

# Perioperative Pain, Risk Stratification and Multimodal Analgesia

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# Outline

- **Acute Postoperative Pain**
- **Chronic Pain After Surgery**
- **Opioids in Acute and Chronic Pain**
- **Multimodal Analgesia**
- **Perioperative Pain Management**

# Disclosure

**None**

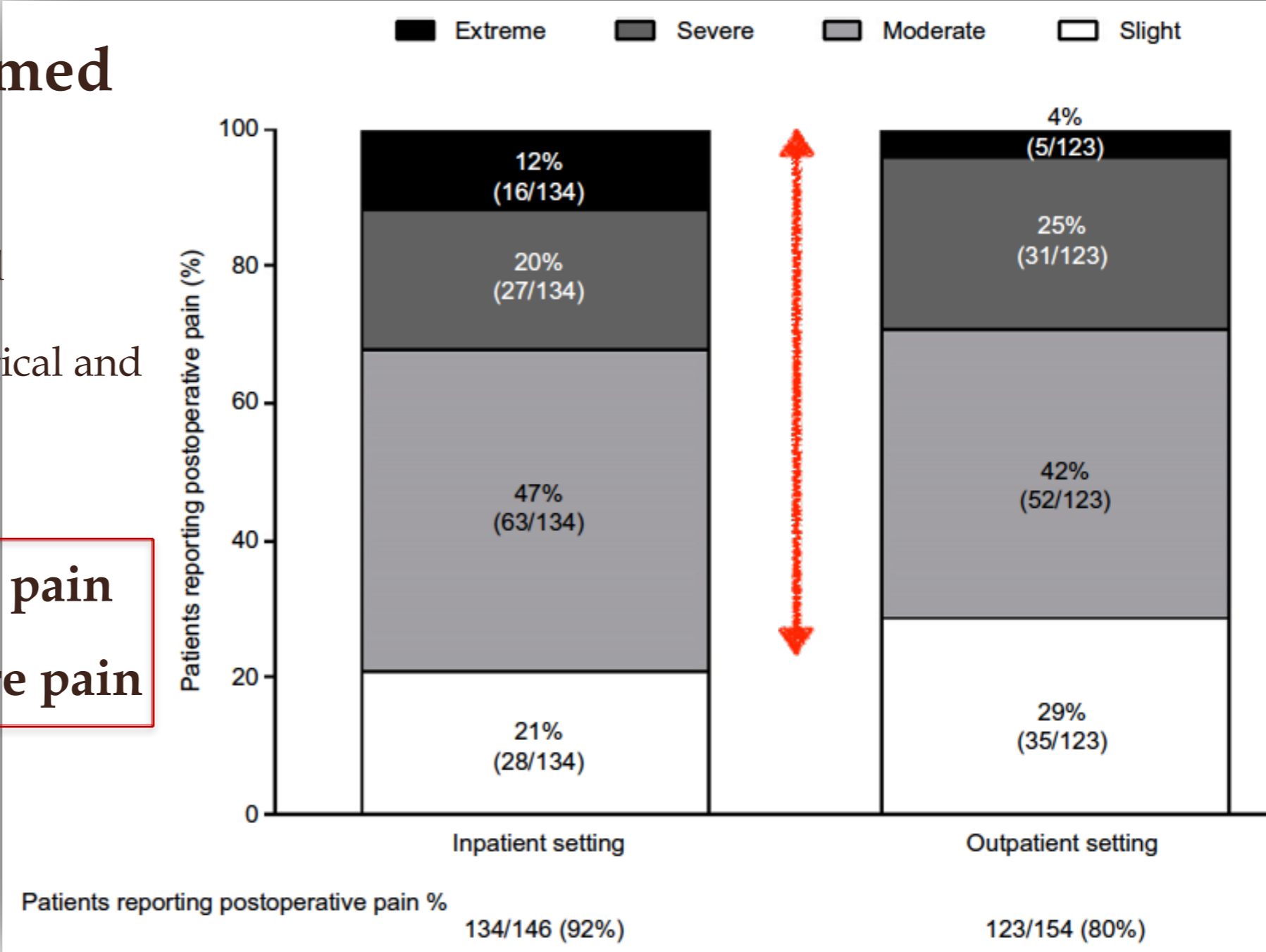
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# Postoperative Pain

## # Procedures performed

- 28 mil. inpatient surgical
- 48 mil. ambulatory surgical and non-surgical cdc.gov

• ~ 86% of patients report pain  
 ~ 75% with mod-severe pain



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**Effectiveness of acute postoperative pain management:  
I. Evidence from published data**

**High levels of postoperative pain**

**pulmonary and cardiovascular complications  
delayed hospital discharge  
unexpected hospital (re)admissions  
increased cost of care  
impaired function and quality of life  
prolonged opioid use  
chronic pain after surgery**

**- patient satisfaction**

*[one of most feared surgery related side effects among patients]*

# ***Predictors of Postoperative Pain and Analgesic Consumption***

## ***A Qualitative Systematic Review***

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**Type of surgical procedure (ortho, thoracic, open abdominal, OB, trauma, emergency... but also minor procedures)**

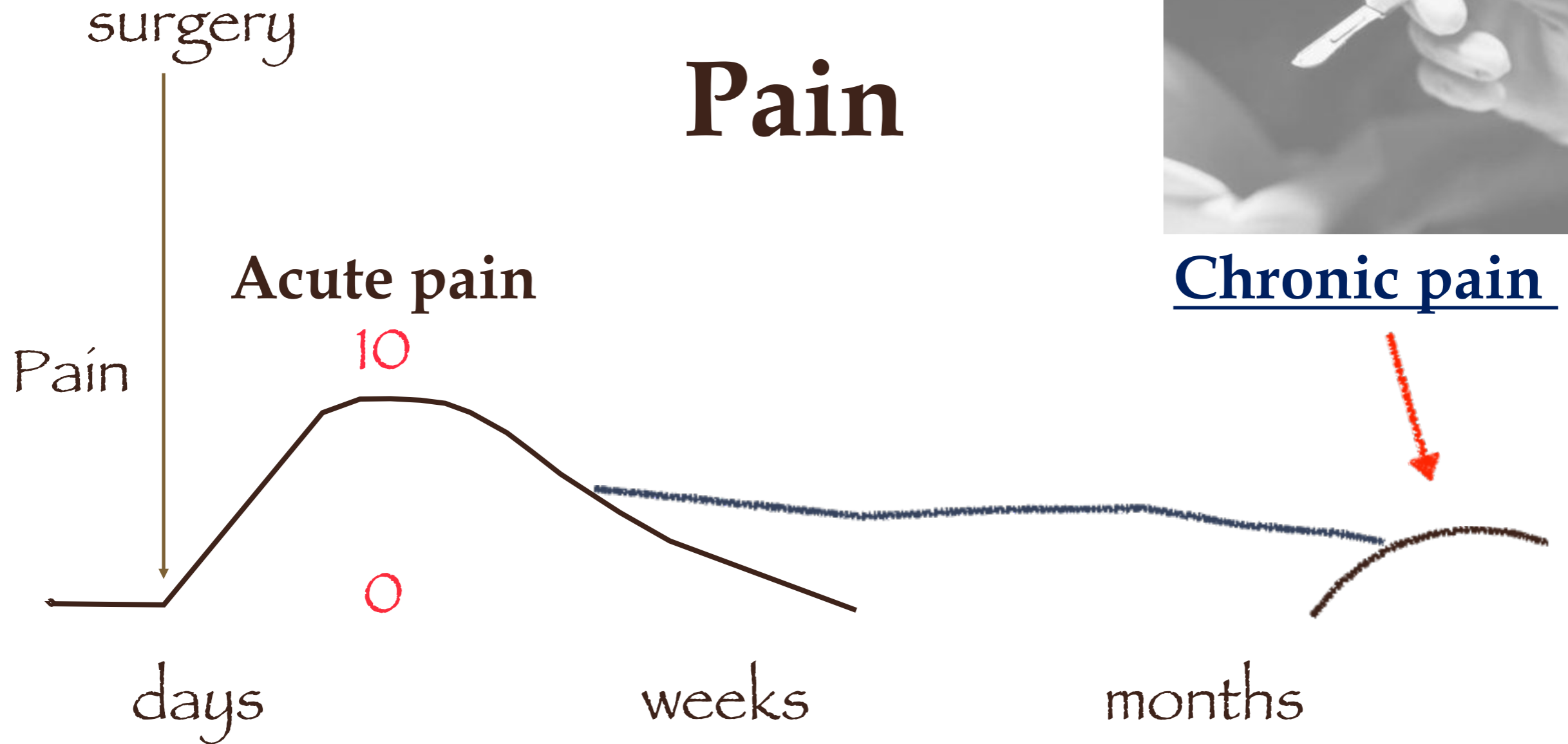
**Analgesic protocols**

**Preoperative pain, chronic pain**

**Anxiety, catastrophizing**

**Preoperative opioid use**

# Postoperative Pain

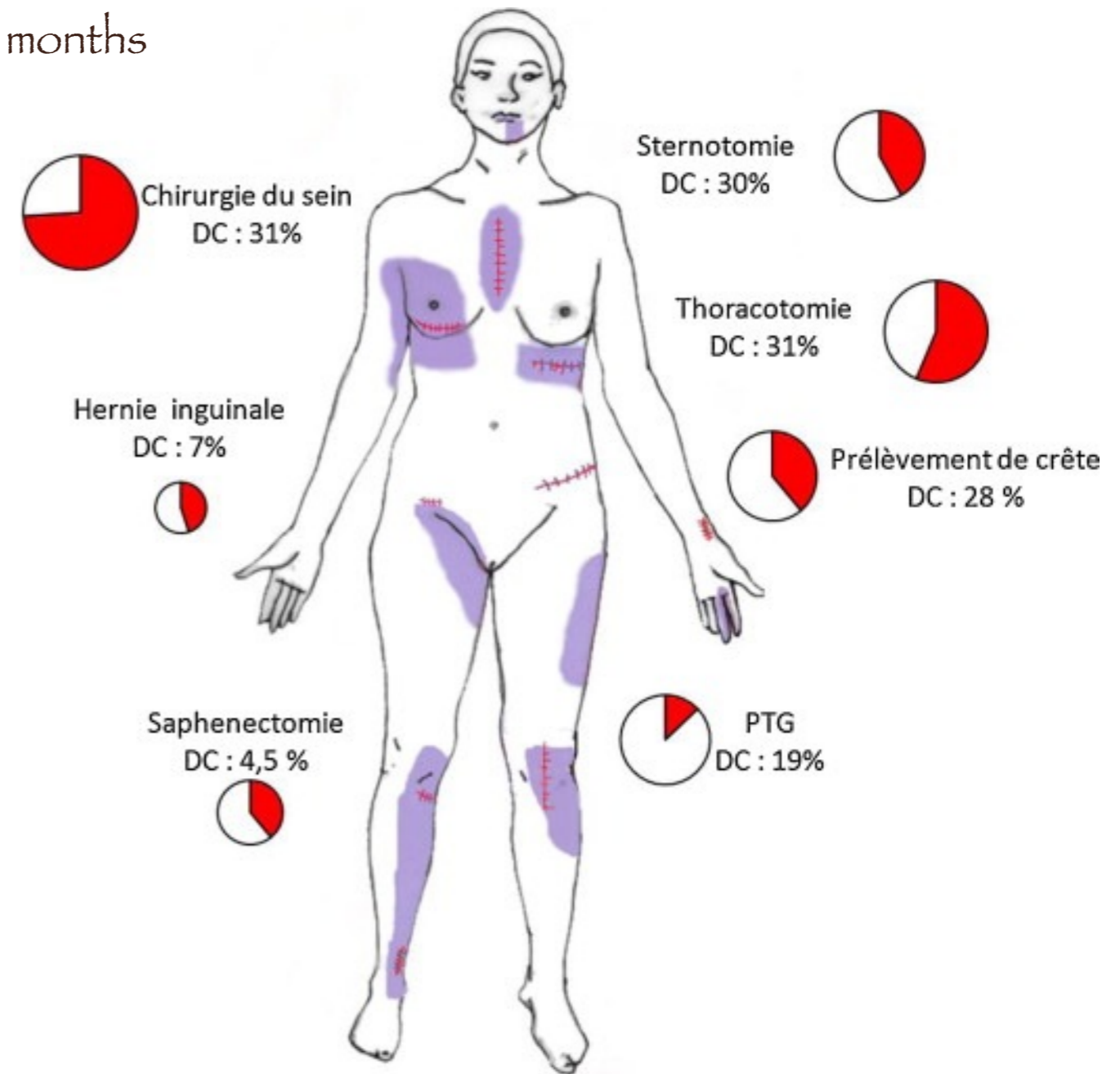


- 1) continuation of acute
- 2) delayed onset after asymptomatic time

# The incidence of chronic pain after surgical procedures

surgery	%
amputation	30-85
thoracotomy	5-67
mastectomy	11-57
ing. hernia repair	0-63
sternotomy	28-56
cholecystectomy	3-56
knee arthroplasty	19-43
prostatectomy	35
gynecological laparotomy	32
iliac crest bone graft harvest	30

> 2 months



V. Martínez et al. Annales Françaises d'Anesthésie et de Réanimation 2013

E.J. Visser. Acute Pain 2006



# Predictors for Chronic Postoperative Pain

Type of surgery, duration, repeat

Intensity / duration of acute post-op pain

Depression, anxiety, catastrophizing

Preexisting pain condition

Genetics, pain sensitivity, CPM



RESEARCH

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# Combined analysis of circulating $\beta$ -endorphin with gene polymorphisms in OPRM1, CACNA2D2 and ABCB1 reveals correlation with pain, opioid sensitivity and opioid-related side effects

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## Abstract

**Background:** Opioids are associated with wide inter-individual variability in the analgesic response and a narrow therapeutic index. This may be partly explained by the presence of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in genes encoding molecular entities involved in opioid metabolism and receptor activation. This paper describes the investigation of SNPs in three genes that have a functional impact on the opioid response: OPRM1, which codes for the  $\mu$ -opioid receptor; ABCB1 for the ATP-binding cassette B1 transporter enzyme; and the calcium channel complex subunit CACNA2D2. The genotyping was combined with an analysis of plasma levels of the opioid peptide  $\beta$ -endorphin in 80 well-defined patients with chronic low back pain scheduled for spinal fusion surgery, and with differential sensitivity to the opioid analgesic remifentanyl. This patient group was compared with 56 healthy controls.

**Results:** The plasma  $\beta$ -endorphin levels were significantly higher in controls than in pain patients. A higher incidence of opioid-related side effects and sex differences was found in patients with the minor allele of the ABCB1 gene. Further, a correlation between  $\beta$ -endorphin levels and pain sensitivity was confirmed. A tendency of a relationship between opioid sensitivity and the minor allele of OPRM1 was also found.

**Conclusions:** Although the sample cohort in this study was not large enough to observe significant correlations between  $\beta$ -endorphin levels and pain sensitivity and opioid response. Of particular interest was the correlation between pain sensitivity and the major CACNA2D2 allele. This study suggests that the treatment of chronic pain with opioids is modulated by genetic factors.

**Keywords:** Chronic pain, Opioid sensitivity,  $\beta$ -endorphin, OPRM1, Calcium channel subunit 2 (CACNA2D2), ATP-binding cassette B1 (ABCB1)

GENETICS

- pain sensitivity and modulation
- opioid sensitivity
- opioid-related side effects

# Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs)

COMT, GCH1, ABCB1  
CACNA2D2, OPRM1, SCN9A

opioid metabolism  
opioid receptor activity

# New Persistent Opioid Use After Minor and Major Surgical Procedures in US Adults

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## SPECIAL SERIES

### Chronic Opioid Usage in Surgical Patients in a Large Academic Center

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**IMPORTANCE** Despite increased focus on reducing opioid prescribing for long-term use, little is known regarding the incidence and risk factors for persistent opioid use after surgery.

**OBJECTIVE** To determine the incidence of new persistent opioid use after minor and major surgical procedures.

**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS** Using a nationwide insurance claims data...

Great majority of acute postoperative pain management is based on opioids

Opioid dependence as high as 26%  
100 deaths in the  
the total cost of  
estimated to be \$53.4  
per day per clinician and

surgery, parathyroidectomy, and carpal tunnel) and major surgical procedures (incisional hernia repair, colectomy, reflux surgery, bariatric surgery, and hysterectomy). We then assessed data for patient-level predictors of persistent opioid use.

**MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES** The primary outcome was defined a priori as new persistent opioid use, which was defined as opioid prescription fulfillment between 90 and 180 days after the surgical procedure.

#### RESULTS

Of 79,123 patients who underwent minor surgical procedures, the mean (SD) age was 54 (12) years (range, 18-93 years); 26,091 (33%) were women. The mean (SD) duration of opioid use was 1.2 (0.8) years, ranging from 0 to 10 years. Opioid use was only for pain management in 67% of patients included in the study.

and substance abuse disorders (aOR, 1.34; 95% CI, 1.05-1.72), mood disorders (aOR, 1.01-1.30), anxiety (aOR, 1.25; 95% CI, 1.10-1.42), and preoperative pain disorders (aOR, 1.57; 95% CI, 1.42-1.75; neck pain: aOR, 1.22; 95% CI, 1.07-1.39; arthritis: aOR, 1.40-1.73; and centralized pain: aOR, 1.39; 95% CI, 1.26-1.54).

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** New persistent opioid use after surgery is common. The incidence of new persistent opioid use after surgery is similar between minor and major surgical procedures but with

is high, and that significant disparities may exist among different surgical populations.

**Methods:** Data of opioid usage in outpatients among different surgical services were extracted from the electronic medical record database. Patient demographics, clinical characteristics of sex, age, race, body mass index (BMI), specialty visited, duration of opioid use, and opioid type were collected. Chronic opioid users were defined as patients who had been recorded as taking opioids for at least 90 days determined by the first and last visit dates under opioid usage during the investigation.

**Results:** There were 79,123 patients included in this study. The average prevalence of chronic opioid use was 9.2%, ranging from 4.4% to 23.8% among surgical specialties.

government action.

Over 100 million surgical procedures are performed annually in the United States. In 2010, 51.4 million inpatient procedures were performed in the United States;<sup>5</sup> another 53.3 million procedures were performed during ambulatory surgical visits.<sup>6</sup> Approximately 98.6% of these surgical patients received opioids during hospitalization.<sup>7</sup> The occurrence of chronic postsurgical pain varied from 10% to 50% depending on the type of operation.<sup>8</sup> A recent Canadian study demonstrated that 7.7% of opioid-naïve elderly patients were still on opioids a year subsequent to surgery.<sup>9</sup> The clinical epidemiology of chronic opioid usage in surgical patients is not well characterized. As

operative period and many are suffering with pain, we believe that chronic opioid usage in surgical patients may be identified through the results of our study are to determine the clinical epidemiology of chronic opioid usage in patients in a large medical center.

6-9% opioid naive patients still on opioids 3 months post op

to reduce chronic opioid usage in surgical patients.

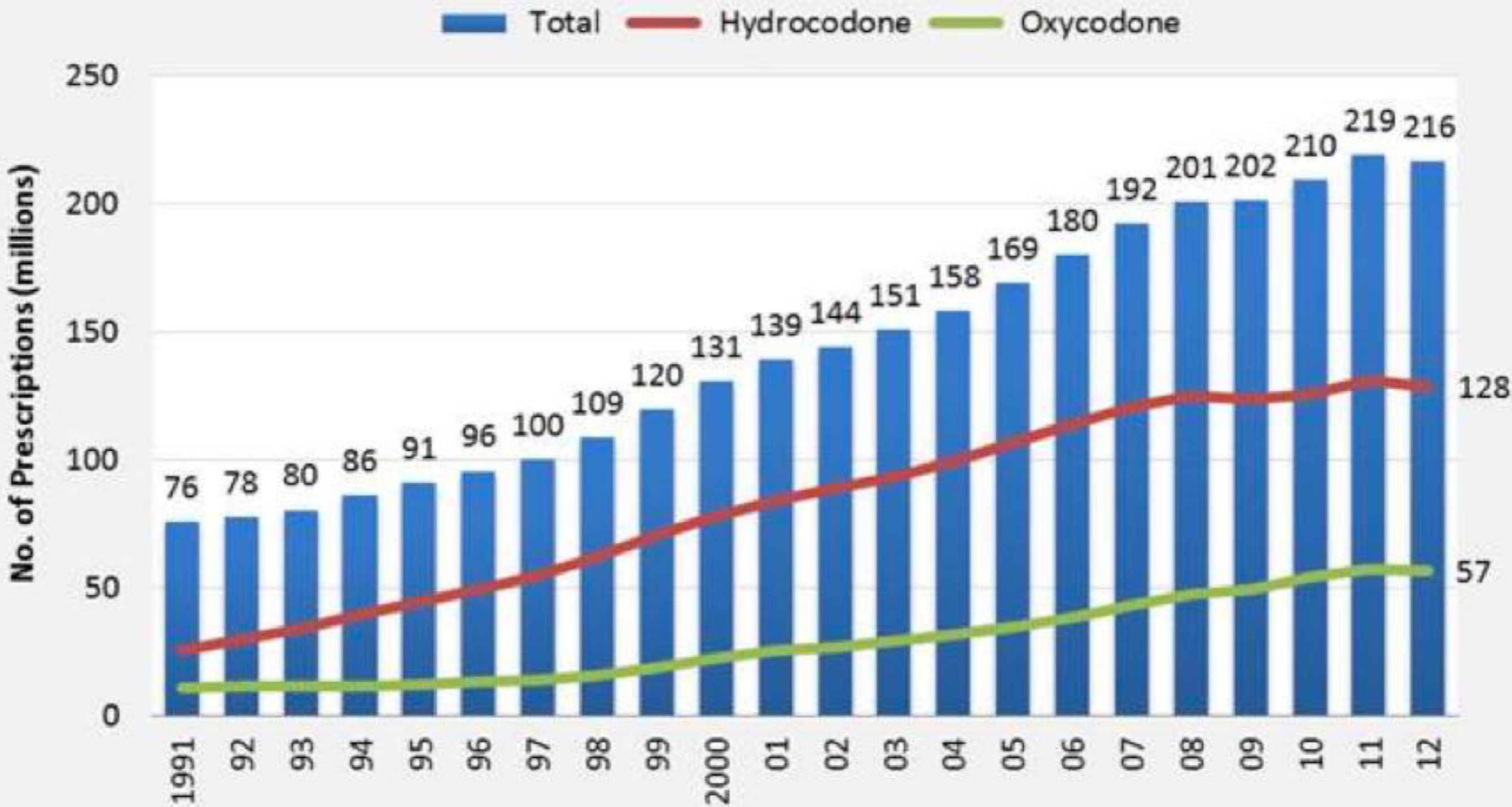
**Keywords:** chronic, opioids, prevalence, risk factor, surgical patients  
(Ann Surg 2017;265:722-727)

**D**uring the last decade, the use of opioids for pain management has dramatically increased. Sales and distribution of opioids in the United States have increased nearly 4-fold between 1997 and

This investigation protocol was approved and the written informed consent was waived by the Institutional Review Board of the University of Pennsylvania.

In this retrospective cross-sectional study, data from surgical patients' electronic medical records were extracted out of Clarity, an Epic analytical reporting database, using an SQL-driven crystal report at the University of Pennsylvania Health system. Data were cleaned using R statistical software. The inclusion criteria consisted of patients who had undergone a surgical procedure at the University of Pennsylvania Health System between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2014. Patients were included in the study if they had a procedure code that was associated with a surgical procedure. Patients were excluded if they had a procedure code that was associated with a non-surgical procedure, if they had a procedure code that was associated with a procedure that was performed in an ambulatory surgical center, or if they had a procedure code that was associated with a procedure that was performed in a hospital but not in the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

# Figure 4. Opioid Prescriptions Dispensed by US Retail Pharmacies



Source: IMS Vector One® National (VONA)

## CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain — United States, 2016



Continuing Education Examination available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/cme/conted.html>.



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Opioids are not first line therapy

Establish goals for pain and function

Discuss risks/benefits

Start with immediate release opioids

Lowest effective dose

Short duration Rx for acute pain

Evaluate benefits and harm

**Tolerance**

**Dependance**

**Immunosuppression**

**Addiction**

**Neurotoxicity**

**Opioid  
induced  
hyperalgesia**



**Constipation**

**Respiratory  
depression**

**Urinary  
retention**

**Sedation  
confusion**

**Mood and  
sleep  
disturbance**

**Hormonal  
changes**

# Postoperative Care Goals

**Minimize Pain**

Enhance Recovery

Improve Function

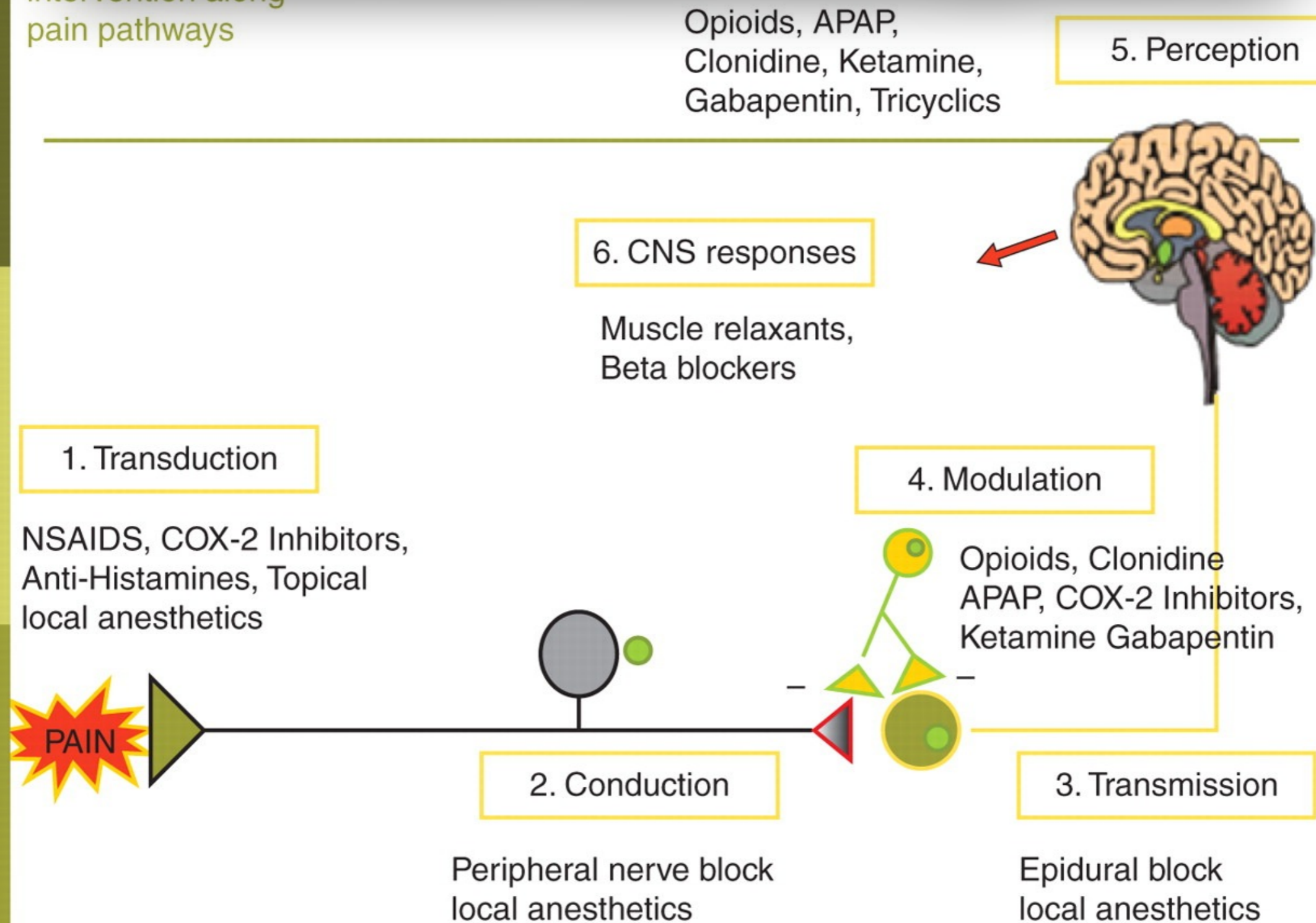
Shorten Hospital Stay

Improve Patient Satisfaction

**Decrease Opioid Use**

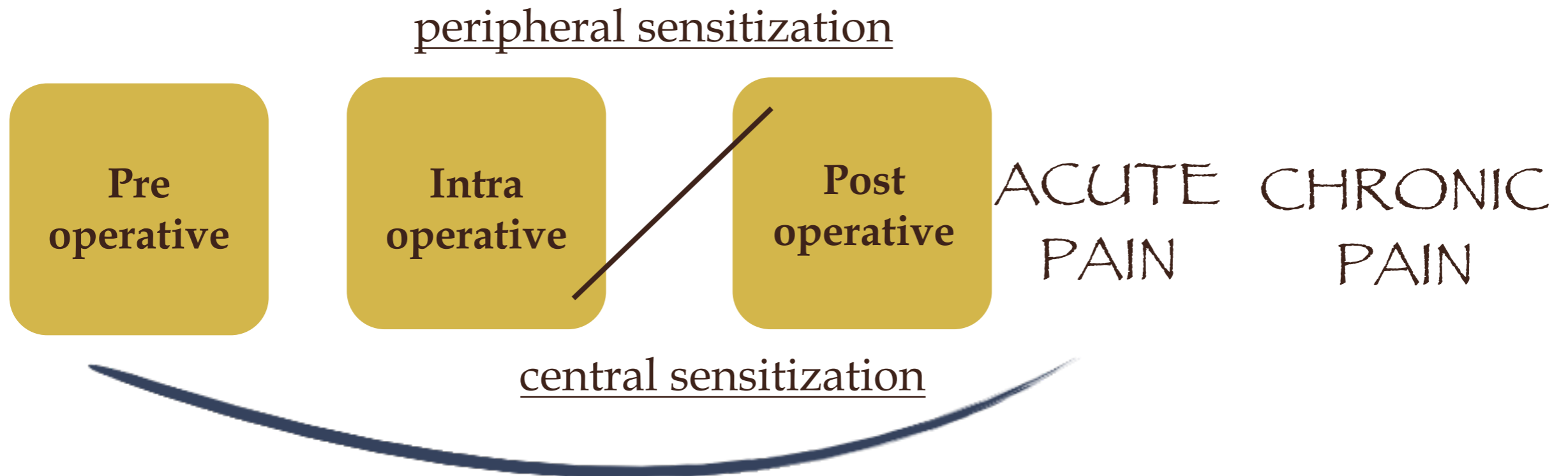
# Multimodal Analgesia

Pharmacological intervention along pain pathways





# Perioperative Period



Preventive  
analgesia

(completely block any pain  
and afferent signals  
from the surgical wound

from the incision time  
until final wound healing

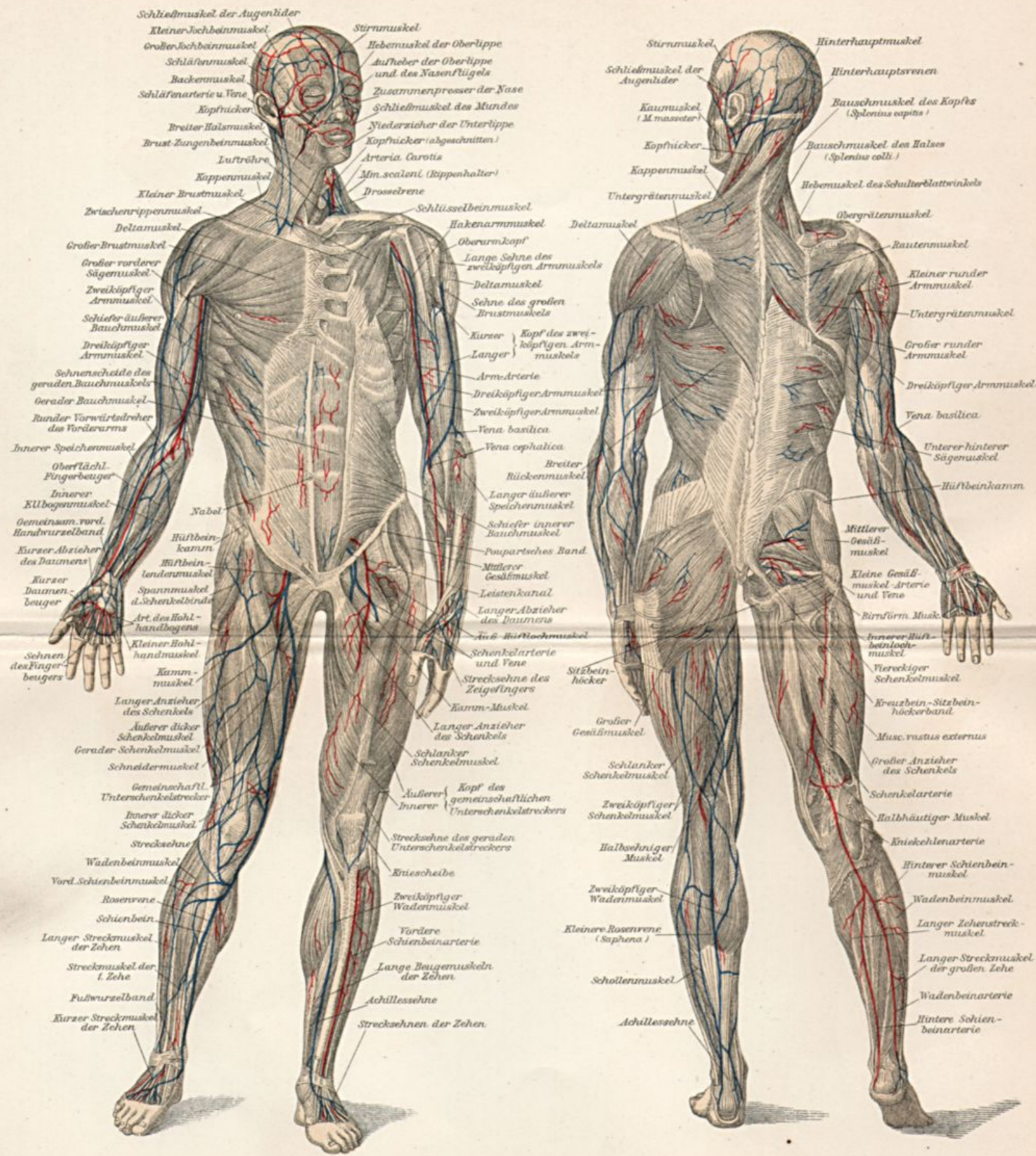


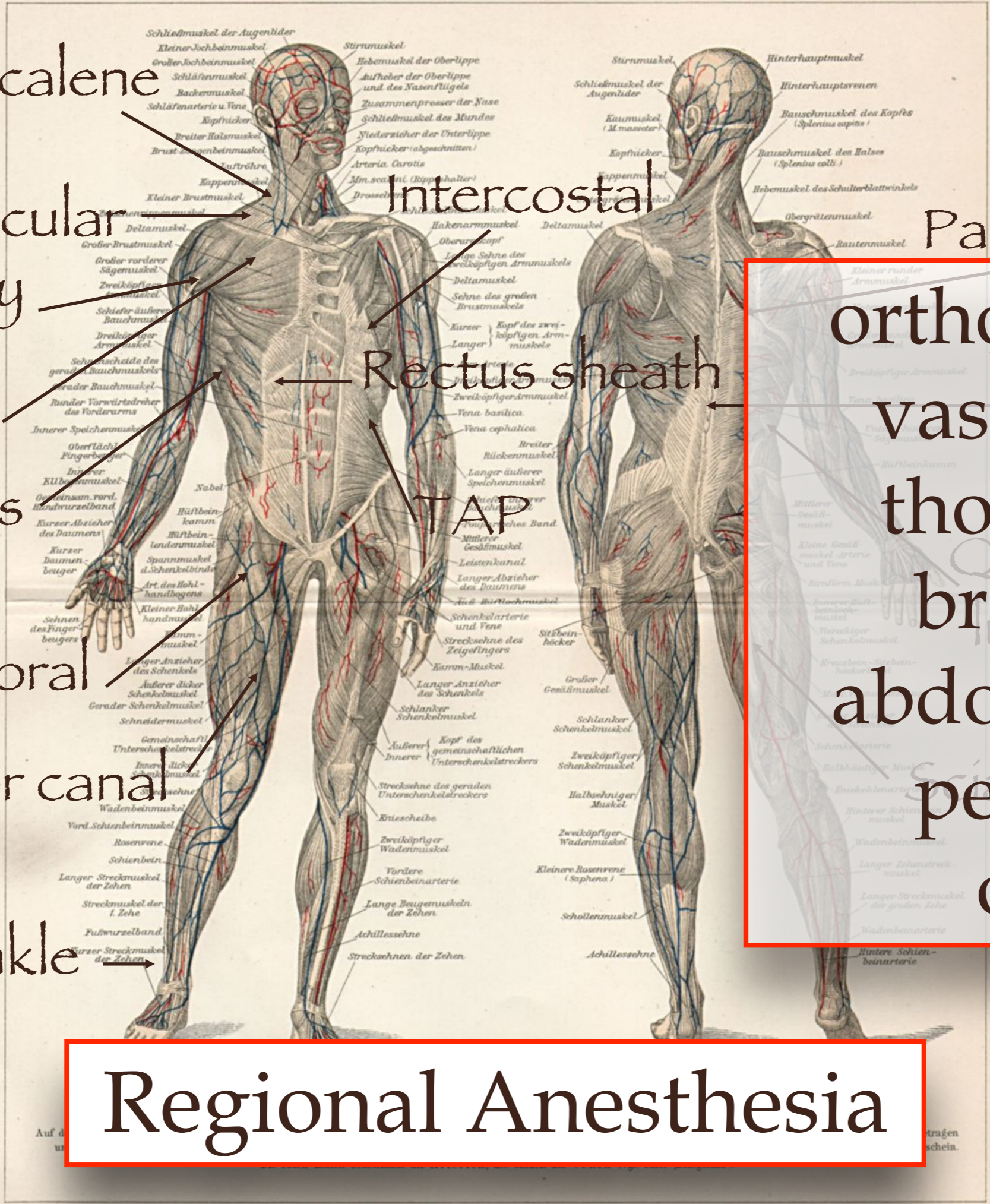
Fig. 1. Vorderansicht.

Fig. 2. Rückenansicht.

Auf der linken Körperhälfte sind am Halse, der Schulter, dem Unterarm und Oberschenkel die oberflächlichen Muskeln abgetragen worden.

Auf der rechten Körperhälfte sind die oberflächlichen Muskeln teilweise abgetragen worden, dadurch tritt die Schenkelarterie in ihrem ganzen Verlauf zum Vorschein.

Die roten Linien bezeichnen die Arterien, die blauen die Venen (vgl. Tafel „Blutgefäße“).



Interscalene

Supraclavicular

Axillary

PECs

Serratus

Femoral

Adductor canal

Ankle

Intercostal

Rectus sheath

TAP

Paravertebral

orthopedic  
vascular

thoracic  
breast

abdominal

pelvic

ob

# Regional Anesthesia

# Multimodal Analgesia

Agent	Mode	Effect
<b>NSAIDS</b>	prostgln. antiinflam, central	↓ pain, opioid use
<b>Acetaminophen</b>	central nocicept. inhibit.	pain, opioid use
<b>Dexamethasone</b>	antiinflam, antinocicept.	pain, opioid use, <u>LA duration*</u>
<b>Dexmedetomidine</b>	Alpha-2 agonist	pain, opioid use, <u>LA duration*</u>
<b>Ketamine</b>	NMDA antag.	pain, opioid use, tolerance
<b>Gabapentinoids</b>	Dcr. excit. NTs	pain, opioid use
<b>Lidocaine</b>	Na <sup>+</sup> chan., NMDA	pain, opioid use, ileus
Duloxetine, Venlafaxine	SNRI, desc. inhib.	decreased neuropathic pain
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**Patient and procedure specific analgesic planning**

# Perioperative Pain Management

Identify **high risk patients** (surgery type, risk factors)

**Pre-operative** pain management **evaluation**, patient **education** and psychological **counseling**

**Expand** the timing/duration and **modality** of preventive analgesia

# Perioperative Pain Management

**Pain management protocols utilizing multimodal analgesia (procedure specific)**

**Postoperative pain service evaluation and follow up**



## PROCEDURES:

- Abdominal Hysterectomy +
- C-Section +
- Colonic Resection +
- Haemorrhoid Surgery +
- Herniorraphy +
- Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy +
- Update
- Non-cosmetic Breast Surgery +
- Radical Prostatectomy +
- Thoracotomy +
- Total Hip Arthroplasty +
- Total Knee Arthroplasty +
- PROSPECT Methodology +

Archive

## AFFILIATES:



## WHY PROSPECT?

There is growing evidence that the efficacy of analgesic agents differs between surgical procedures<sup>1</sup>

Current analgesic information is often derived by pooling data from a variety of surgical procedures (e.g. numbers needed to treat or harm: NNT or NNH<sup>1</sup>)

Evidence shows that current postoperative pain management is not optimal – See Evidence

Therefore, postoperative pain management protocols may be optimised by examining procedure-specific outcomes<sup>1</sup>

1. Gray A, Kehlet H, Bonnet F, Rawal N. Predicting postoperative analgesic outcomes: NNT league tables or procedure-specific evidence? Br J Anaesth 2005; 94 (6): 710–14. Abstract

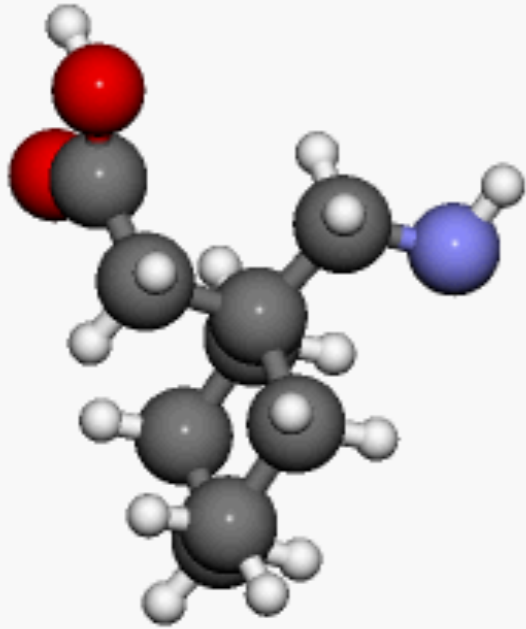
## WHY PROCEDURE-SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS?



# THANK YOU

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# Gabapentin, Pregabalin

structural **GABA analogs**  
(chronic) neuropathic pain agents

selective **inhibition of voltage dependent  $Ca^{++}$  channels** in  
activated neuron

**decrease glutamate, norepinephrine and substance P release**

interact/enhance descending inhibitory noradrenergic  
pathways

modulate **NMDA** receptors

CME

# Preventive Analgesia by Local Anesthetics: The Reduction of Postoperative Pain by Peripheral Nerve Blocks and Intravenous Drugs

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The use of local anesthetics to reduce acute postoperative pain has a long history, but recent reports have not been systematically reviewed. In addition, the need to include only those clinical studies that meet minimum standards for randomization and blinding must be adhered to. In this review, we have applied stringent clinical study design standards to identify publications on the use of perioperative local anesthetics. We first examined several types of peripheral nerve blocks, covering a variety of surgical procedures, and second, we examined the effects of intentionally administered IV local anesthetic (lidocaine) for suppression of postoperative pain. Thirdly, we have examined publications in which vascular concentrations of local anesthetics were measured at different times after peripheral nerve block procedures, noting the incidence when those levels reached ones achieved during intentional IV administration. Importantly, the very large number of studies using neuraxial blockade techniques (epidural, spinal) has not been included in this review but will be dealt with separately in a later review. The overall results showed a strongly positive effect of local anesthetics, by either route, for suppressing postoperative pain scores and analgesic (opiate) consumption. In only a few situations were the effects equivocal. Enhanced effectiveness with the addition of adjuvants was not uniformly apparent. The differential benefits between drug delivery before, during, or immediately after a surgical procedure are not obvious, and a general conclusion is that the significant antihyperalgesic effects occur when the local anesthetic is present during the acute postoperative period, and its presence during surgery is not essential for this action. (*Anesth Analg* 2013;116:1141–61)

AA 2013

- Nerve blocks by local anesthetics improve postoperative analgesia compared with placebo or PCA and decrease opioid requirements
- Significant antihyperalgesic effects occur when the local anesthetic is present during the acute postoperative period

and hospital discharge, decreases acute morbidity, and may well reduce the probability of developing chronic

publications for a complete collection, keeping in mind the importance of inclusion criteria for discerning among

# PPS Pain Mechanisms

- Ectopic nerve discharge (neuroma)
- Peripheral nociceptive sensitization at the site of injury
- Central neuronal sensitization at spinal/supraspinal sites
- CNS inflammatory changes triggered by injury-induced proliferation of immunologically active microglia and astrocytes
- Reactive/compensatory MSK changes after surgery
- Impaired nociceptive inhibitory modulation
- Enhanced nociceptive facilitatory modulation