Ultrasound in Peripheral Nerve Interventions

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Outline

- Ultrasound basics
- Nerve blocks in physiatric setting
- Ultrasound with nerve blocks
Ultrasound Basics

• Sound wave energy is transformed when it interacts upon different medium
  – Reflected
  – Absorbed
  – Transformed
Sound Wave Transformation

- Frequency
- Energy – heat, electricity, mechanical energy / vibration...etc.
- Density of median -> impedance
- High impedance difference -> high echogenicity
  - Mineral, fluid, gas
Ultrasound Machines

- Transforms electricity to ultrasound
- Receives reflected ultrasound and transforms to electricity
- Display of digital images
Ultrasound transducers

• Transforms electricity to vibrations of the piezoelectric crystals
• Higher frequency -> higher resolution, lower penetration
• 15 – 17 MHz
Doppler Effect

- Sound wave travelling away decreases in frequency
- Sound wave travelling towards increases in frequency
Doppler Imaging

Nerve Blocks

• Management of spasticity, contractures
• Pre-serial casting transient blocks
• Pre-manipulation blocks
• Diagnostic / therapeutic
Ultrasound Imaging for Nerve Blocks

- Brachial Plexus
- Suprascapular
- Median – elbow, carpal tunnel
- Ulnar
- Radial
- Femoral
- Obturator
- Sciatic
- Tibial
Brachial Plexus

• Preparation for regional shoulder manipulations
Surface anatomy of the brachial plexus emphasizing the approaches for brachial plexus block

Cervical approach
Supraclavicular approach
First rib
Clavicle
Humerus
Axillary sheath
Axillary approach

Cricoid
Sternocleidomastoid
Arm

http://www.frca.co.uk/article.aspx?articleid=100359#:~:text=(August%2030%2C%202011)
Brachial Plexus – Anatomical Approach
Brachial Plexus – Interscalene Approach
Brachial Plexus - Interscalene

- http://www.eorthopod.com/content/thoracic-outlet-syndrome
Brachial Plexus - Interscalene

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Brachial Plexus – Suprascapular Artery
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Brachial Plexus - Supraclavicular
Supraclavicular – Suprascapular Nerve
Brachial Plexus – Infraclavicular
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Axillary artery

Axillary vein

Caudad

Cephalad

Yasuyuki Shibata. Ultrasound-Guided Infraclavicular Brachial Plexus Block.
Brachial Plexus – Infraclavicular

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Musculocutaneous Nerve
Musculocutaneous and Axillary

Relationship of the brachial plexus to the axillary artery

- Ventral rami (roots)
- Upper trunk
- Middle trunk
- Divisions
- Lateral cord
- Coracoid process

Cervical nerves
- C5
- C6
- C7
- C8

- Lower trunk
- Thoracic nerve
- T1

- Posterior cord
- Axillary artery
- Medial cord
- Pectoralis minor
- Axillary nerve
- Musculocutaneous nerve
- Ulnar nerve
- Median nerve
- Radial nerve

Posterior divisions and their branches dark green

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Suprascapular Nerve

• Preparation for regional shoulder manipulations

• In conjunction with other blocks
  – Axillary nerve
  – Intra-articular
  – Acromio-clavicular
  – Sub-acromial bursa
Suprascapular Nerve
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Transducer parallel to scapular spine

Needle parallel to beam
Subcutaneous tissue

Trapezius

Supraspinatus

Transverse scapular ligament

Coracoid process

Suprascapular nerve
Median Nerve

- Diagnostic / Therapeutic blocks
- Carpal tunnel injections
Median Nerve
Carpal Tunnel Anatomy
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- Daniel Shelton, Carpal Tunnel: Bifid Median Nerve - SonoSite Case Study, [www.MSKSono.com](http://www.MSKSono.com), SonoSite
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Proximal Carpal Tunnel Probe Placement - Transverse
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Median Nerve Edema

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Ulnar Nerve

• Finger / wrist flexor dennervations
  – Pre splinting / casting
• Epicondylar groove
Radial Nerve
Femoral Nerve

- Extensor contracture of quadriceps
- Diagnosis of the extent of tone versus soft tissue contracture prior to placing a temporary intrathecal baclofen infusion pump
Femoral Nerve

Lateral

Medial
Obturator Nerve

- Adductor spasticity / contractures
- Primarily for neurolysis
Obturator Nerve
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US Guided Obturator Nerve Block

- Rabah, Danny M. and Ahmed K. Thallaj.
- Phase 1 Study, Safety and Feasibility of Ultrasound Guided Obturator Nerve Block in Transurethral Surgery
- 18 consecutive men, ages 54-95, mean 69
- Mean time for procedure 4.2 min
- Successful block 97.2%
Yasuyuki Shibata. Ultrasound-Guided Obturator Nerve Block.
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Sciatic / Tibial Nerves

• Pre-serial short leg casting of ankle contractures

• Diagnostic block
  – Deformity, e.g. hammer toe refractory to intramuscular motor point blocks
  – Versus diagnostic motor point blocks
Sciatic Nerve
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- Gluteus maximus muscle
- Greater trochanter
- Subgluteal space
- Quadratus femoris muscle
- Local anaesthetic
- Sciatic nerve
- Ischial tuberosity
Sciatic Nerve
Shibata, Yasuyuki, and Misako Harato. Ultrasound-Guided Anterior Sciatic Nerve Block.
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Tibial Nerve
Resources

• Atlas of Ultrasound- and Nerve Stimulation-Guided Regional Anesthesia
• Extensive list of detailed peripheral nerve blocks
Resources

• Atlas of Ultrasound-Guided Regional Anesthesia: Expert Consult
• Online videos
Resources

• Ultrasound Guided Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine

• Numerous pain / sensory nerve blocks
Resources

• Ultrasound in Anesthetic Practice (with DVD)
Resources

• Critical Care Ultrasonography (with DVD)
• Alexander Levitov, Paul Mayo, Anthony Slonim
Resources

- Practical Ultrasound in Anesthesia for Critical Care and Pain Management (with CD)
- Philip M. Hopkins, Andrew R. Bodenham, Scott T. Reeves