

# Analgesic drug combinations in post-operative movement-evoked pain

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**  
ANAE-099-03

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

**Study objectives**

The central hypothesis of this application is that a combination of the COX-2I, meloxicam, and the 3-alkylated gamma-amino butyric acid (GABA) analog, gabapentin, will reduce evoked pain and opioid consumption to a greater degree than either drug alone. It is also postulated that superior reduction of evoked pain will result in enhancement of post-operative physiological recovery.

The central hypothesis will be tested and the objective of the trial accomplished by pursuing the following specific objective:

To evaluate the efficacy of reducing evoked post-operative pain, and improving post-operative pulmonary performance, by:

1. The COX-2 inhibitor non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) meloxicam
2. The 3-alkylated gamma-amino butyric acid (GABA) analog gabapentin, or
3. A combination of meloxicam and gabapentin

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Queen's University Research Ethics Board approved in June 2004

**Study design**

Double-blind randomised parallel group trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Post-operative pain

**Interventions**

Enrolled patients will be randomised, in a double-blind fashion, to receive oral administration of one of three possible treatments (n = 32 patients per group):

1. Meloxicam 15 mg per day
2. Gabapentin 1200 to 1600 mg per day
3. A combination of meloxicam 15 mg per day and gabapentin 1200 to 1600 mg per day

**Intervention Type**

Drug

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)**

Gabapentin, meloxicam

**Primary outcome(s)**

Cough-evoked pain intensity

**Key secondary outcome(s))**

1. Pain intensity at rest, while sitting, and at peak expiration
2. Peak expiratory flow rate, forced vital capacity, forced expiratory volume over 1 second
3. Total analgesic consumption (fentanyl on day of surgery, morphine equivalents on postoperative days 1 and 2)
4. Side effects, blinding questionnaire responses
5. Time to discharge from hospital, time to return to work (in those working outside of the home)

**Completion date**

30/12/2006

**Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Patients aged 18 or older (either sex) requiring elective laparoscopic cholecystectomy
2. American Society of Anesthesiologists class 1 or 2
3. Body mass index (weight in kilograms/[height in meters]<sup>2</sup>) less than or equal to 35

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Known history of hypersensitivity to any agents to be used in the study
2. History of serious organ disease/dysfunction
3. History of persistent pain (excluding gallbladder pain) prior to surgery
4. Daily intake, or intake within 48 hours prior to surgery, of any glucocorticoid agents, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, or other analgesics, not including daily administration of less than or equal to 325 mg of aspirin for cardiovascular prophylaxis
5. History or evidence of substance or alcohol abuse
6. History of a major psychiatric disorder
7. History of a bleeding disorder
8. History of peptic ulcer disease
9. History of moderate to severe asthma with forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV1) less than 65% predicted
10. History of a seizure disorder requiring treatment with an anticonvulsant drug
11. A language barrier in communicating with research staff

**Date of first enrolment**

09/11/2004

**Date of final enrolment**

30/12/2006

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

Canada

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**

Physician's Services Incorporated (PSI) Foundation (Canada)

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/0385yzn06>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Charity

**Funder Name**

Physician's Services Incorporated (PSI) Foundation (Canada) (ref: 03-30)

## Results and Publications

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan****IPD sharing plan summary**

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**Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/02/2009		Yes	No