Ask the Experts: Issues Related to the Management of Postoperative Pain

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Activity Overview

This activity will provide health-system pharmacists with pearls that can be incorporated into the management of postoperative pain, focusing on multimodal therapy and the use of local anesthetics. The content for this activity is based on questions raised by participants in a recent educational symposium on this topic.

Time for questions and answers from the webinar audience will be provided at the end of the presentation.

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At the conclusion of this application-based educational activity, participants should be able to

- Address current issues related to multimodal therapy for postoperative pain management.
- Outline factors to consider when evaluating local anesthetics for postoperative pain management.

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- **On-demand activity**, “Optimizing Postoperative Pain Management: Role of Local Anesthetics” (2 hours CPE, available March 2014)
- **On-demand activity** based on today’s webinar (1 hour CPE, available April 2014)
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Mission Impossible or Not?

Your Mission:
Determine the best perioperative multimodal pain regimen for a new order set for total knee arthroplasty

Audience Poll
You have to make your decision on one of the multimodal mission choices below.

A
• Opioid
• NSAID or acetaminophen
• Pregabalin
• Local anesthetic nerve block

B
• Opioid
• NSAID or acetaminophen
• Local anesthetic nerve block

C
• Opioid
• NSAID or acetaminophen

NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, LA = local anesthetic

Our Quest Begins:
What is the best multimodal regimen?
• Ovid Medline search from 1996-2013
• Search terms
  – Multimodal and pain management (420)
    Limit to randomized, controlled trials (68)
  – Multimodal and analgesia (695)
    Limit to randomized, controlled trials (203)
  – Randomized, controlled trials for arthroplasty total knee with multimodal pain management or multimodal analgesia (40)

When should long-acting opioids be used?
• Food and Drug Administration (FDA): updated label to state long-acting and extended release opioids are indicated in selected pain management situations:
  – Pain severe enough to require daily around-the-clock administration
  – Alternative treatment options are inadequate
• American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
  – Preop: Long-acting oxycodone 10 mg orally for patients ≥ 75 years and 20 mg orally for patients < 75 years
  – Postop: Long-acting oxycodone 10 mg or 20 mg orally (depending on preop dose) every 12 hours for 24 hours postop

Long-Acting Morphine Study

- Randomized, double-blind study of 200 patients with standard postop pain management and one of the following
  - Treatment group: Long-acting morphine 30 mg orally twice daily for 3 days
  - Control group: Placebo orally twice daily for 3 days
- Results
  - Change in pain scores did not reach clinical significance for either group
  - No statistical difference between groups for general activity and walking 72 hours after surgery
  - Opioid group
    - Increased opioid use (P < 0.0001)
    - Vomiting (P = 0.0148)
    - Oversedation (P = 0.08)


IV Opioid PCA vs. Long-acting Oxycodone

- TKA or THA cohorts matched for demographic characteristics, surgical procedure, surgeon, and anesthesia
  - 62 patients: IV opioid patient-controlled analgesia (PCA)
  - 62 patients: Long-acting oxycodone 20 mg orally twice daily for 3 days with oxycodone 5-20 mg po q 3 hours as needed
- Results
  - Both groups: similar pain ratings all 3 days
  - Oxycodone group: less opioid compared with IV PCA in first 24 hr postop (37.8 mg ± 23.45 vs. 59.4 mg ± 37.0, P< 0.001)
  - Oxycodone group: interference with walking on day 1 (P = 0.24), deep breathing on day 2 (P = 0.11)
  - Statistical difference in patient satisfaction with pain management only on day 3 with oxycodone


Chronic Opioid User

- TKA opioid and nonopioid cohorts matched for surgical center, procedure, age, sex, body mass index, preop diagnosis and insurance
  - 49 patients in chronic opioid group
  - 49 patients in nonopioid group
- Results

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Order Set Tips for Postoperative Opioids in Adult Patients

- Create selection buttons to force prescriber to acknowledge the patient’s age
  - Age < 65 years
  - Age ≥ 65 years
- Create separate headers for long-acting and short-acting opioids to improve prescribing safety
- Clarify opioid naïve vs. tolerant for doses
- Identify drugs and doses that are appropriate for patients with renal impairment
- Provide instructions for starting long-acting oral opioids when patient on IV PCA

Example: Postoperative Long-Acting Opioids University of Minnesota Medical Center

- Long-acting oxycodone dose in elderly 10 mg orally twice daily
- Long-acting oxycodone for opioid-tolerant patients only

Example: Postoperative Pain Orders for Elderly University of Minnesota Medical Center

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See page 16 for enlarged view
Acetaminophen

- Central mechanisms
  - Inhibits cyclooxygenase in locations where ambient peroxidase is low (i.e., brain)
  - Reinforces descending serotonergic inhibitory pain pathway
  - Cannabinoid receptor agonist

- Absorption after 1000 mg dose
  - Oral Tmax 45 minutes, Cmax 15.1 mcg/mL
  - Intravenous Tmax 25 minutes, Cmax 28.4 mcg/mL

- Maximum analgesic and antipyretic activity occurs 1-2 hours after peak plasma levels


Acetaminophen Paradox

- Intravenous vs. oral preoperatively
  - Evidence does not support one route over another
  - Cost is the driver toward oral

- Maximum dose limit
  - Literature recommends ≤ 3000 mg per day for chronic use¹
  - FDA still allows 4000 mg per day maximum

- Combined with opioids
  - Low acetaminophen dose (325 mg per dosage unit) inadequate for pain relief
  - Commonly used for postoperative pain management


Example: Acetaminophen Route Interchange
University of Minnesota Medical Center

- For conversion from intravenous to oral, patient must be receiving other medications orally or through a gastric tube that are intended for systemic therapeutic purpose.
- Pharmacist can substitute oral acetaminophen without discussion with the medical team as long as patient able to take oral medications.

IV Acetaminophen Use:
Examine Your Evidence

- Medication-use evaluation
  - Indication
  - Patient oral status
  - Prescriber trends

- Cost assessment
  - Comparison based on use outside of justified indications

Which of the following is a valid concern with postoperative use of NSAIDs for total knee arthroplasty? Select all that apply.

- Impaired tissue healing
- Non-union of joint
- Cardiovascular event in patient 6 months post myocardial infarction
- Use in a patient 60 years of age

Tissue and Bone Healing

- Non-union studies are cohort and case-controlled due to the low number of patients reported
  - Meta-analysis of spine studies found no statistically significant difference with NSAIDs vs. no NSAIDs¹
  - Non-union of bone not a complication with total joint arthroplasty

- Soft tissue healing relies on platelet-derived growth factors so NSAID use is not detrimental to healing
- Studies needed in humans on NSAID inhibition of soft tissue to bone healing
- Retrospective studies show delayed healing of bone fractures with NSAIDs²

Cardiovascular Risks

- No well-tolerated window for NSAID use after MI
- Large Danish cohort study of 99,187 patients post MI

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Risk of Death Associated with NSAIDs after MI


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- Results
  - No evidence of statistically significant increased risk of MI or stroke during OTC or prescription use of naproxen
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- Review of thromboembolic risk with non-aspirin NSAIDs will occur in February 2014
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Gabapentin

- Design flaws common with studies
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  - Control group: 49 subjects placebo along with morphine intravenous patient controlled analgesia
- Results
  - Morphine consumption primary outcome
    - 66.3 mg gabapentin group vs. 72.5 mg placebo (P=0.59)
  - No difference in pain score
- Limitations:
  - Postop gabapentin dose low and primary-end point not a definitive outcome


Pregabalin

- Randomized, double-blind study in total knee arthroplasty
  - Both groups: celecoxib 400 mg preop and epidural with fentanyl and bupivacaine postop
  - Treatment group: 113 patients received oral pregabalin 300 mg preop, 150 mg twice daily days 1-10, 75 mg twice daily days 11-12, 50 mg twice daily days 13-14
  - Control group: 115 patients received placebo
- Results
  - Pregabalin group used less epidural opioid infusion than placebo (5.77±1.31 mL/hr vs. 6.40±1.26 mL/hr, P=0.003)
  - Greater flexion over 30 days with pregabalin group
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Example of Preoperative Analgesia Protocol for TKA

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Perioperative Routes of Administration of Local Anesthetics

- Topical
- Subcutaneous, deep tissue
- Transversus abdominal plane
- Tumescent technique
- Intra- or periarticular

Lidocaine

- Fast onset, short duration (1 - 3 hr)

- Topical
- Spinal
- Epidural
- Intravenous
- Tumescent technique
- Intra- or periarticular

Bupivacaine and Ropivacaine

- Slow onset, longer duration (2 - 8 hr)

- Topical
- Subcutaneous, deep tissue
- Transversus abdominal plane
- Tumescent technique
- Intra- or periarticular

Liposome Bupivacaine*

- Fast onset, longest duration (up to 72 hr)

- Topical
- Subcutaneous, deep tissue
- Transversus abdominal plane
- Tumescent technique
- Intra- or periarticular

Continuous Wound Catheters

- 32 randomized controlled trials (RCTs)
  - Obstetrical and gynecologic surgery
  - Major abdominal surgery
  - Inguinal herniorrhaphy
  - Cardiothoracic surgery
  - No orthopedic surgery
- Patients with continuous wound catheters
  - No significant reduction in pain at rest or with activity, except OB-gyne surgery
  - No significant reduction in opioid consumption except for first 24 hr in OB-gyne surgery
  - Magnitude of these effects was small


Local Infiltration Analgesia (LIA): Orthopedic Surgery

- 10 reports (N = 893)
  - 8 RCTs, two case series
  - Hip resurfacing arthroplasty, total hip replacement, total knee replacement
- Results
  - 8 reports → LIA was an effective analgesic
  - 2 reports → no benefit when LIA was added to a multimodal analgesic regimen
  - LIA efficacy questioned in total hip replacement

Additives

- **Epinephrine**
  - Slows systemic absorption, lowering peak plasma concentration of local anesthetic
  - Prolongs duration of lidocaine and mepivacaine
  - High epinephrine concentration (e.g., > 5 mcg/mL) reduces bleeding

- **Ketorolac**
  - Analgesic effects when given locally or systemically

- **Clonidine**
  - Prolongs duration of peripheral nerve block by about 2 hr, but adverse effects can be problematic

Additives: Morphine

- Systematic review, intra-articular morphine, arthroscopic knee surgery
- 45 studies identified but only 19 studies suitable for meta-analysis
  - Reduction in pain intensity (12 - 17 mm) in morphine group vs. placebo in early (0 - 2 hr), intermediate (2 - 6 hr) and late (6 - 24 hr) phases
  - Six studies found decreased postop opioid consumption; six studies found no difference
  - No clear dose-response effect
  - Systemic effect could not be ruled out

**Conclusion:** “definite but mild analgesic effect”

Additives: Periarticular Injection Additives

- **Assess pain severity, range of motion, inpatient walking distance, and Knee Society Score (KSS) in 160 adults undergoing total knee arthroplasty**
- **Randomized to**
  - Ropivacaine + epinephrine + ketorolac + clonidine (group A)
  - Ropivacaine + epinephrine + ketorolac (group B)
  - Ropivacaine + epinephrine + clonidine (group C)
  - Ropivacaine + epinephrine (group D, control group)
- **Results**
  - Significantly lower pain scores in groups A and B vs. group D
  - No significant differences between groups for range of motion, inpatient walking distance, functional KSS, or mean postop opioid consumption

**References**


**Liposome Bupivacaine (LB):**

- **Pooled Results, Phase 2 & 3 Trials (N = 10)**
  - Cumulative pain scores
    - 16/17 treatment arms favored LB through 24 hr
    - 5/17 treatment arms favored LB through 72 hr
  - Time to first use of rescue opioid
    - Longer with LB (9.3 hr) vs. bupivicaine hydrochloride (bupiHCl) (6.4 hr, P = 0.013) and placebo (3.6 hr, P < 0.0001)
  - Proportion of patients avoiding opioid rescue
    - 1 study favored LB; no difference in 8 studies
  - Total postop opioid consumption
    - 4 studies favored LB at 24 hr; 2 studies favored LB at 72 hr
  - Patient satisfaction
    - 1/6 studies favored LB at 24 hr and 72 hr

- **Liposome Bupivacaine vs. Continuous Wound Catheter**
  - Retrospective, single surgeon, robotic-assisted and laparoscopic urologic surgery
  - 54 consecutive patients received ropivacaine infusion; next 54 patients received liposome bupivacaine
  - Primary endpoint: postop opioid consumption
  - Liposome bupivacaine group had
    - Lower postop opioid consumption (23.8 vs. 65.9 mg; P<0.0001)
    - Longer time to first opioid use (186 vs. 64 min, P<0.0043)
    - No difference in length of stay (1.6 vs. 1.8 days; P=0.64)

**References**

Compatibility of Liposome Bupivacaine with:

- **Bupivacaine HCl**
  - LB:bupi HCl ratio $\leq 1:12 \rightarrow$ excessive release of free bupivacaine
  - LB:bupi HCl ratio $\geq 2:1 \rightarrow$ $\leq 5\%$ release of free bupivacaine
  - “Co-administration of both drug forms will increase overall exposure to bupivacaine.”

- **Lidocaine, ropivacaine, mepivacaine**
  - If given 1, 5, or 10 min before LB, rapid release of free bupivacaine
  - If given 20 or 40 min before LB, free bupivacaine does not increase

- **Epinephrine**
  - Minor physicochemical interaction

- **Morphine 10 mg and ketorolac 30 mg**
  - Minimal increase in free bupivacaine levels

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**Transversus Abdominis Plane (TAP) Block**

- **Technique**
  - Ultrasound-guided
  - Laparoscopic assisted
  - Direct visualization

- **Provides analgesia for surgery involving lower abdominal wall**
  - Bowel surgery, appendectomy, cesarean delivery, hysterectomy, prostatectomy, laparoscopic cholecystectomy

- **Optimal surgical procedures, dosing, technique and timing are not clear**


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**Peripheral Nerve Blocks and IV Lidocaine**

- **Systematic review evaluated preventive analgesia** by local anesthetics
  - 89 peripheral nerve block studies
    - TKA, THA, anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) reconstruction, arthroscopic knee and shoulder surgery, foot and ankle surgery, open shoulder surgery, hand/upper limb surgery, TAP block for various abdominal and bowel surgeries
  - 16 IV lidocaine studies

- **Primary outcome**
  - Postoperative pain and/or opioid consumption

*Defined as a reduction of postoperative pain that persists for more than 5.5 half-lives (8 hr for lidocaine and 12-16 hr for bupivacaine and ropivacaine)


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**TAP Block after Laparoscopic Surgery**

- **Systematic review**
  - 10 RCTs, 633 subjects
  - TAP block (ultrasound-guided) vs. placebo (or no treatment)

- **Primary outcomes**
  - Early (0-4 hr) and late (24 hr) postop pain at rest and on movement
  - Postop opioid consumption (up to 24 hr)

- **Results**
  - TAP block reduced early and late pain at rest and postop opioid consumption; no improvement in early and late pain with movement or postop nausea/vomiting
  - Preop administration more effective than postop
  - Association between total dose and opioid consumption


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**Peripheral nerve blocks**

- Provide better analgesia than placebo, PCA, and intra-articular infusions
- Some effects attributed to systemic distribution
- Total dose appears to be more important than volume and concentration
- Timing of block (before or after incision) does not appear to affect efficacy

**IV lidocaine**

- Provided better analgesia than placebo (0.9% sodium chloride) in 13/16 studies

Liposome Bupivacaine and Total Knee Arthroplasty: Wound Infiltration

- Phase 2, dose-ranging study¹
  - LB 133, 266, 399, and 532 mg vs. bupiHCl 150 mg + epinephrine
  - LB 532 mg provided better analgesia than bupiHCl + epinephrine
- Emerging reports of experiences in individual surgeon practices²

Maximum Recommended Dose and Plasma Concentration

- Although not necessarily evidence-based, maximum dose highlights “dose” as a risk factor for systemic toxicity
  - “…because drug concentrations in various regions of heart and brain tissue differ quite markedly, the deterministic notion of a “toxic” or “lethal” blood or tissue concentration of local anesthetic appears invalid even with standardized conditions. Others have noted that blood concentrations of local anesthetics in dogs that survived a particular dose were not significantly different from premortem blood concentrations in those that died.”¹ ²

Local Anesthetic Systemic Toxicity (LAST)

- More than one third of reports involved patients with underlying cardiac, neurologic, renal, hepatic, pulmonary, or metabolic disease
- Treatment is different from other cardiac arrest scenarios
  - Airway management, seizure suppression (avoid propofol)
  - Avoid vasopressin, calcium channel blockers, beta-blockers, local anesthetics
  - Reduce epinephrine doses to < 1 mcg/kg
  - Lipid emulsion (20%)
    - 1.5 mL/kg (lean body mass) over 1 min, then 0.25 mL/kg/min infusion
    - Double infusion rate if blood pressure remains low
    - Continue infusion for at least 10 min after circulation stabilizes
    - Upper limit: 10 mL/kg over first 30 min

Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery

- Assessed efficacy of SC bupivacaine +/- IP lidocaine in reducing postoperative pain
- Case-controlled, sequential cohorts* ¹ ²
  1. No local anesthetic (control group) (N = 61)
  2. SC bupivacaine in all ports and wound (N = 67)
  3. SC bupivacaine + IP lidocaine under diaphragm and within peritoneal cavity (N = 44)
- Enhanced recovery pathway
  - PCA, avoid drains and tubes, early feeding and mobilization
- Results
  - No difference between groups in VAS
  - No difference between groups in amount of postoperative opioid

Enhances Recovery After Surgery (ERAS®)

- Comprehensive for entire surgical process, particularly key factors that prevent hospital discharge
  - Need for parenteral analgesics
  - Need for IV fluids secondary to gut dysfunction
  - Lack of mobility
- ERAS for colorectal surgery³
  - Pre-, intra- and post-operative protocol with about 20 care elements
  - Examples of care elements: preoperative patient education, fluid management, no drains, early oral nutrition, epidural + acetaminophen + NSAID analgesia
  - 137 patients in ERAS program compared with historical cohort (N=99)
  - Significantly reduced²
    - Length of stay (6 vs. 8.4 days, P<0.001)
    - Readmissions (8.8% vs. 20.2%, P=0.012)
    - Hospital costs (by 15%)

Example: Colorectal Surgery

- Open
- Minimally-invasive
  - Laparoscopic
  - Robotic-assisted

Back to Request from Surgeon for Liposome Bupivacaine . . .
- Evaluate current state
  - Use of multimodal analgesia
  - Protocol and order sets
  - Enhanced recovery pathway
- Expected outcome(s)
  - Pain intensity, HCAHPS patient satisfaction scores, opioid use, adverse effects, length of stay, etc.
- Limited trial, attention to safety
- Medication-use evaluation

HCAHPS = Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems

Another Long-acting Bupivacaine in Development . . .
- Saber® delivery system
  - 15 clinical trials, various surgical procedures
  - Up to 72 hr
- Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA)
  date of February 12, 2014


Mission Impossible or Not?
Your Mission:
Determine the best perioperative multimodal pain regimen for a new order set for total knee arthroplasty

Audience Poll
You have to make your decision on one of the multimodal mission choices below.

A
- Opioid
- NSAID or acetaminophen
- Pregabalin
- Local anesthetic nerve block

B
- Opioid
- NSAID or acetaminophen
- Local anesthetic nerve block

C
- Opioid
- NSAID or acetaminophen

NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, LA = local anesthetic

Conclusion
- Know your institution
  - Organizational structure, resources, type of services and specialties
- Work as an interprofessional team
- Formulate a plan, implement, and evaluate
  - Data driven
  - Safety
Example: Postoperative Long-Acting Opioids
University of Minnesota Medical Center

- Long-acting oxycodone dose in elderly 10 mg orally twice daily
- Long-acting oxydodone for opioid-tolerant patients only

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EPIC Order Set Instruction: patient must be opioid-tolerant taking an equivalent of 30 mg oral morphine per day

Example: Postoperative Pain Orders for Elderly
University of Minnesota Medical Center

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Selected References and Useful Resources


Ask the Experts: Issues Related to the Management of Postoperative Pain


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Self-Assessment Questions

1. AH is a 75-year-old woman with normal renal function who is undergoing total knee arthroplasty. She has not been receiving opioids prior to surgery and has a history of delirium with pain medication. Which of the following medications should be avoided preoperatively as part of AH’s postoperative pain management plan because of her history of delirium?
   a. Acetaminophen.
   b. Naproxen.
   c. Pregabalin.
   d. Long-acting oxycodone.

2. The surgeon is considering including acetaminophen in AH’s preoperative pain management regimen and has asked the pharmacist for advice about the comparative efficacy of intravenous and oral acetaminophen. Which of the following statements would be the most appropriate response?
   a. If AH can take medications orally, oral is generally the preferred route because the maximum concentration is higher after oral administration compared with intravenous.
   b. If AH can take medications orally, oral is generally the preferred route because evidence does not support one route over the other and oral acetaminophen is less expensive than intravenous.
   c. Intravenous is generally the preferred route regardless of the patient’s ability to take oral medications because of superior pain scores after intravenous administration compared with oral.
   d. Intravenous is generally the preferred route regardless of the patient’s ability to take oral medications because of documented less opioid use following intravenous administration compared with oral.

3. As shown in a study by Kelley et al. (2013), ketorolac added to a periarticular injection of ropivacaine and epinephrine following total knee arthroplasty compared with ropivacaine and epinephrine alone resulted in
   a. No significant difference in pain scores, range of motion, inpatient walking distance, and mean postoperative opioid consumption.
   b. No significant difference in pain scores but improved range of motion, inpatient walking distance, and mean postoperative opioid consumption.
   c. Significantly lower pain scores and improved range of motion, inpatient walking distance, and mean postoperative opioid consumption.
   d. Significantly lower pain scores but no difference in range of motion, inpatient walking distance, and mean postoperative opioid consumption.

4. Which of the following agents can be safely mixed with liposome bupivacaine before administration?
   a. Lidocaine, ropivacaine, mepivacaine.
   b. Lidocaine and bupivacaine.
   c. Epinephrine.
   d. Morphine and ketorolac.
   e. Preservative-free 0.9% sodium chloride injection.

Answers
1. c
2. b
3. d
4. e
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