Can we do an anesthetic without narcotics? Bold or Crazy Question?

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Surgery Before Anesthesia and Pharmacology

PICTORIAL RECORDS OF THE AGONY ENDURED IN OPERATIONS BEFORE THE ADVENT OF ANESTHESIA

A. A surgeon cutting with his big saw.
B. A very painful operation of the seventeenth century.
C. A surgeon torturing his patient.
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[Diagram of the neural system involving pain perception, modulation, and transmission with mentions of opioids, alpha_2-agonists, TCAs, SSRIs, SNRIs, LAs, opioids, capsaicin, anticonvulsants, NSAIDs, ASA, acetaminophen, and nitrates.]

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Pain Targets

- TCAs / SSRIs / SNRIs
- α2 adrenergic antag / Tramadol, Oxycodon CR
- Descending fibres
- Dextromethorphan
- 5HT Opioid α2
- Substance P
- NMDA AMPA
- Substantia gelatinosa
- Capsaicin Clonidine Lamotrigine
- Glutamate
- GABA GABAa GABAb
- Carbamazepine Topiramate Pregabalin Gabapentin
- Aδ fiber Na channels
- Topiramate/ Pregabalin Gabapentin/ Carbamazepine TCAs / Insulin / Lamotrigine
- DRG
- C-fiber
- Interneuron
Godmother of Pain
Margo McCaffery RN 1968

Pain is a unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with actual or potential tissue damage.

Pain in whatever the experiencing person says it is

May not be directly proportional to amount of tissue injury

Highly subjective, leading to under treatment
Goal of Pain Management...

Reduction of pain and suffering with consequent improvement in function.

Seems like a very straight forward goal?

Can we do it without Narcotics?
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Pain is all consuming

Pain drives everything.....
Multimodal

A combination regimen using **two or more medications or interventions**

**Synergistic effects**

**Pre-emptive Anesthesia!**

This action **enhances** the analgesic effects of each drug.

Using different drugs decreases the dose of each and decreases potential side effects and limits the ceiling.
The Joint Commission Sentinel Event Alert

Joint Commission Sentinel Event Alert Entitled “Safe use of opioids in hospitals” (08-Aug-12)

Recommendations include advising clinicians who prescribe pain medications to use both non-pharmacologic and pharmacologic alternatives

Non-pharmacologic therapies: physical therapy, acupuncture, manipulation or massage, ice, etc.

Pharmacologic treatment: non-opioid analgesics, such as acetaminophen, NSAIDs, antidepressants, anticonvulsants, and muscle relaxants, can be used before prescribing an opioid

When used in combination with opioids, these non-opioid pharmacologic treatments may reduce the dose of opioids required to effectively manage pain

Music interventions have been suggested as a nonpharmacological intervention to alleviate pain and anxiety during surgical treatment.

Most of the studies found in the literature involve passive music listening via headphones. The data suggest that researcher-selected music is most effective in reducing anxiety, primarily because it incorporates evidence-based parameters such as consistent tempo and dynamics, stable rhythms, and smooth melodic lines. Finally, the literature suggests that music therapists can serve as experts to help medical personnel identify effective implementation strategies.
Video Games?

Video games may help relieve pain?
Emory University—Nadine Kaslow

The next time you habitually search your bathroom cabinet for some pain medication, you may want to consider playing a video game first. Research has shown that psychology plays an important part in how we experience both acute and chronic pain -- and that painful sensations can be manipulated by what we think and feel.

Such approaches to pain relief are looking increasingly promising thanks to rapid advances in technology. Virtual reality games are already showing promise in tackling acute pain, seemingly by simply helping us focus on other things. Now a new study has shed some light on how this might work and how it could be improved in the future.
Oculus Rift and Google Glass Augment Surgery at Spanish Hospital

Doctors have found a novel use for the Oculus Rift virtual reality headset as a means of easing patient anxiety during surgery. 7/11/14


https://www.oculus.com/
CDC Statement – Worst EVER?

A 'civil war' over pain medication separates the medical community

“There’s a civil war in the pain community,” said Dr. Daniel B. Carr, president of the American Academy of Pain Medicine. “One group believes the primary goal of pain treatment is curtailing opioid prescribing. The other group looks at the disability, the human suffering, the expense of chronic pain.”

The Issues With the CDC Guidelines on Opioids for Chronic Pain, According to AAPM’s Director

Dr. Twillman extensively emphasized the fact that these CDC guidelines are expert-based and not evidence-based. In addition, most of these experts are strongly biased, as indicated by their affiliations to, for example, anti-opioid advocacy groups.
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We Must Start to Think Differently!

Multi-Modal Synergy

Pre-emptive
Life Long Learning = Better Patient Care!
New Field of Study

Terms to know:

Multi-Modal, Pre-emptive, and Synergy

Sound familiar?

Pain is a new field and is subject to change

Dr Mackey 2017, 1 BILLION people world wide have chronic pain
What is the most Prescribed Med in America?

Think about it?

Pain and Pain management is critical and has great financial impacts.

Americans Consume Eighty Percent of the World's Pain Pills as Prescription Drug Abuse Epidemic Explodes

“America consumes 80% of the world’s opioid pain relievers and 99% of the world’s hydrocodone.”
Hydrocodone
(combined with acetaminophen)
131.2 million prescriptions

http://www.webmd.com/news/20110420/the-10-most-prescribed-drugs
Acute Perioperative Pain

Perioperative pain

Approximately 46 million inpatient procedures and 35 million outpatient surgeries were performed in the US in 2006.

Despite new treatment standards, guidelines, and educational efforts, acute postoperative pain continues to be undertreated, with up to 75% of patients in the US still failing to receive adequate postoperative pain relief.

11% severe pain

Pain assessment

Each person brings unique perspective of pain.

Listen to patient—most indicators very nonspecific

Many factors influence patient pain experience:

- **Culture**
- **Previous pain experience(s)**
- **Religion/spirituality**
- **Current medications**
- **Coping skills**
- **Physical aspects**
- **Behavior**
First Step.. Do we really do a good Pre-op related to pain

**Discuss the history of acute and chronic pain**

Identify the history of pain and their meds

Ask “what had worked”

How long have they been on meds?
Allergies?

Discuss pain management – sound familiar??

Standard is a bad term....

ASK direct questions>>> talk about the pain.... Don’t avoid the subject.

Talk about the post operative pain control plan
Pain management before OR

When we treat the pain the OR.... The receptors and the transmitters are already being fired..... Why not treat prior to that?

The study of Pain is a new issue... we have only really cared for the last few years... why should YOU care?

Cost.. Money and patient satisfaction...

“Patients who are pretreated with pain meds, anxiolytic or NSAIDS prior to surgery” –”have a greater decrease in postoperative pain” --- “decrease in postoperative anxiety”

► Olurunto 2006; Managing the spectrum of Surgical Pain.
Wow.....

“You shouldn’t have that much pain?”

“Pain doesn’t raise your blood pressure”

“You should feel this way”

“This won’t be that painful”

“Do you have any pain?

verse how do you feel?”
Oxytocin is also thought to modulate inflammation by decreasing certain cytokines. Thus, the increased release in oxytocin following positive social interactions has the potential to improve wound healing.

Acute

Immediate
Serves as a warning
Typically easier to treat
Typically has a end

Less 3-6 months and
subsides once the healing process is accomplished.
Chronic Pain

Involves complex processes and pathology. Usually involves altered anatomy and neural pathways. It is constant and prolonged, lasting longer than 5 months and sometimes for life.

**Last Longer than 3-6 months**

Serves NO purpose

Typically can not identify a cause

Leads to pain behaviors: Negative emotions, anxiety, depression, sleep deprivation, May lead to the patient seeking active end of life.

Very difficult to treat
What if the chronic pain patient looked like this?

GET RID OF PERSONAL BIASES
Nonspecific Low Back Pain and Return to Work

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90% of chronic pain patients choose to work
They feel psychologically better

Chronic pain is the number one cause of adult disability in the United States. Approximately 50 million Americans live with chronic pain today. Chronic pain costs society more than $100 billion each year.

Nearly a third of Americans will experience chronic pain at some point in their lives.

Seventy to 85 percent of adults in the United States have back pain at some point in their lives.
Opioid analgesics rank among the drugs most frequently associated with adverse drug events.

Aubrun et al., 2003

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Severe Pain

STEP 3
STEP 2
and
Higher doses of opioids

STEP 2
STEP 1
and
Low doses of opioids

STEP 1
Acetaminophen, NSAIDs, or COXIBs
and
Local/regional anesthesia

Mild Pain

So Why Should we Treat Pain?

Dozens of physiological needs to treat pain...

Increased hospital stay and cost

Decrease patient satisfaction

Increased Catecholamine; tachycardia, hypertension, increased cardiac workload, increased myocardial oxygen consumption.

Psychological: FEAR, ANXIETY, INSOMNIA<<<< fear of healthcare
Can you do an anesthetic without narcotics?
Number one consumed psychoactive drug

PDE inhibitor
The Role of Caffeine in Pain Management: A Brief Literature Review.
Barallud A1, Rouhipoor A2, Forouzanfar MM1, Safari S1, Amiri M2, Negida A4.

Abstract
CONTEXT: Caffeine is the most commonly used psychoactive legal drug in the world. Caffeine's role in controlling pain has received less attention in the past, yet is being increasingly considered. This article briefly reviewed the literature to clarify the role of caffeine as a drug for pain control and attract investigators in this topic.

EVIDENCE ACQUISITION: The data on Caffeine as an adjuvant therapy or as a main component for pain modulation has been narratively reviewed.

RESULTS: Caffeine plays an important role in pain modulation through their action on adenosine receptors which are involved in nociception. The use of caffeine as adjuvant treatment was well-established in the literature and caffeine is currently available in some over the counter medications. Studies showed controversial results about the interaction between caffeine and morphine for pain relief in patients with terminal stage cancer. As a main component for pain modulation, Caffeine can be used for hyphnic headache and postdural puncture headache.

CONCLUSIONS: Caffeine has a potential role for pain modulation. Current evidence on caffeine use for migraine and terminal stage cancer is not well-established. Future studies should address the use of caffeine alone for different types of pain with dose escalation and standardization of outcome measurement.
Pain Control with a Old Drug?

Phantom pain... Calcitonin

Calcitonin is a 32 amino acid peptide hormone which regulates calcium homeostasis in vertebrates. It also has analgesic properties, primarily through receptor mediated modulation of serotonergic pain pathways in the central nervous system.

A meta-analysis concluded that calcitonin was effective in the treatment of complex regional pain syndrome and systematic reviews reported benefit in the treatment of acute vertebral fracture pain. A randomized controlled trial (RCT) showed calcitonin was effective in the treatment of acute phantom limb pain, however a Cochrane review did not support its use in the treatment of metastatic bone pain although individual RCTs suggested benefit.
One or two doses of IV calcitonin 200 IU
Back Pain

Valium for Spasm.... Preop for Anxiety and Pain

**Muscle Relaxants**

A combination of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and muscle relaxants -- such as cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril), diazepam (Valium), carisoprodol (Soma), or methocarbamol (Robaxin) -- are sometimes used for patients with acute low back pain. Evidence has shown that they can help relieve non-specific low back pain, but some experts warn that these drugs should be used cautiously, since they target the brain, not the muscles. Patients who take muscle relaxants may experience a number of central nervous system side effects, such as drowsiness. The muscle relaxant Soma can be addictive and does little more than induce sleep.
Acetaminophen

Not considered a ‘true’ NSAID because it lacks significant anti-inflammatory effects.

No gastric irritation, platelet problems.

Hepatic necrosis and death may accompany a single dose of acetaminophen > 15 g. At doses > 4g, hepatotoxicity may occur (especially with ETOH use).

Remember that toxicity/necrosis occurs because of glutathione depletion.

Acetylcysteine increases glutathione stores and is most effective when given within 8 hours of ingestion.
Acetaminophen

NOW AVAILABLE IN THE US>>> OFIRMEV-- Cadence

Very limited side effects (hepatic in high doses)
NO antiplatelet effects
NO gastric damage to the mucosa (high doses can get GI upset)
NO effect on wound healing or bones
◇ oes not affect major organs in small doses

NO real reason why it works?? Mechanism of action is poorly understood – It may be working on a COX—3 route

This is a safe weak to moderate analgesic

www.knowyourdose.org
OFIRMEV 1000mg Bottle

IV acetaminophen injection: Cadence Pharm

(Cadence was bought out) (price spike)

Minimum dosing interval is every 4 hours

No change when going from IV to Oral

Administer over 15 min.....well.....??????

www.ofirmev.com

Do not exceed max daily doses.. Adult is 4 grams per day
Pediatric is dosed at 15mg/kg with max of 75 mg/kg/day

CHEAPPPPPPPP ---- WELL NOT ANYMORE
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Study in Major Orthopedic Surgery (Sinatra et al., 2005), cont.

**IV acetaminophen 1 g q6h + PCA morphine (n=49)**

**Placebo q6h + PCA morphine (n=52)**

*P<0.05 vs placebo

**P<0.001 vs placebo

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Safety (adverse reactions)

- IV acetaminophen is comparable to placebo

*Based on Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel Test
The clinical benefit of reduced opioid consumption was not demonstrated
2. Data on file, Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Inc
Study of Acetaminophen Plasma Pharmacokinetics (IV, PO, PR) (Singla et al., 2012)

Randomized, 3-way, cross-over design in 6 healthy volunteers; efficacy was not assessed

- The IV route produced a 76% higher mean plasma $C_{\text{max}}$ ($p = 0.0004$) than PO, and 256% higher ($p < 0.0001$) than PR
- The median plasma $T_{\text{max}}$ for the IV route was earlier (0.25h) than PO (1.0h, $p = 0.0018$) or PR (2.5h, $p = 0.0025$)

Note: PR acetaminophen data reflects standardization of the 1300 mg dose to 1000 mg (linear kinetics)

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Liver issues is big

Contraindicated in patients with liver failure/hepatic injury or with known hypersensitivity to acetaminophen…

What about ETOH?

Common side effects are: N/V; HA: insomnia; constipation, pruritus and agitation and atelectasis

Using this drug may mask post surgical fever when used for post-operative pain.
Figure 1 – Acetaminophen metabolism

- Conjugation: Glucuronide (nontoxic) ↔ Acetaminophen → Sulfate Moiety (nontoxic)
- Conjugation: P-450 2E1
- NAPQI (toxic) → Glutathione
- Cysteine and mercapturic acid conjugates (nontoxic) → NAC

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COX-3: the Acetaminophen Target Finally Revealed

It has been known for years that non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as aspirin, ibuprofen, and acetaminophen, provide relief from fever, pain, and inflammation through their actions on cyclooxygenase (COX) enzymes. Two COX isozymes, COX-1 and -2, were first identified in the early 1990's as the catalysts for an important step in prostaglandin biosynthesis. Although both enzymes have similar functions, their temporal and spatial expression patterns are very different. COX-1 is constitutively expressed in many somatic cell types and is considered a "housekeeping" enzyme with roles in such processes as vascular hemostasis and gastroprotection. In contrast, COX-2 expression is primarily induced by factors such as endotoxins, cytokines, and growth factors. COX-2 is expressed at sites of inflammation and produces prostaglandins that mediate inflammatory and pain sensation responses. COX involvement in inflammation, pain, and a variety of diseases has inspired researchers to investigate the actions of NSAIDs on these enzymes. Although many advances have been made over the last 10 years in understanding the pain relief and anti-inflammatory mechanisms of aspirin, ibuprofen, and the new COX-2 inhibitors, the mechanism of acetaminophen action has remained elusive.

Finally, identification of a new isozyme, COX-3, suggests that it is the target for acetaminophen. COX-3 was discovered by Northern analysis of canine cerebral cortex RNA using a COX-1 cDNA probe. The COX-1 probe unexpectedly illuminated a band at 2.6 kb, labeling a transcript later confirmed to be COX-3, an alternate splice variant of COX-1 in which intron 1 is retained (Figure 1). Interestingly, intron 1 is not only present in canine, human, and murine versions of COX-3, but it is conserved in length and sequence in these species as well. While COX-3 retains all of the important catalytic and structural features of COX-1 and -2, it is likely that intron 1 is responsible for the deviant enzymatic properties of COX-3 perhaps via subtle alterations in structure, glycosylation state, and/or expression.
COX 2 inhibitors

Lack of effects on platelet aggregation and bleeding is the primary advantage of COX 2 inhibitors vs nonselective NSAIDs.

The first of the selective COX 2 inhibitors, celecoxib (Celebrex) is approved by the FDA for the treatment of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and psoriatic arthritis. Dose is 100-200 mg daily.

A second COX 2 inhibitor, rofecoxib (Vioxx), was approved.

Valdecoxib can be administered in a 40mg dose about 1 hour before surgery and another 40 mg can be given after surgery.

Parecoxib is the only IV form of COX 2 inhibitor that is converted to Valdecoxib in vivo. Dosing is the same as Valdecoxib.
Celebrex

Analgesic and anti-inflammatory agent.

Classified as a Cox-2

Action is in the periphery as well as the central nervous system

Stops pain at the site of transmission...noxious system.

200-400 mg

**Contraindicated** in renal insufficiency and a sulfa allergy
Ibuprofen-Caldolor $10
Shares the name.....

Big differences… Less action on Cox 1 and more Cox 2 action..

What does this mean? Less bleeding.. More pain control can give anytime during the surgery… better now that we can give per--op

400mg/4ml or 800mg/8ml
Dilute and administer over 30 minutes
400mg-800mg Over 30 min repeat every 6 hours PRN*
Ketorolac (toradol)

NO evidence of unwanted sedation, absence of tolerance, reduction in opioid related side effects.

Studies show use of Toradol with mild narcotics decreases hospital stay. Faster return to bowel function.

Perioperative Single Dose Ketorolac to Prevent Postoperative Pain: A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Trials

De Oliveira, Gildasio S. Jr. MD, MSG1: Agarwal, Deepti MD; Benzon, Honorio T. MD

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Analgesia: Research Reports

60 mg IM worked better than 30 mg
Ketorolac

Very effective analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and antipyretic actions

Available IM/IV doses are 15, 30 and 60 mg dose

30 mg of Ketorolac = 10 mg Morphine=100 mg Meperidine

After IM injection, peak plasma concentrations in 45-60 minutes

Half-life of about 6 hours

Contraindications: bronchospasm, angioedema, nasal polyps, concurrent use of other NSAIDs, known allergy or intolerance to aspirin, history of GI bleeding, renal dysfunction, volume-depleted patient
Accounted for the original Glassman Study flaws

Ketorolac and Spinal Fusion

Does the Perioperative Use of Ketorolac Really Inhibit Spinal Fusion?

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Study Design: Retrospective review. Objective: To evaluate the effect of postoperative use of ketorolac to reduce spinal fusion in humans.

Summary of Background Data: The value of preemptive ketorolac in postoperative analgesia has been well documented across surgical specialties. However, some studies have shown that ketorolac may adversely affect osteogenic activity and fracture healing.

Methods: A total of 405 consecutive patients who underwent primary lumbar posterior lumbar interbody fusion with pedicle screw instrumentation were included in this retrospective study. A subset of 229 patients received Teneol after surgery for adductor atrophy. Each patient received a mandatory dose of 30 mg intravenously every 6 hours for 48 hours. The same surgeon performed the fusion procedure on all of these patients. Historical controls included 177 patients who did not receive Teneol after surgery. The minimum follow-up period was 24 months. Nusultations were diagnosed by analyzing sequential radiographs, bone scan, magnetic resonance, and computed tomography with multidetector imaging. The gold standard of surgical exploration was performed in symptomatic patients with diagnostic ambiguity or neurologic diagnosis by imaging.

Results: There were no patients in the study population. Postanesthesia was identified in 12 of 229 patients (5.3%) who received Teneol after surgery, and in 11 of 177 patients (6.2%) who did not. There was no significant difference detected in the natural course between the two groups (p > 0.35, 2-tailed method).

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Sprix-Nasal Ketorolac

Short Term use... Up to five days.

Some risk as IV or IM Ketorolac

Dose: 31.5mg or 15.75 mg each spray per nostril

Max daily dose is 63 mg
Alkermes Pharm—Meloxicam IV


Pre-emptive analgesic effectiveness of meloxicam versus tramadol after mandibular third molar surgery: a pilot study.

Isiordia-Espinoza MA¹, Sánchez-Prieto M, Tobías-Azúa F, Reyes-García JG.

Cyclooxygenase-2 enzyme inhibitors: place in therapy.

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) play a major role in the management of inflammation and pain caused by arthritis. A new class of NSAIDs that selectively inhibit the cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) enzyme has been developed. The first COX-2 inhibitors, celecoxib and rofecoxib, are said to provide therapeutic benefit with less toxicity than traditional NSAIDs. A third COX-2-selective inhibitor, meloxicam, has recently been introduced. COX-2 inhibitors and traditional NSAIDs do not appear to differ significantly in their effectiveness in alleviating pain or inflammation. They have similar gastrointestinal side effects, including abdominal pain, dyspepsia and diarrhea. However, short-term studies show fewer gastrointestinal ulcers in patients treated with COX-2 inhibitors compared with traditional NSAIDs.

Lots of exciting information coming about related to Meloxicam! More COX 2 than previous thought.
Anti-Convulsants

Gabapentin and Pregabalin

This class of medications manage the spontaneous firing of sensory neurons associated with neuropathic pain.

Reduces pain with movement and can reduce chronic post surgical pain syndromes by neuronal plasticity.
Pregabalin-lyrica

Pregabalin is a new synthetic molecule and a structural derivative of the inhibitory neurotransmitter γ-aminobutyric acid.

It has analgesic, anticonvulsant, anxiolytic, and sleep-modulating activities. Pregabalin binds potently to the α2-δ subunit of calcium channels, resulting in a reduction in the release of several neurotransmitters, including glutamate, noradrenaline, serotonin, dopamine, and substance P.

Anticonvulsants work to decrease the hyperalgesic response from the central nervous system.

50, 75, 150 mg

Dose dependent on procedure and weight

Gabapentin


Gabapentin is typically well tolerated in the correct does:

Doses range 300-1200 mg single does for anesthesia: max dose is 1200mg TID or max of 3600mg/day

Typically single small does (300-600) little problems

Keep in mind Half life of 5-7 hrs
Use of preoperative gabapentin significantly reduces postoperative opioid consumption: a meta-analysis.
Ammogan S¹, Lau CG², Chamberlain RS³

Abstract
OBJECTIVES: Effective postoperative pain management is crucial in the care of surgical patients. Opioids, which are commonly used in managing postoperative pain, have a potential for tolerance and addiction, along with sedating side effects. Gabapentin’s use as a multimodal analgesic regimen to treat neuropathic pain has been documented as having favorable side effects. This meta-analysis examined the use of preoperative gabapentin and its impact on postoperative opioid consumption.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: A comprehensive literature search was conducted to identify randomized control trials that evaluated preoperative gabapentin on postoperative opioid consumption. The outcomes of interest were cumulative opioid consumption following the surgery and the incidence of vomiting, somnolence, and nausea.

RESULTS: A total of 1,793 patients involved in 17 randomized control trials formed the final analysis for this study. Postoperative opioid consumption was reduced when using gabapentin within the initial 24 hours following surgery (standard mean difference -1.35, 95% confidence interval [CI] -1.95 to -0.73; P<0.001). There was a significant reduction in morphine, fentanyl, and tramadol consumption (P<0.05). While a significant increase in postoperative somnolence incidence was observed (relative risk 1.30, 90% CI: 1.10-1.54, P<0.05), there were no significant effects on postoperative vomiting and nausea.

CONCLUSION: The administration of preoperative gabapentin reduced the consumption of opioids during the initial 24 hours following surgery. The reduction in postoperative opioids with preoperative gabapentin increased postoperative somnolence, but no significant differences were observed in nausea and vomiting incidences. The results from this study demonstrate that gabapentin is more beneficial in mastectomy and spinal, abdominal, and thyroid surgeries. Gabapentin is an effective analgesic adjunct, and clinicians should consider its use in multimodal treatment plans among patients undergoing elective surgery.
Gabapentin not just for pain!
Pretreatment for Anxiety

Effects of a single 1200-mg preoperative dose of gabapentin on anxiety and memory.
Adam F., Dordensave L. Cressier Dl, Chauvin M.

Abstract
BACKGROUND: Gabapentin has antihyperalgesic and potential anxiolytic effects. We therefore evaluated the effects of gabapentin premedication on anxiety, amnesia, and sedation. We tested the primary hypothesis that 1200mg of oral gabapentin 2 to 3 h before surgery reduces preoperative anxiety. Our secondary hypothesis was that gabapentin administration is sedative without causing preoperative amnesia.

STUDY DESIGN: Prospective, randomized and placebo controlled study.

METHODS: Surgical patients having general anaesthesia were randomly assigned to either 1200mg oral gabapentin (n=32) or an identical-looking placebo (n=32) 2 to 3h before anaesthesia. Anxiety, sedation, and amnesia were quantified before premedication, 2h thereafter, and postoperatively. Preoperative anxiety was measured using the Spielberger state trait anxiety inventory (STAI state) and the visual analogue scale anxiety (VAS). Memory was assessed with the Picture recall test of Smudgell and Vandervert. Results were compared with the Mann-Whitney U, or Chi(2) tests as appropriate. P<0.05 was considered statistically significant.

RESULTS: STAI state, our primary outcome, decreased significantly in the gabapentin group, from 37.2 to 30.0, and remained unchanged in the placebo group, from 39.3 to 37.9 (P<0.003). The VAS score for anxiety also decreased, but not significantly, from 28.2 to 18.7 in the gabapentin group and from 28.7 to 24.7 in the placebo group (P=0.065). No difference was observed in the amnesic effect, nor did the groups differ in terms of recovery times or sedation scores.

CONCLUSION: Gabapentin premedication, 1200mg, provided preoperative amnesia without causing sedation or impairing preoperative memory.
Gabapentin for PONV

Effects of gabapentin on postoperative pain, nausea and vomiting after abdominal hysterectomy: a double blind randomized clinical trial.

Arazi L, Neeser L, Macdonald MM, Amini Z

Abstract

Purpose: Gabapentin has demonstrated analgesic effects in some studies. This double blind randomized clinical trial (RCT) was conducted to evaluate whether the pre-emptive use of gabapentin 800 mg could reduce postoperative pain, nausea and vomiting, and meperidine consumption in patients after hysterectomy.

Methods: Between 2008 and 2010, a total of 176 patients who were candidates for abdominal hysterectomy were assessed for eligibility to enter the study. Thirty patients were excluded for different reasons, and 140 included patients were randomly assigned to one of two groups according to the method of treatment, gabapentin or placebo, in a double-blind manner before hysterectomy. Postoperatively, the pain was assessed on a visual analogue scale (VAS) at 1, 4, 8, 12 and 24-h after rect. Meperidine intramuscularly was used to treat postoperative pain on VAS score and patients’ demand. Total meperidine and antiemetic drug consumption in the first 24 h after surgery was also recorded. The trial is registered at irct201106166526N1

Results: Patients in the gabapentin group had significantly lower VAS scores at all time intervals, than those in the placebo group. The total meperidine consumed in the gabapentin group was significantly less than in the placebo group. Postoperative nausea and vomiting (PONV) and antiemetic drug consumption were significantly decreased in gabapentin group.

Conclusions: Pre-emptive use of gabapentin 800 mg orally, significantly decreases postoperative pain and PONV, and also reduces analgesic and antiemetic drug requirements in patients who undergo abdominal hysterectomy.
Dyloject

LAKE FOREST, Ill., Dec. 30, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Hospira, Inc. (NYSE: HSP), the world's leading provider of injectable drugs and infusion technologies, and a global leader in biosimilars, has received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for Dyloject™ (diclofenac sodium) Injection, a proprietary nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) analgesic. Dyloject is indicated for use in adults for the management of mild to moderate pain and for the management of moderate to severe pain alone or in combination with opioid analgesics.

“As not a replacement for opioids, Dyloject is [an] injectable therapy option that can be administered more conveniently in a small-volume, intravenous bolus over 15 seconds as opposed to other injectable non-opioid analgesics that are formulated in large volumes or require dilution prior to administration and typically require an infusion of 15 to 30 minutes to administer the full dose,”
Tramadol (1-3 mg/kg)
Single Pre-Operative Dose
Life Long Learning = Better Patient Care!

IV Tramadol

Tramadol Infusion for Postthoracotomy Pain Relief: A Placebo-Controlled Comparison with Epidural Morphine

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Cardiovascular Anesthesia: Research Report


Epidural tramadol via intraoperatively placed catheter as a standalone analgesic after spinal fusion procedure: An analysis of efficacy and cost.

Ilangoovan V1, Vivakaran T1, Gunasekaran N2, Devikala P2


Combined Ketamine-Tramadol Subcutaneous Wound Infiltration for Multimodal Postoperative Analgesia: A Double-Blinded, Randomized Controlled Trial after Renal Surgery.

Khajavi MR1, Navardi M1, Sharial Moharari R1, Pourfakhri P1, Khalli N2, Etezadi F1, Imani F1.
Not Everything is it appears?
Labor Epidurals going away?

Blair et al. Patient-controlled analgesia for labor using remifentanil: a feasibility study?

Remifentanil PCA with a bolus dose in the range 0.25–0.5 µg kg and a lockout time of 2 min appears a safe and effective drug for use in labor in patient-controlled analgesia systems.
Is Nitrous Back? 2009

The position of the American College of Nurse-Midwives that women should have access to a variety of measures to assist them in coping with the challenges of labor. Among these should be nitrous oxide, which is commonly used in many other countries.

Nitrous Oxide During Labor: Less Pain Relief, High Patient Satisfaction

Despite lower reported effectiveness for labor pain, the degree of patient satisfaction in women who received nitrous oxide is similar to that of women who received neuraxial modalities, according to a study described in Anesthesia & Analgesia.³

Although physicians in other countries have used nitrous oxide for decades to alleviate labor pain, this option has only recently been adopted in the United States. Previous research regarding its analgesic effectiveness has been largely inconclusive, and few studies have explored patient satisfaction associated with this modality.²³ In the current investigation, researchers at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, retrospectively examined data collected since their facility began offering self-administered nitrous oxide as an analgesic option in 2011.

References
Cannabinoids

Salivex
Ajulemic acid
Nabilone
Marinol
Cannadur
Cannabis

As of 2013; 23 controlled studies looking at Cannabinoids for pain management
What about? What in Common?

- Doan's Pain Reliever Caplets
- Laughing Gas
- Xenon (Xe) Element
- Ketamine Hydrochloride Vial
- Methadone Syringe

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Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
What about the NMDA Receptor?

- Ketamine
- Magnesium
- Nitrous
- Xenon
- Methadone

Menantine, Amantadine, Dextromethorphan
Ketamine

NMDA non-specific receptor antagonist

The only true single anesthetic drug

Causes dissociative anesthesia

NMDA plays an important role in processing pain via glutamate

20-30mg bolus with additional 8-16 mg/hr infusion. First line for chronic narcotic users... keep dose less than 0.75mg/kg (90kg pt - 67.5 mg)
Ketamine

Analgesia; 0.1-0.2 mg/kg IV

At these low levels; little if any side effects; (cardiovascular and psychological side effects)

At amnesia and analgesia doses; proper pretreatment with a benzo will help eliminate the psychological effects if any….

Keeping doses less than 1 mg/kg with a benzo is the max benefit of both drugs
Ketamine

Onset of action:
- IV <30 seconds
- IM-- 3 – 4 minutes

Peak effects:
- IV 1 minute.
- IM-- 5 – 20 minutes
- PO 30 minutes

Duration of action:
- IV 5 - 15 minute
- IM--12 – 25 minutes
- Epidural 4 hours

Alpha and Beta Phase---- Alpha 15-45; Beta 2.5 hours

REMIPHOL……
Ketamine PCA

Acute Pain

Continuous intravenous or subcutaneous infusions at doses of 0.1-0.2 mg/kg/hr are commonly used in combination with an opioid Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) or opioid infusion for the management of post-operative and post injury pain.

Commence ketamine infusion at (2- 4 mg/hr), (2mg/hr for elderly), and then titrate up according.

The recommended infusion rate is usually 2–8 mg/hr and should only be prescribed by an anesthesia provider is available.

Chronic Pain

Patients with intractable chronic pain may be admitted for administration of ketamine infusion with escalation of dose as prescribed. This may be given by subcutaneous or infrequently by intravenous infusion.

The dose of ketamine may be increased and titrated by the pain medical officer as prescribed, according to analgesic response and/or side effects.
Magnesium

NMDA antagonist

Dose 1-2 grams in a normally healthy patient diluted in 50-100 ccs given over 30 minutes

Or: 30mg/kg bolus with 500mg/hr infusion for the duration of the case...

Blocks bradykinin release in the local vasculature; works great as a predosing agent in small doses for propofol -- dose this in mmols
December 14, 2016

Intra-Articular Magnesium for Arthroscopic Surgery-Related Pain

Review article

Peri-operative intravenous administration of magnesium sulphate and postoperative pain: a meta-analysis

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300 mg Magnesium and 40 mg of Lidocaine

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Magnesium Sulfate Plus Lidocaine Reduces Propofol Injection Pain: A Double-blind, Randomized Study

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Nitrous Oxide

Very useful has NMDA receptor activity.

Rapid onset of analgesia and rapid recovery

In concentrations of 50% is as potent as 10mg of IM morphine.
Methadone

Synthetic Opioid developed in Germany in 1937
Cheap and long acting

Half life 24-36 hours -- fat soluble

Mu-receptor with limited action on NMDA

5 - 10 mg single dose decreases the intra and post operative opioid requirements

Additionally this drug does not have the euphoric effects that other narcotics have and this may be of great benefit in those with addictive personalities.
Pain

Clonidine works on what receptor?

A. Alpha-2
B. Mu-2
C. NK-1
D. TRVP-1
Clonidine

Alpha 2 agonist that works presynaptic centrally by inhibiting negative feedback and blocking neurotransmitter communication

When administered orally can augment spinally mediated opioid analgesia.

Can be administered anytime

Inhibits the release of substance P blocking pain reception

Half life 9-12 hours

Works great as a anxiolytic with minimal respiratory depression
Precedex


[Effect of dexmedetomidine alone for postoperative analgesia after laparoscopic cholecystectomy].

[Article in Chinese; Abstract available in Chinese from the publisher]

Chen XH‡, Wang ZJ, Xiang QM, Zheng JW.
Lidocaine Infusions

Half-life 8 minutes
90% hepatic metabolism P450-1A2—renal 10%
Bolus 1-2.5 mg/kg Load
Infusion 1-3 mg/min
Stop infusion 60 minutes post skin closure
Opioid Sparing effect
Improved pain scores—some studies showed this effect for 48-72 hrs.
Return to faster bowel function
Decreased length of stay
Perioperative single dose systemic dexamethasone for postoperative pain: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

Doses of 0.1 mg/kg or less are great for PONV but don’t help with pain relief.

Doses of about 0.15 mg/kg cover PONV and reduce postoperative pain and opioid demand. 100kg patient should be getting 15 mg.

Doses above 0.2 mg/kg don’t get you any more pain relief. An exception may be greater pain relief with movement (e.g. early ambulation in total joint patients?).

Giving dexamethasone preoperatively improves pain relief considerably more than giving it after induction. (Optimally 1-2 hours before incision.)

In general, we need not worry about side effects with 0.15 mg/kg any more than we do with current PONV doses.
It is OK......

The Effect of Single Low-Dose Dexamethasone on Blood Glucose Concentrations in the Perioperative Period: A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Investigation in Gynecologic Surgical Patients

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Regional Anesthesia

Blocks... Do we not use them enough?

Prime example...

DPM comes in for a “simple” procedure... why are we not doing Blocks for this?

Thoughts?
Regional Question?

Have we skipped intrathecal narcotics?

Have we forgot about locals and instilling locals into wounds...
TAP Block
Exparel

EXPAREL is a local analgesic that utilizes bupivacaine in combination with the proven product delivery platform, DepoFoam®. A single intraoperative injection given at the close of surgery delivers postsurgical pain control with reduced opioid requirements for up to 72 hours.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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EXPARIEL® (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension)
MA0 68

WARNING LETTER

Dear Mr. Stack:

As part of its routine monitoring and surveillance program, the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has reviewed educational technique flashcards (EXP-AP-0124-201206 & EXP-AP-0134-201210) (administration guides) and a Journal ad (EXP-AP-0039-201302) for EXPARIEL® (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension) (Exparel) submitted by Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Pacira) under cover of Form FDA-2253. The Journal ad was also submitted as a complaint to the OPDP Bad Ad Program. The administration guides provide evidence that Exparel is intended for new uses for which it lacks approval, and for which its labeling does not provide adequate directions for use, which renders Exparel misbranded within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), and make its distribution violative. See 21 U.S.C. 355(a), 352(f); 331(a), (d), 21 CFR 201.5, 201.100; 201.115; 201.128. In addition, the Journal
Potential for Wrong Route Errors with Exparel

There is a dangerous potential for errors in the administration of two "look-alike" medications that are or will be common in anesthesia practice in this country: propofol and the new hydrogel liposomal suspension Exparel, not meant for IV administration. Both are milky white suspensions, and because propofol has been the only such medication for many years, a real potential for error exists.

Exparel is a local anesthetic that is infiltrated into a surgical wound during a surgical procedure to produce postsurgical analgesia. It is not intended for systemic use. When prepared in syringes, these products essentially look identical. If Exparel is accidentally administered intravenously instead of propofol, toxic blood concentrations might result, and cardiac conductivity and excitability may be depressed, which may lead to atrioventricular block, ventricular arrhythmias, and cardiac arrest.

Propofol is used as an anesthetic during surgical procedures and as a sedative during procedures or for patients undergoing mechanical ventilation. Thus, Exparel and propofol may be used in similar healthcare settings.
Exparel

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Conclusions:

Sources of Postoperative Pain

Acute nociceptive pain from incision

Musculoskeletal pain from abnormal body positioning and immobility during and after surgery

Neuropathic pain from excessive stretching or direct trauma to peripheral nerves.
Conclusions:

**Not all patients are the same**

**Not all patients process and perceive pain the same way**

**Pain is unique**

Opioids are not always the best choice
Not all patients react the same way

**Don’t be a cook book provider....**

Opioids are the only group with no ceiling
All others have ceilings for use
Additional Thoughts?

Anti-depressants

Selective Serotonin reuptake inhibitors
◇ (Celexa, Luvox, Prozac, Paxil)

Serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors
◇ (Cymbalta, Effexor)

The important part of this is continuing therapy through perioperative period!
Pain and Pain Management

This is a evolving field, this is only the tip of the iceberg. Keep learning.
Can I be excused?
... my brain is full!
Life Long Learning = Better Patient Care!

Questions
Thank you!

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