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Evaluation of effect of sedation on diagnostic cervical facet joint nerve blocks

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Recruitment status
No longer recruiting

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17/11/2005

Overall study status
Completed

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Condition category
Musculoskeletal Diseases

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Plain English summary of protocol
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Protocol #5

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives

To demonstrate sedation has no effect on the validity of diagnostic cervical facet joint nerve blocks.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Not provided at time of registration

Study design
Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design
Interventional

Study type(s)
Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Chronic neck pain

Interventions
Intravenous injection of sodium chloride solution, midazolam, or fentanyl prior to cervical facet joint nerve blocks under fluoroscopy.

Intervention Type
Drug

Phase
Not Specified

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)
Sodium chloride solution, midazolam and fentanyl

Primary outcome(s)
The administration of sedation with midazolam or fentanyl could be a confounding factor in the diagnosis of cervical facet joint pain in patients with chronic neck pain. However, if ≥80% pain relief with the ability to perform prior painful movements is used as the diagnostic standard, the effect of sedation on validity may be extremely low. In contrast, a significant number of patients may present as false-positives if ≥50% pain relief with ability to perform prior painful movements is used as the diagnostic criteria.

Key secondary outcome(s))
Prudent administration of midazolam only to patients who are not relaxed may not have significant adverse effect on the diagnostic validity of controlled comparative local anesthetic blocks. On the other hand, fentanyl could confound the diagnosis with false-positive results in a significant proportion of patients.

Completion date
30/04/2004

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
1. Subjects were between 18 and 90 years of age
2. Subjects had a history of chronic, function limiting, neck pain of at least 6 months duration
3. Subjects were able to give voluntary, written informed consent to participate in the investigation
4. Subjects who, in the opinion of the investigator, are able to understand the investigation, and /or cooperate with the investigational procedures
5. Subjects who had undergone diagnostic facet joint blocks and the diagnosis of cervical facet joint pain has been confirmed previously

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Adult

Lower age limit
18 years

Sex
All

Key exclusion criteria
1. Subjects without cervical facet joint pain
2. Subjects with uncontrollable major depression or uncontrolled psychiatric disorders
3. Pregnant or lactating women
4. Subjects with multiple complaints involving multiple other problems with overlapping pain complaints
5. Subjects unable to achieve appropriate positioning and inability to understand informed consent and protocol
6. Subjects with a history of adverse reaction to either midazolam or fentanyl

Date of first enrolment
02/02/2004

Date of final enrolment
30/04/2004

Locations

Countries of recruitment
United States of America

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Sponsor information

Organisation
Ambulatory Surgery Center and Pain Management Center of Paducah (USA)

Funder(s)

Funder type
Hospital/treatment centre

Funder Name
Ambulatory Surgery Center and Pain Management Center of Paducah (USA)

Results and Publications

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?
Results article	results	01/10/2004		Yes	No