better long-lasting effec 	
AIM: Reduced opioid use in the immediate postoperative period is associated with decreased complications. This study aimed to determine the effect of transversus abdominis plane (TAP) block on morphine requirements 24 h after abdominal surgery. Secondary outcomes included the effect of TAP block on morphine use 48 h after surgery, incidence of postoperative nausea and vomiting (PONV) and impact on reported pain scores (visual analogue scale).	Clinical effectiveness of transversus abdominis plane (TAP) block in abdominal surgery: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Johns N, O'Neill S, Ventham NT, Barron F, Brady RR, Daniel T
METHOD: A systematic review of the literature was conducted for randomised controlled trials (RCTs) evaluating the effects of TAP block in adults undergoing abdominal surgery. For continuous data, weighted mean differences (WMD) were formulated; for dichotomous data, odds ratios (OR) were calculated. Results were produced with a random effects model with 95% confidence intervals (CI).	Colorectal Dis. 2012 Oct; 14(10):e635-42. doi: 10.1111/j.1463- 1318.2012.03104.x.
RESULTS: Nine studies, including published and unpublished data, containing a total of 413 patients were included. Of these 205 received a TAP block and 208 a placebo. Cumulative morphine utilization was statistically significantly reduced at 24 h. [WMD=23.71mg (38.66- 8.76); P=0.002] and 48h [WMD=38.08mg (18.97-57.19); P<0.0001] in patients who received a TAP block and the incidence of PONV was significantly reduced [OR=0.41(0.22-0.74); P=0.003]. There was a nonsignificant reduction in the visual analogue scales of postoperative pain [WMD=0.73cm (1.84-0.38), P=0.2]. There were no reported adverse events following TAP block.	
CONCLUSION: Transversus abdominis plane block is safe, reduces postoperative morphine requirements, nausea and vomiting and possibly the severity of pain after abdominal surgery. It should be considered as part of a multimodal approach to anaesthesia and enhanced recovery in patients undergoing abdominal surgery.	

D. EPIDURAALI SEESOLEKU AEG

Tõenduspõhist informatsiooni ei leidnud.

a. Epidural analgesia: What nurses need to know

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Epidural analgesia is discontinued when the patient's pain can be controlled by oral analgesics, the patient is experiencing adverse reactions that outweigh the benefits, pain isn't adequately controlled, or the patient's clinical status has changed and the risk of complications associated with maintaining epidural analgesia increases (such as the patient requiring anticoagulation)

96 h (vastsündinud 72 h)