

# Randomised controlled trial of Femoral Nerve Blockade for fractured femurs

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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EudraCT/CTIS number

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**Secondary identifying numbers**  
SDHCT03/02/002; NRR Pub. ID: N0224122747

## Study information

## **Scientific Title**

### **Acronym**

FNB study

### **Study objectives**

To determine whether local anaesthetic blockade of the femoral nerve reduces pain from fractured proximal femurs.

### **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

### **Ethics approval(s)**

South Devon Research Ethics Committee (formerly Torbay REC) approval gained on 14th February 2003 (reference number: 36/08/02).

### **Study design**

Randomised, double blind, placebo controlled trial

### **Primary study design**

Interventional

### **Secondary study design**

Randomised controlled trial

### **Study setting(s)**

Hospital

### **Study type(s)**

Treatment

### **Participant information sheet**

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

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

Fractured proximal femurs

### **Interventions**

Local anaesthetic blockade of the femoral nerve (0.5% bupivacaine) versus placebo (0.9% sterile saline) in patients with fractured proximal femurs.

### **Intervention Type**

Drug

### **Phase**

Not Specified

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

Bupivacaine

### **Primary outcome measure**

To assess the quality of anaesthesia provided by systemic opioids alone or combined with femoral nerve blockade in two otherwise equivalent groups by measuring pain scores and levels of systemic opioid administration required.

### **Secondary outcome measures**

1. To assess mental function using a standard ten point scale (Abbreviated Mental Test Score [AMTS]) and a 30 point scale (Mini Mental State Examination [MMSE]) before and after the operation, comparing the two groups
2. To assess mobility and function, using a modified Physiotherapy Functional Mobility Profile (PFMP) and achievement of activities for daily living score (MIMS), before and after the operation, comparing the two groups
3. To monitor the lengths of stay in the two groups
4. To monitor the incidence of death in the two groups at 30 days and 90 days
5. To monitor the levels and incidence of infections to the wound, prosthesis and/or catheter post operatively

### **Overall study start date**

20/02/2004

### **Completion date**

30/10/2008

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

1. Aged over 18 years
2. Fractured proximal femur
3. Capable of informed consent
4. Written informed consent obtained

### **Participant type(s)**

Patient

### **Age group**

Adult

### **Lower age limit**

18 Years

### **Sex**

Both

### **Target number of participants**

268

### **Key exclusion criteria**

1. Documented allergy to bupivacaine
2. Infection at the site of catheter placement
3. Aged under 18 years
4. Unable to give informed consent
5. Refusal to give informed consent

**Date of first enrolment**

20/02/2004

**Date of final enrolment**

30/10/2008

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

**Study participating centre****Anaesthetics Department**

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**

South Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (UK)

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**Sponsor type**

Hospital/treatment centre

**Website**

<http://www.sdhct.nhs.uk/>

ROR

<https://ror.org/05374b979>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Charity

### Funder Name

Torbay Medical Research Fund

## Results and Publications

### Publication and dissemination plan

Not provided at time of registration

### Intention to publish date

### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

### IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/12/2007		Yes	No