

# The Patient ICU Experience

SEDATION AND PAIN CONTROL IN THE ICU

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# Objectives

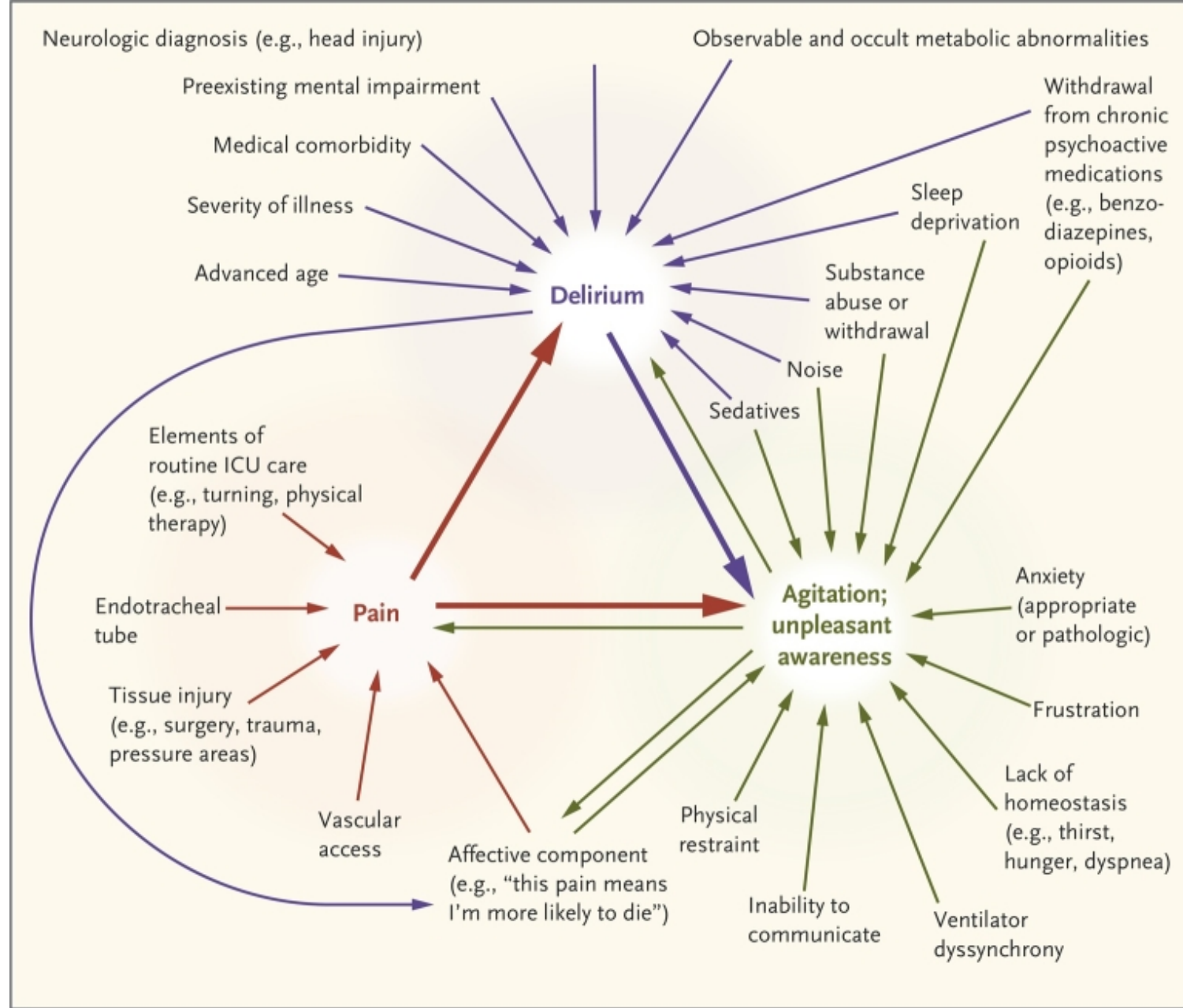
- ◆ The Patient ICU Experience:
  - ◆ Pain
  - ◆ Anxiety
  - ◆ Sedation
  - ◆ Delirium
- ◆ Pain control
- ◆ Sedation

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- ◆ Pain
- ◆ Agitation / Unpleasant Awareness
- ◆ Delirium

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  - ◆ 25% of patients who report stressful ICU experiences show symptoms of PTSD four years out from discharge

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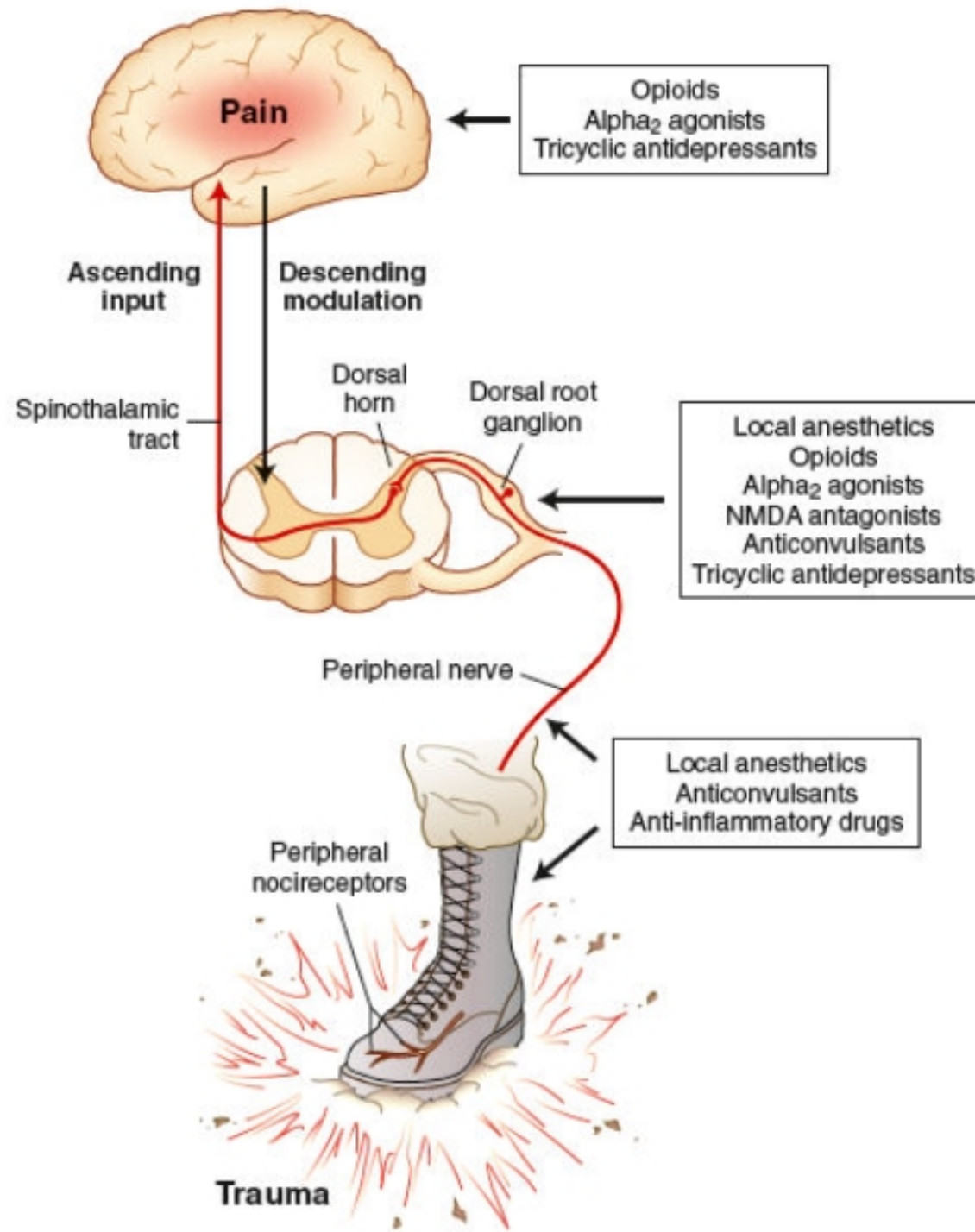


# Anesthesia?

- ◆ Anesthesia: Greek for “without sensation”:  
state of controlled, temporary loss of sensation or awareness
  - ◆ Amnesia: loss of memory
  - ◆ Analgesia: relief of pain
  - ◆ Paralysis: muscle relaxation

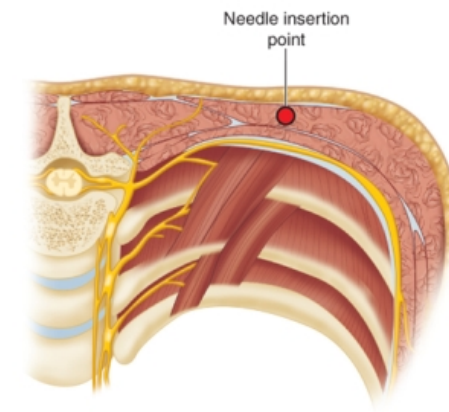
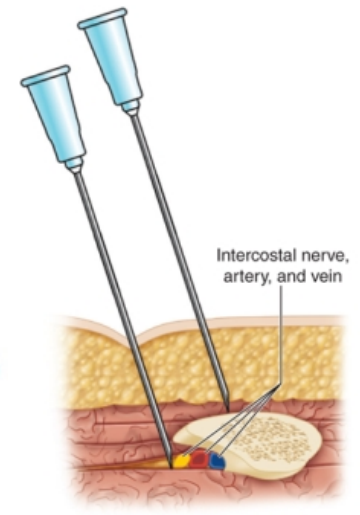
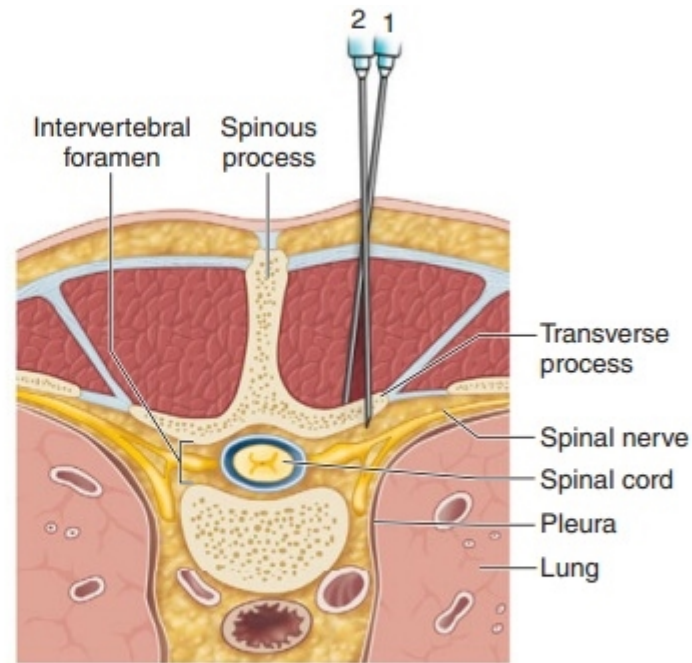
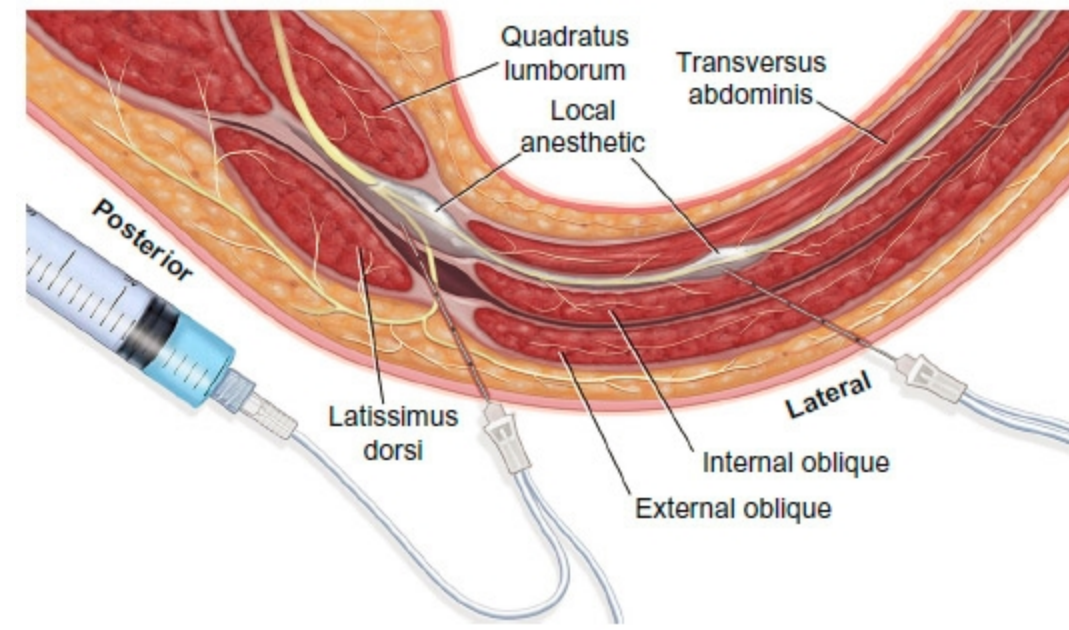
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- Painful stimulus received by peripheral nociceptor
- Afferent nerves (A $\delta$  and C) carry signal to the spinal cord
- Afferent nerves synapse within the dorsal horn and are carried to the brain via the spinothalamic tract
- Interpretation of pain occurs once pain signal reaches the cerebral cortex



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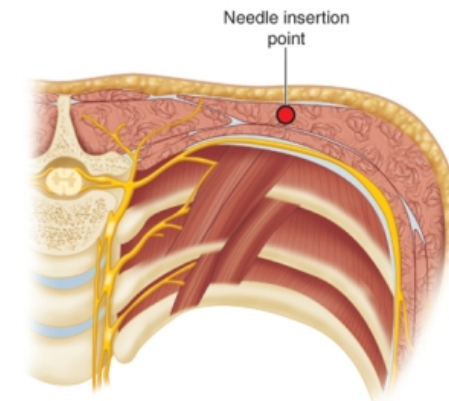
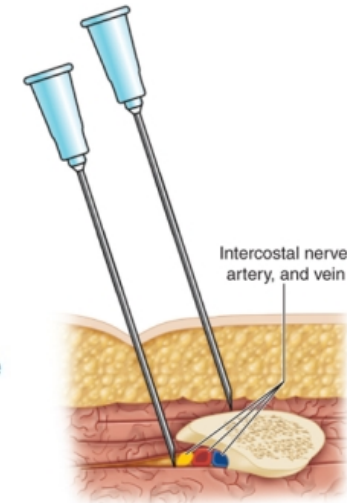
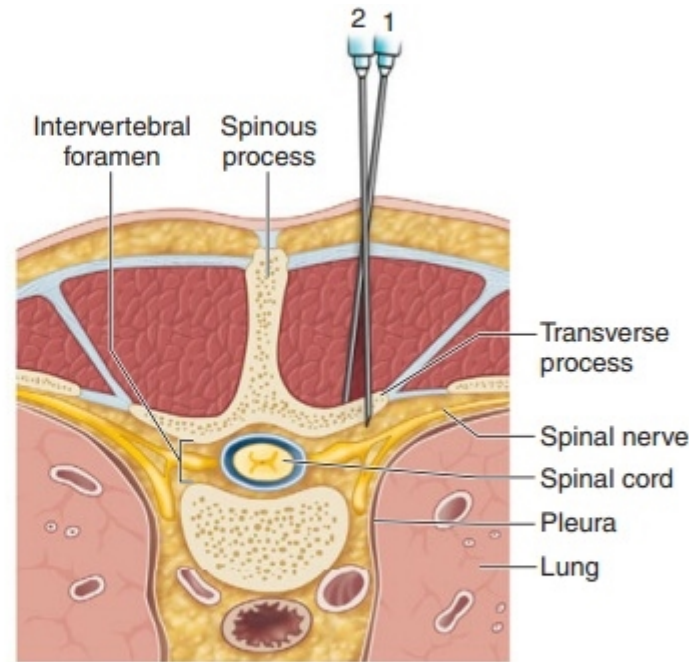
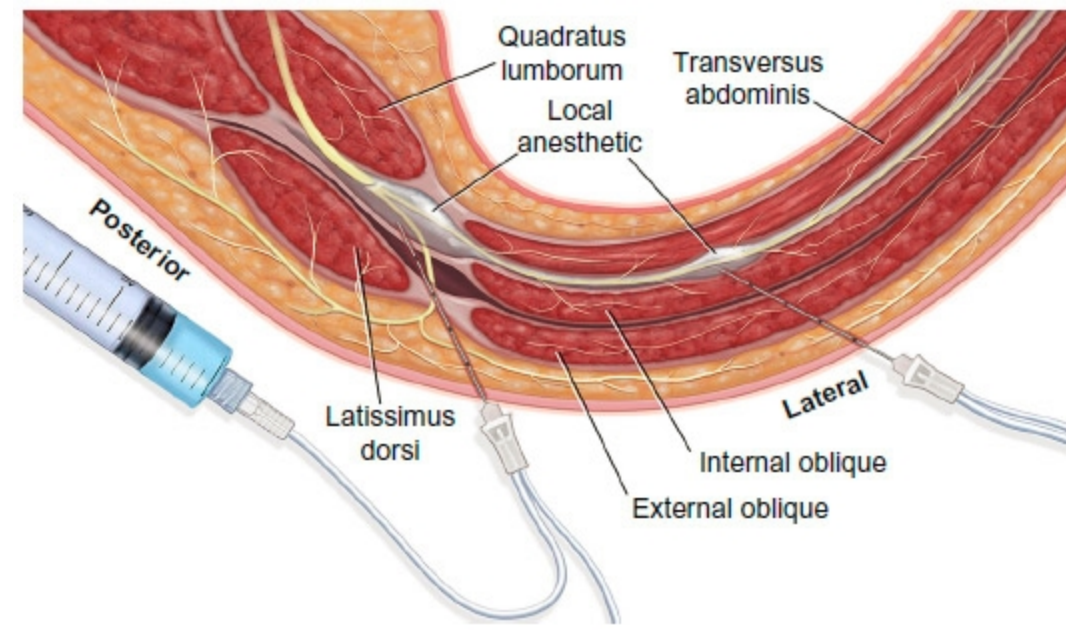
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    - Procaine (1-1.5 hr)
  - Amides
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    - Mepivacaine (1-3 hr) Max: 5 mg/kg; 7 mg/kg with epi
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- ◆ Dilaudid → slower onset; no histamine; no renal adjustment; (+) metabolites
- ◆ Morphine → slowest onset; hypotension d/t histamine; renal adjustment; metabolites can cause seizures
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oral, peripherally-acting mu-opioid  
receptor antagonist

# Acetaminophen

- ◆ MOA incompletely understood
- ◆ May selectively inhibit or reduce COX in the brain
- ◆ Does not appear to inhibit COX enzyme activity outside of the CNS and therefore is not considered an anti-inflammatory
- ◆ May modulate the cannabinoid system

# NSAIDs

- ◆ Inhibits COX enzyme activity, reducing prostaglandins that act directly on nociceptors
- ◆ Ibuprofen (Motrin)
- ◆ Ketorolac (Toradol)
- ◆ Celecoxib (Celebrex): selective COX-2 inhibitor

## Ketorolac Use and Postoperative Complications in Gastrointestinal Surgery

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**Objective:** To study the association between ketorolac use and postoperative complications.

**Background:** Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs may impair wound healing and increase the risk of anastomotic leak in colon surgery. Studies to date have been limited by sample size, inability to identify confounding, and a focus limited to colon surgery.

**Methods:** Ketorolac use, reinterventions, emergency department (ED) visits, and readmissions in adults ( $\geq 18$  years) undergoing gastrointestinal (GI) operations was assessed in a nationwide cohort using the MarketScan Database (2008–2012).


**Results:** Among 398,752 patients (median age 52, 45% male), 55% underwent colorectal surgery, whereas 45% had noncolorectal GI surgery. Five percent of patients received ketorolac. Adjusting for demographic characteristics, comorbidities, surgery type/indication, and preoperative medications, patients receiving ketorolac had higher odds of reintervention (odds ratio [OR] 1.20, 95% confidence interval [CI] 1.08–1.32), ED visit (OR 1.44, 95% CI 1.37–1.51), and readmission within 30 days (OR 1.11, 95% CI 1.05–1.18) compared to those who did not receive ketorolac. Ketorolac use was associated with readmissions related to anastomotic complications (OR 1.20, 95% CI 1.06–1.36). Evaluating only admissions with  $\leq 3$  days duration to exclude cases where ketorolac might have been used for complication-related pain relief, the odds of complications associated with ketorolac were even greater.

**Conclusions:** Use of intravenous ketorolac was associated with greater odds of reintervention, ED visit, and readmission in both colorectal and noncolorectal GI surgery. Given this confirmatory evaluation of other reports of a negative association and the large size of this cohort, clinicians should exercise caution when using ketorolac in patients undergoing GI surgery.

**Keywords:** adverse events, gastrointestinal surgery, ketorolac, medication use, post-operative complications

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## Postoperative non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and anastomotic leakage after gastrointestinal anastomoses: Systematic review and meta-analysis

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### Abstract

**Aim:** Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are commonly used to control postoperative pain; however, their postoperative use has been associated with anastomotic leakage after gastrointestinal surgery. This systematic review and meta-analysis aimed to determine the correlation between the use of NSAIDs and anastomotic leakage.

**Methods:** We conducted a comprehensive electronic literature search up to August 2018 to identify studies comparing anastomotic leakage in patients with and without postoperative NSAID use following gastrointestinal surgery. We then carried out a meta-analysis using random-effects models to calculate odds ratios (OR) with 95% confidence intervals (CI).

**Results:** Twenty-four studies were included in this meta-analysis, including a total of 31 877 patients. Meta-analysis showed a significant association between NSAID use and anastomotic leakage (OR 1.73; 95% CI = 1.31–2.29,  $P < .0001$ ). Subgroup analyses showed that non-selective NSAIDs, but not selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitors, were significantly associated with anastomotic leakage. However there was no significant subgroup difference between selective and non-selective NSAIDs.

**Conclusion:** Results of this meta-analysis indicate that postoperative NSAID use is associated with anastomotic leakage following gastrointestinal surgeries. Caution is warranted when using NSAIDs for postoperative analgesic control in patients with gastrointestinal anastomoses.

### KEYWORDS

anastomotic leakage, cyclooxygenase inhibitor, gastrointestinal surgery, meta-analysis, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

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Alpha-1 Agonist which induces  
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# Other Pain Adjuncts

- Dextromethorphan
  - Uncompetitive N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) glutamate receptor antagonist
- Ketamine
  - NMDA receptor antagonist, prevents central sensitization in dorsal horn neurons, preventing pain transmission to the spinal cord
- Gabapentin (Neurontin) and Pregabalin (Lyrica)
  - Inhibits  $\alpha 2\delta$  subunit of voltage dependent calcium channels in the posterior horn, reducing hyperexcitability
  - Despite their name, gabapentin and pregabalin do NOT bind to GABA receptors

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## Ice Packs Reduce Postoperative Midline Incision Pain and Narcotic Use: A Randomized Controlled Trial



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- BACKGROUND:** Postoperative pain is an unavoidable consequence of open abdominal surgery. Although cryotherapy, the application of ice to a surgical wound site, has been shown to be effective in reducing postoperative pain in orthopaedic, gynecologic, and hernia operations, it has not been assessed in patients who undergo major open abdominal operations. We hypothesized that patients who receive cryotherapy would report lower pain scores as a primary outcomes measure.
- STUDY DESIGN:** Patients undergoing abdominal operations with midline incisions were randomized to receive cryotherapy for a minimum of 24 hours in time intervals dictated by patient preference vs no cryotherapy. The primary outcome of pain relief was assessed with visual analog pain scores (VAS). The study was powered to detect a clinically significant difference in VAS between the control and cryotherapy group. Comparisons between groups were measured by Student's *t*-test or Mann-Whitney U test for parametric and nonparametric data, respectively.
- RESULTS:** There were 55 patients randomized: 28 to the control group and 27 to the cryotherapy group. For the primary measure, mean postoperative pain score on postoperative days (PODs) 1 and 3 after surgery was significantly lower between the control and cryotherapy groups on the visual analog pain scale ( $p < 0.005$ ). Narcotic use was decreased in the cryotherapy group on POD 1 by 3.9 morphine equivalents ( $p = 0.008$ ). No statistically significant difference was found between the 2 treatment groups with respect to length of hospital stay, pulmonary complications, and wound infection rate in terms of secondary measures.
- CONCLUSIONS:** Ice packs are a simple, cost-effective adjuvant for decreasing postoperative pain and narcotic use in patients undergoing major abdominal operations. (*J Am Coll Surg* 2014;219: 511–517. © 2014 by the American College of Surgeons)
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# Sedation

RASS	SAS
<b>+4 Combative</b> Combative, violent, immediate danger to staff	<b>7 Dangerous Agitation</b> Pulling at ET tube, trying to remove catheters, climbing over bedrail, striking at staff, trashing side-to-side
<b>+3 Very Agitated</b> Pulls to remove tubes or catheters; aggressive	<b>6 Very Agitated</b> Requiring restraint and frequent verbal reminding of limits, biting ETT
<b>+2 Agitated</b> Frequent non-purposeful movement, fights ventilator	<b>6 Very Agitated</b> Requiring restraint and frequent verbal reminding of limits, biting ETT
<b>+1 Restless</b> Anxious, apprehensive, movements not aggressive	<b>5 Agitated</b> Anxious or physically agitated, calms to verbal instructions
<b>0 Alert and Calm</b> Spontaneously pays attention to caregiver	<b>4 Calm and Cooperative</b> Calm, easily arousable, follows commands
<b>-1 Drowsy</b> Not fully alert, but has sustained awakening to voice - eye opening and contact >10 seconds	<b>3 Sedated</b> Difficult to arouse but awakens to verbal stimuli or gentle shaking, follows simple commands but drifts off again
<b>-2 Light Sedation</b> Briefly awakens to voice - eyes open and contact <10 seconds	<b>3 Sedated</b> Difficult to arouse but awakens to verbal stimuli or gentle shaking, follows simple commands but drifts off again
<b>-3 Moderate Sedation</b> Movement or eye opening to voice - no eye contact	<b>3 Sedated</b> Difficult to arouse but awakens to verbal stimuli or gentle shaking, follows simple commands but drifts off again
<b>-4 Deep Sedation</b> No response to voice, but movement or eye opening to physical stimulation	<b>3 Sedated</b> Difficult to arouse but awakens to verbal stimuli or gentle shaking, follows simple commands but drifts off again <b>2 Very Sedated</b> Arouses to physical stimuli but does not communicate or follow commands, may move spontaneously
<b>-5 Unarousable</b> No response to voice or physical stimulation	<b>1 Unarousable</b> Minimal or no response to noxious stimuli, does not communicate or follow commands

# Sedation

## Richmond Agitation-Sedation Scale

Target RASS Value		RASS Description
+4	Combative	Combative, Violent, Immediate Danger to Staff
+3	Very Agitated	Pulls or Removes Tube(s) or Catheter(s); Aggressive
+2	Agitated	Frequent non-Purposeful Movement, Fights Ventilator
+1	Restless	Anxious, Apprehensive but Movements are not Aggressive or Vigorous
0	Alert and Calm	
-1	Drowsy	Not Fully Alert, but has Sustained Awakening to Voice (Eye Opening & Contact >10sec)
-2	Light Sedation	Briefly Awakens to Voice (Eye Opening & Contact <10sec)
-3	Moderate Sedation	Movements or Eye Opening to Voice (BUT NO Eye Contact)
-4	Deep Sedation	No Response to Voice, BUT has Movement or Eye Opening to Physical Stimulation
-5	Unarousable	No Response to Voice or Physical Stimulation

# Benzodiazepines

- ◆ Examples: midazolam (Versed), lorazepam (Ativan)
- ◆ Mechanism: depressant that enhances the effect of the neurotransmitter GABA
- ◆ Outcome:
  - ◆ Sedation
  - ◆ Hypnosis
  - ◆ Anxiolysis
  - ◆ Muscle relaxation
  - ◆ Anticonvulsant
- ◆ Advantages: amnestic and sedative effect; treats seizures and withdrawal
- ◆ Disadvantages: accumulates delaying ICU awakening; delirium

# Propofol

- ◆ Mechanism: Activates GABA receptors (different subunit than benzodiazepines) and cannabinoid receptors
- ◆ Outcome:
  - ◆ Decreased consciousness, sedative
  - ◆ Amnesia
- ◆ Advantages: rapid arousal, reduced ICP
- ◆ Disadvantages: respiratory depression, hypotension, anaphylactic reaction, hypertriglyceridemia
  - ◆ Propofol Infusion Syndrome: bradycardic heart failure, lactic acidosis, rhabdomyolysis, renal failure

# Dexmedetomidine (Precedex)

- ◆ Mechanism: alpha-2 receptor agonist
- ◆ Outcome:
  - ◆ Sedative
  - ◆ Amnestic
  - ◆ Mild analgesic properties
- ◆ Advantages: no respiratory depression, closer to natural sleep, less delirium
- ◆ Disadvantages: decreased heart rate, blood pressure, and circulating NE, high risk bradyarrhythmias in patients with heart failure or conduction defects



# Antipsychotics

- ◆ Example: Haloperidol (Haldol), Seroquel, Zyprexa
- ◆ Mechanism: blocks dopamine receptors in the CNS
- ◆ Outcome:
  - ◆ Sedative
  - ◆ Antipsychotic
- ◆ Advantages: no respiratory depression, no hypotension
- ◆ Disadvantages: extrapyramidal side effects, Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome, ventricular tachycardia (prolonged QT) or Torsades



One Final Case

“Did you reverse her?”

“Oh, no. Figured let her wake up slowly.”

# Paralytics

- ◆ Depolarizing neuromuscular blockade: succinylcholine
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