Lower Extremity Nerve Blocks

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Nerve Block

Femoral

Indications: Surgery on femur, anterior thigh and knee, patella fracture, quadriceps tendon repair. Analgesia for hip and femur fractures.

Patient position: Supine.

Transducer: Linear.

Needle: 22G, 5-10 cm short bevel.

Common EMR obtained: Quadriceps muscle

contraction. LA: 10-20 ml.

Addictions				
ASIS	Anterior Superior Iliac Spine	FV	Femoral Vein	
BORe	Bolus Observe Reposition	IPM	Illiopsoas Muscle	
EMR	Evoked Motor Response	LA	Local Anesthetic	
FA	Femoral Artery	LCFN	Lateral Femoral Cutaneous No	
FI	Fascia Iliaca	SaM	Sartorious Muscle	
FN	Femoral Nerve	SCA	Superficial Circumflex Artery	

Transducer Placement

Ultrasound Image

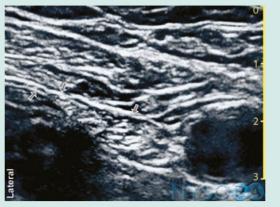
Reverse Ultrasound Anatomy™

Anatomy



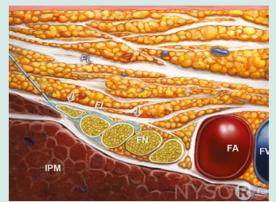
Initial transducer placement: Femoral crease, parallel and inferior to inguinal ligament, must

find the common FA. Initial depth setting: 4 cm.



Landmarks: Common femoral artery and fascia iliaca (arrows).

Ideal view: Femoral nerve lateral to femoral artery, below fascia iliaca, proximal to bifurcation of the FA.



Technique: Needle Insertion in plane, lateral to medial, alternatively out of plane. **Ideal spread of LA:** Under the fascia iliaca around the femoral nerve.

Number of injections: One. BORe.

Tips: Obtain view proximal to bifurcation of the FA. Tilt the probe cranially/caudally to optimize the image of the nerve. Insert the needle

through FI lateral to the edge of the FN. **Beware:** motor weakness of quadriceps muscles can occur; risk of falls.

Saphenous

Indications: Analgesia for knee surgery as a component of multimodal analgesia. In combination with sciatic nerve block for surgery below the knee. **Patient position:** Supine with leg abducted and externally rotated.

Transducer: Linear.

Needle: 22G, 5-10 cm short bevel.

Common EMR obtained: If used, paresthesia of medial aspect of lower leg or vastus medialis twitch can be elicited. **LA:** 10-15 ml.

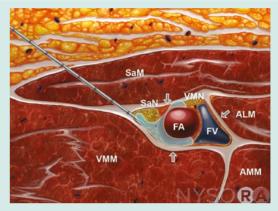
Abbreviations					
ALM	Adductor Longus Muscle	RFM	Rectus Femoris Muscle		
AMM	Adductor Magnus Muscle	SaM	Sartorius Muscle		
FA	Femoral Artery	SaN	Saphenous Nerve		
FV	Femoral Vein	VMM	Vastus Medialis Muscle		
PD	Power Doppler	VMN	Vastus Medialis Nerve		



Initial transducer placement: Transverse view at medial aspect of lower thigh to mid-thigh level. Initial depth setting: 4 cm.

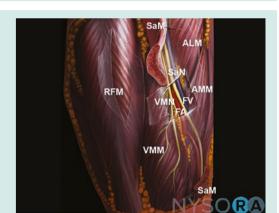


Landmarks: Sartorius muscle and femoral artery. **Ideal view:** Femoral artery in the subsartorius plane at the medial edge of the vastus medialis.



Technique: Needle insertion in plane, lateral to medial, alternatively out of plane. **Ideal spread of LA:** In the fascial plane (arrows) underneath sartorius muscle on both sides of the

Number of injections: One. BORe.



Tips: When localization of femoral artery proves difficult, use PD and/or start scanning at the level of the femoral crease and follow the course of the femoral artery distally into the canal.

Sciatic Subgluteal level

Indications: Anesthesia and analgesia for surgery on femur, at and below the knee.

Patient position: Prone, lateral or oblique (shown). **Transducer:** Linear or curved in larger patients. Needle: 22G, 8-10 cm short bevel. Common EMR obtained: Twitch of calf or foot.

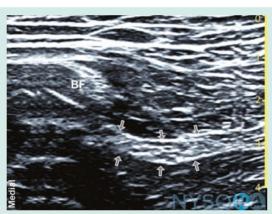
LA: 15-20 ml.

Addictiations			
AMM	Adductor Magnus Muscle		Ischial Tubercle
BORe	Bolus Observe Reposition	LCnN	Lateral cluneal Nerves
EMR	Evoked Motor Response	LA	Local Anesthetic
GMM	Gluteus Maximus Muscle	PctN	Pectineus Nerve
GT	Great Trochanter	ScN	Sciatic Nerve
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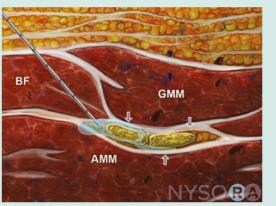


Initial transducer placement: Gluteal crease, scan cephalad-caudad until the best view of the oval-shaped sciatic nerve and the muscular tunnel in which it travels are visualized regardless of the

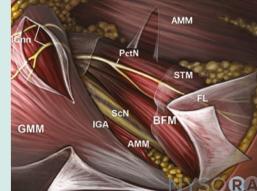
Initial depth setting: 4-5 cm.



Landmarks: Sciatic nerve, gluteus maximus, fascia underneath gluteus maximus. **Ideal view:** Sciatic nerve in common connective tissue sheath (intermuscular tunnel).



Technique: Needle insertion in plane, lateral to medial, alternatively out of plane. Ideal spread of LA: Around the nerve, within the common connective tissue sheath. Number of injections: One. BORe.



Tips: Avoid inferior gluteal artery. Needle should enter the sheath of the ScN either at the lateral or medial aspect of the nerve. Transducer pressure and tilt often required to obtain the adequate view.

Sciatic Popliteal level

Indications: Anesthesia and analgesia for surgery below the knee.

Patient position: Prone, oblique (shown) or supine

with the knee flexed. **Transducer:** Linear or curved in larger patients.

Needle: 22G, 5-10 cm short bevel.

Common EMR obtained: Twitch of calf, foot or toes. LA: 15-20 ml.

BFM	Biceps Fem
BORe	Bolus Obse

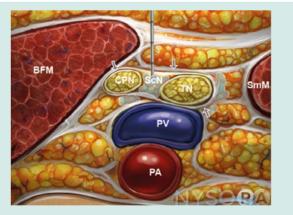


4-5 cm above the popliteal crease. Initial depth setting: 4-5 cm.



Landmarks: Popliteal artery and vein, femur, BFM. Ideal view: Sciatic nerve with TN and CPN slightly diverged within common connective tissue sheath of SN (arrows).

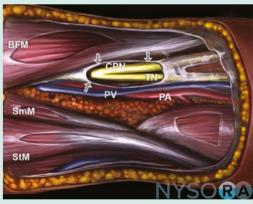
Note: This image demonstrates separation of TN and CPN after successful injection.



Technique: Needle insertion in plane, lateral to medial, or out of plane. Needle tip position: Inside the common connec-

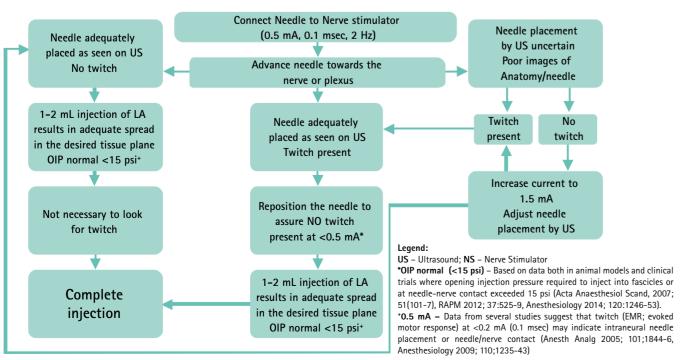
tive tissue sheath, between TN and CPN. Ideal spread of LA: In between and around TN and CPN.

Number of injections: One. BORe.



Tips: If imaging the division of the ScN proves difficult, start scanning at the popliteal crease, where the tibial nerve is located postero lateral to the popliteal vein. After injection, scan proximally – distally to assure the LA spread around TN and CPN. Catheter is placed within the sheath.

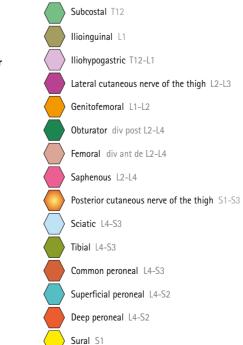
Suggested Standard Monitoring For Nerve Blocks Ultrasound + Nerve Stimulation + Opening Injection Pressure (OIP)



Dermatomes



Posterior



Osteotomes



Anterior

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