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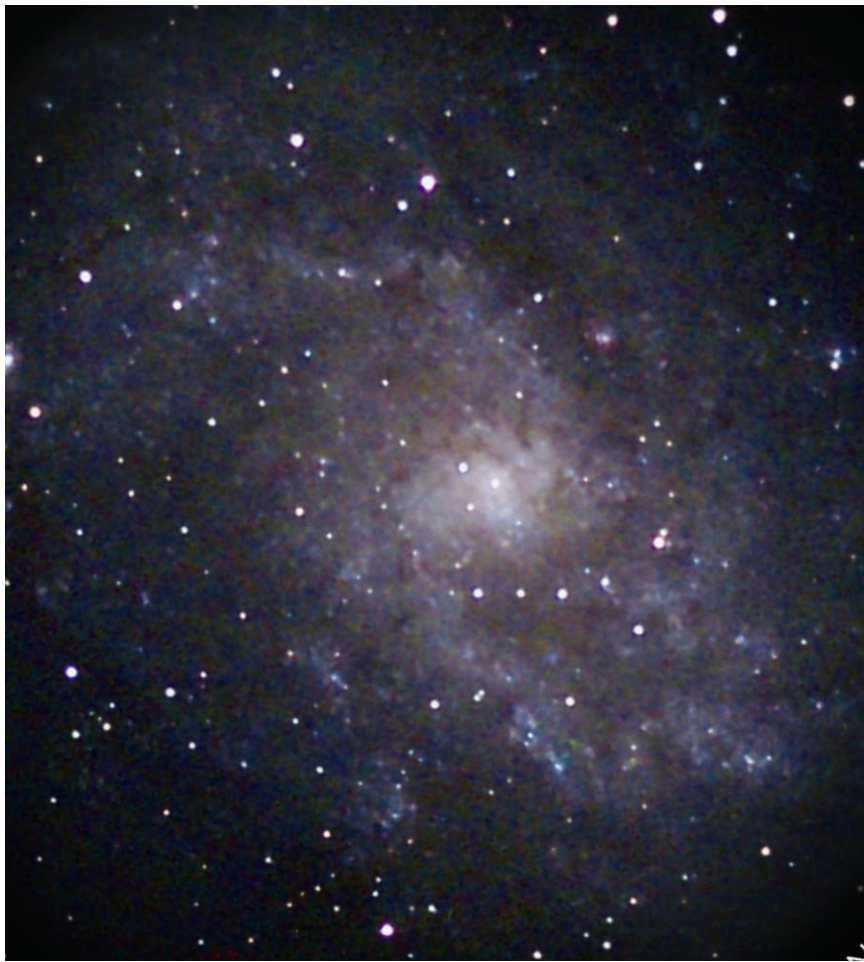
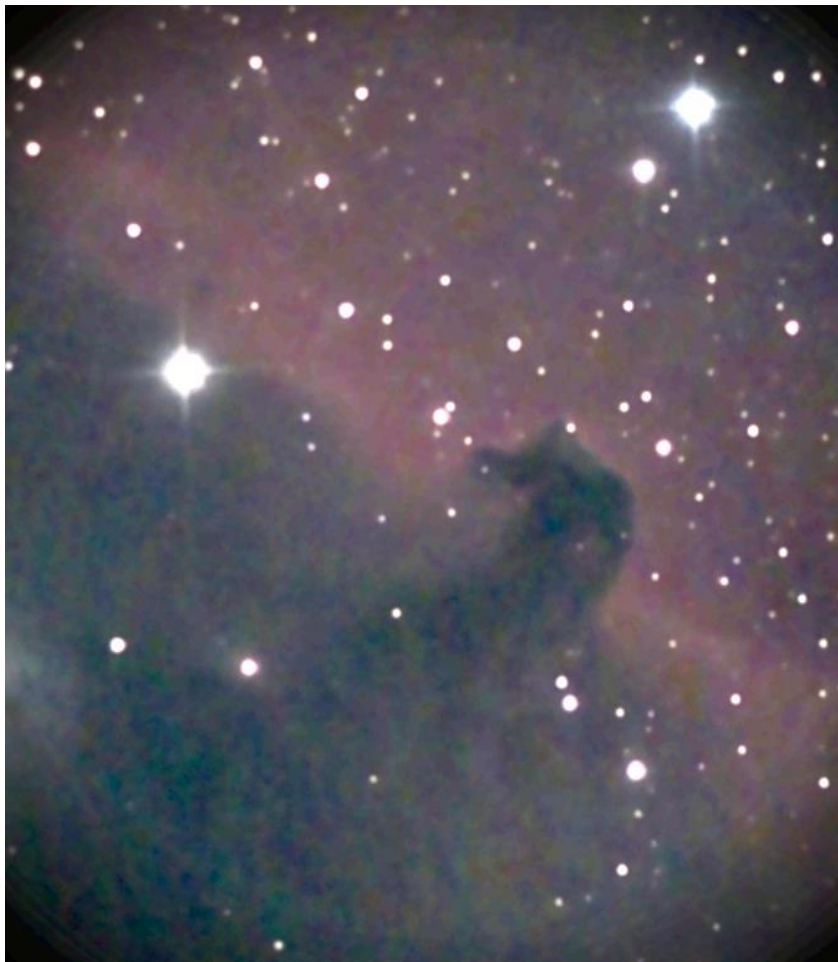
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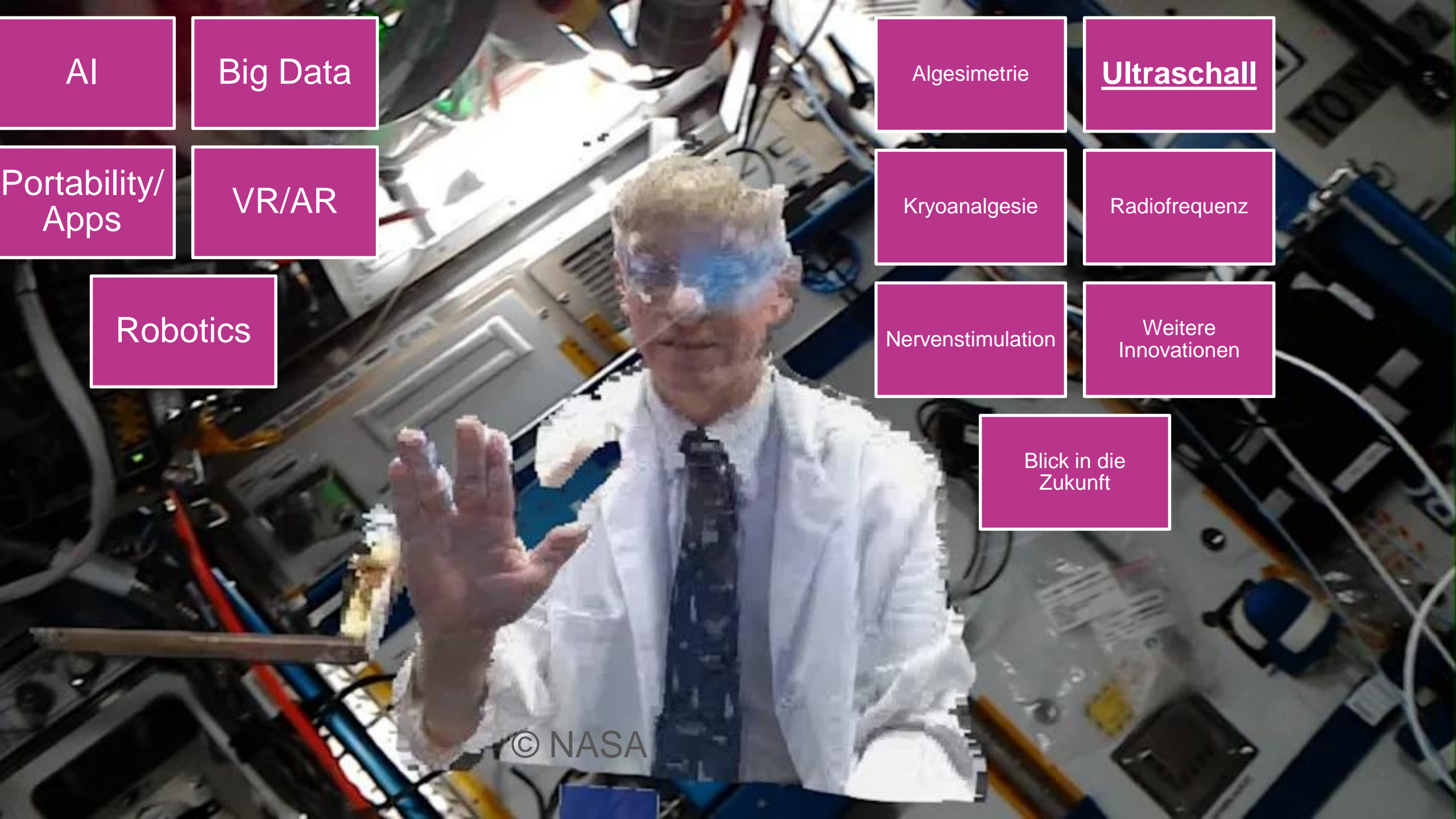








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AI predicts patients at highest risk for severe pain, increased opioid use post-surgery

by American Society of Anesthesiologists

Artificial intelligence (AI) used in machine learning models can predict which patients are at highest risk for severe pain after surgery, and help determine who would most benefit from personalized pain management plans that use non-opioid alternatives, suggests new research being presented at the ANESTHESIOLOGY 2020 annual meeting.

In the two-part study, researchers looked at data from 5,944 patients who had a wide variety of surgeries, including gallbladder removal, hysterectomy, hip replacement and prostate surgery. Of those, 1,287 (22%) had consumed 90 morphine milligram equivalent (MME) in the first 24 hours after surgery, which is considered a high dose. In the first part of the study, they used 163 potential factors to predict high pain post-surgery, based on a literature search and consultation with experts. From there they created three machine learning algorithm models (logistical regression, random forest and [artificial neural networks](#)) that mined the patients' medical records and whittled the 163 predictor factors down to those which most accurately predicted patients' pain severity and potential opioid needs after surgery.

In the second part, they compared what the models predicted to actual opioid use in those same patients. They determined all three models had similar predictive accuracy overall: 81% for logistical regression and random forest methods and 80% for artificial neural networks. That means the models accurately identified which people were more likely to have severe pain and need higher doses of opioids about 80% of the time.

"Electronic medical records are a valuable and underused source of patient data and can be employed effectively to enhance patients' lives," said Dr. Soens. "Selectively identifying [patients](#) who typically need high doses of opioids after surgery is important to help reduce opioid misuse."

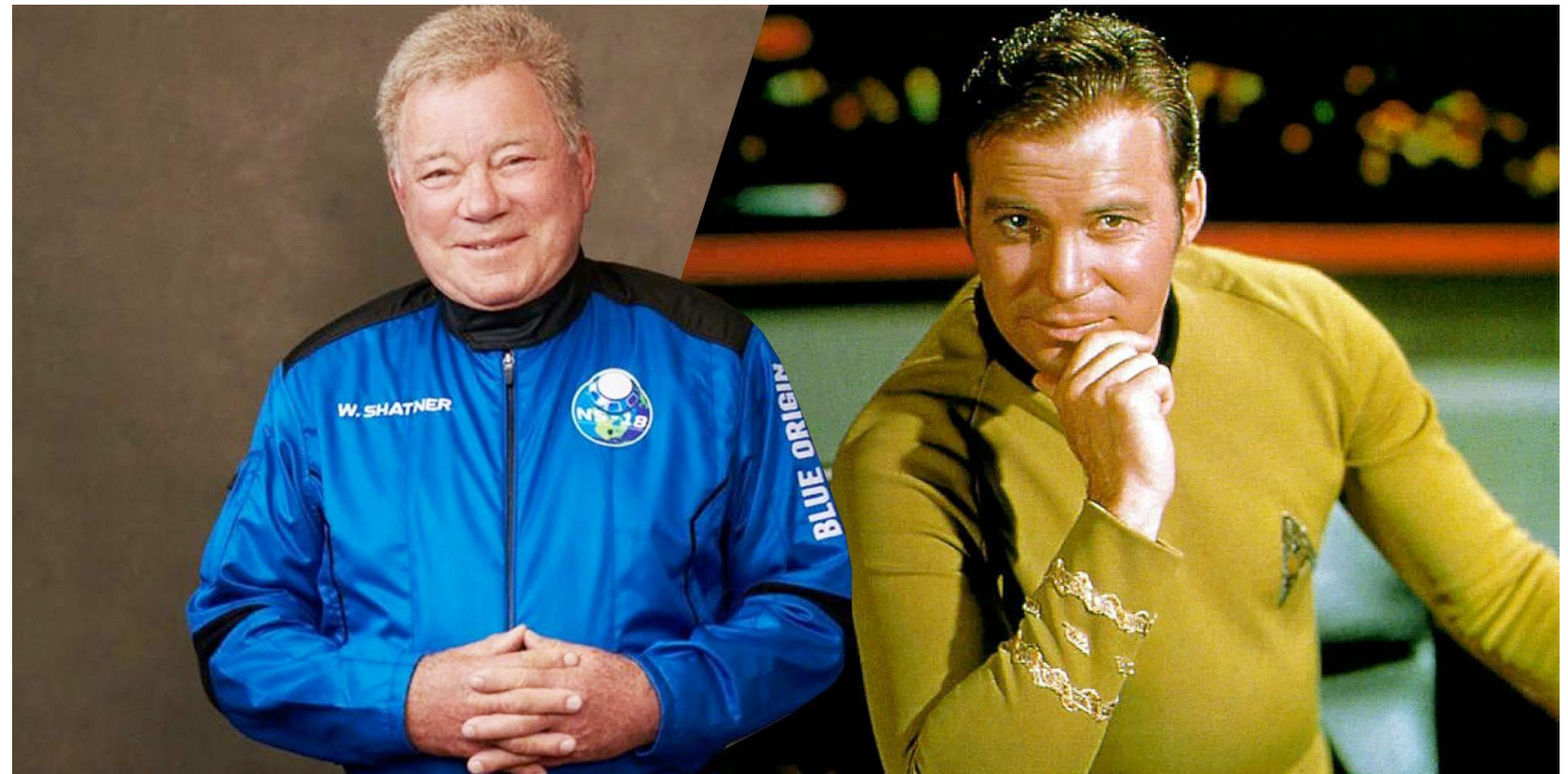
The role for regional anesthesia in medical emergencies during deep space flight

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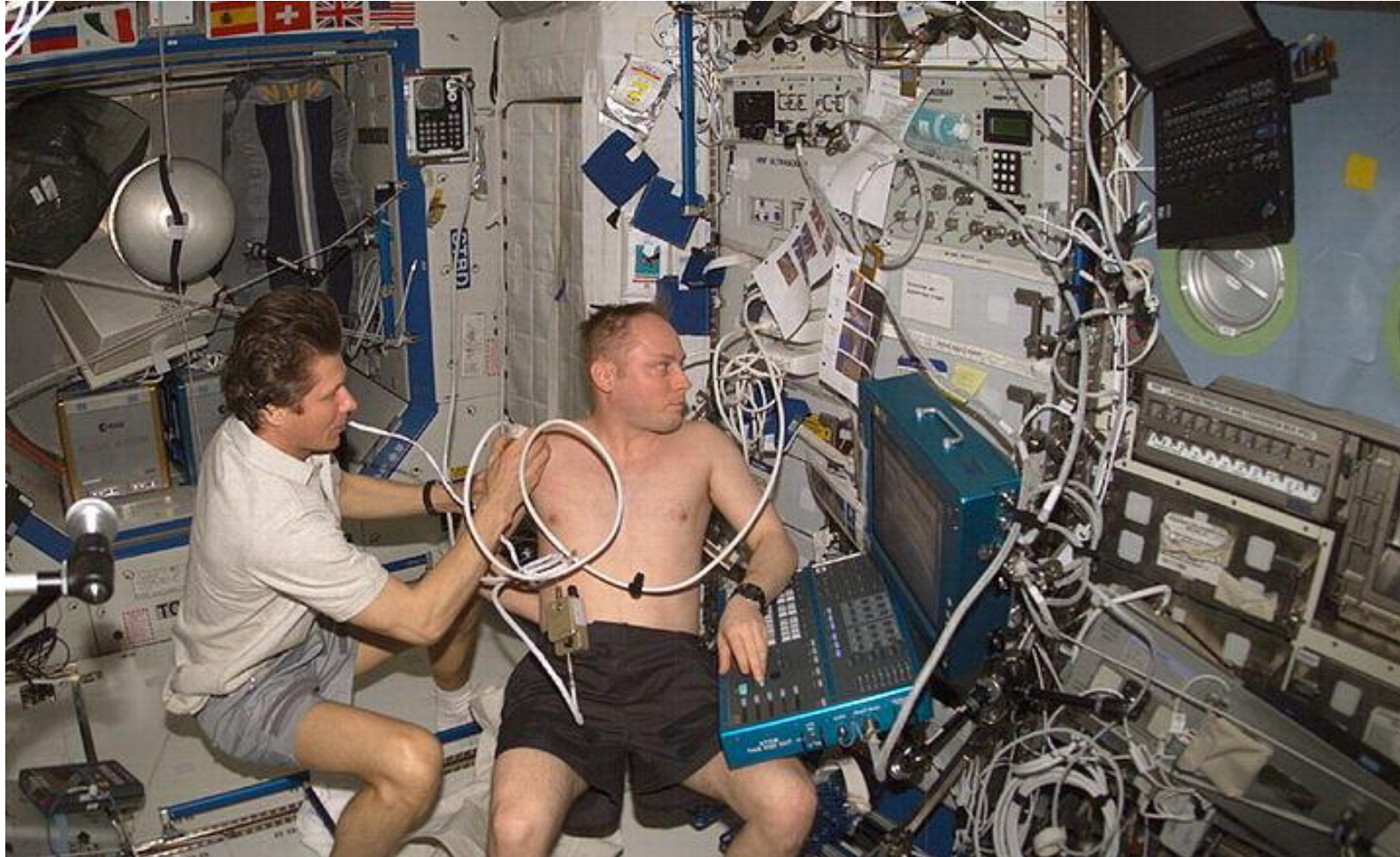
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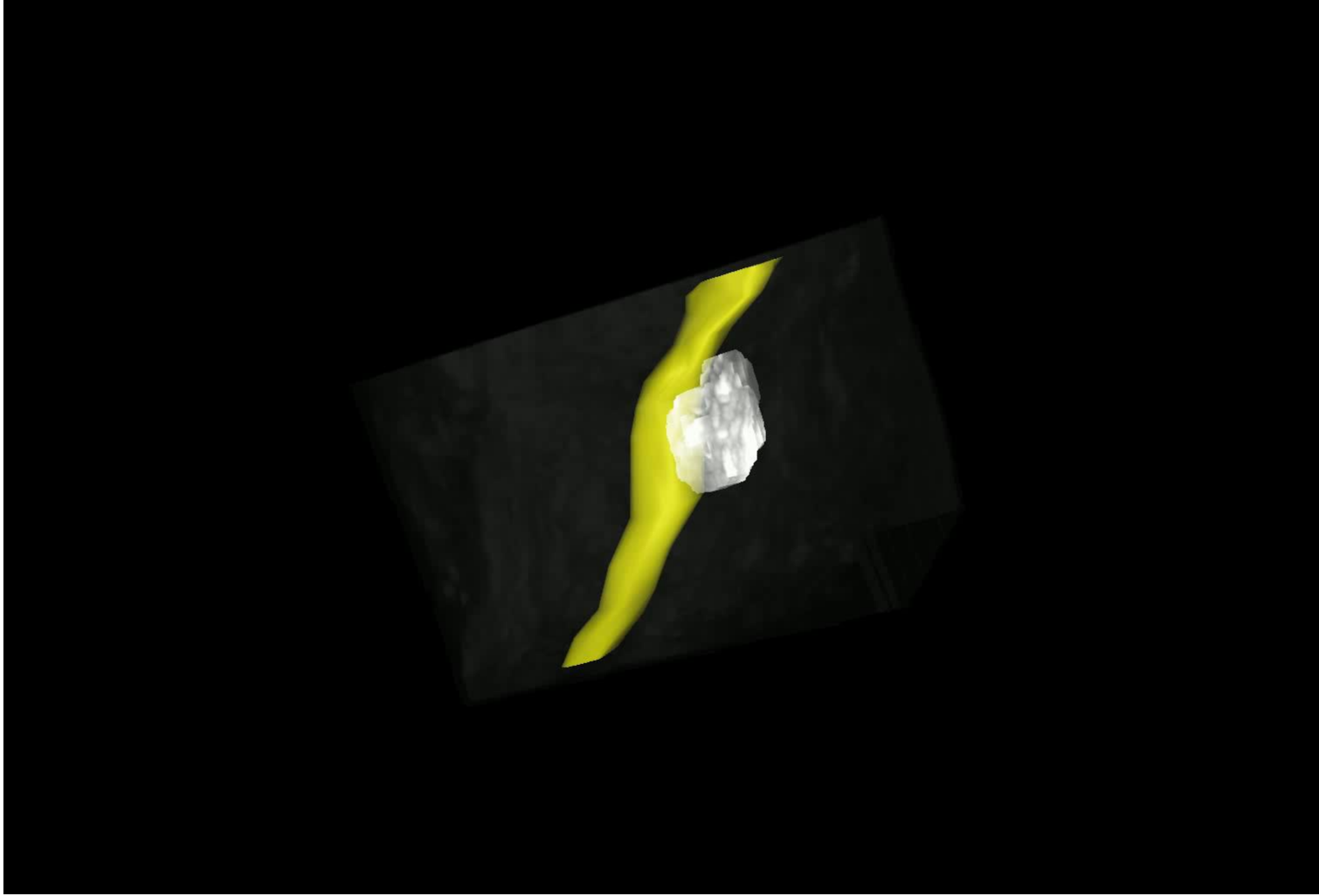
As humanity presses the boundaries of space exploration and prepares for long-term interplanetary travel, including to Mars, advanced planning for the safety and health of the crewmembers requires a multidisciplinary approach. In particular, in the event of a survivable medical emergency requiring an interventional procedure or prolonged pain management, such as traumatic limb injury or rib fracture, anesthetic protocols that are both safe and straightforward to execute must be in place. In this daring discourse, we discuss particular considerations related to the use of regional techniques in space and present the rationale that regional anesthesia techniques may be the safest option in many medical emergencies encountered during prolonged space flight.

Daring discourse, RAPM Oct 21



Ultraschall-gezielte Regionalanästhesie und Schmerztherapie







Fallbeispiel:

- 69-jähriger Patient
- seit 2 Monaten mehrmals am Tag linksseitig brennende Schmerzen am Mundboden und Gaumen (bis VAS 9)
- auslösbar durch Schlucken, Essen oder Gähnen
- 1x Sturz nach Kollaps
- medikamentös therapierefraktär!
- St. p. Laminekt. /Diskusprotr. C3-5, Paraproteinämie
- Rezentes Schädel-MRT: im Wesentlichen o.B.
- Verschiedene FA, ohne klare Diagnose



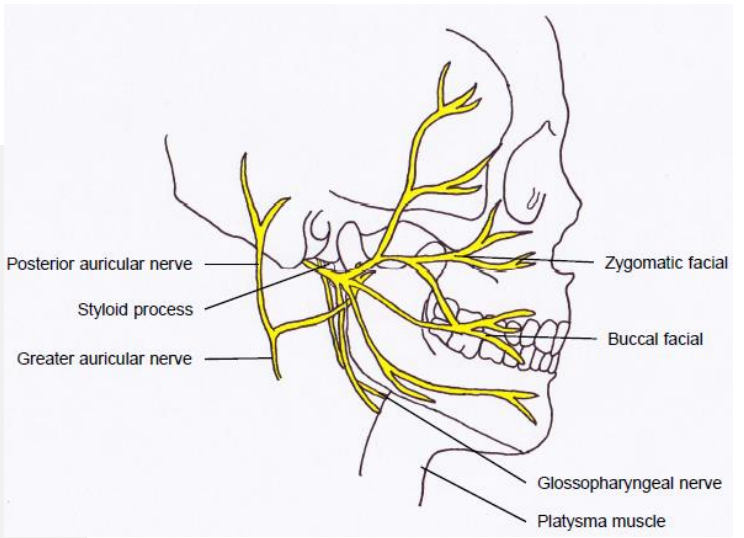
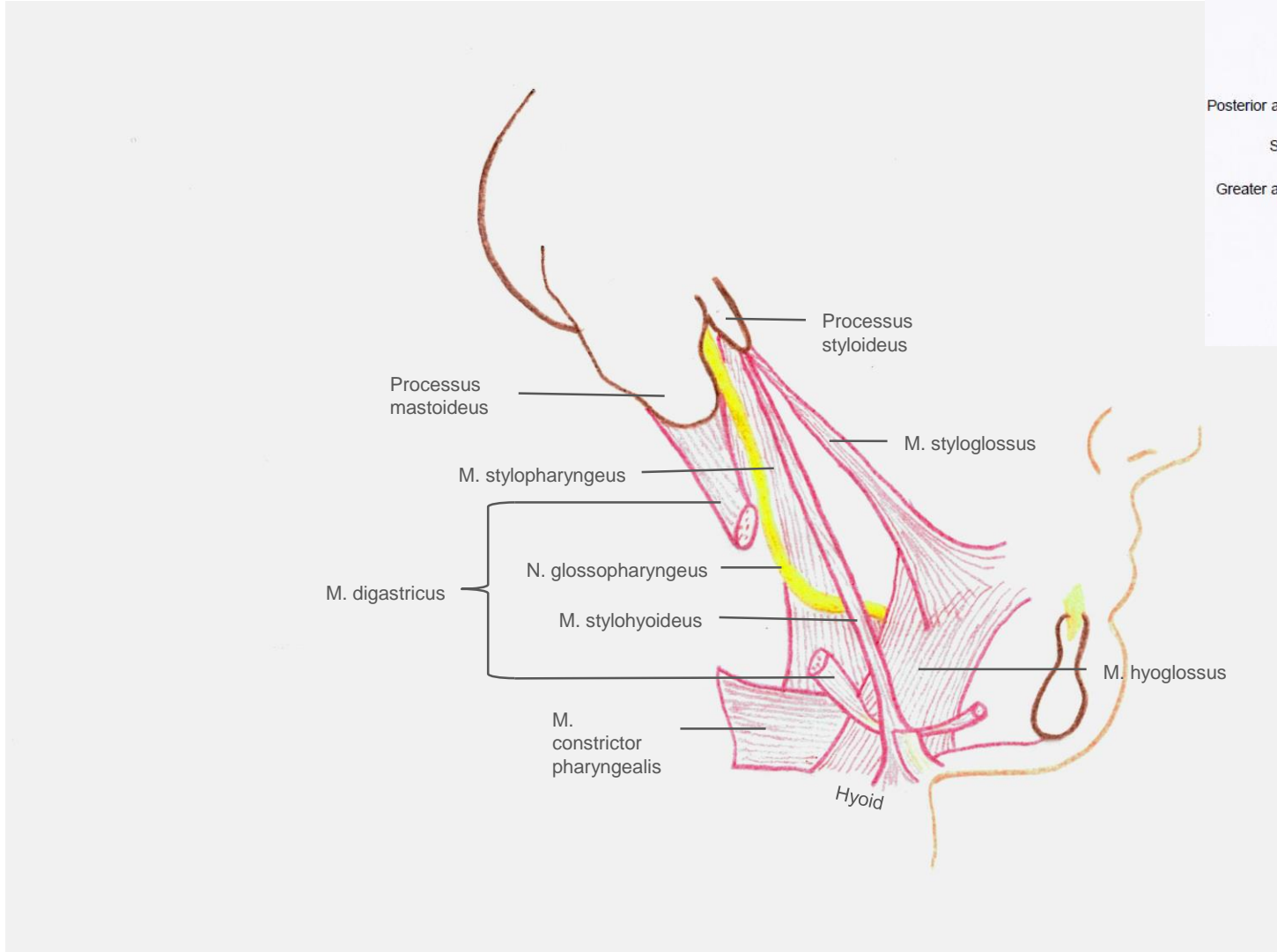
Glossopharyngeusneuralgie, erstbeschrieben 1910

- Nervus IX
 - Innerviert sensorisch die Mucosa des Pharynx, Vallecula, Vorderfläche der Epiglottis, weichen Gaumen, Tonsillen und das hintere Drittel der Zunge.
 - Motorisch: M. stylopharyngeus
 - Parasymphatische Fasern zur Parotis
 - Geschmacksnerv für das hintere Drittel der Zunge



Verdachtsdiagnose: Glossopharyngeusneuralgie - Was nun?

- Diagnostische Nervenblockade
 - Früher: tiefe, blinde, intraorale Technik
 - 1989: (US)- Technik am Proc. styloideus
 - Heute: G25 Nadel, 3ml Mepivacain 1%, US-gezielt
nach Identifikation des Hyoids und der Glandula submandibularis im parapharyngealen Raum, unter der oberflächlichen & tiefen Muskelschicht, caudal des Kieferwinkels

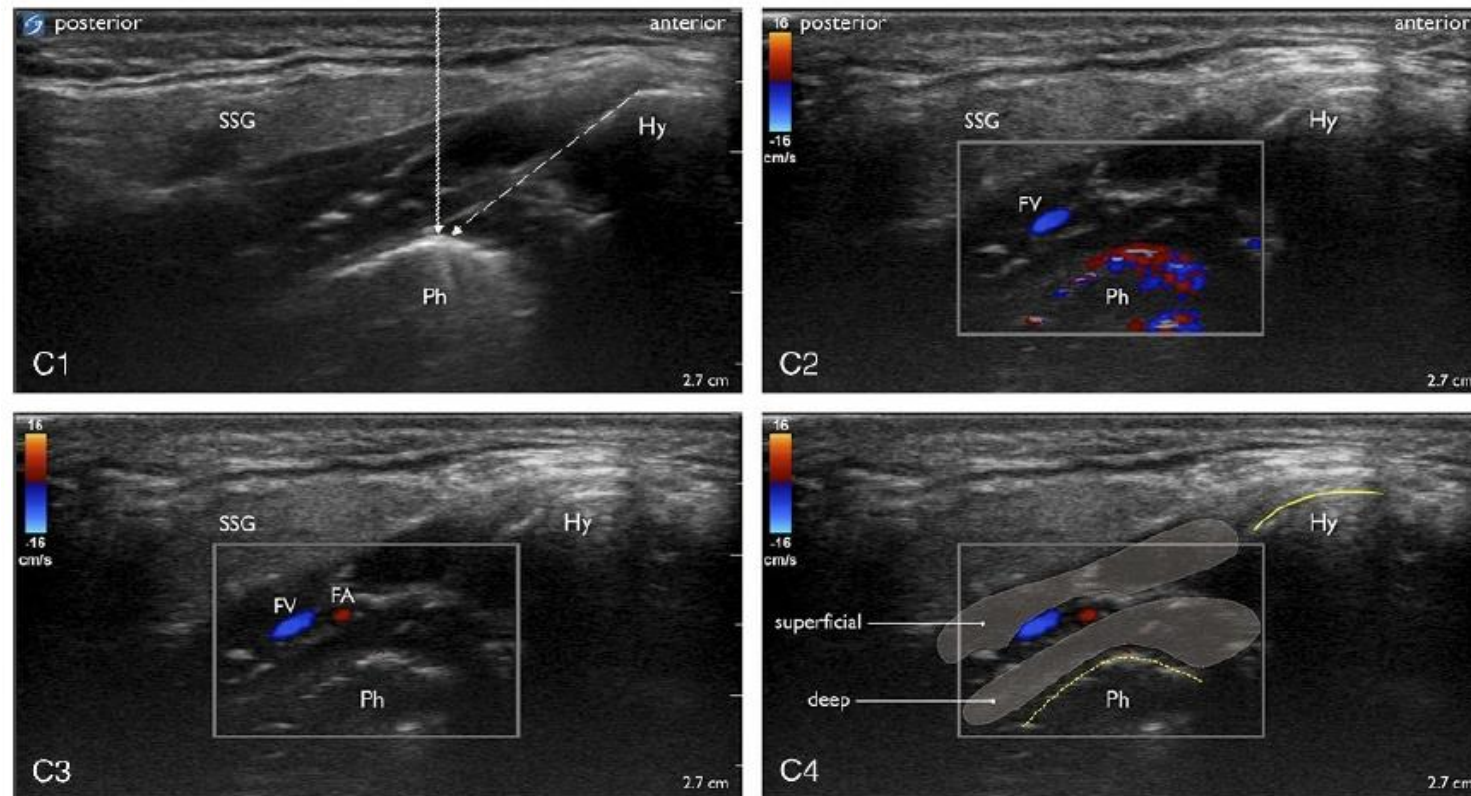




Ultrasound-Guided Glossopharyngeal Nerve Block *A Cadaver and a Volunteer Sonoanatomy Study*

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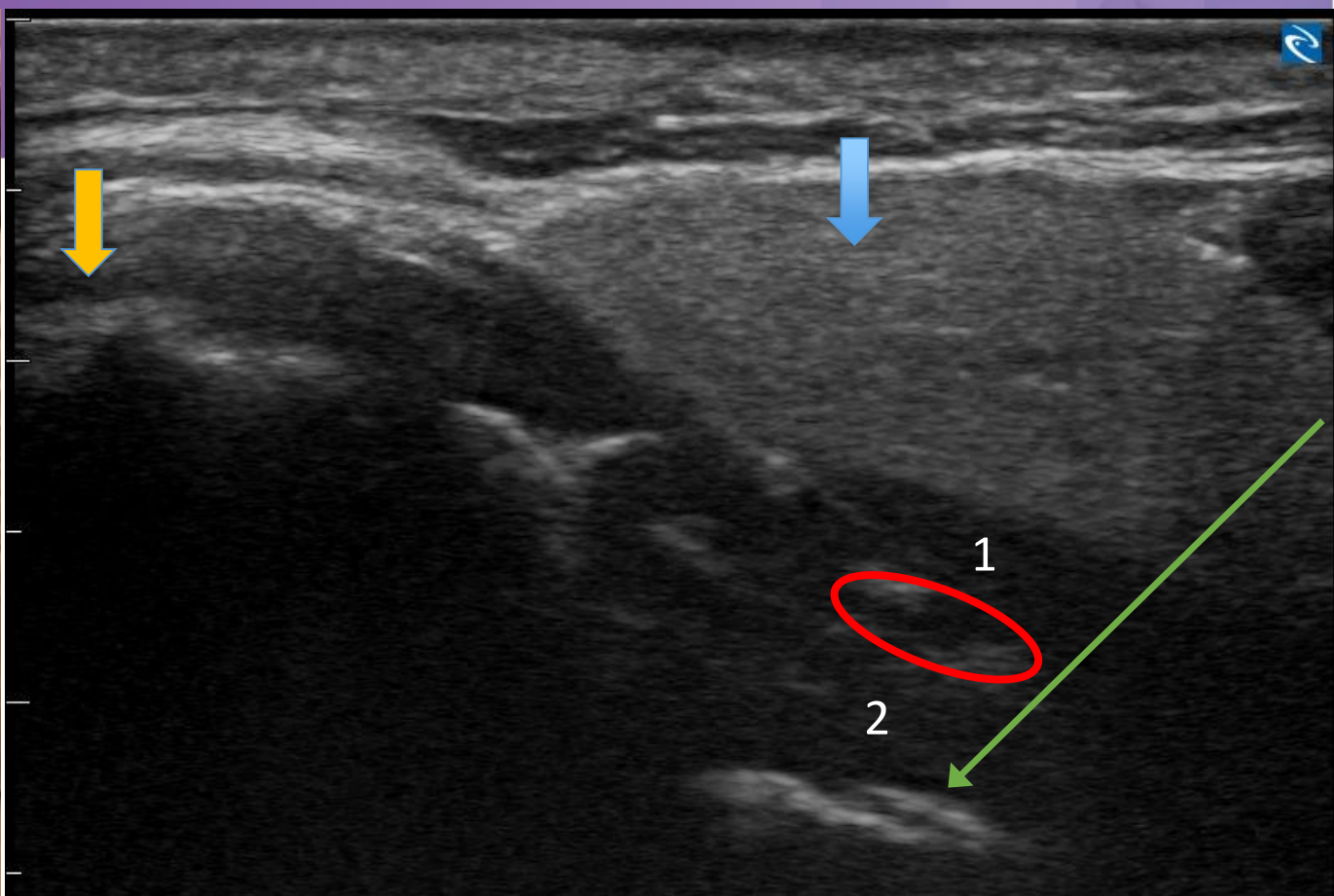
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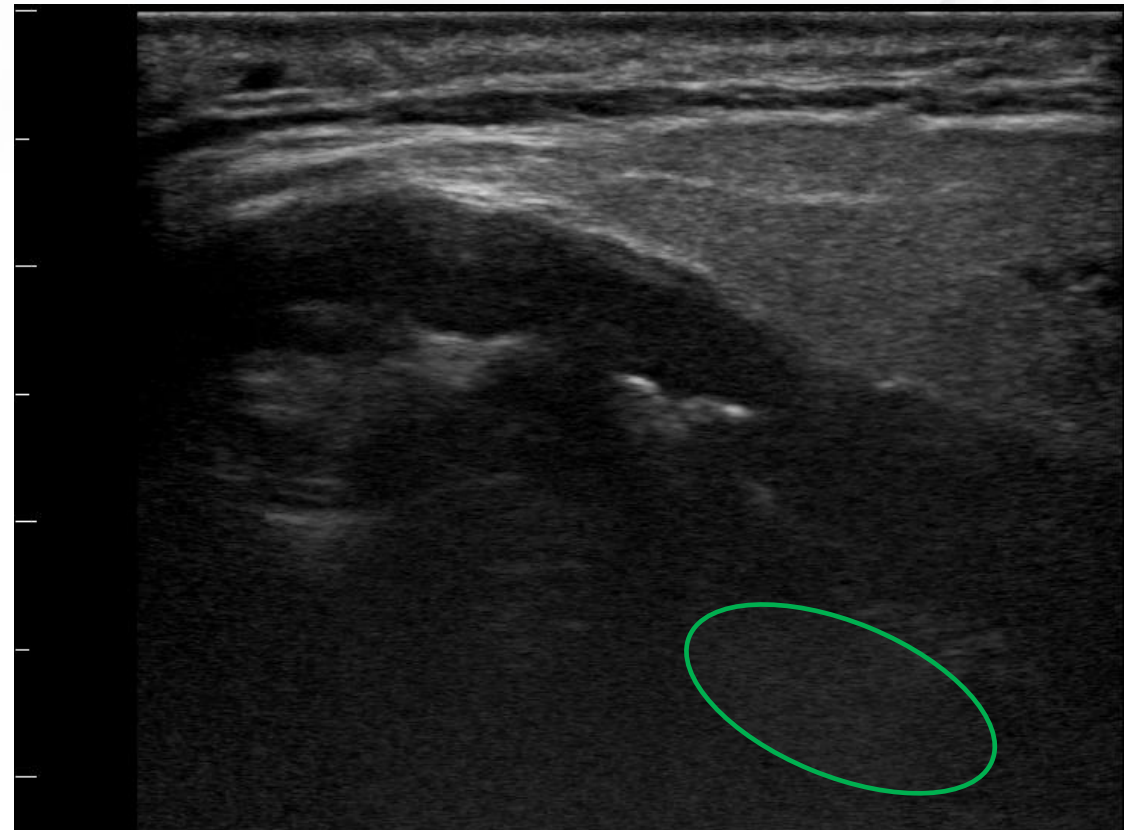
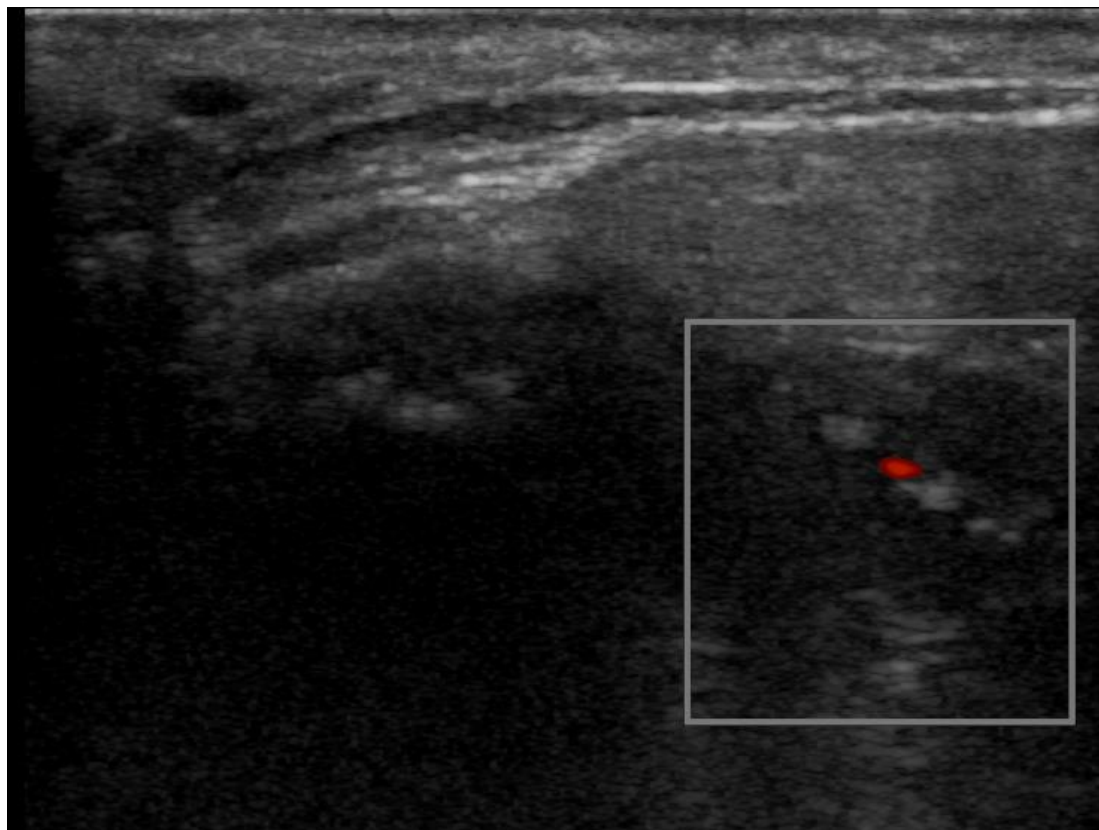




- 1 Stylohyoid- , Digastric-M.
- 2 Styloglossus- , Hyoglossus-M.

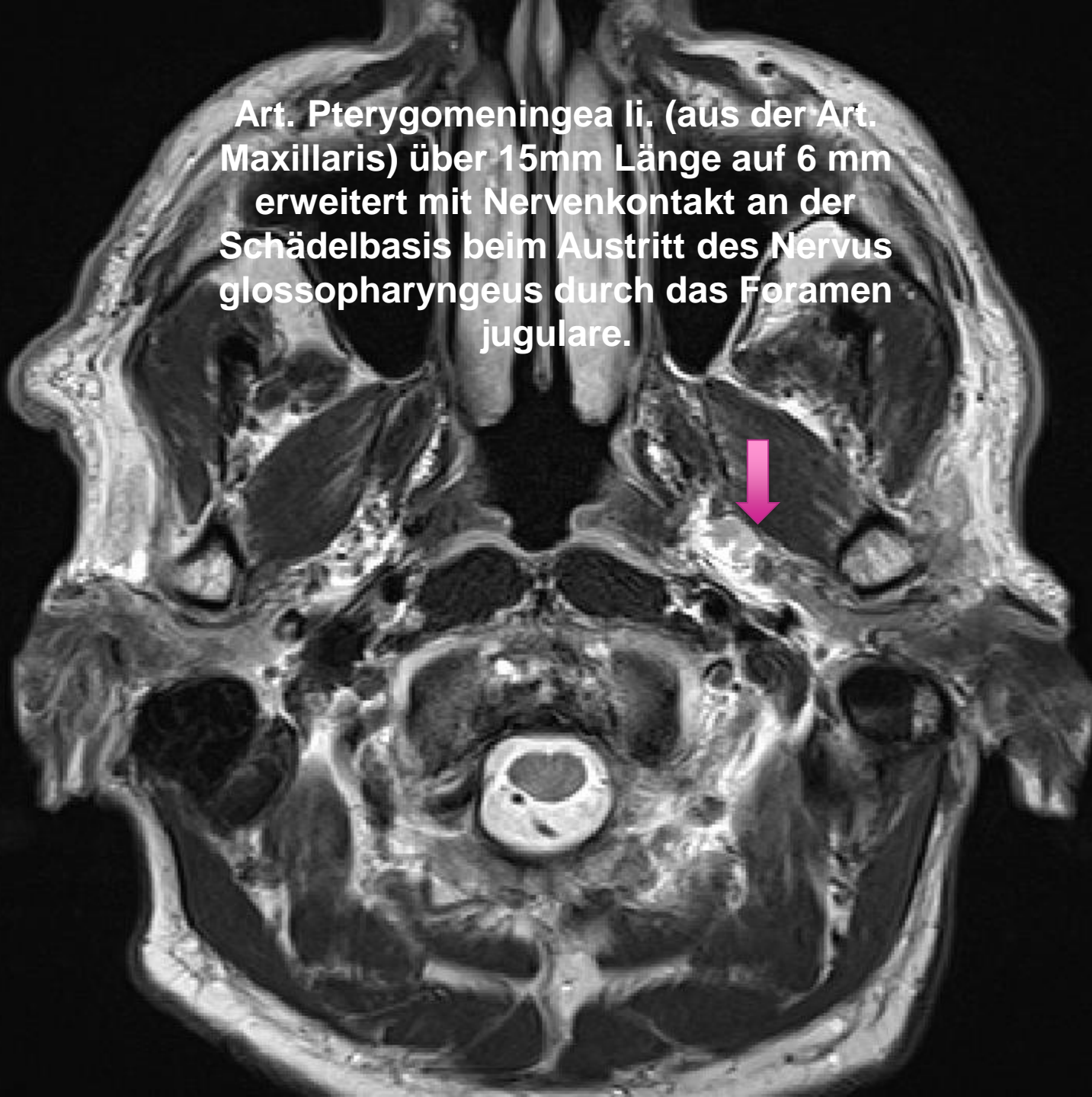


G25, Mepivacaine 1% 3ml: no pain for several hours





Art. Pterygomeningea li. (aus der Art. Maxillaris) über 15mm Länge auf 6 mm erweitert mit Nervenkontakt an der Schädelbasis beim Austritt des Nervus glossopharyngeus durch das Foramen jugulare.



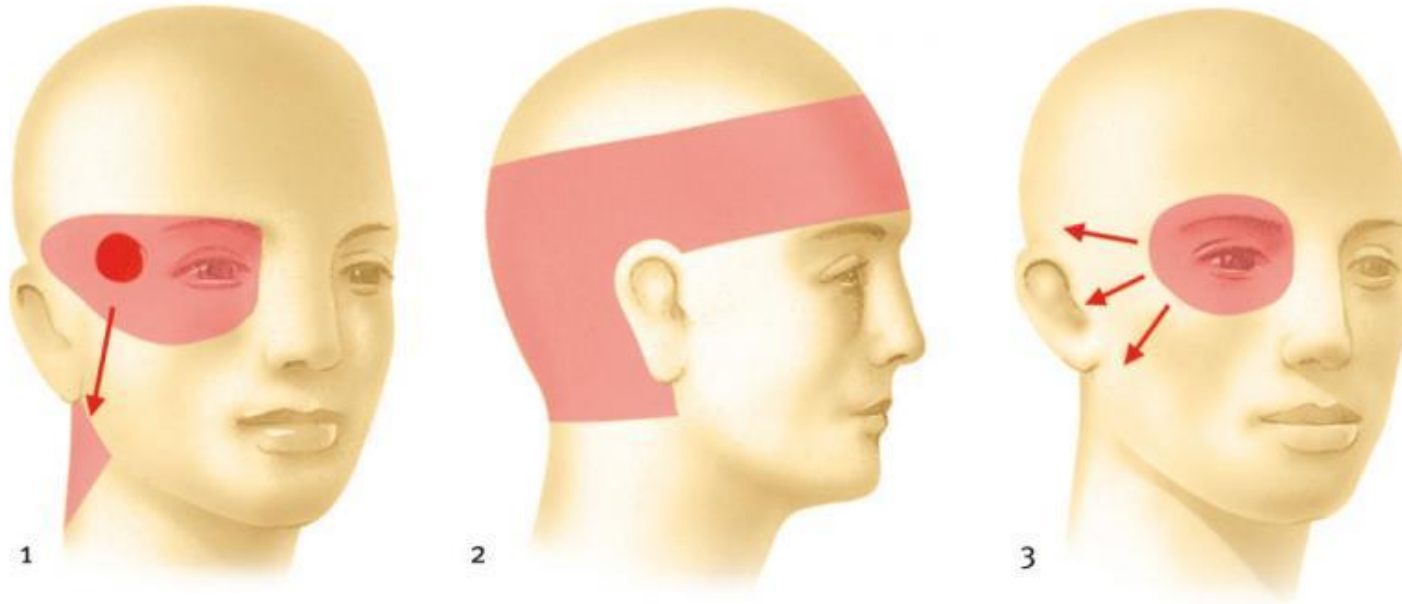


Volkskrankheit Kopfschmerzen

Prävalenz weltweit > 60%, 4% der Menschen an mehr als 15d/ Mo

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	Migräne (1)	Spannungskopfschmerzen (2)	Cluster-Kopfschmerz (3)
Charakteristik	pulsierend, pochend	dumpf, drückend, »Schraubstockgefühl«	unerträglich stechend, bohrend
Dauer/Zeitpunkt	4–72 Stunden morgens	12–16 Stunden tagsüber	30–120 Minuten nachts
Ursache	Gefäßverengung und -erweiterung, Sauerstoffmangel	Verspannungen der Muskeln und der Halswirbelsäule; Gefäßkrämpfe	Gefäßerweiterung; typischerweise nach Alkoholgenuss
Begleitsymptome	Übelkeit, Erbrechen, Lichtempfindlichkeit, evtl. Sehstörungen	Schlafstörungen, diffuser Schwindel	hängendes Augenlid, Pupillenverengung, Augenrötung, Tränenfluss

**International Headache Society (IHS):
Über 200 KS-Formen
in 14 Hauptgruppen**





1. Primäre Kopfschmerzen (KS) nach ICHD-3 (auszugsweise)

- Migraine (mit oder ohne Aura) akut + Migraine chronisch
- KS vom Spannungstyp
- Trigemino-autonome KS-Erkrankungen (TAK)
 - Clusterkopfschmerz
 - Paroxysmale Hemikranie, Hemicrania continua
 - Short-lasting unilateral neuralgiform headache attacks
 - Short-lasting unilateral neuralgiform headache attacks with conjunctival injection and tearing (SUNCT-Syndrom)
 - Short-lasting unilateral neuralgiform headache attacks with cranial autonomic symptoms (SUNASyndrom)
- Andere primäre KS (hustenbedingt, kältebedingt, Münzkopfschmerz, neu aufgetretener täglicher anhaltender KS, ...)





2. Sekundäre Kopfschmerzen (KS) nach ICHD-3 (auszugsweise)

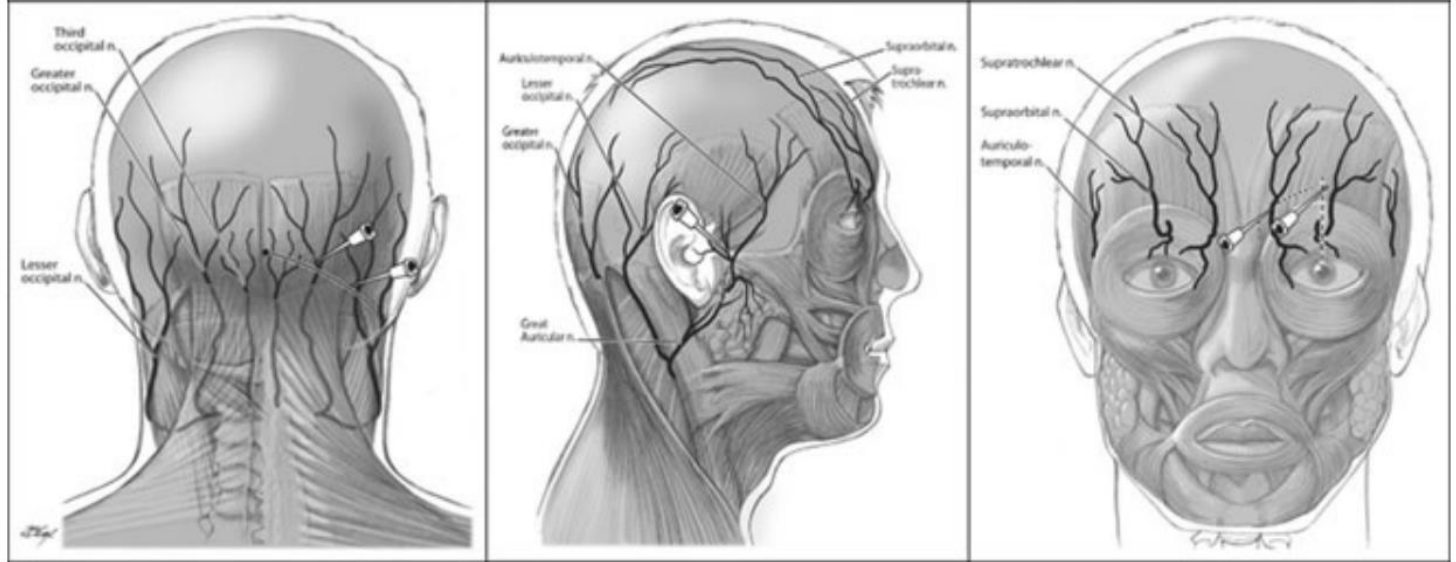
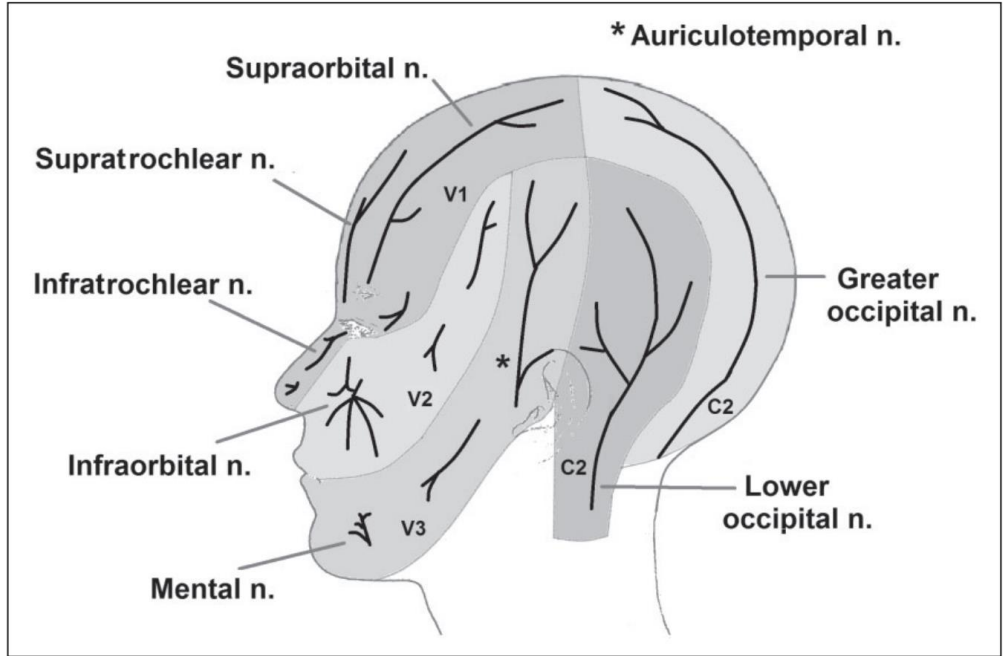
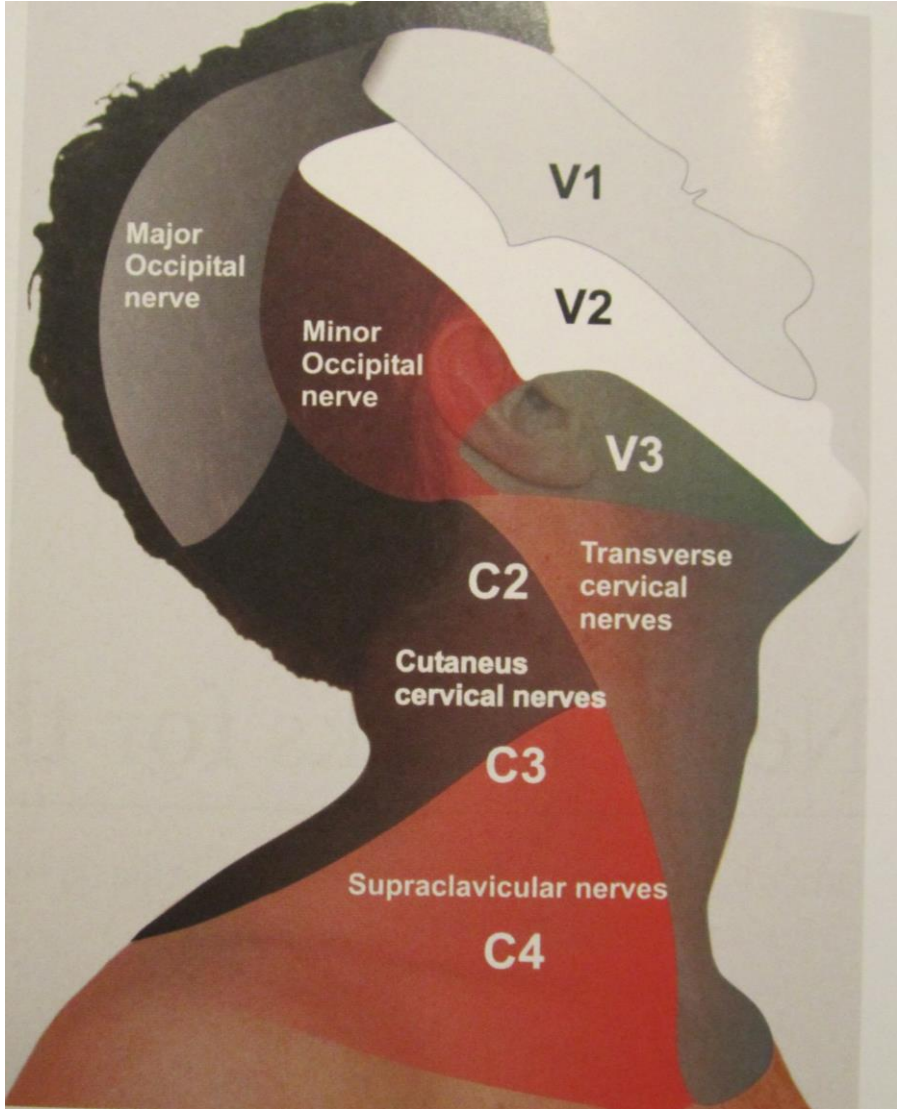
- KS zurückzuführen auf eine Verletzung oder ein Trauma des Kopfes und/oder der HWS
 - Nach HWS-Beschleunigungstrauma („Peitschenschlag-Syndrom)
 - Nach Kraniotomie
- KS zurückzuführen auf Gefäßstörungen im Bereich des Kopfes und/oder des Halses
 - Arteriitis temporalis
- KS zurückzuführen auf nichtvaskuläre intrakranielle Störungen
 - Hirntumor
 - Postpunktioneller KS
- KS zurückzuführen auf eine Substanz oder deren Entzug (z.B. Medikamentenübergebrauch)
- KS zurückzuführen auf eine Infektion (z.B. Meningitis)
- KS zurückzuführen auf eine Störung der Homöostase (z.B. Hypoxie, Hypertonie)
- Kopf- oder Gesichtsschmerz zurückzuführen auf Erkrankungen des Schädels sowie von Hals, Augen, Ohren, Nase, Nebenhöhlen, Zähnen, Mund oder anderen Gesichts- oder Schädelstrukturen
 - Zervikogener KS
- Kopfschmerz zurückzuführen auf psychiatrische Störungen



3. Kranielle Neuralgien und andere Gesichts- und Kopfschmerzen nach ICHD-3 (auszugsweise)

- Schmerzhaftes Läsionen der Hirnnerven und andere Gesichtsschmerzen
 - Trigeminalneuralgie, -neuropathie auch durch Herpes Zoster
 - Glossopharyngeusneuralgie, -neuropathie
 - Intermediusneuralgie, -neuropathie
 - Okzipitalisneuralgie
 - Tolosa-Hunt-Syndrom (Ophthalmoplegia dolorosa)
 - Anhaltender idiopathischer Gesichtsschmerz (PIFP)
- Andere KS-Erkrankungen
 - KS nicht anderwärtig klassifiziert
 - KS nicht spezifiziert

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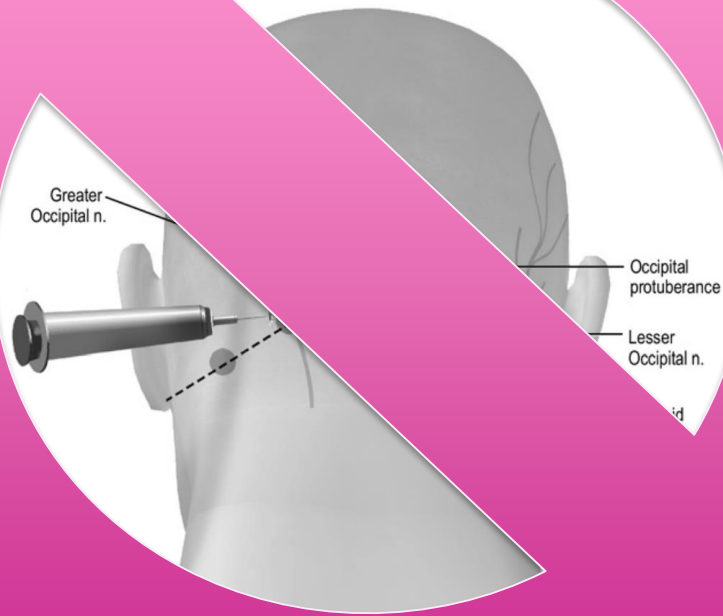
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Clinical Note

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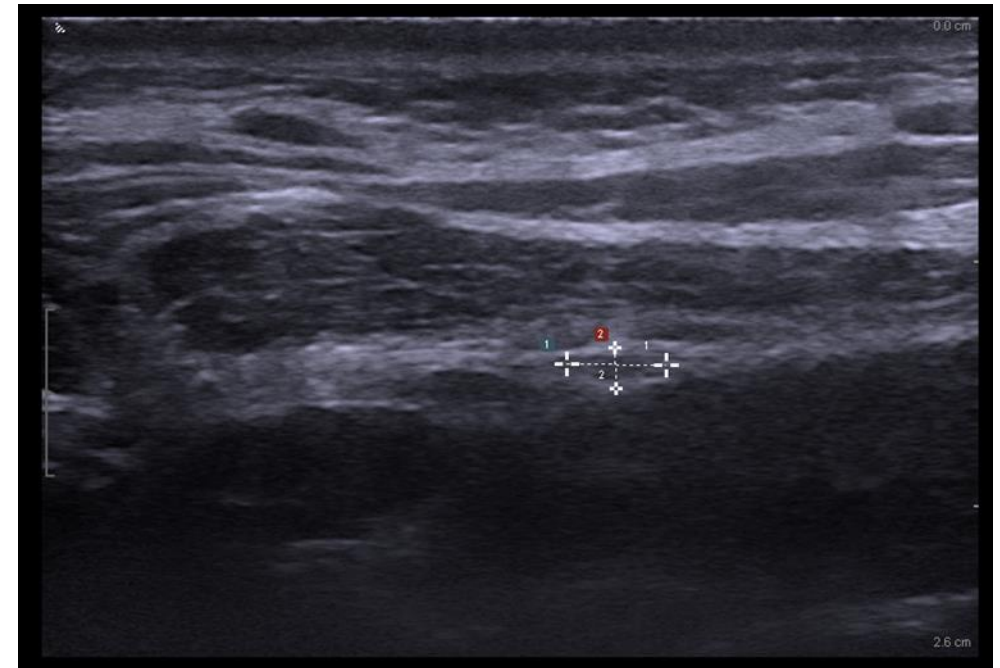
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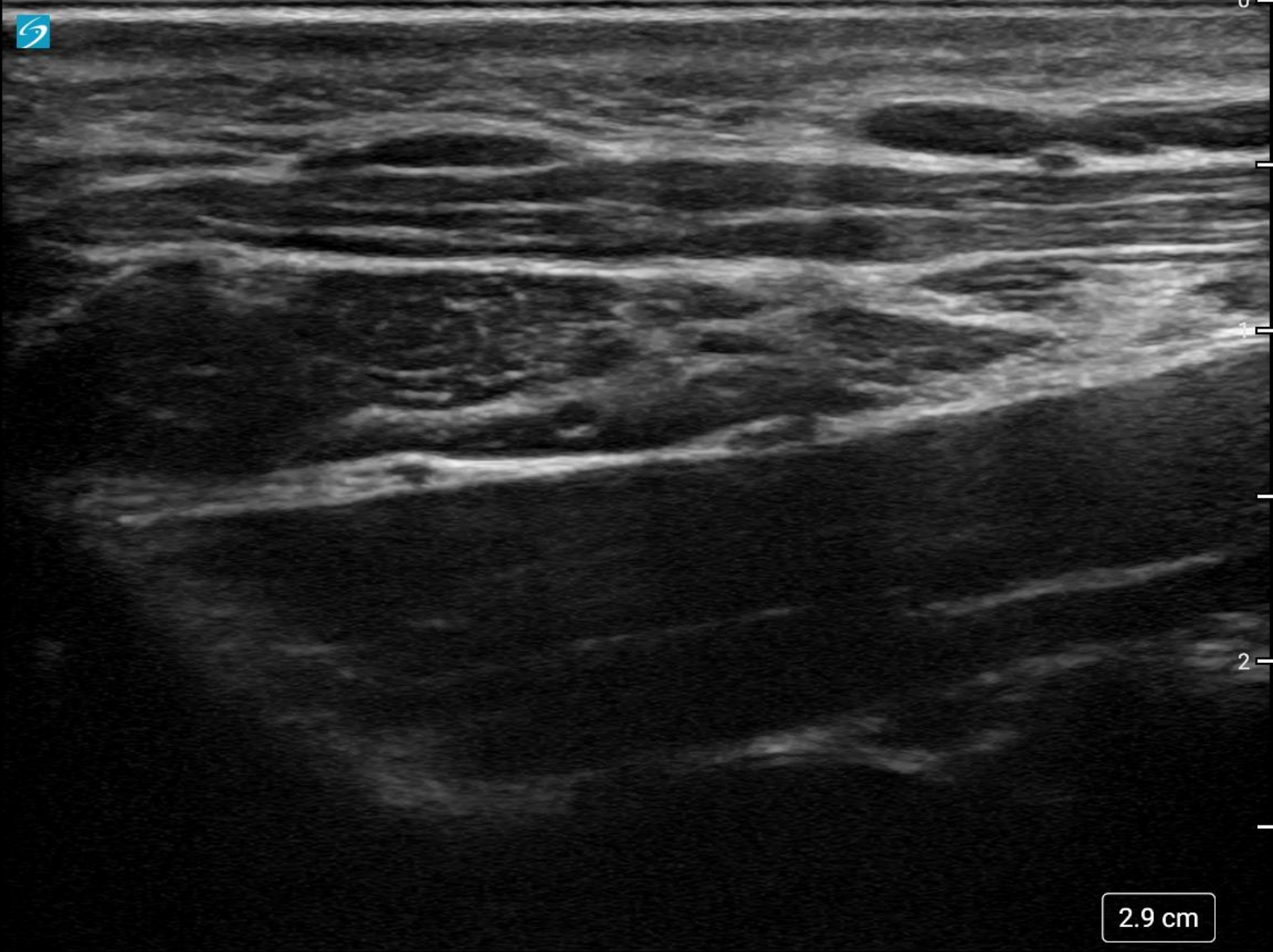
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Vorteile Ultraschall-gezielter Verfahren





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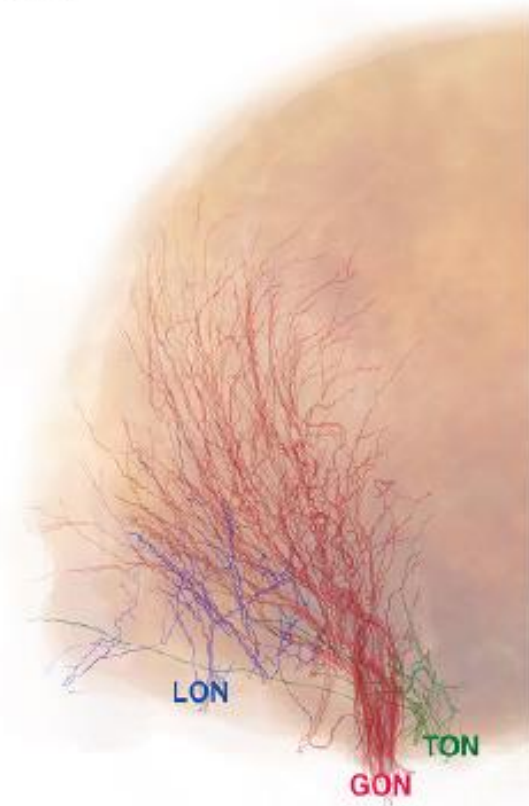
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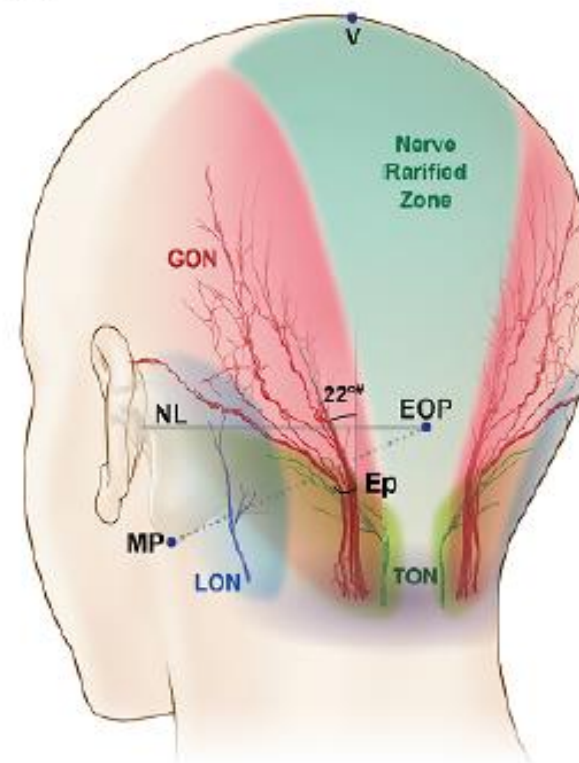
Nervus occipitalis major GON (und minor LON)

Journal of Pain Research 2018:11 2023–2031

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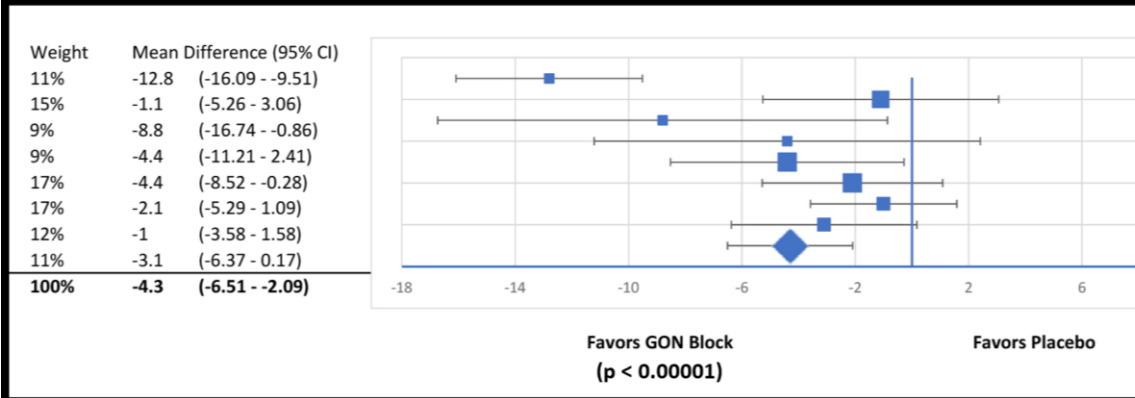
Meta-Analyse: GON-Block bei chronischer Migraine

Shauly, Plast Reconstr Surgery 2019; n=417

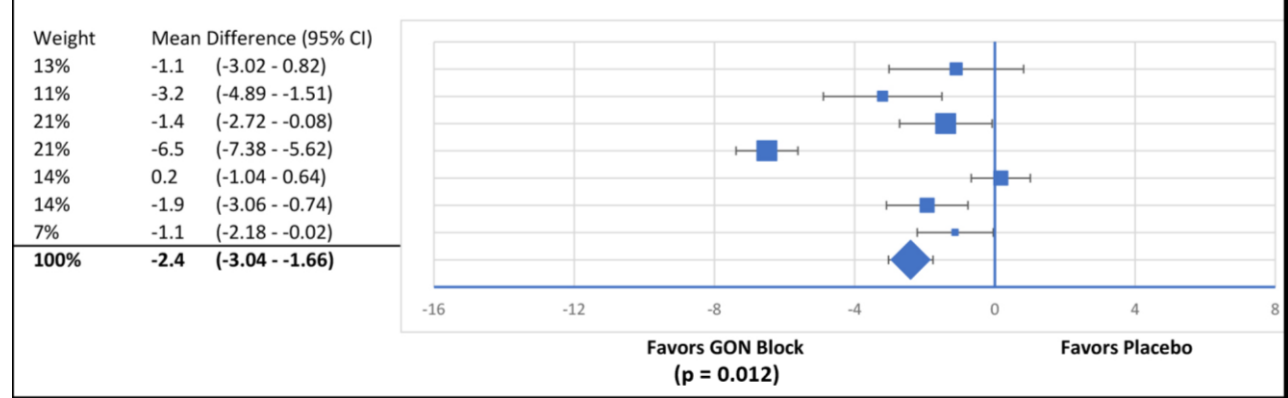


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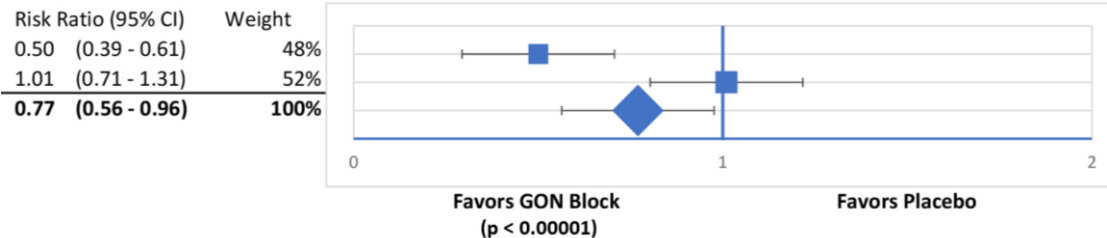
Pooled mean difference of -3.6 monthly headache days (95% CI = -1.39 - -5.81).



Pooled mean difference of -2.2 VAS pain scores; scale of 0-10 (95% CI = -1.56 - -2.84).



Average risk ratio was found to be 0.76 in the 50% reduction of headache frequency in favor of GON blockade.



GON block was found to significantly reduce pain intensity and frequency of migraine headaches in patients that experience chronic migraines.

GON block should be recommended for prophylactic use in chronic migraine patients.



Consensus recommendations for anaesthetic peripheral nerve block[☆]

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Table 1 Anaesthetic block for migraine.

Indications	Level of evidence and grade of recommendation	Nerves treated with blockade	Type of study	Authors
CM prevention	Level II of evidence Grade B of recommendation	GON, SON	Prospective, open study, <i>n</i> = 60; single intervention, assessment at 3 months	Ruiz Piñero et al. ⁷ , 2015
		GON	Prospective, blinded study, <i>n</i> = 84; blockades administered weekly for 4 weeks, monthly for 2 months	Inan et al. ⁸ , 2015
EM prevention	Level IV of evidence GECSEN grade of recommendation	GON	Prospective, blinded study, <i>n</i> = 37; blockades administered monthly for 2 months, assessment after 2 months	Piovesan et al. ⁶ , 2001
Symptomatic treatment	Level IV of evidence GECSEN grade of recommendation	GON	Case series	Young et al. ¹³ , 2004 Ashkenazi et al. ¹⁴ , 2005 Young et al. ¹⁵ , 2008 Rozen ¹⁶ , 2007 Baron et al. ¹⁷ , 2010 Casas-Limón et al. ¹⁸ , 2015

Levels of evidence and grades of recommendation.

GECSEN: study group for headaches, Spanish Society of Neurology (SEN); EM: episodic migraine; CM: chronic migraine; GON: greater occipital nerve; SON: supraorbital nerve.

Table 2 Anaesthetic block for trigeminal autonomic cephalalgias.

Indications	Level of evidence and grade of recommendation	Nerves treated with blockade	Type of study	Authors
CH	Level II of evidence Grade B of recommendation	GON	Case series, <i>n</i> = 19	Afridi et al. ²⁷ , 2006
			Case series, <i>n</i> = 15	Busch et al. ²¹ , 2007
HC	Level IV of evidence GECSEN grade of recommendation	GON, SON	Retrospective, <i>n</i> = 60	Gantenbein et al. ²³ , 2012
			Prospective, open, <i>n</i> = 14	Peres et al. ¹⁹ , 2002
			Prospective, open, <i>n</i> = 83	Lambri et al. ²⁴ , 2014
			Prospective, blind, <i>n</i> = 23	Ambrosini et al. ²⁰ , 2005
			Prospective, blind, <i>n</i> = 83	Leroux et al. ²² , 2011
PH	Level IV of evidence GECSEN grade of recommendation	GON, SON	Case series	Afridi et al. ²⁷ , 2006 Guerrero et al. ²⁶ , 2012
SUNCT, PH	Level IV of evidence GECSEN grade of recommendation	GON	Case series	Afridi et al. ²⁷ , 2006 Porta-Etessam et al. ²⁸ , 2010

Levels of evidence and grades of recommendation.

CH: cluster headache; GECSEN: study group for headaches, Spanish Society of Neurology; HC: hemicrania continua; PH: paroxysmal hemicrania; GON: greater occipital nerve; SON: supraorbital nerve; SUNCT: short-lasting unilateral neuralgiform headache attacks with conjunctival injection and tearing.



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SCIENTIFIC ARTICLE

Bilateral greater occipital nerve block for treatment of post-dural puncture headache after caesarean operations

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KEYWORDS

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Abstract

Background: Post-dural puncture headache (PDPH) is an important complication of neuroaxial anesthesia and more frequently noted in pregnant women. The pain is described as severe, disturbing and its location is usually fronto-occipital. The conservative treatment of PDPH consists of bed rest, fluid therapy, analgesics and caffeine. Epidural blood patch is gold standard therapy but it is an invasive method. The greater occipital nerve (GON) is formed of sensory fibers that originate in the C2 and C3 segments of the spinal cord and it is the main sensory nerve of the occipital region. GON blockage has been used for the treatment of many kinds of headache. The aim of this retrospective study is to present the results of PDPH treated with GON block over 1 year period in our institute.

Methods: 16 patients who had been diagnosed to have PDPH, and performed GON block after caesarean operations were included in the study. GON blocks were performed as the first treatment directly after diagnose of the PDPH with levobupivacaine and dexamethasone.

Results: The mean VAS score of the patients was 8.75 (± 0.93) before the block; 3.87 (± 1.78) 10 min after the block; 1.18 (± 2.04) 2 h after the block and 2.13 (± 1.64) 24 h after the block. No adverse effects were observed.

Conclusions: Treatment of PDPH with GON block seems to be a minimal invasive, easy and effective method especially after caesarean operations. A GON block may be considered before the application of a blood patch.

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Original Article

Ultrasound-guided bilateral greater occipital nerve block for the treatment of post-dural puncture headache

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ABSTRACT

Background and Objective: Post-dural puncture headache (PDPH) is one of the complications frequently observed after spinal or epidural anesthesia with dural penetration. For PDPH patients who do not respond to conservative medical treatment, alternative treatments such as bilateral occipital nerve block should be considered. In this study the efficacy of bilateral occipital nerve block was retrospectively evaluated in patients with post-dural puncture headache.

Methods: Ultrasound-guided bilateral occipital nerve block was administered in 21 patients who developed PDPH after spinal anesthesia, but did not respond to conservative medical treatment within 48 hours between January 2012 and February 2014. The study was conducted at Erzincan University Faculty of Medicine Gazi Mengucek Education and Research Hospital

Results: Mean Visual Analog Scale (VAS) pain scores at 10 minutes and 6, 10, 15 and 24 hours after the block were significantly improved compared to the patients with a pre-block VAS score between 4 and 6 as well as patients with a pre-block VAS score between 7 and 9 ($p < 0.01$). After 24 hours of the block applied, VAS pain score dropped to 1 for all 12 patients who had a pre-block VAS score between 4 and 6. Whereas, VAS score decreased to 2 at 24 hours after the block in only one of the patients with a pre-block VAS between 7 and 9. For the patients with a pre-block VAS score between 7 and 9, there was no significant improvement in the mean VAS score 24 hours after the block.

Conclusions: For patients with PDPH and a pre-block VAS score between 4 and 6 who do not respond to conservative medical treatment, an ultrasound-guided bilateral occipital nerve block may be effective.

KEY WORDS: Greater occipital nerve, Post-dural pain headache, Ultrasound.

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Erfolgreiche Ultraschall-gezielte beidseitige proximale Blockade des Nervus occipitalis major in Rückenlage bei konservativ therapierefraktärem postspinalen Kopfschmerz

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Hintergrund:

Die Inzidenz postspinaler Kopfschmerzen liegt abhängig von Nadeltyp und -stärke sowie Geschlecht und Alter bei 1% bis 30%. Bei konservativ (Flüssigkeitsgabe, Analgetika, Koffein) therapierefraktären Schmerzen wird häufig ein epiduraler Blutpatch durchgeführt. Dieser hat zwar eine sehr hohe initiale Erfolgsrate, ist jedoch technisch aufwändig und kann potentiell zu epiduralen Blutungen und Infektionen führen.

Erste Fallberichte beschreiben als neue Therapieoption eine beidseitige distale Blockade des Nervus occipitalis major (1).

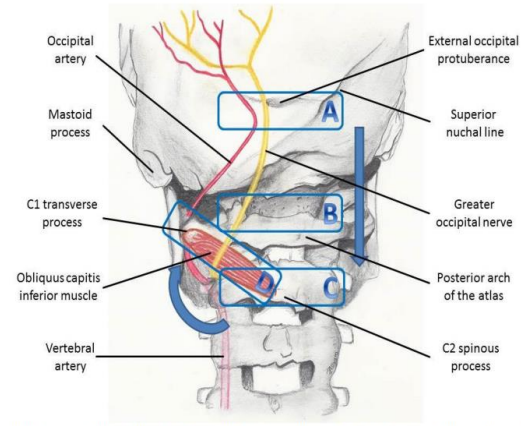


Abb. 1: Skizzierte Darstellung des Nervenverlaufs mit anatomischen Orientierungspunkten und Schnittebenen. © M. Greher

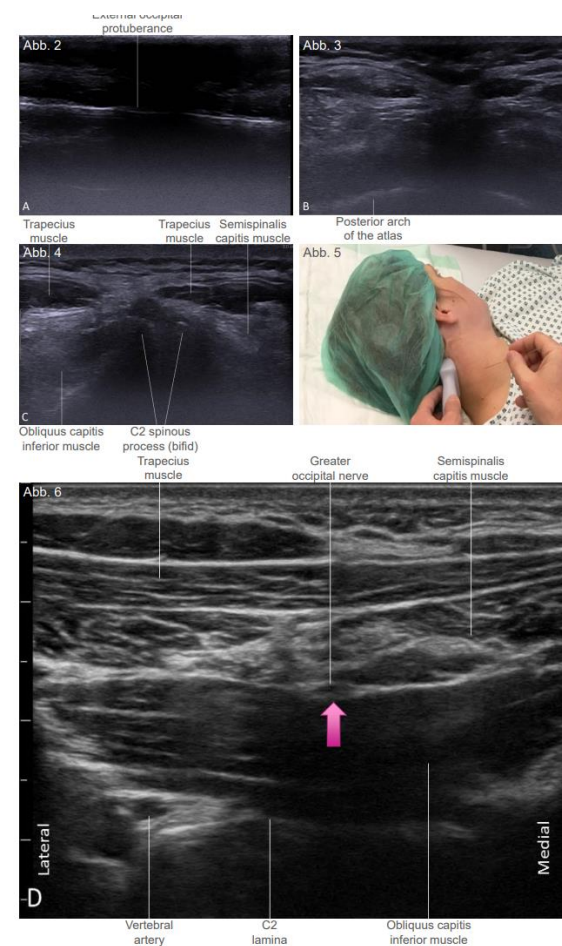


Abb. 1-6: Sonographie zur Darstellung des N. occipitalis major. Abb. 1: zum systematischen Auffinden des N. occipitalis major in Rückenlage mit Kopfdrehung. Abb. 2-4: Darstellung des N. occipitalis major in proximaler Technik. © M. Greher

Falldarstellung:

- PatientIn: 33 Jahre, weiblich
- Operation: ventrale Schenkelhalsplastik in Spinalanästhesie
- Am 3. postoperativen Tag Vorstellung mit ausgeprägten, typisch lageabhängigen Kopfschmerzen
- Konservativ therapierefraktär, ausschließlich flache Rückenlage toleriert

- Verwendung der proximalen Technik (2)
- Rückenlage mit Kopfdrehung
- Darstellung des Nervus occipitalis major (Abb.6, Pfeil) mittels Linearschallkopf (Sonosite X-Porte, 15 MHz)
- Blockade mit jeweils 5ml Ropicavain 0,5% / 2mg Dexamethason

➔ Die Patientin war sofort beschwerdefrei und konnte noch am gleichen Tag zufrieden entlassen werden.

Diskussion:

Mit der distalen Technik in Höhe der Linea nuchae fand sich in der retrospektiven Studie an 21 Patienten mit postspinalen Kopfschmerz eine signifikante Besserung bei der Gruppe mit VAS-Ausgangswerten zwischen 4 und 6 (1). Wir konnten 2015 anatomisch zeigen, dass die proximale Methode auf Höhe C2 eine höhere Erfolgsquote hat (2), weshalb im vorliegenden Fall erstmals diese Technik angewandt wurde.

Schlussfolgerung:

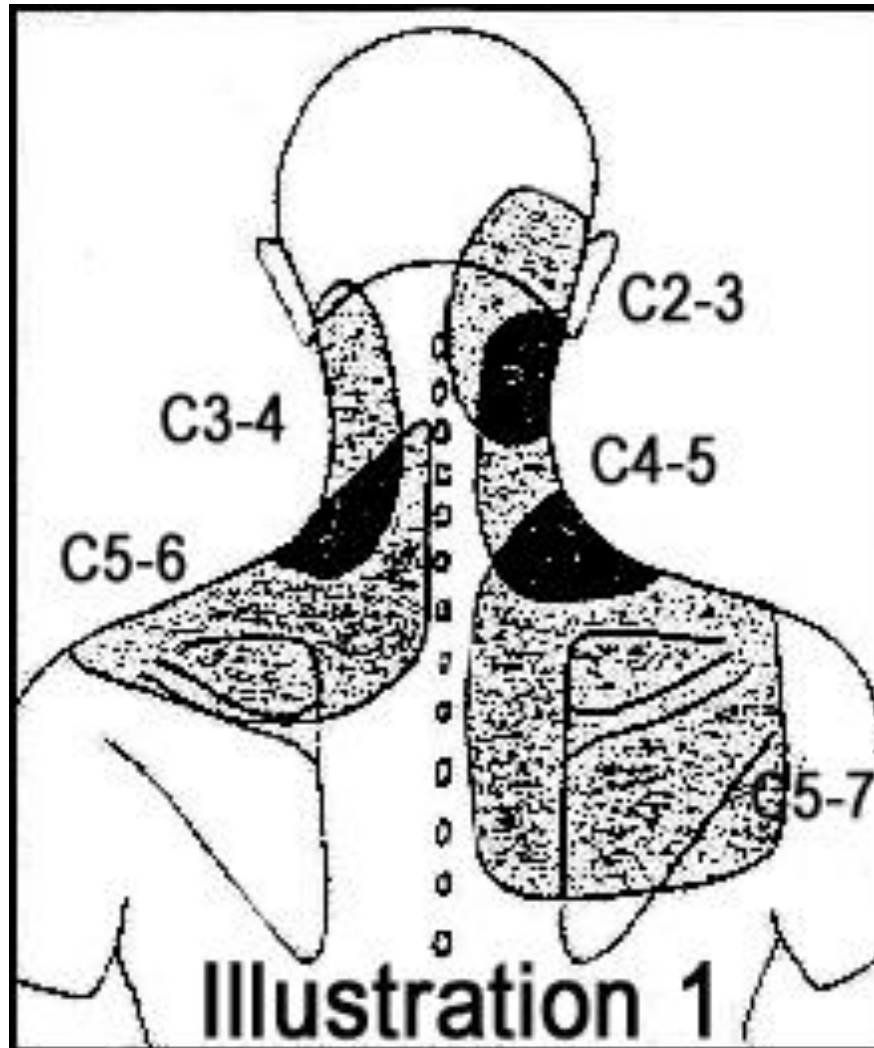
Die Ultraschall-gezielte beidseitige Blockade des Nervus occipitalis major sollte bei konservativ therapierefraktärem postspinalen Kopfschmerz als weniger invasive Therapieoption vor einem epiduralen Blutpatch in Betracht gezogen werden. Die vorteilhaftere proximale Technik auf Höhe C2 ist auch in Rückenlage bei Kopfdrehung gut durchführbar.

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Zervicale Facettennerven inkl. Nervus occipitalis tertius



- „Referred pain“ areas in healthy volunteers after provocation

Dwyer et al. Spine 1990



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Sonographic Visualization and Ultrasound-guided Block of the Third Occipital Nerve

Prospective for a New Method to Diagnose C2-C3 Zygapophysial Joint Pain

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Cervical facet joint derived pain

- > Pain after whiplash injury is common and in up to 50% of cases cervical facet joints are the pain generator

Lord et al, Spine 1996

- > The only reliable diagnostic are diagnostic blocks of the nerves innervating the joint (medial branches)

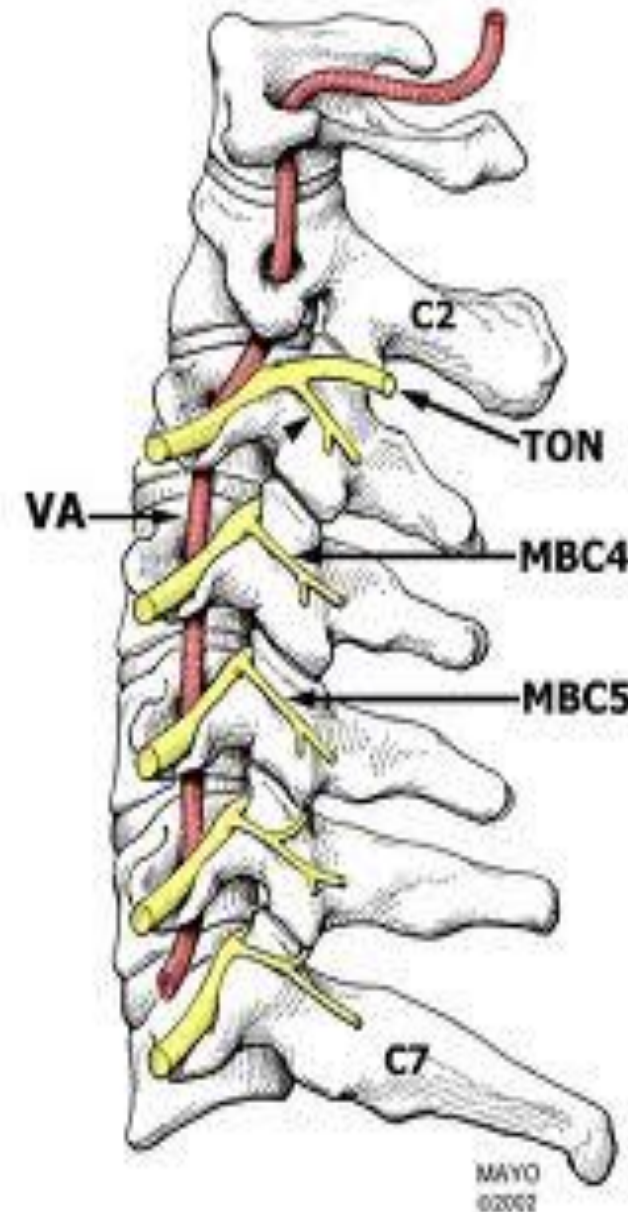
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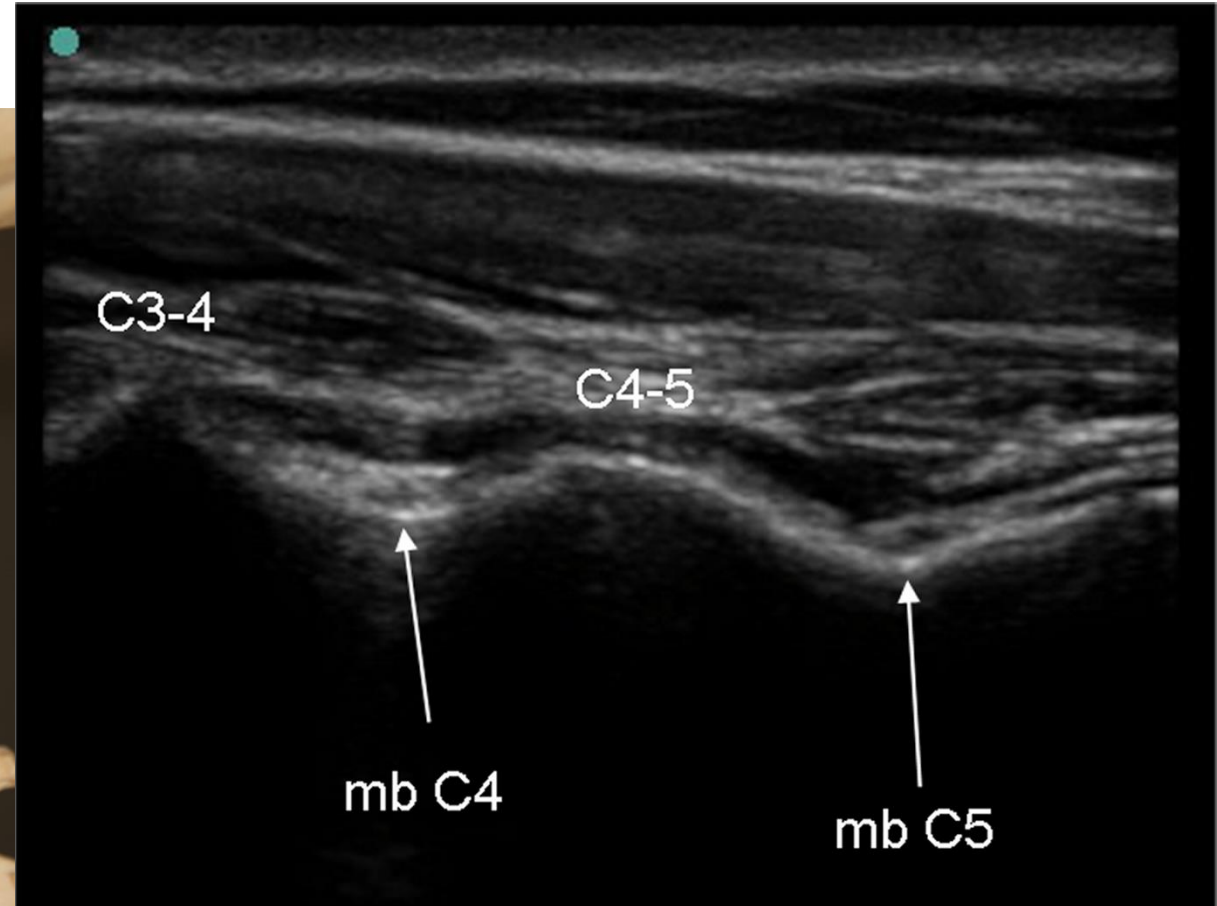
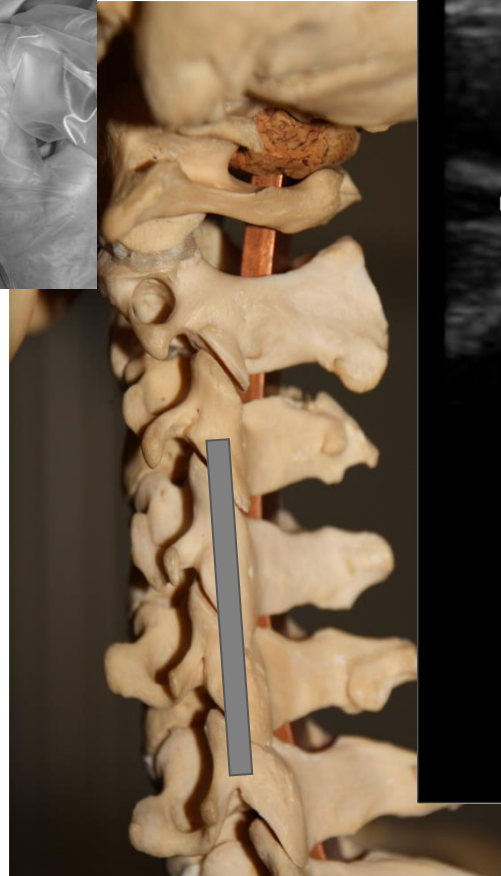
- > After two times positive diagnostic block - there is an evidence based and effective therapy: radio-frequency ablation of the nerves

Lord et al., NEJM 1996

- > Nerve supply: C2/3 is innervated by one single nerve (TON). Other joints by 2 medial branches



Facettennerven bzw. Medial branches (mb) C4, C5





Sonographically Guided Cervical Facet Nerve and Joint Injections

Why Sonography?

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Table 1. Summary of Cadaver and Clinical Trials for Sonographically Guided Cervical Facet Injections

Authors	Study Design	Results	Comments
Galiano et al ²⁰	4 embalmed cadavers; facet injections; 40 sonographic examinations; sonographic measurements compared to CT measurements; 10 procedures performed for needle placement	In 4 sonographic attempts, depiction of joint space not possible; CT and sonographic joint measurements similar; all 10 needles placed into joints	Preclinical study
Obernauer et al ²¹	Randomized controlled trial; 40 patients randomized to CT or sonographically guided facet injections	Accuracy of sonographically guided technique 100%; reduced needle repositioning for the sonographically guided technique (0% vs 65%); shorter procedure time for both single and 2-level injections; significantly reduced radiation exposure; no intergroup differences in postprocedure pain relief	C2–3 to C7–T1 facet joints targeted; sonographically guided technique associated with superior outcomes



Table 2. Summary of Cadaver and Clinical Trials for Sonographically Guided Cervical Medial Branch Blocks and RF Neurotomy

Authors	Study Design	Results	Comments
Eichenberger et al ¹⁰	14 volunteers; sonographic visualization of 3rd occipital nerve bilaterally; sonographically guided 3rd occipital nerve block; fluoroscopic confirmation	3rd occipital nerve visualized in 27/28 (96% visualization); 23/28 needles placed correctly (82%)	Median 3rd occipital nerve diameter, 2 mm; 3rd occipital nerve blocked in 90%
Siegenthaler et al ^{26,27}	15 patients with facetogenic pain; sonographic identification of cervical medial branches; shortened fluoroscopically guided RF procedure based on preprocedure sonographic localization of the medial branches	14 patients successfully treated; median time of pain relief, 44 wk	Sonographically guided cervical medial branch block technique described ²⁶ ; shortened RF procedure based on sonographic localization of medial branches
Lee et al ²⁸	5 cadavers; 34 sonographically guided RF neurotomy lesions	Successful lesions in 30/34	RF neurotomy lesions confirmed by pathologic examination
Siegenthaler et al ²⁹	Exploratory study; 50 patients; diagnostic sonographic examinations performed	3rd occipital nerve successfully visualized in 96%; C7 successfully visualized in 32%	No nerve blocks performed in this study; 3rd occipital nerve to C6 cervical medial branch well visualized
Siegenthaler et al ³⁰	Sonographically guided cervical medial branch blocks; 60 volunteers; 180 blocks; 0.2 mL of contrast dye injected; fluoroscopic confirmation	180 needles placed; 73 needles purposely misplaced based on study design; 82/107 needles placed correctly (77% accuracy rate); 90/107 contrast dye reached bony target (84% success rate)	Levels tested 3rd occipital nerve to C7 cervical medial branch; no adverse events reported; low accuracy at C7
Finlayson et al ³¹	2-phase study; 53 patients; 163 blocks; 0.3 mL of 1:1 local anesthetic and contrast agent injected	Phase 1: 80.9% of needles placed correctly; phase 2: contrast covered appropriate area in 94.5%	Levels investigated C3–C6 medial branches
Finlayson et al ³²	Randomized controlled trial; 40 patients randomized to fluoroscopically or sonographically guided 3rd occipital nerve block	Sonography associated with shorter procedure time (212.8 vs 396.5 s) and fewer needle passes (2 vs 6); no intergroup differences in preblock and postblock pain scores	Sonographically guided technique associated with superior outcomes; vascular breach occurred with fluoroscopically based technique in 10%; 3rd occipital nerve identified in 80% of sonographically guided procedures; no adverse events occurred with the sonographically guided technique



SPINE SECTION

Original Research Article

A Shortened Radiofrequency Denervation Method for Cervical Zygapophysial Joint Pain Based on Ultrasound Localization of the Nerves

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Results. Of the 15 patients, 14 were successfully treated (93%, 95% confidence interval [CI] 80–100%) with a median time of pain relief of 44 weeks. At 6 and 12 months, 13 (87%, 95% CI 70–100%) and 6 patients (40%, 95% CI 15–65%) reported successful treatment, respectively. The median duration of the procedure was 35 minutes.



2010: Evidenz für RF der zervikalen Facettennerven!



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The review found that radiofrequency denervation can provide short-term pain relief for a small proportion of people with specific joint problems in the neck. There is conflicting evidence about effects for low-back joint pain, and some evidence that it does not relieve pain from low-back disc problems.

Radiofrequency denervation for neck and back pain (Review)

Niemisto L, Kalso EA, Malmivaara A, Seitsalo S, Hurri H

Review Article

Ultrasound-Guided Intervention for Treatment of Trigeminal Neuralgia: An Updated Review of Anatomy and Techniques

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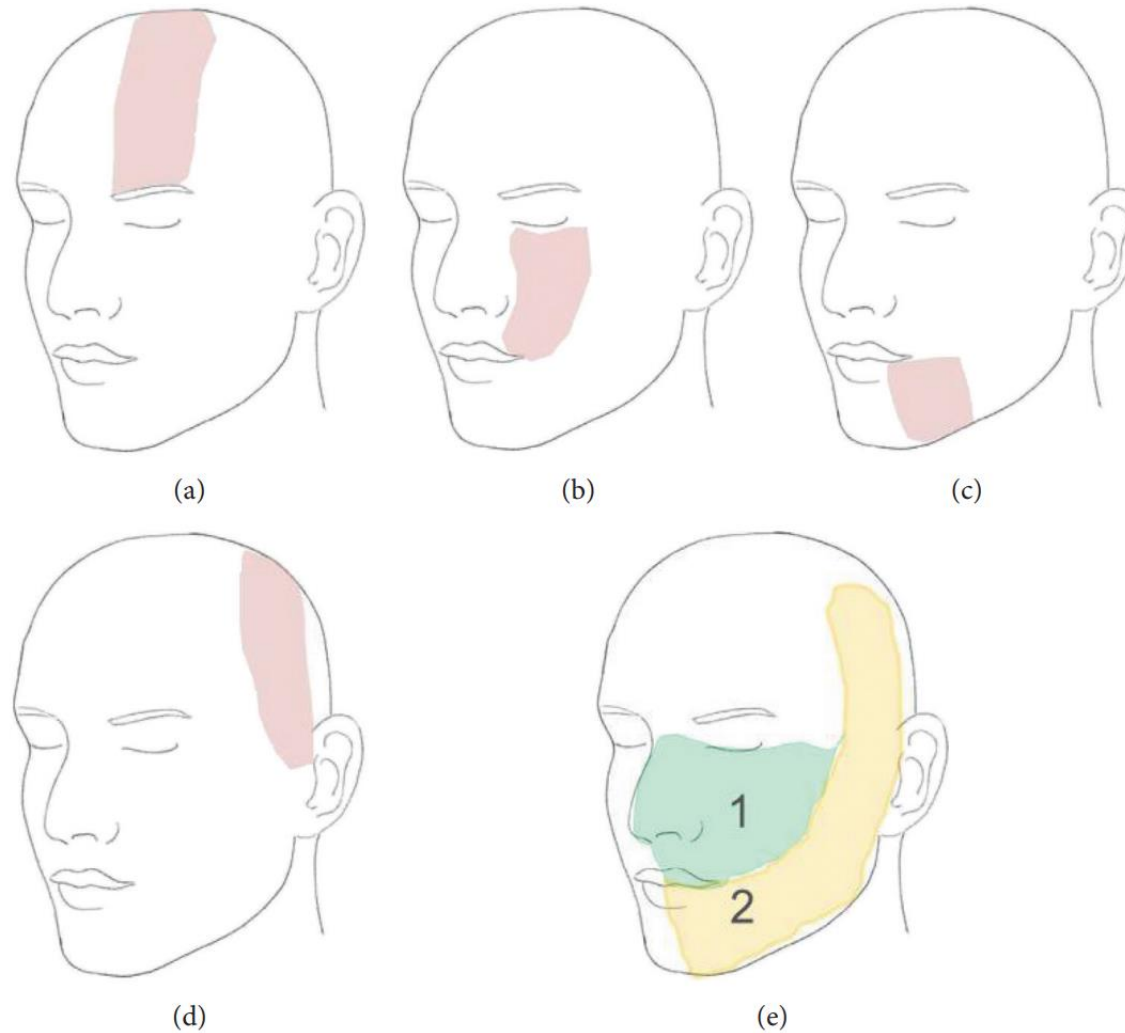


FIGURE 2: Topography of the sensory distribution of the (a) supraorbital nerve, (b) infraorbital nerve, (c) mental nerve, (d) auriculotemporal nerve, and (e) deep branches of the trigeminal nerve; 1 = area supplied by the maxillary nerve and 2 = area supplied by the mandibular nerve.

N. supraorbitalis, Allam 2018



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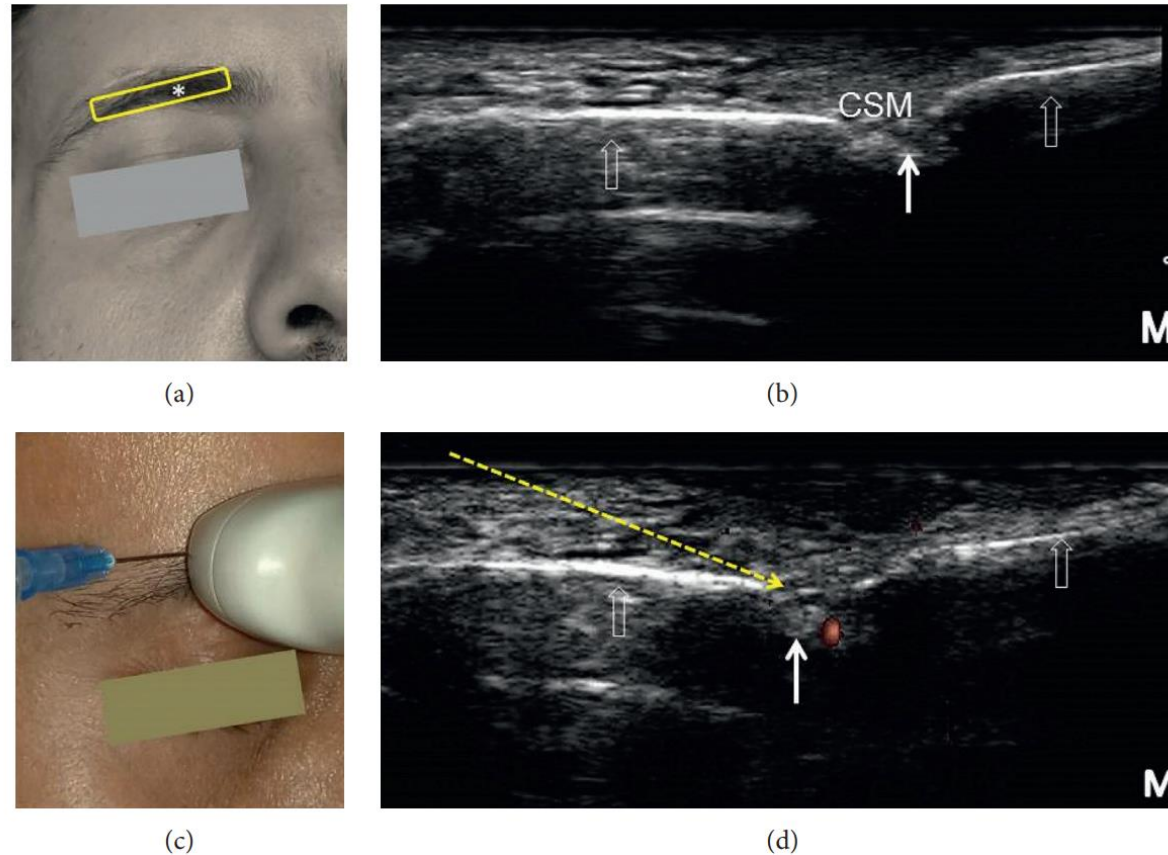


FIGURE 3: Sonoanatomy and ultrasound-guided injection technique for the supraorbital nerve: (a) the position of the transducer (yellow rectangle), (b) ultrasound imaging of the supraorbital nerve emerging from the supraorbital notch, (c) introducing the needle in the lateral-to-medial direction using the in-plane approach to target the supraorbital nerve, and (d) power Doppler image of the supraorbital vessels. The asterisk (*) denotes the supraorbital notch on the face. The empty white arrows denote the supraorbital margin. The solid white arrow denotes the supraorbital nerve. The yellow dashed arrow denotes the needle trajectory. CSM: corrugator supercilii muscle and M: medial side. All the pictures were obtained from the face of the first author.

N. infraorbitalis, Allam 2018



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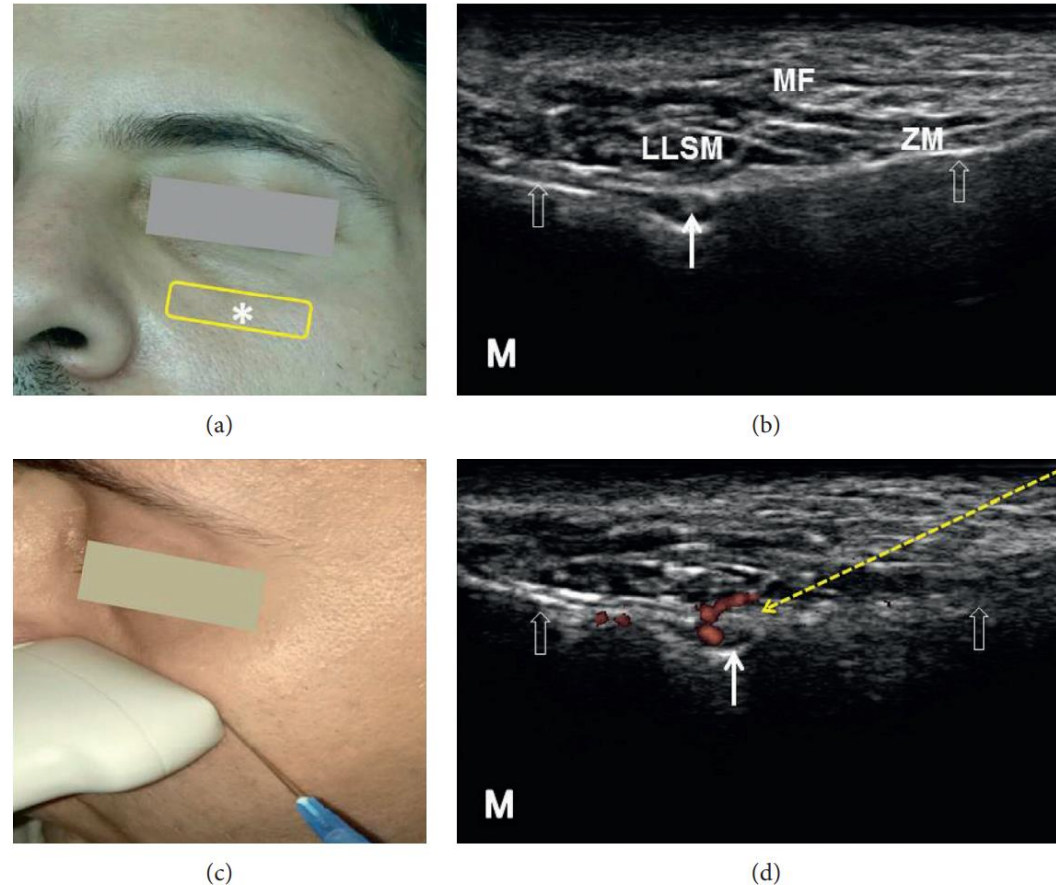


FIGURE 4: Sonoanatomy and ultrasound-guided injection technique for the infraorbital nerve: (a) the transducer position (yellow rectangle), (b) ultrasound image of the infraorbital nerve (white solid arrow) from the infraorbital foramen, (c) introducing the needle in the lateral-to-medial direction using the in-plane approach to target the infraorbital nerve, and (d) power Doppler image of the infraorbital vessels. The asterisk (*) denotes the infraorbital foramen on the face. The empty white arrows denote the bony cortex of the maxilla. The yellow dashed arrow denotes the needle trajectory. LLSM: levator labii superioris muscle; ZM: zygomaticus minor muscle; MF: malar fat; M: medial side. All the pictures were obtained from the face of the first author.

N. mentalis, Allam 2018

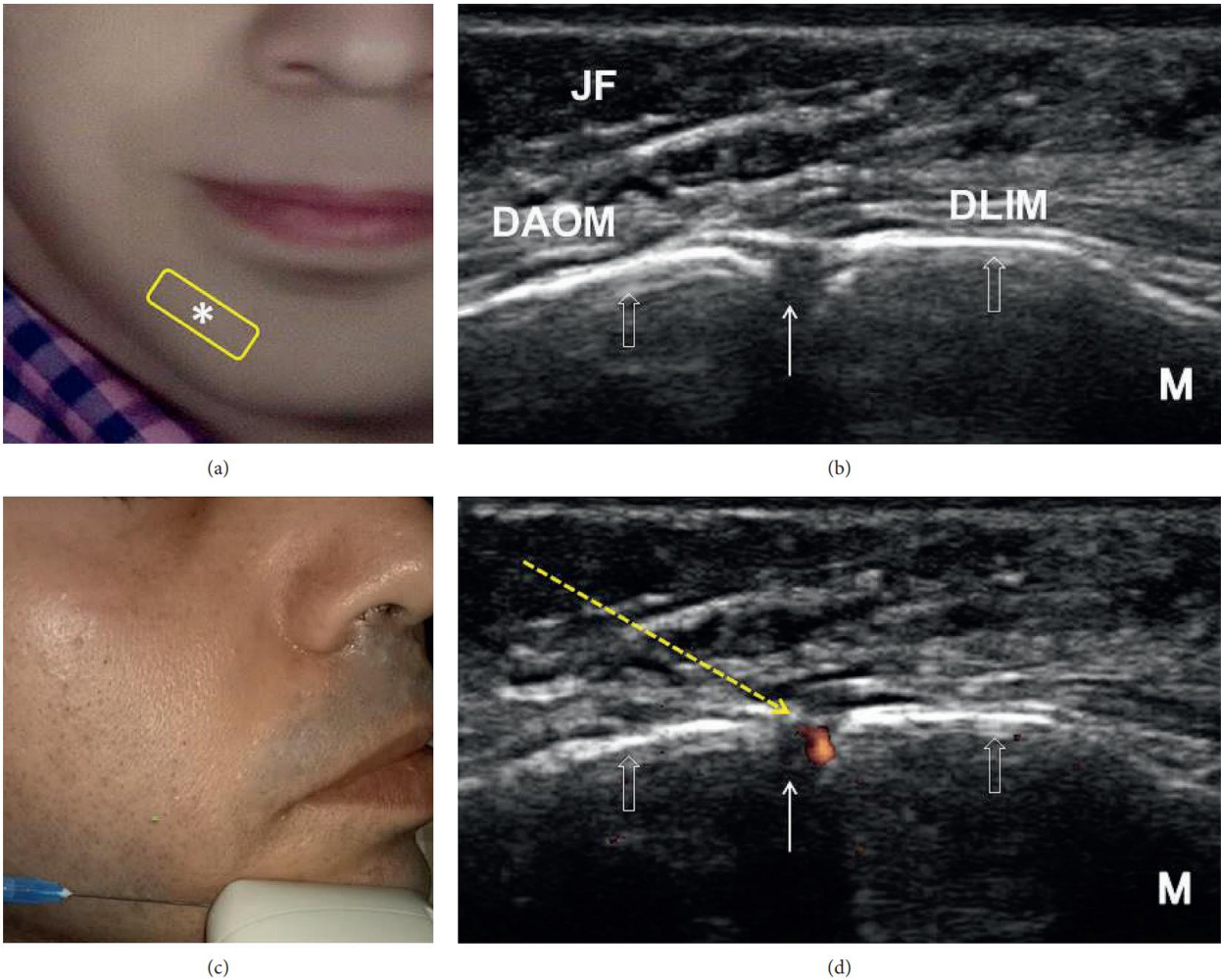


FIGURE 5: Sonoanatomy and ultrasound-guided injection technique for the mental nerve: (a) the transducer position (yellow rectangle), (b) ultrasound imaging of the mental nerve (white solid arrow), (c) introducing the needle from the lateral side toward the midline using the in-plane approach to target the mental nerve, and (d) power Doppler image used to identify the mental vessels. The empty white arrows denote the body of the mandible. The asterisk (*) denotes the mental foramen on the face. The yellow dashed arrow denotes the needle trajectory. DLIM: depressor labii inferioris muscle; DAOM: depressor anguli oris muscle; JF: jowl fat; M: medial side. All the pictures were obtained from the face of the first author.

N. auroculotemporalis, Allam 2018



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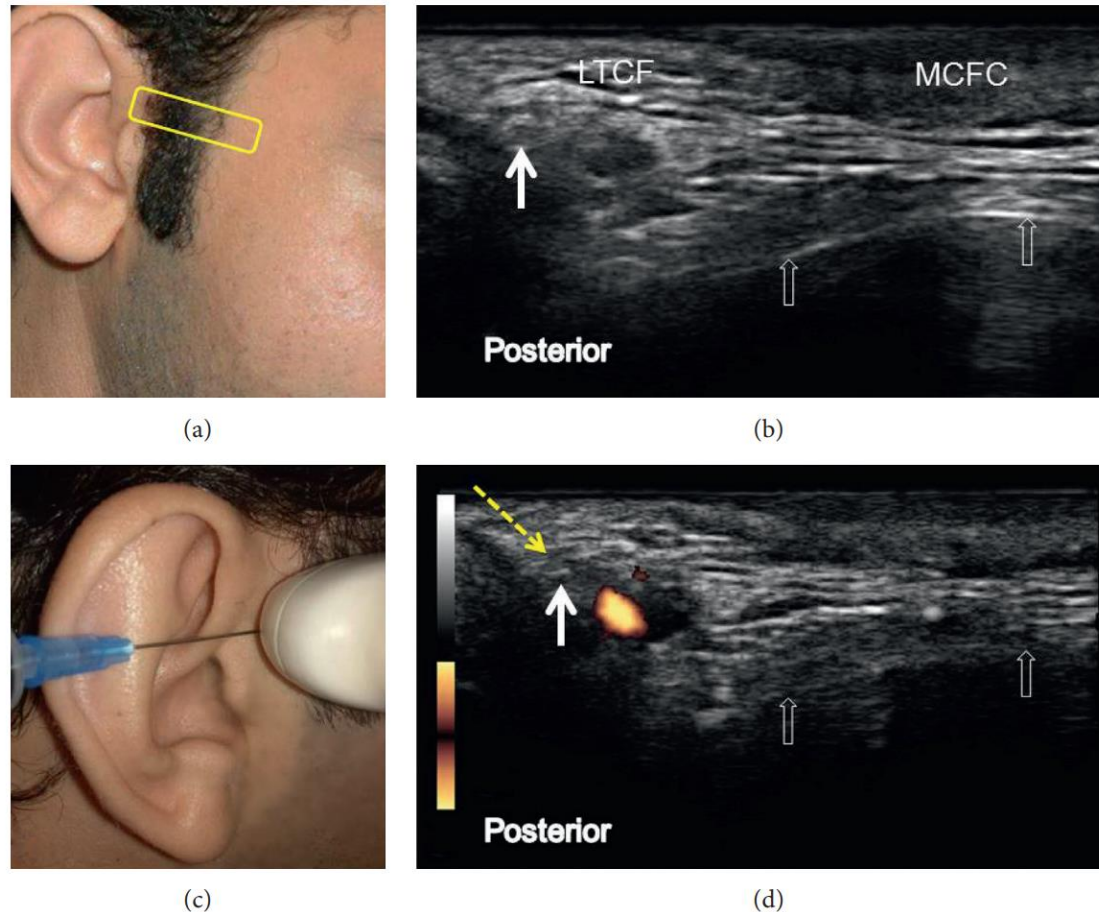


FIGURE 6: Sonoanatomy and ultrasound-guided injection technique for the auriculotemporal nerve: (a) the transducer position (yellow rectangle), (b) ultrasound imaging of the auriculotemporal nerve (white solid arrow), (c) introducing the needle in the posterior-to-anterior direction using the in-plane approach to target the auriculotemporal nerve, and (d) the power Doppler image of the superficial temporal artery. The empty white arrows denote the zygomatic arch. The yellow dashed arrow indicates the needle trajectory. MCFC: middle cheek fat compartment and LTCF: lateral temporal cheek fat. All the pictures were obtained from the face of the first author.

Prospective Case Series

e Ultrasound-Guided Trigeminal Nerve Block via the Pterygopalatine Fossa: An Effective Treatment for Trigeminal Neuralgia and Atypical Facial Pain

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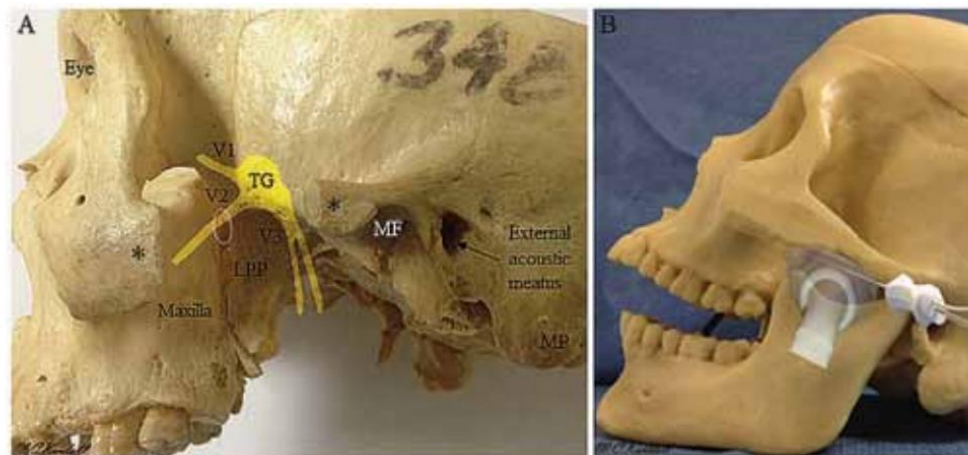


Fig. 2. (A) Anatomical drawing showing the trigeminal ganglion (Gasserian ganglion) and its corresponding branches V1 ophthalmic, V2 maxillary, and V3 mandibular divisions. The pterygopalatine fossa is bound posteriorly by the palatine plates, medially and anteromedially by the palatine bone, and anteriorly by the maxillary bone. The pterygopalatine fossa is a very compact space and an injection into the space places it close to the foramen rotundum allowing the injectate to reach all branches of the trigeminal nerve. (B) A skull model showing the ultrasound probe positioned longitudinally just below the zygomatic bone, superior to the mandibular notch, and anterior to the mandibular condyle. Using the in-plane approach, the needle is advanced from a lateral to medial and posterior to anterior direction toward the pterygopalatine fossa. * = zygomatic process (removed), TG = trigeminal ganglion, LPP = lateral pterygoid plate, MF = mandibular fossa, MP = mastoid process, dashed circle = target area.

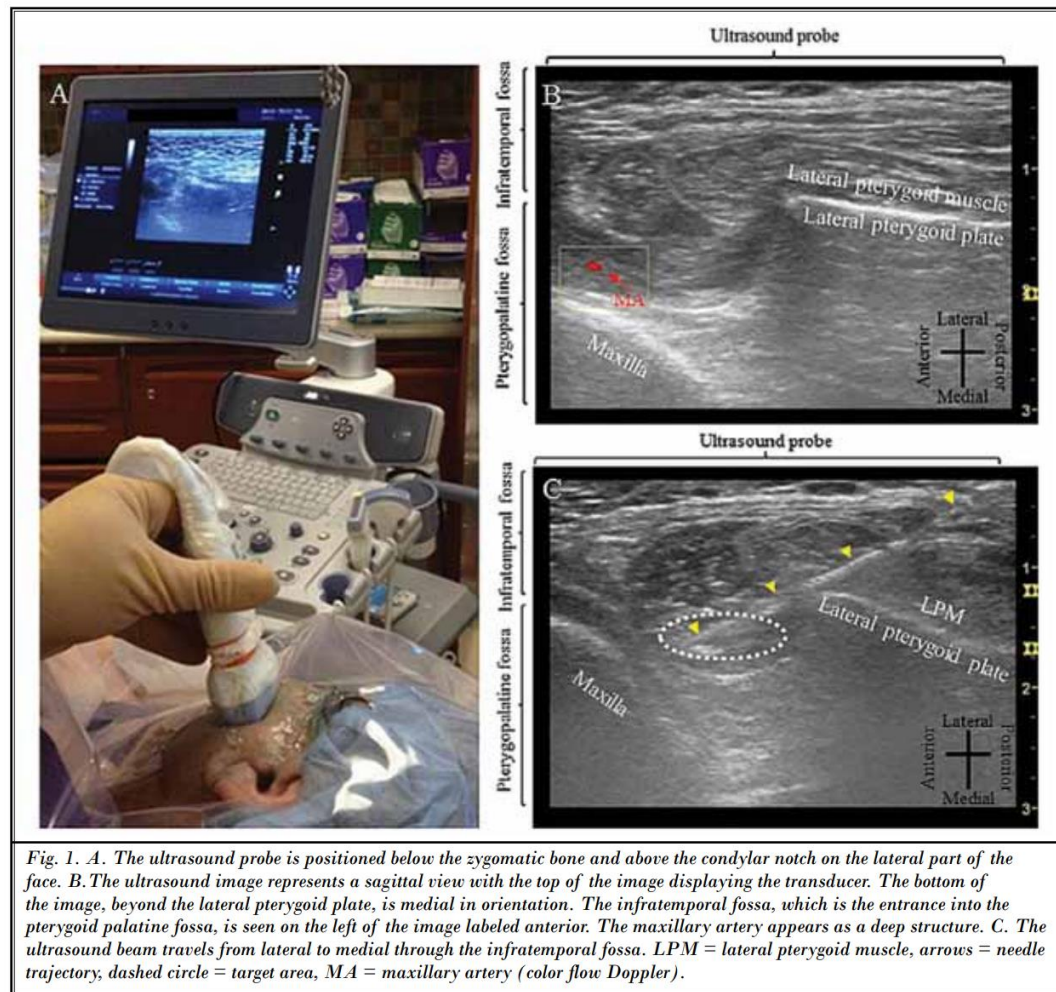


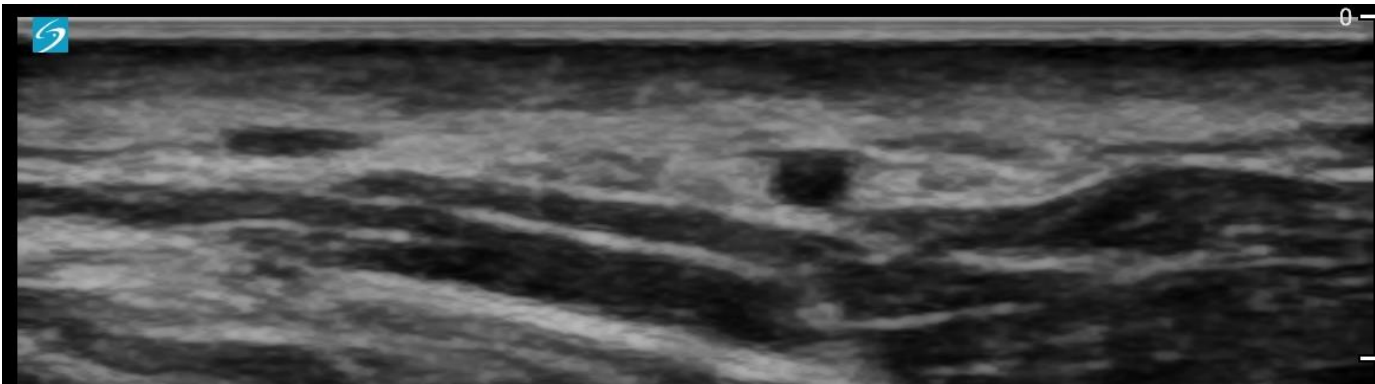
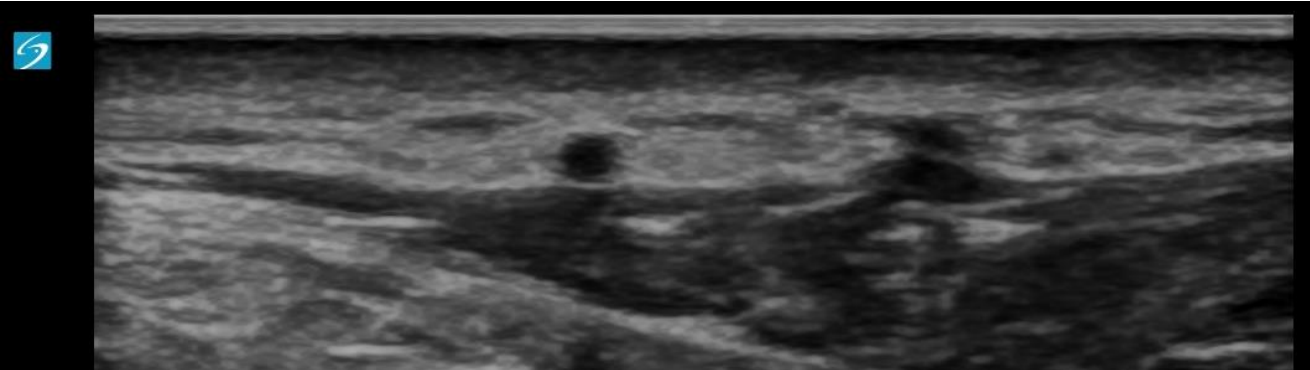
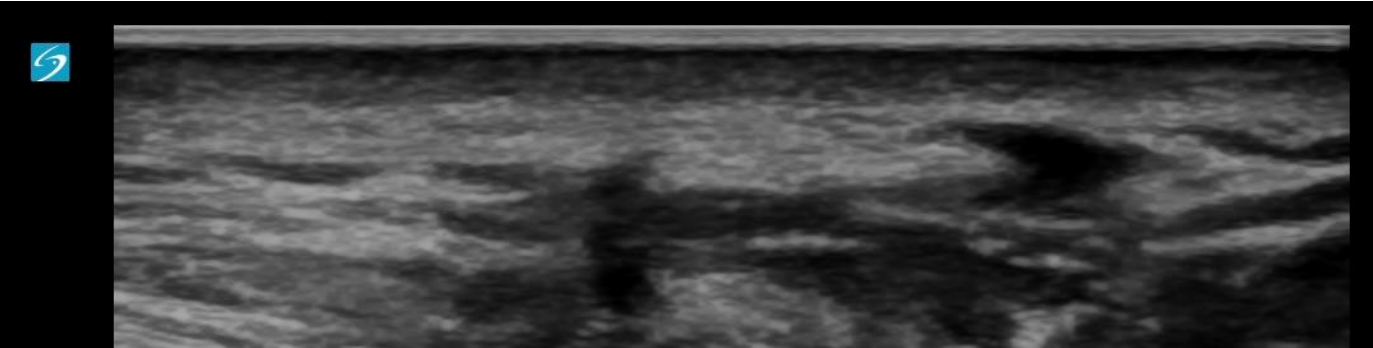
Fig. 1. A. The ultrasound probe is positioned below the zygomatic bone and above the condylar notch on the lateral part of the face. B. The ultrasound image represents a sagittal view with the top of the image displaying the transducer. The bottom of the image, beyond the lateral pterygoid plate, is medial in orientation. The infratemporal fossa, which is the entrance into the pterygoid palatine fossa, is seen on the left of the image labeled anterior. The maxillary artery appears as a deep structure. C. The ultrasound beam travels from lateral to medial through the infratemporal fossa. LPM = lateral pterygoid muscle, arrows = needle trajectory, dashed circle = target area, MA = maxillary artery (color flow Doppler).

Results: All patients achieved complete sensory analgesia to pin prick in the distribution of the V2 branch of the trigeminal nerve and 80% (12 out of 15) achieved complete sensory analgesia in V1, V2, V3 distribution within 15 minutes of the injection. All patients reported pain relief within 5 minutes of the injection. The majority of patients maintained pain relief throughout the 15 month study period. No patients experienced symptoms of local anesthetic toxicity or onset of new neurological sequelae.

N. auricularis magnus



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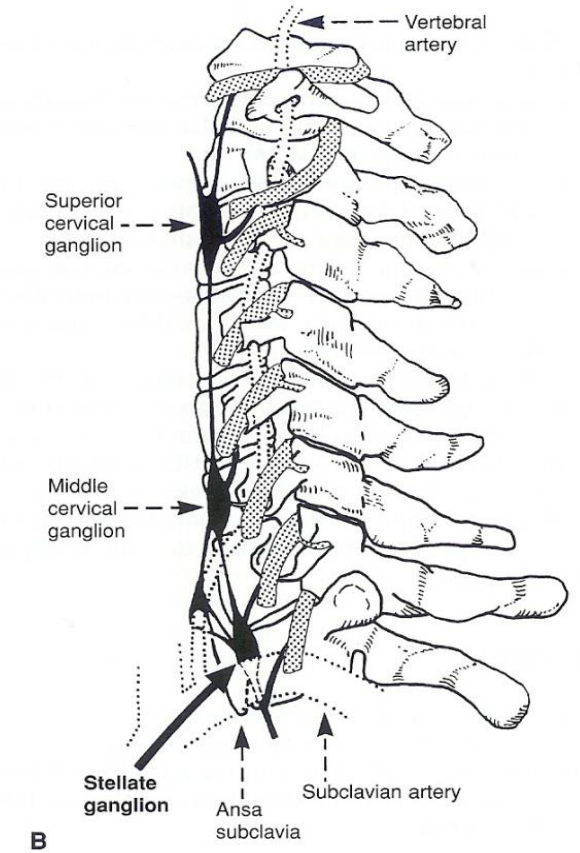
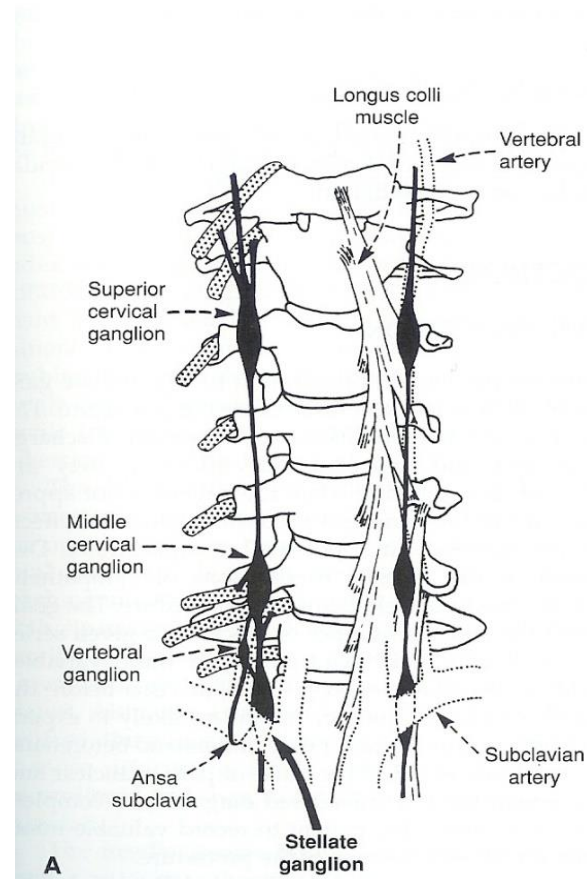
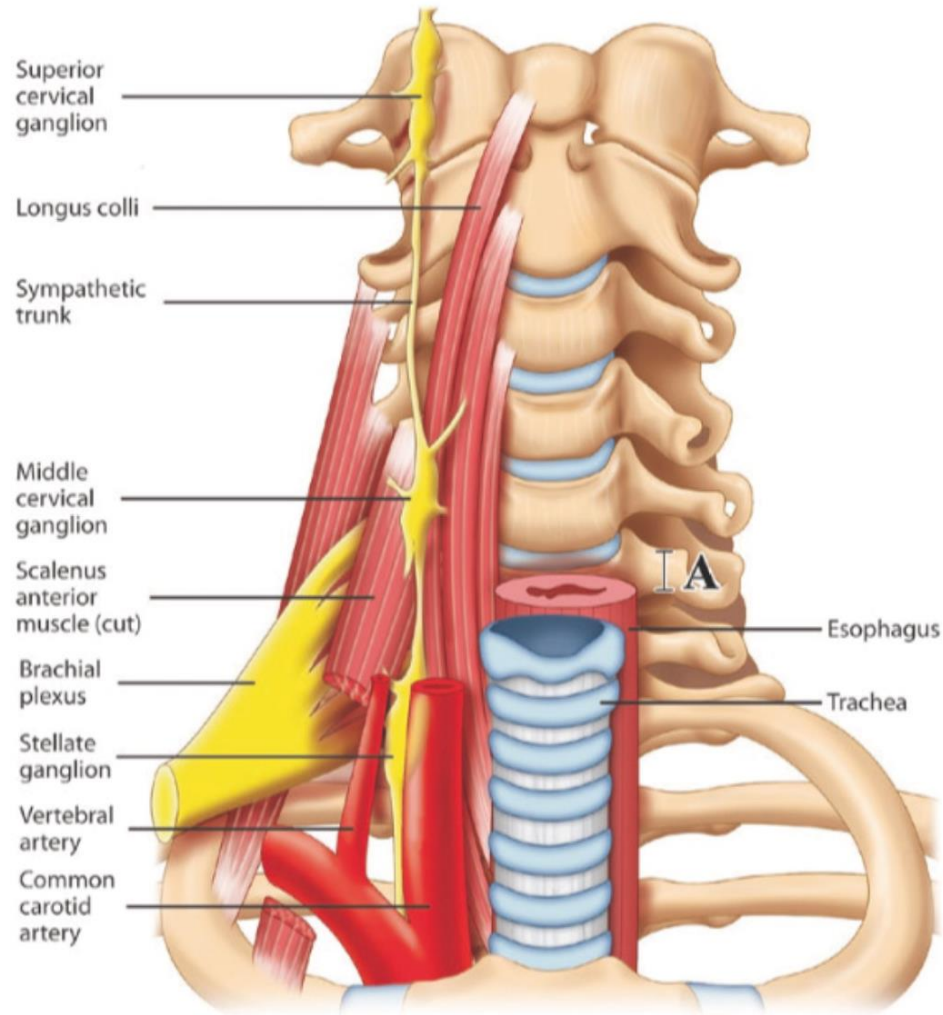


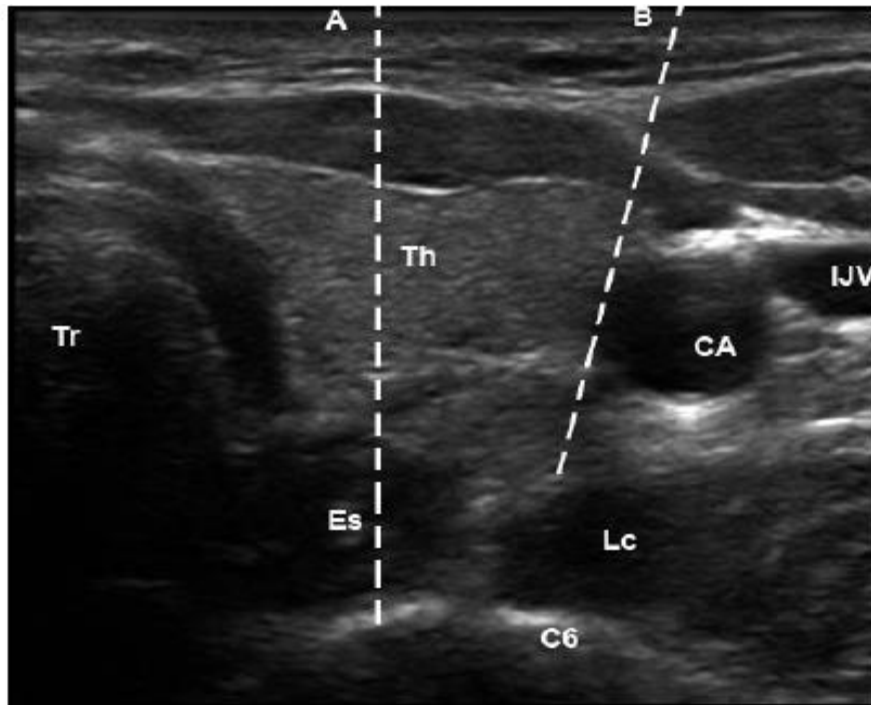
Fig. 3.1 Anatomy of cervical sympathetic chain. (Reprint with permission from Philip Peng Educational Series)



Technical Report

Ultrasound-guided Stellate Ganglion Block Successfully Prevented Esophageal Puncture

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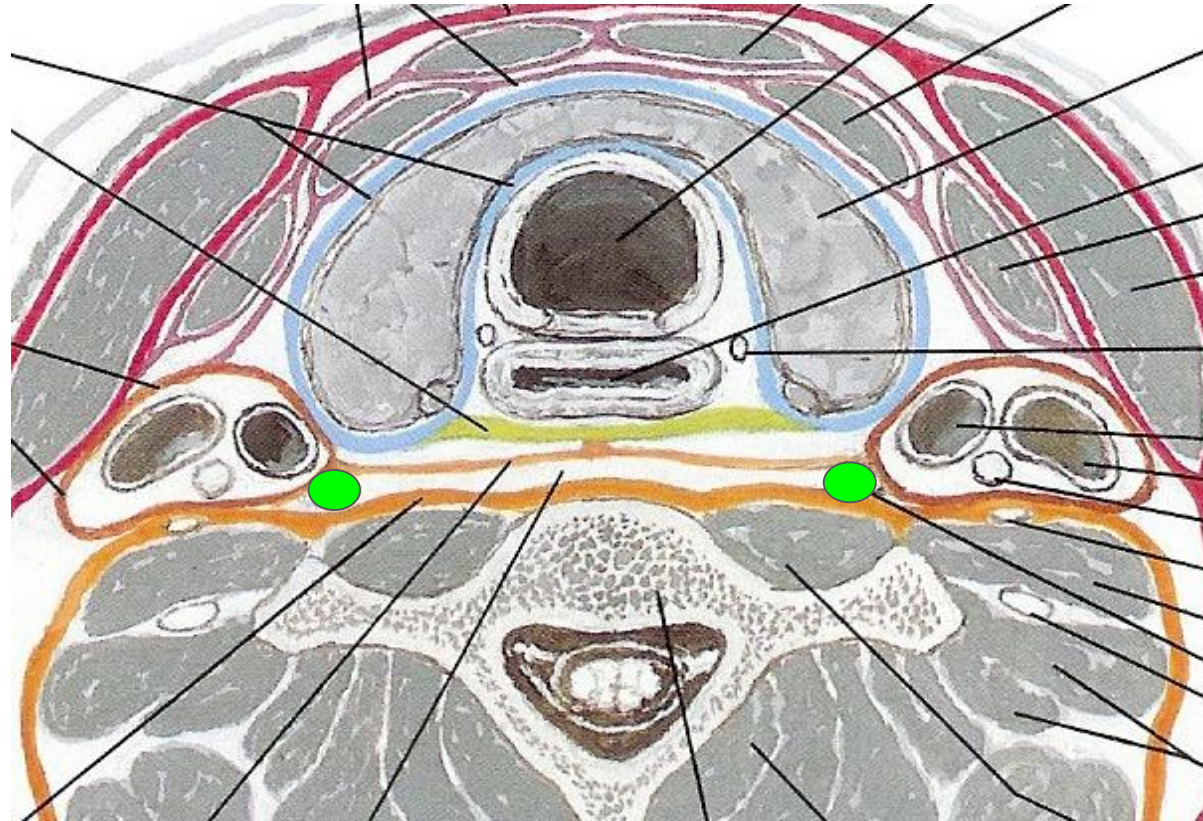


Ultrasound-guided stellate ganglion block may improve the safety of the procedure by direct visualization of the related anatomical structures and accordingly the risk of thyroid gland and vessels, vertebral artery, or esophagus injury may be minimized. Also ultrasound guidance will allow direct monitoring of the spread of the LA and hence complications like RLN palsy, intrathecal, epidural, or intravascular spread may be minimized as well.





Richtige Schichte: Prävertebrale Faszie über dem M. longus colli





Horner Syndrom: Ptosis, Myosis, Enophthalmus



CRPS 1: Morbus Sudeck





Breiteste Indikationen (to be discussed!):

Sympathisch unterhaltener Schmerz (CRPS)

Postzoster Neuralgie

Idiopathischer anhaltender Gesichtsschmerz

Posttraumatisches Stresssyndrom (PTSD)

Tinnitus

Hot flashes (postmenopausale „Wallungen“)

Therapierefraktäre VTs

Colitis ulcerosa

Akutschmerztherapie? Studien vor 5-10 Jahren...



Effect of Early Stellate Ganglion Blockade for Facial Pain from Acute Herpes Zoster and Incidence of Postherpetic Neuralgia

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Table 1. Demographic data and patient's outcome in the studied groups. Values are in mean \pm SD and in number (%). Group 1: placebo group. Group 2: stellate ganglion block group.

Groups	Group 1 (n=30)	Group 2 (n=31)	P value
Age (years)	59.6 \pm 3.2	60.6 \pm 2.2	0.14
Sex (male/ female)	14/16	13/18	0.71
Side (right/ left)	16/14	17/14	0.91
Incidence of PHN			
3 months	8/30 (26.7%)	2/31* (6.5%)	0.043
6 months	4/30 (13.3%)	0/31 * (0 %)	0.035
Patient Satisfaction Score			
3 months	2.2 \pm 1.3	2.8 \pm 1.1*	0.03
6 months	2.4 \pm 0.5	3 \pm 0.0*	0.004
Time of first block (days)	5.17 \pm 0.8	6.26 \pm 0.6	0.63
Duration of pain (days)	43.6 \pm 28.7	23.8 \pm 18*	0.002

* Significant when compared to the other group

Table 2. Visual Analogue Score in the studied groups. Values are in mean \pm SD. Group 1: placebo group. Group 2: stellate ganglion block group.

	Basal	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	6 weeks	2 months	3 months	6 months
Group1	7.1 \pm 1.1	4.7 \pm 1.1	3.8 \pm 1.3	2.8 \pm 1.8	1.8 \pm 2	1.1 \pm 1.9	1.1 \pm 1.9	1.1 \pm 1.8	0.4 \pm 1.1
Group2	7 \pm 0.9	2.9 \pm 0.6*	1.7 \pm 0.8*	0.7 \pm 1*	0.1 \pm 0.6*	0.2 \pm 0.7*	0.2 \pm 0.5*	0.13 \pm 0.5*	0 \pm 0*
P value	0.79	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.014	0.015	0.007	0.042

* Significant when compared to the other group

Effects of applying nerve blocks to prevent postherpetic neuralgia in patients with acute herpes zoster: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Background: Postherpetic neuralgia (PHN) is a common and painful complication of acute herpes zoster. In some cases, it is refractory to medical treatment. Preventing its occurrence is an important issue. We hypothesized that applying nerve blocks during the acute phase of herpes zoster could reduce PHN incidence by attenuating central sensitization and minimizing nerve damage and the anti-inflammatory effects of local anesthetics and steroids.

Methods: This systematic review and meta-analysis evaluates the efficacy of using nerve blocks to prevent PHN. We searched the MEDLINE, EMBASE, Cochrane Library, ClinicalTrials.gov and KoreaMed databases without language restrictions on April, 30 2014. We included all randomized controlled trials performed within 3 weeks after the onset of herpes zoster in order to compare nerve blocks vs active placebo and standard therapy.

Results: Nine trials were included in this systematic review and meta-analysis. Nerve blocks reduced the duration of herpes zoster-related pain and PHN incidence of at 3, 6, and 12 months after final intervention. Stellate ganglion block and single epidural injection did not achieve positive outcomes, but administering paravertebral blockage and continuous/repeated epidural blocks reduced PHN incidence at 3 months. None of the included trials reported clinically meaningful serious adverse events.

Conclusions: Applying nerve blocks during the acute phase of the herpes zoster shortens the duration of zoster-related pain, and somatic blocks (including paravertebral and repeated/continuous epidural blocks) are recommended to prevent PHN. In future studies, consensus-based PHN definitions, clinical cutoff points that define successful treatment outcomes and standardized outcome-assessment tools will be needed. (Korean J Pain 2017; 30: 3-17)

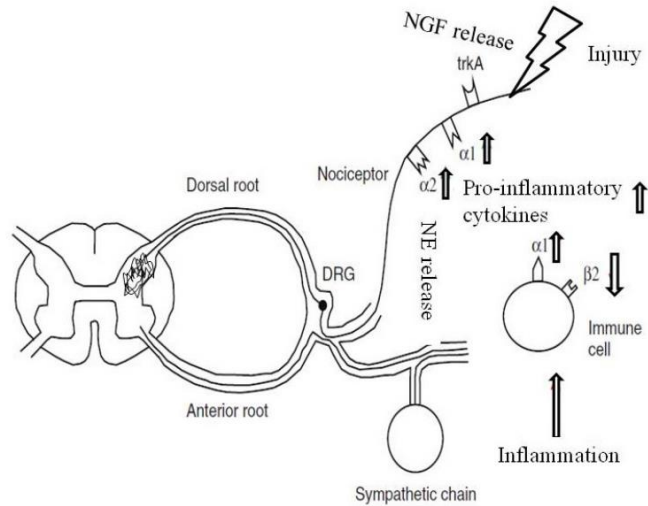


Fig. 2. The sympathetic nervous system (SNS) and pain. Inflammation activates immune dendritic cells. β -2 receptors are downregulated and α -1 receptors are up-regulated on these immune cells. Following nerve injury, functional adrenoceptors are expressed on peripheral nociceptors. Activation of the SNS increases the level of norepinephrine (NE), which activates α -adrenoceptors on the afferent fibers, and releases nerve growth factor (NGF). NGF sensitizes peripheral nociceptors through trk A receptors.

CONCLUSION

SGB can provide valuable diagnostic and therapeutic benefit for different types of facial pain. Using ultrasound-guided technique, SGB can be performed with improved quality and safety compared with the traditional blind technique.

Review Article

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Therapeutic potential of stellate ganglion block in orofacial pain: a mini review



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Orofacial pain is a common complaint of patients that causes distress and compromises the quality of life. It has many etiologies including trauma, interventional procedures, nerve injury, varicella-zoster (shingles), tumor, and vascular and idiopathic factors. It has been demonstrated that the sympathetic nervous system is usually involved in various orofacial pain disorders such as postherpetic neuralgia, complex regional pain syndromes, and atypical facial pain. The stellate sympathetic ganglion innervates the head, neck, and upper extremity. In this review article, the effect of stellate ganglion block and its mechanism of action in orofacial pain disorders are discussed.

Keywords: Head; Orofacial; Pain; Stellate ganglion block; Sympathetic Nervous System.

Ultrasound Imaging for Stellate Ganglion Block: Direct Visualization of Puncture Site and Local Anesthetic Spread

A Pilot Study

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**Table 1. Quality Scores of Stellate Ganglion Block for Both Groups
10 Minutes After the Administration of Local Anesthetic Solution***

Quality Score	Number of Patients			
	Group A		Group B	
	Vasodilation	Horner's syndrome	Vasodilation	Horner's syndrome
0	1	2	0	0
I	11	10	12	12
II	0	0	0	0

*Group A, blind technique; group B, imaging technique.

**Table 2. Quality Scores of Stellate Ganglion Block for Both Groups
30 Minutes After the Administration of Local Anesthetic Solution***

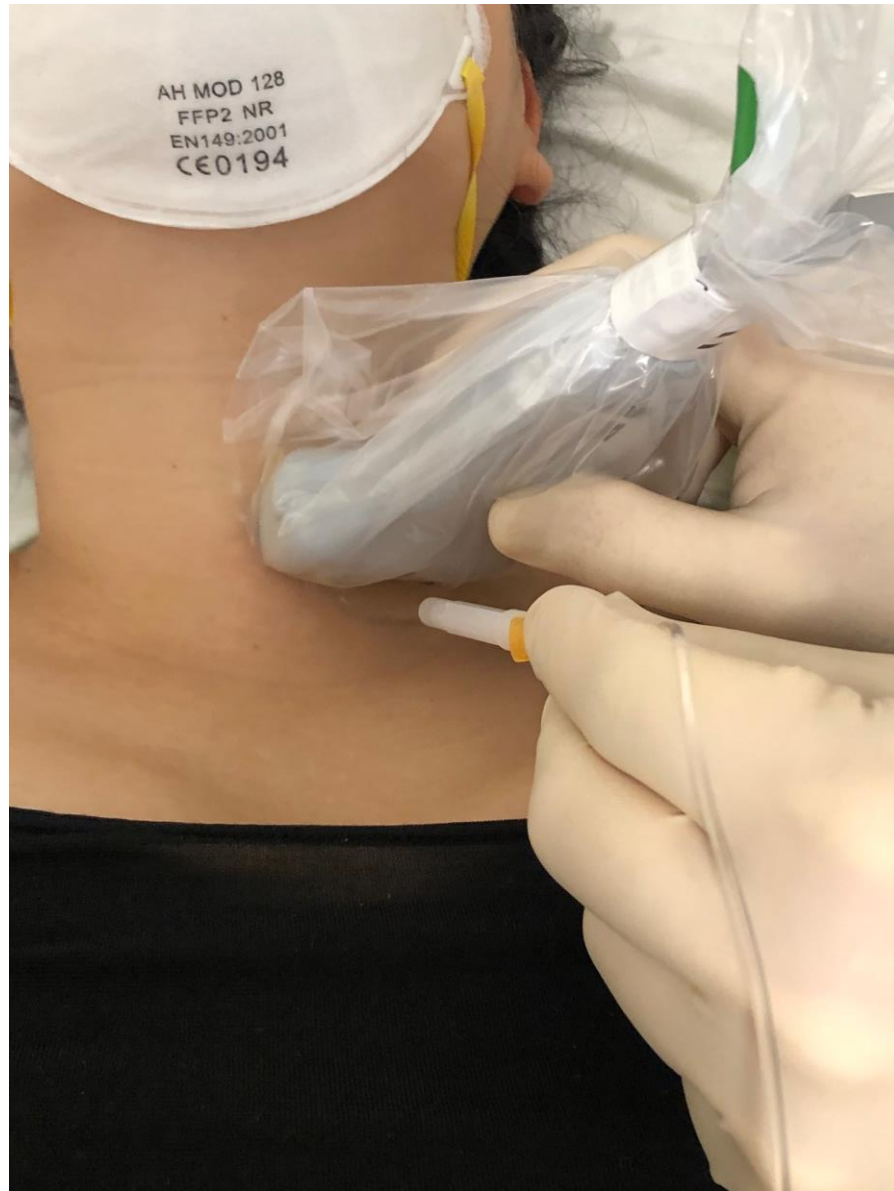
Quality Score	Number of Patients			
	Group A		Group B	
	Vasodilation	Horner's syndrome	Vasodilation	Horner's syndrome
0	0	1	0	0
I	9	10	8	8
II	3	1	4	4

*Group A, blind technique; group B, imaging technique.





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„Topography for stellate ganglion block”

Ultrasound scan transversal ventral at C6

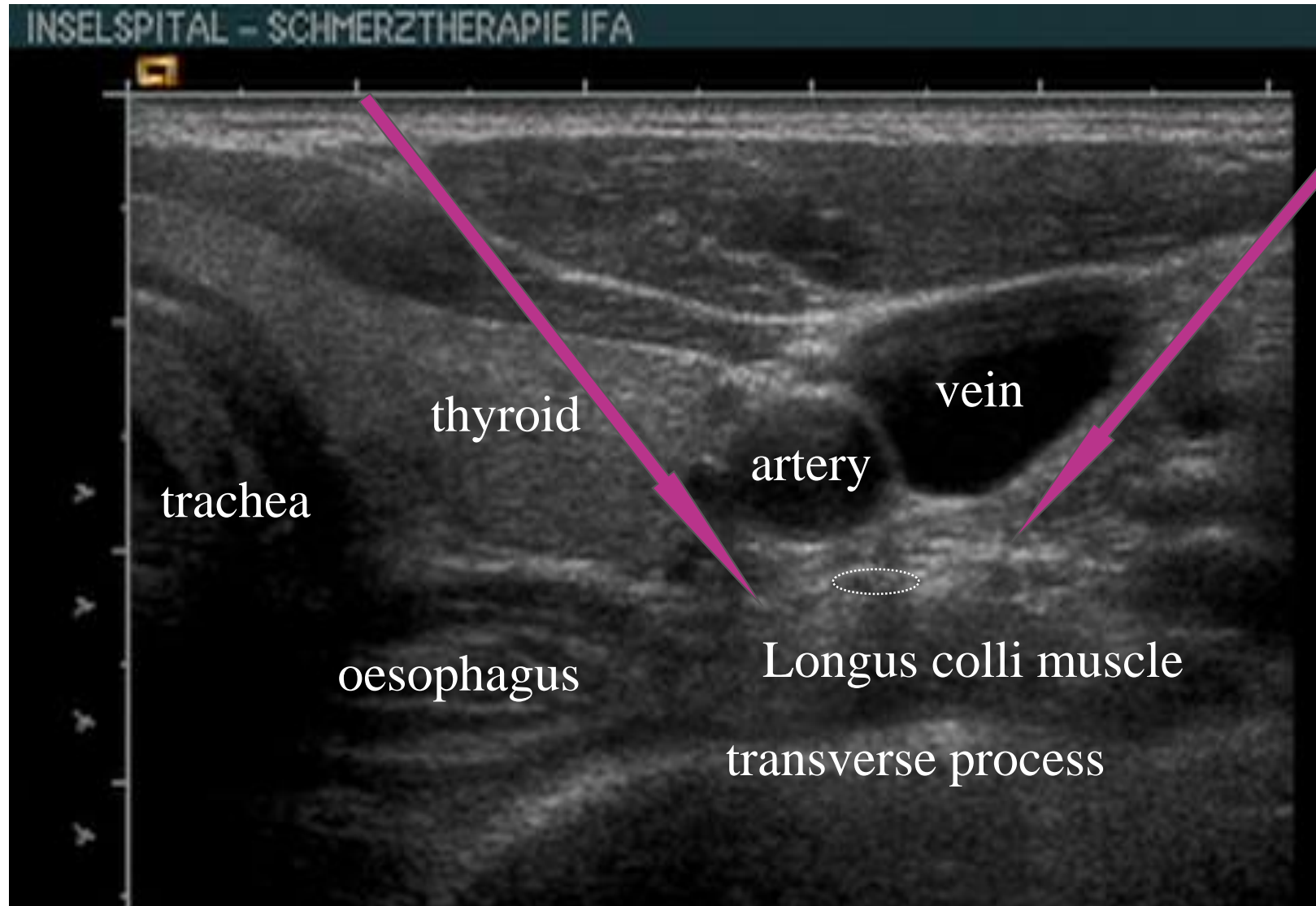


Table 1 Evidence base for the efficacy of peripheral nerve block in treating different headache disorders

Headache disorder	Type of nerve block studied	Evidence level*
Acute migraine	GON	2B ⁸
Chronic migraine	GON	2A ^{9 10}
Cluster headache	GON, suboccipital	1B ^{11 12}
Occipital neuralgia	GON	2B ¹³
Chronic daily headache	GON	2B ¹⁴
Other trigeminal autonomic cephalalgias		
SUNCT/SUNA	Supraorbital, supratrochlear	4 ⁵
Paroxysmal hemicrania/hemicrania continua	Supraorbital, supratrochlear	4 ¹⁵
Other painful cranial neuralgias	Supraorbital, auriculotemporal	4 ^{16 17}

*Based on the Oxford Centre for Evidence-based Medicine Levels of Evidence.

GON, greater occipital nerve; SUNCT, short-lasting unilateral neuralgiform headache attacks with conjunctival injection and tearing; SUNA, short-lasting unilateral neuralgiform headache attacks with cranial autonomic features.

Key points

- ▶ Peripheral nerve blocks have a role in acute and transitional treatment of acute migraine, chronic migraine, cluster headache and painful cranial neuralgias.
- ▶ Patient position and anatomical landmarks are key for their successful delivery.
- ▶ Corticosteroids are frequently used for greater occipital nerve blocks but may also be used for lesser occipital nerve blocks.
- ▶ Supraorbital, supratrochlear and auriculotemporal nerve blocks involve a combination of lidocaine and/or bupivacaine.
- ▶ Uncommon but important adverse effects include transient dizziness, light-headedness, transient headache exacerbation, and rarely localised lipoatrophy and alopecia with corticosteroids.

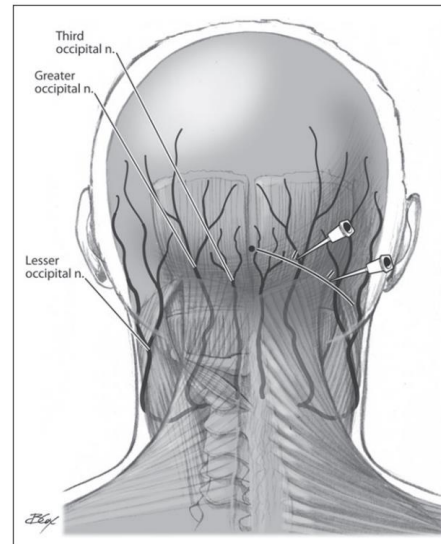


Fig 1.—Greater and lesser occipital nerve blocks.

Review Article

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Headache Disorder	Nerve(s) Blocked	Evidence
Primary headache disorders		
Migraine	GON, STN, SON	Retrospective ²³⁻²⁵ Prospective, noncontrolled ^{12,26}
Cluster headache	GON	Case series ^{4,13} Open label ¹⁴ Retrospective ¹⁵
Chronic daily headache	GON	Double blind, placebo controlled ^{7,8} Case series ⁴ Open label ²⁷
Hemicrania continua	GON, SON	Prospective, noncontrolled ²⁸
New daily persistent headache	GON	Prospective, randomized controlled ²⁰
Secondary headache disorders		
Cervicogenic headache	GON, LON, SON	Case series ^{30,31} Retrospective ²⁵
Post-traumatic headache	GON	Prospective, noncontrolled ³²
Post-dural puncture headache	GON, LON	Prospective, comparative ³³ Double blind, placebo controlled ³⁴
Cranial neuralgias		Retrospective ³⁵
Supraorbital neuralgia	SON	Case series ³⁷⁻³⁹
Auriculotemporal neuralgia	ATN	Case series ⁴⁰

ATN = auriculotemporal nerve; GON = greater occipital nerve; LON = lesser occipital nerve; SON = supraorbital nerve; STN = supratrochlear nerve.



Zusammenfassung

Nervenblöcke haben einen wichtigen Stellenwert bei vielen Kopf- und Gesichtsschmerzen

- Clusterkopfschmerz
- Migraine
- Neuralgien
- Postpunktioneller KS
- Anhaltender idiopathischer Gesichtsschmerz

Ultraschall-gezielte Techniken erhöhen die Präzision, Spezifität und Sicherheit

Weitere Studiendaten zu Indikationen und Wirkmechanismen erforderlich

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13.30 – 15.00	Praktische Ultraschall-Übungen mit Tutoring in Kleingruppen	
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