

SPLANCHNIC NERVE BLOCK

PROCEDURE:

- 1) Splanchnic nerve block A
- 2) Fluoroscopic needle guidance

REASON FOR PROCEDURE: B

PHYSICIAN:

MEDICATIONS INJECTED: 12 mL of bupivacaine 0.5% (6 mL per side)

LOCAL ANESTHETIC USED: 9 mL of 1% lidocaine

SEDATION MEDICATIONS: C

ESTIMATED BLOOD LOSS: None

COMPLICATIONS: None

TECHNIQUE: Time-out was taken to identify the correct patient, procedure and side prior to starting the procedure. With the patient lying prone, the area to be injected was widely prepped and draped in the usual sterile fashion using DuraPrep and a fenestrated drape. The anatomical target site was determined using fluoroscopy by squaring off the superior endplate of T12, ipsilaterally obliquing the C-arm intensifier until the tip of the T12 transverse process was at the anterolateral border of the T12 vertebral body, and then moving the C-arm intensifier caudal to move the 12th rib out of the fluoroscopic target view. Local anesthetic was given by raising a skin wheal and going down to the hub of the 27-gauge 1.25-inch needle. A 22-gauge D -inch Quincke needle was advanced at the midbody of T12 to a point in the anterior one-third of the T12 vertebral body utilizing A-P and lateral intermittent fluoroscopy. 2-3 mL of Omnipaque 240 contrast was injected to show unilateral spread along the anterolateral surface of the T12 vertebral body, and no vascular uptake. The above technique was then repeated for the opposite side with contrast injected again to show unilateral spread superior and inferior along the anterolateral T12 body. Medication was then injected slowly in 3 mL increments after negative aspirations of the needle to confirm the needle had not slipped intravascular.

The procedure was completed without complications and was tolerated well. The patient was monitored after the procedure. The patient (or responsible party) was given post-procedure and discharge instructions to follow at home. The patient was discharged in stable condition. A follow-up appointment was made.

Pre-procedure pain score: 9/10

Post-procedure pain score: 0/10

Notes: Talk about relief since last injection, or any interim events if you haven't seen them in clinic since the last injection, or improved function examples. Maybe mention a particular positioning change for that patient or that they were especially sensitive to the lidocaine sticks. Add anything that will help you on your next injections.