

# Break Free from the Cycle: Steps to Implementing an Opioid-Sparing Emergency Department

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# Opium Wars Episode IV: A New Hope

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# **Objectives**

• Interpret and apply current evidence regarding acute pain management



#### Case 1

44 year old male, left femur fracture

**Refusing opioids** – former heroin user (10 years sober)

What can we do for his pain?



#### Case 2

17 year old female, peritonsillar abscess

Requiring needle aspiration

"Deathly afraid of needles"



# Pain: The Fifth Vital Sign



# Opioid prescribing among specialties, 2015

Specialty	Opioid Rx - n, millions (%)	Opioid Rx/Total Rx (%)
Family medicine	52.5 (18.2)	5.6
Internal medicine	43.6 (15.1)	4.8
Non-physician prescriber	32.2 (11.2)	7.2
<b>General practice</b>	32.2 (11.2)	7.5
Surgery	28.3 (9.8)	36.5
Dentistry	18.5 (6.4)	29.0
Pain medicine	14.5 (5.0)	48.6
<b>Emergency medicine</b>	12.5 (4.3)	20.7
Physical med and rehab	9.3 (3.2)	35.5
All others	45.3 (15.7)	3.6



#### Treat 'em and street 'em

- Top ED medications
  - 0.9% sodium chloride
  - Acetaminophen
  - Ondansetron
  - Morphine
  - Aspirin

- Top ED discharge Rx
  - Acetaminophen
  - Ondansetron
  - APAP/oxycodone
  - Tramadol
  - Cephalexin

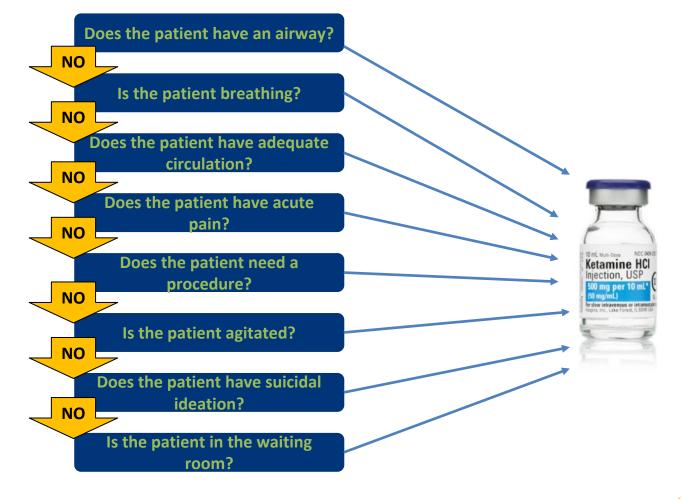


# **ALTO<sup>SM</sup> Program**

Extremity fracture or dislocation	<ul> <li>Nitrous oxide + intranasal ketamine</li> <li>Ultrasound-guided regional anesthesia</li> </ul>
Musculoskeletal pain	<ul> <li>Ibuprofen + acetaminophen</li> <li>Lidocaine or diclofenac patches</li> <li>Cyclobenzaprine or diazepam</li> <li>Trigger-point or other soft tissue injection</li> </ul>

St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey Alternatives to Opiates (ALTO)









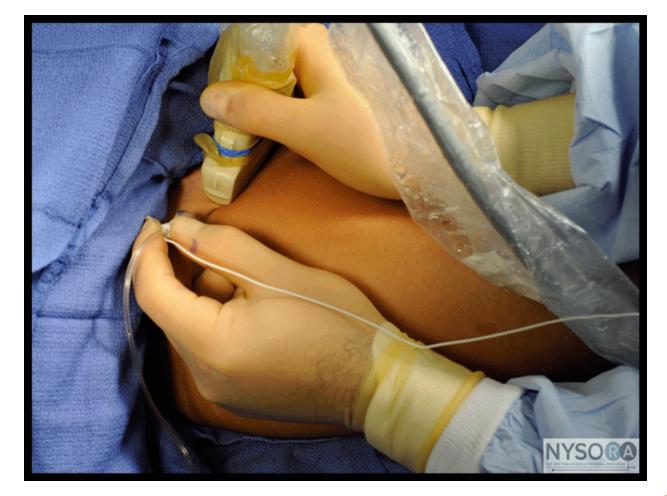
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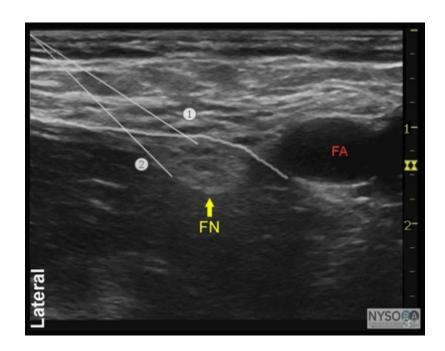
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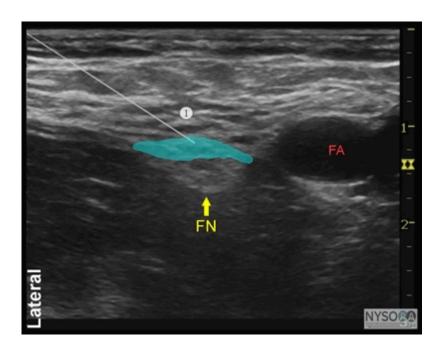






#### Femoral Nerve Block - FNB



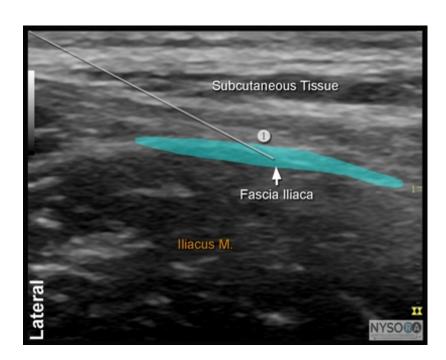


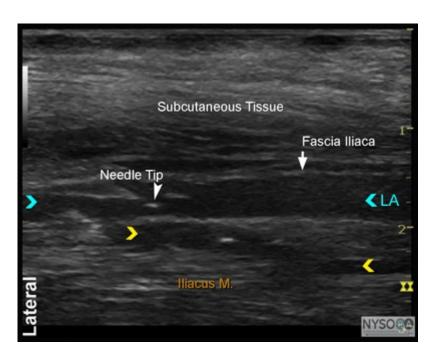
**Ultrasound-Guided Femoral Nerve Block.** 

https://www.nysora.com/ultrasound-guided-femoral-nerve-block



#### Fascia Iliaca Block - FINB





**Ultrasound-Guided Fascia Iliaca Block.** 

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# New Kid On The (regional) Block

Indications (too many to list)

- Contraindications
  - Allergies to anesthetic agent
  - Infection at the site
  - Therapeutic anticoagulation (relative)
  - Previous femoral bypass (relative)



# **Systematic review**

9 RCTs, N= 547

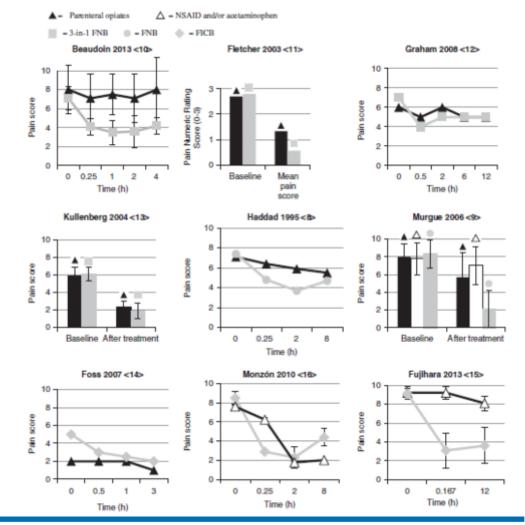
Emergency physician in 5 studies

Ultrasound guidance = 1

Bupivacaine / Mepivacaine(±epi) / Ropivacaine

Primary outcome - reduction in pain

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#### **Ultrasound Guided FNB**

- Blinded, RCT (N=33)
- Femoral neck or intertrochanteric fractures

FNB- 25 mL of 0.5% bupivacaine plus morphine

SC- Morphine alone plus sham nerve block



Outcome	FNB Group	SC Group	p-value
Pain scores			
NRS			
Baseline	8.3 (5 to 10)	8.0 (5 to 10)	0.300
4 hours	4.0 (0 to 10)	8.0 (6 to 10)	<0.001*
SPID	11.0 (-4.0 to 44.0)	4.0 (-7.0 to 11)	0.001*
%SPID (%)	36.9 (-25 to 100)	13.4 (-25 to 27.5)	0.001*
33%SPID, n (%)	12 (67)	0 (0)	<0.001*
Parenteral analgesia			
Preprocedure morphine (mg)	3.0 (0.0 to 20.0)	5.5 (0.0 to 16.0)	0.489
Rescue morphine (mg)	0.0 (0.0 to 6.0)	5.0 (0.0 to 21.0)	0.028*
Adverse events			
Hypotension, n (%)	0 (0)	3 (17)	0.229
Respiratory depression, n (%)	4 (22)	9 (50)	0.164
Nausea/vomiting, n (%)	5 (28)	5 (28)	1.000

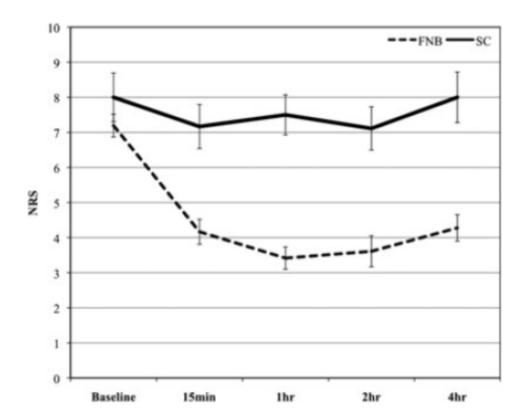
Unless otherwise specified, data are presented as median (range).

FNB = femoral nerve block; NRS = numeric rating scale; SC = standard care; SPID = summed pain-intensity difference.

Hypotension defined as systolic BP < 100 mm Hg at any time during study period; respiratory depression defined as hypoxia (room air  $O_2$  sat < 92% or need for supplemental  $O_2$  any time during study period) or hypopnea (respiratory rate < 10 breaths/min)

\*Statistically significant (p < 0.05).







#### LAST but not least

- LAST Have lipid in the department
  - Blunt tip needles / epinephrine mixtures
- Neuropathy/nerve damage
- Fall risk



#### **Bottom Line**

- At least as effective as opioids
- Decrease opioid use/adverse effects?
- Supports safety and feasibility in most EDs (as fast as 4 minutes)
- Drug shortages
  - Liposomal bupivacaine / diphenhydramine not options







### Nitrous Oxide - Analgesia

 $N_2O \rightarrow CRF \rightarrow Endogenous opioids (midbrain)$ Inhibits GABAergic interneuron (pons) Increased NE  $\rightarrow \alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_{2B}$  (spinal chord) Reduces ascending pain impulses

PMID: 18813051 CRF, corticotropin-releasing factor; NE, norepinephrine



# **Why Nitrous Oxide?**

# Rapid onset / short duration

Patient controlled analgesia

PMID: 27073749

PMID: 11593469

PMID: 19464612

PMID: 23406077

PMID: 28190665



## **Indications / Uses**

- Laceration
- Lumbar punctures
- Venipuncture
- Incision and drainage
- Wound care
- Orthopedic injuries
- Musculoskeletal pain
- Abdominal pain



#### Nitrous oxide contraindications

- "Trapped air"
  - Pneumothorax
  - COPD
  - Pneumocephalus
  - Intraocular air bubbles
  - Middle ear effusions
  - Air embolism
  - Bowel obstruction
  - Decompression sickness
- Laryngospasm



# **Nitrous Oxide complications**

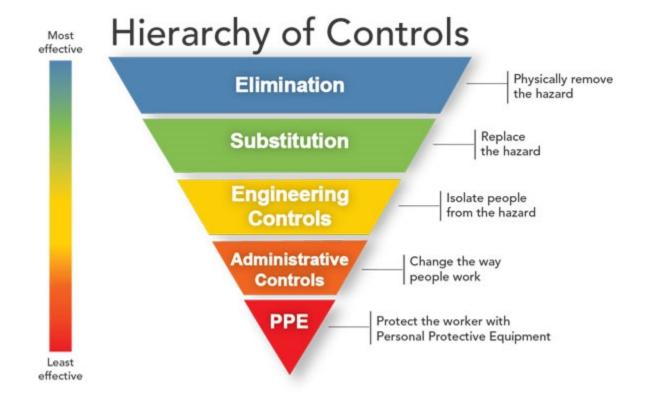
- Abuse
- Workplace health hazard
- B12 deficiency
  - Chronic use of nitrous oxide → hematologic problems,
     bone marrow suppression, and CNS toxicity
- Impact on opioid prescriptions?



## **Effective analgesia that disappeared**

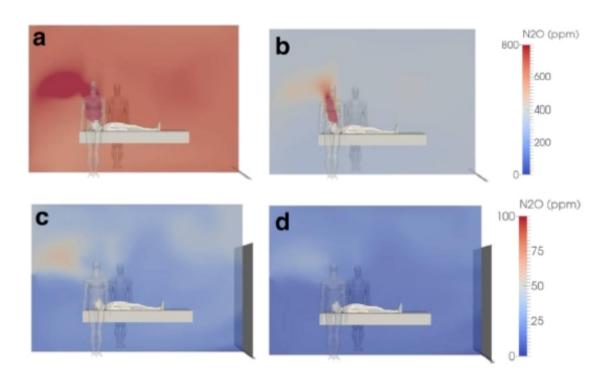
# Prevalent in EDs in the 80's and 90's What happened?







# It's complicated...





#### Nitrous oxide – Bottom Line

- Effective analgesia and sedation (patient controlled)
- Impact on opioid prescriptions at discharge (similar to every other opioid sparing program)
- Workplace safety / abuse potential



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#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

1) MULTIMODAL PAIN MANAGEMENT

2) OPIOIDS HAVE A PLACE IN CARE, JUST NOT AS DEFAULT ANALGESIA

3) THOROUGH CONSIDERATIONS OF NOVEL/REINTRODUCED THERAPIES



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## **Opium Wars Episode VI:** Return of the Protocols

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## **Objective**

- Design a non-opioid treatment regimen for patients with acute pain presenting to the emergency department
- Recommend strategies for the development and successful implementation of an opioid sparing emergency department



## I just learned about non-opioid strategies from this guy...now what?

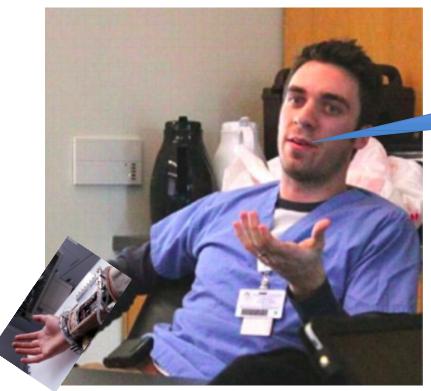


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#### **Clinical Situation**

 As the ED pharmacist at a well-staffed hospital located on a tropical island, LotsOfKeta General, you recognize the opioid epidemic is affecting your hospital. You would like to implement alternatives to opioid (ALTO) regimen to the ED but unsure of what to do. So you attended this talk...action....

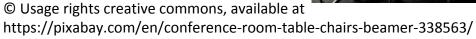




## Rally the troops

- Emergency medicine administration
- Nursing administration
- Pharmacy administration
- Hospital administration
- Pain/anesthesia team







## **Implementation Discussion Points**

- What current protocols and order sets do we have?
- What committees/groups does this have to go through?
- Do I have to evaluate state laws and scope of practice?
- How are we going to educate?
- Pharmacy considerations
  - Stocking
  - Preparation



## How are you going to implement ALTO?

- A single drug protocol (ketamine, lidocaine, etc.)
- Disease state protocol (headache/migraine, renal colic, etc.)
- Orderset



#### **IT Considerations**

- Protocol/order set built in CPOE
- Infusion pumps update (if applicable)
- Implementing monitoring
  - Documentation of metrics (vitals, pain scores, etc...)



#### **Educate & Reeducate**

- Don't just educate once or in one format
  - Emails
  - Presentations
  - Signs
  - Orientation
- Be open to suggestions/input



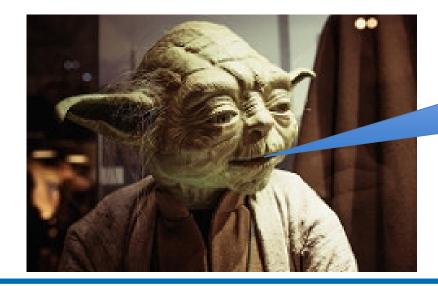
## I don't know...I'm worried about my patient satisfaction scores

- Following ALTO Implementation at Swedish Medical Center
- > 20% reduction in opioid use per day (per morphine equivalents)
- No change in Press-Ganey patient satisfaction scores related to pain



#### **Clinical Situation**

 You have gotten the team together and have agreed to implement something...a team member says "can't we just ask someone on a listserv for protocols"?"...Fear not!!



# FEAR LEADS TO ANGER ANGER LEADS TO HATE HATE LEADS TO MISUSING OPIOIDS

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## **Implementing Lidocaine**

- Dosing/concentration
- Preparation
- Monitoring
- Repeat dosing/continuous infusions



## **Implementing Ketamine**

- Legal & policy considerations
- Dosing/concentration/administration
- Repeat dosing/continuous infusions
- Monitoring



#### **Evaluate Current Order Sets**

- How many give the option of an opioid?
- Discharge prescriptions
- Incorporating prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP)



DO OR DO NOT THERE IS NO TRY

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## **Creating Disease State Protocols**

- Assess agents commonly used and formulary/dispensing locations
- Don't forget about non-pharmacologic therapies!!!
- Opt-in or opt-out of choices?
- Make sure to re-evaluate/update when new data is released



## Migraine/Headache

1<sup>st</sup> Line

- Prochlorperazine 10 mg IV + diphenhydramine 25 mg IV
- Ketorolac 10 mg IV
- 0.9% NaCl 1000 mL

2<sup>nd</sup> Line

- Metoclopramide 10 mg IV
- Acetaminophen 1 gm PO
- Trigger point injection with lidocaine

3<sup>rd</sup> Line

- Haloperidol 5 mg IV
- Magnesium 2 gm IV
- Valproic acid 500 mg IV



#### **Renal Colic**

1<sup>st</sup> Line

Acetaminophen 1 gm PO

Ketorolac 10 mg IV

2<sup>nd</sup> Line

Lidocaine 1.5 mg/kg IV

3<sup>rd</sup> Line

- Ketamine 0.3 mg/kg IV
- Intranasal desmopressin (?)



#### **Musculoskeletal Pain**

- Non-IV Options
  - Acetaminophen, ibuprofen
  - Lidocaine 5% patch
  - Diclofenac topical
  - Ketamine intranasal
  - Trigger-point injection

- IV Options
  - Ketamine
  - Ketorolac
  - Diazepam



#### **Clinical Situation**

 Now we return to LotsofKeta General where you and the team have successfully implemented ALTO regimens into your ED...now what??



#### **Monitor**

- Follow-up on use
  - Being used? Is there less opioid use?
  - Adequately treating pain?
  - Has there been any ADR or medication safety issues?

Sounds like a future
MUE for my
residents



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## **Key Takeaways**

- 1) TEAM WORK WILL MAKE THE DREAM WORK
- 2) ORDERSETS & PROTOCOLS ARE KEY TO IMPLEMENTING ALTO INTO THE ED

3) IMPLEMENTING ALTO TAKES TIME REPATIENT & DON'T GET



ALWAYS PASS ON WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED

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#### **Question 1**

- Which of the following is a common adverse effect seen with IV lidocaine?
  - A. Dizziness
  - B. Cardiac dysrhythmia
  - C. Hypertension
  - D. Respiratory depression



#### **Question 2**

- Which of the following is/are important to consider when implementing a ketamine protocol in the ED?
  - A. Hospital protocols and state laws should be evaluated as ketamine is labeled as an anesthetic and a controlled substance
  - B. There are several commercially available concentrations of ketamine
  - C. Diluting and administering over 15 minutes reduces unreality
  - D. All of the above



#### **Question 3**

- Patient Yo Da is a 900 year old male presenting today with left sided flank pain and reports his pain score at a "10/9 pain is". Patient states "meditate I have, but still in pain I am". He reports no allergies and has no past medical history. The medical team has a strong suspicion for renal colic. Which of the following would you recommend as a first line agent for his pain?
  - A. Hydromorphone 0.5 mg IV
  - B. Ketorolac 30 mg IV
  - C. Lidocaine 1.5 mg/kg IV
  - D. Ketorolac 10 mg IV

