# Fascia Iliaca Block: An Acute Pain Service Led Initiative for Preoperative Pain Management in Patients with a Hip Fracture



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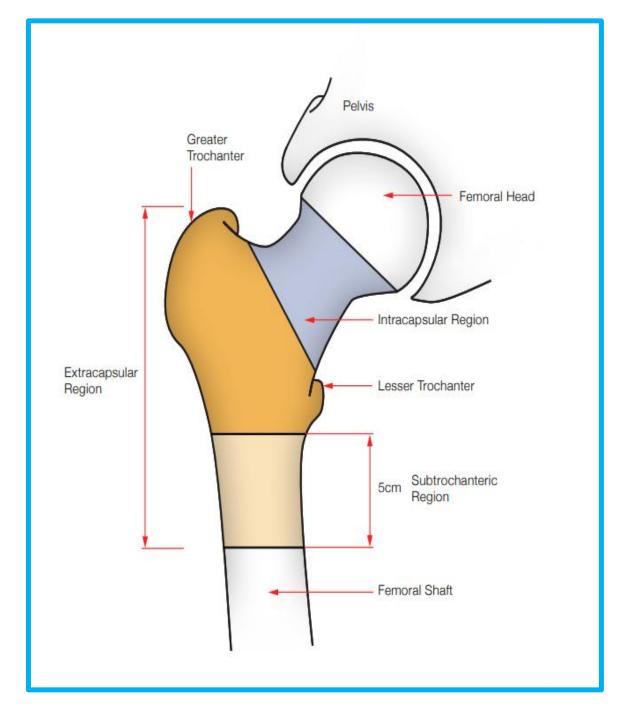
#### Australian and New Zealand Guideline for Hip Fracture Care

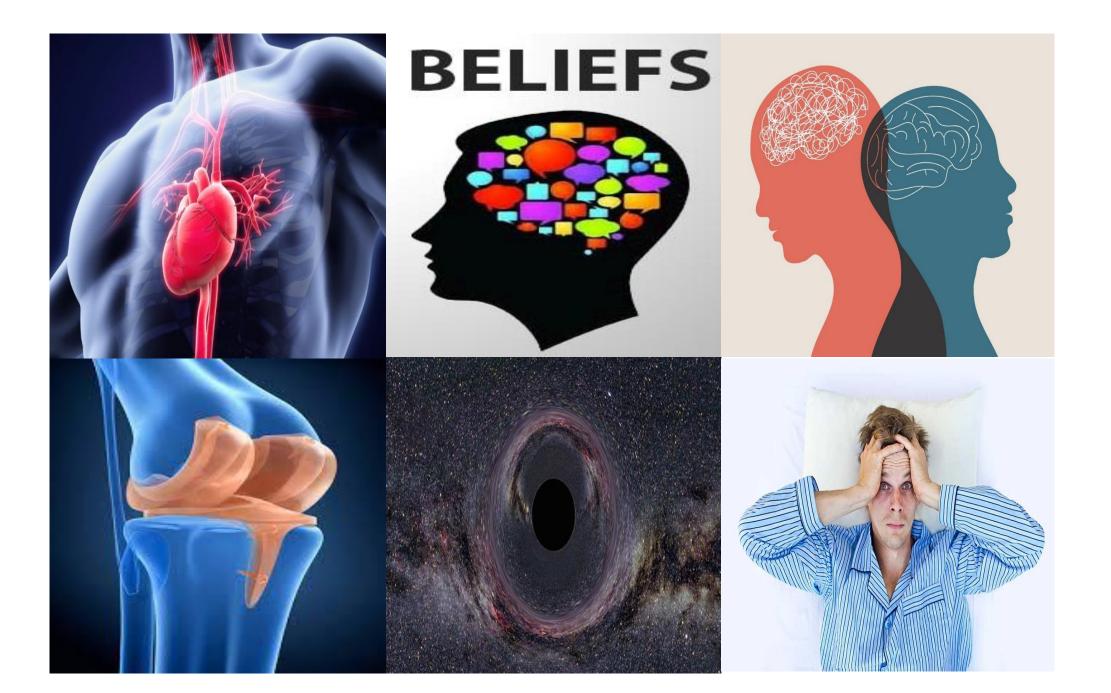
Improving Outcomes in Hip Fracture Management of Adults

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## Acute Pain Service Role: Hip Fractures

APS alerted via pager and email. Only "NOF" and "neck of femur" are alerted through ED diagnosis descriptions.

APS follow up with patient on the ward the following day to undertake a comprehensive/focused pain assessment documented in clinical notes. If cognitively impaired use Abbey pain scale

Review of analgesia and appropriateness for patient i.e. age, frailty, renal function.

- -Offer paracetamol q6h (unless contraindicated)
- -Offer additional opioids if paracetamol alone does not provide sufficient pain relief
- -Caution is advised when considering the use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication

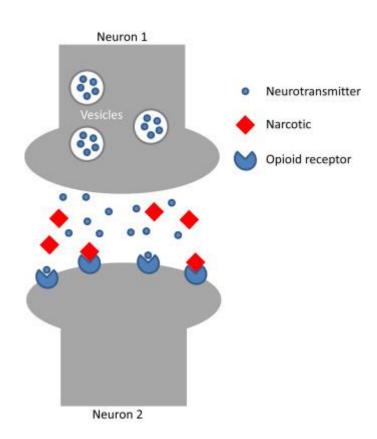
Consider fascia Iliaca block or femoral nerve catheter infusion if there is a lengthy surgical delay or is unfit for surgery.

Continue with daily APS reviews until surgery or removal of femoral nerve catheter

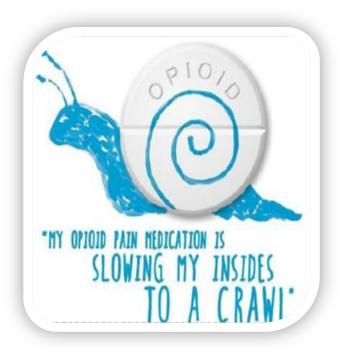
Adapted from the ANZHFR (2014) and NICE guideline (2011)



# Opioids

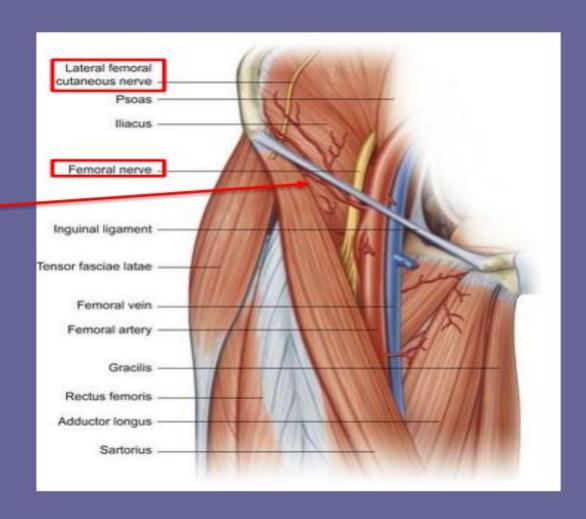


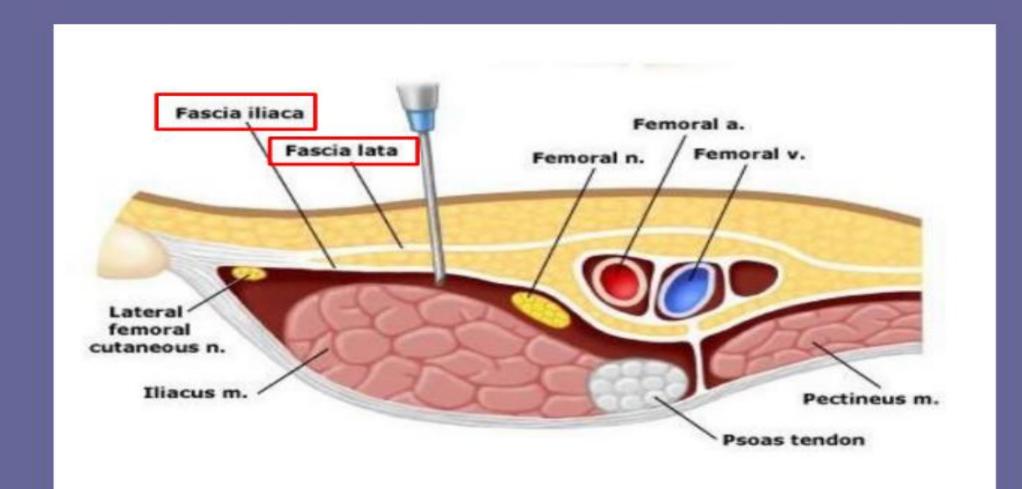




## Fascia Iliaca Block

Insertion point





#### **FASCIA ILIACA BLOCK**

#### Contra-indications

Patient refusal
Allergy to chlorhexidine, iodine, local anaesthesia
Inflammation or infection over injection site
Previous femoral-bypass surgery, or near a graft site
Anticoagulation:
INR>1.5, consider recent clopidogrel,
high dose aspirin, LMWH
Use clinical judgement and discuss with a senior clinician

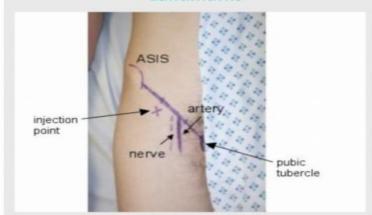
#### Pre-procedure

ECG, SpO2, NIBP

#### Drugs

Wt < 50kg, 30ml 0.2% ropivocaine Wt > 50kg, 40ml 0.2% ropivocaine

#### Landmarks



#### Anatomy

- -Draw a line between ASIS and pubic tubercle, divide it into thirds
- -Needle insertion point is 1cm below the junction of the lateral 1/3 and medial 2/3
- -Insert needle, feel two 'pops'

#### Post-procedure

Obs: every 5 mins for 15mins

at 30 mins

4 hourly thereafter

Potential complications:

intravascular injection LA toxicity nerve damage infection block failure allergic reaction

#### If you suspect LA toxicity...

Symptoms: peri-oral numbness,

tinnitus, dizziness arrhythmia seizures

- -Stop injecting
- -Call DA for immediate help
- -Give high-flow oxygen
- -Perform ACLS as indicated
- -Consider intravenous lipid emulsion

Intralipid and treatment protocols are kept in PACU crash cart

#### Te Whatu Ora

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## Aim

To improve preoperative pain management for patients with a hip fracture who are surgically delayed.

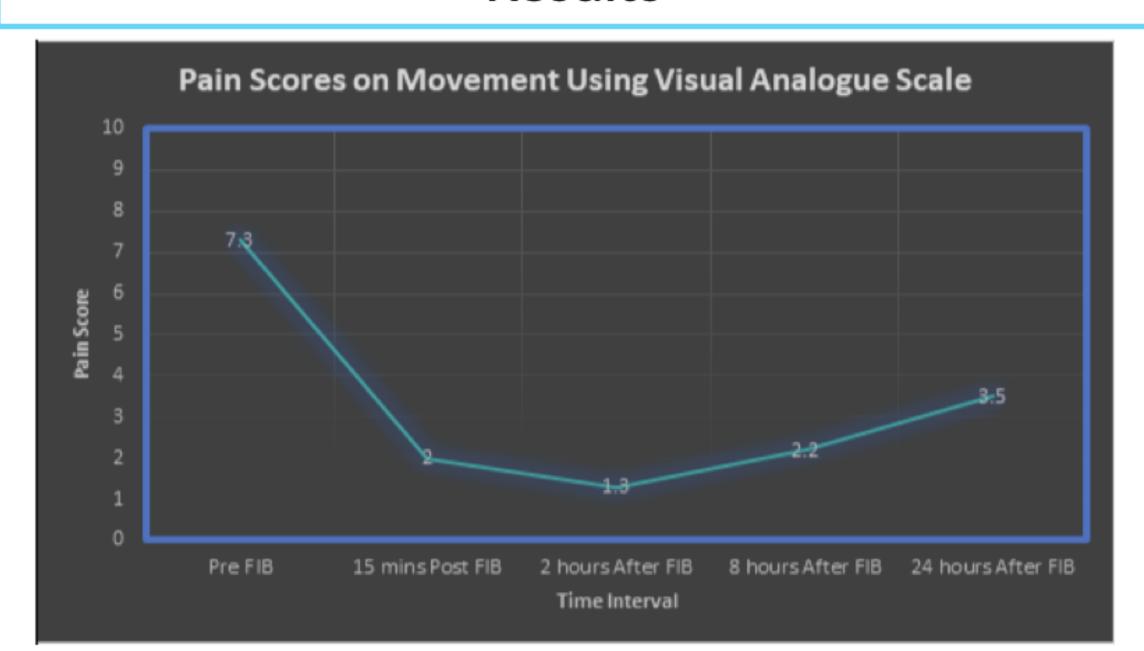


## Methodology

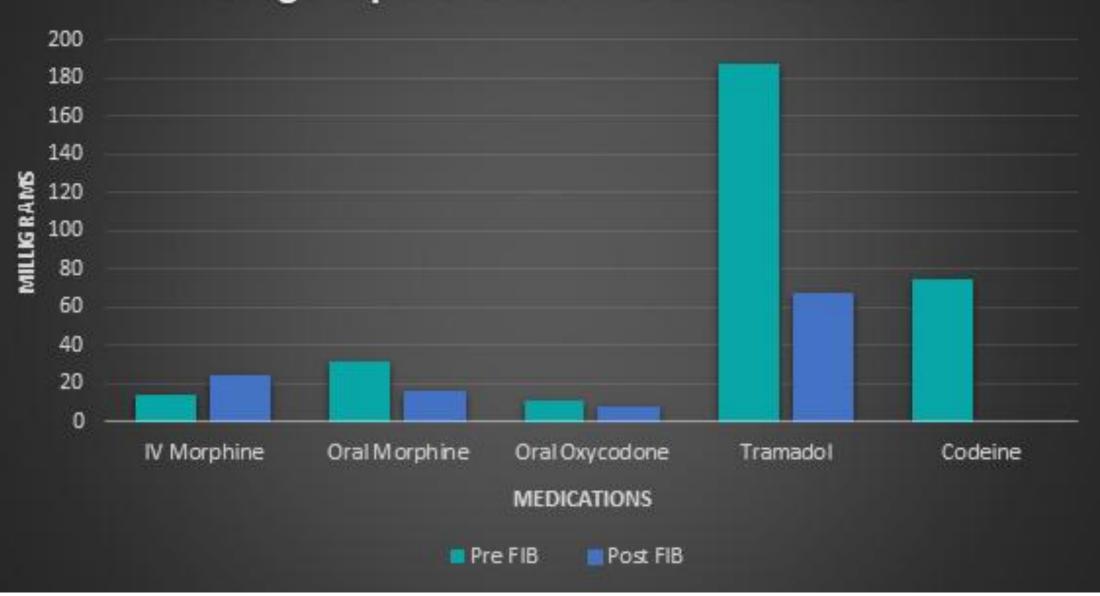
- 38 patients considered, 25 included
- Procedure explained which outline risks and benefits, verbal consent obtained
- 7 Patients with diagnosis of dementia included consent from EPOA
- Standard exclusion criteria applied

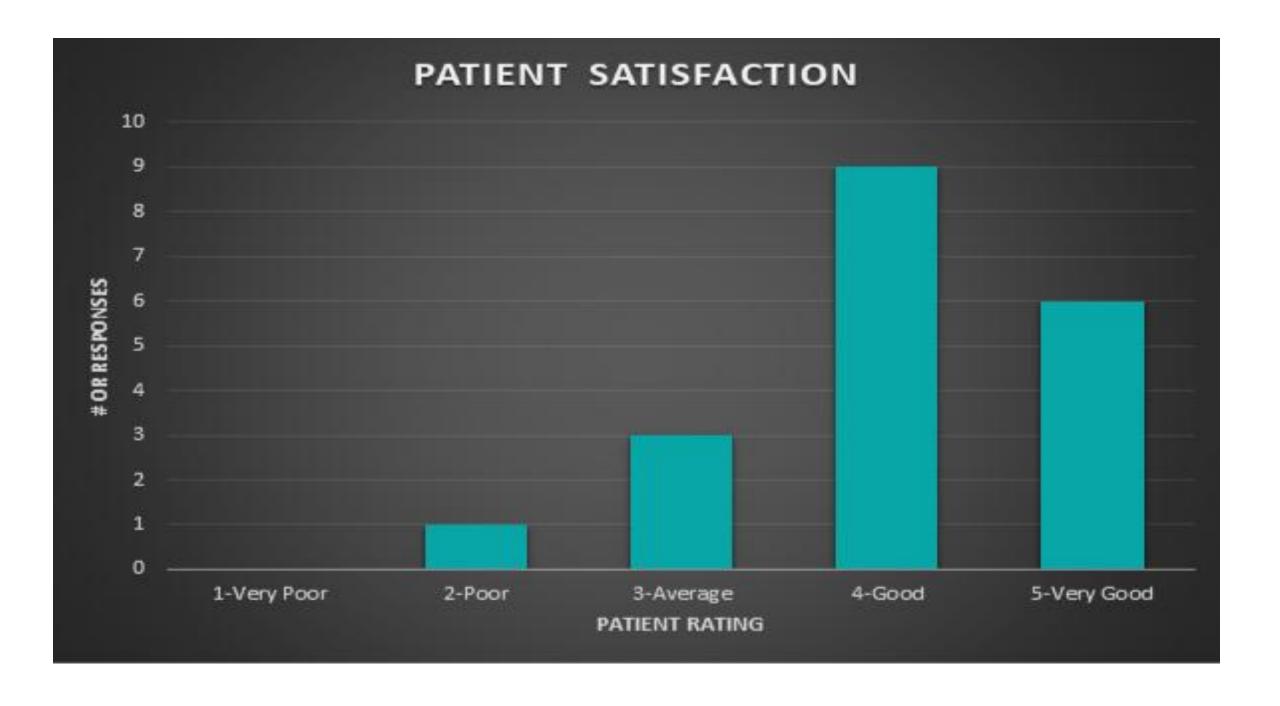


## Results









## Discussion

- Having surgery within 48hrs leads to better outcomes
- Three patients did not receive benefit from FIB and required IV morphine after the block
- Unplanned acute care demand
- Measures to reduce the risk of falling and routine screening for osteoporosis



## Conclusion

A FIB given preoperatively by trained nursing staff is safe, reduces opioid consumption and improves patient satisfaction post a hip fracture.



## **Future Considerations**

- Benefits of reduced opioid use delirium, constipation and OIVI
- Impact of surgical delay in fracture patients
- Causes of surgical delay



## Acute Pain Palmerston North Experience

- # patient FIB block
- Reduction of VAS post block
- Decreased opioid consumption
- Patient and whanau satisfaction with initial block
- No complication or adverse effects
  - -Nil haematoma
  - -No neuropraxias



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