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Comparative study of analgesic quality in two methods of bilateral ilioinguinal block and caudal block with ropivacaine 0.2% in patients aged 3 to 8 years undergoing bilateral inguinal hernia surgery under general anesthesia in the Children's Medical Center Hospital, 2021-22

Protocol summary

Study aim

Determining and comparing the quality of analgesia in two methods of bilateral ilioinguinal block and caudal with ropivacaine 0.2% in patients aged 3 to 8 years undergoing bilateral inguinal hernia surgery under general anesthesia

Design

Clinical trial, with parallel groups, double-blind, On 66 patients (33 patients in each group). Random number table will be used for randomization.

Settings and conduct

The blocks will be performed in the general operating room in Children's medical Center Hospital. In the first group, after induction, the patient underwent ultrasound inguinal block with ropivacaine 0.2% (0.1 ml /kg) and in the second group, patients will be subjected to caudal block (1 ml/kg) with ropivacaine 0.2%. A person who records the severity of pain and the patient herself is not aware of the type of block.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria is children 3 to 8 years old candidate for bilateral inguinal hernia repair without a history of disease, ASA class 1 & 2. Exclusion criteria is allergy to local anesthetics, non-Persian speaking patients, sacral infection, coagulation disorders, history of seizures, weight more than 20 kg and patients who are being treated with a variety of painkillers and psychiatric medications for any reason.

Intervention groups

The first group underwent bilateral ilioinguinal block under ultrasound guide/ The second group under caudal block

Main outcome variables

After induction of anesthesia, heart rate and mean arterial pressure are measured and recorded. In PACU , the patient's pain intensity is assessed using the

Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Pain Scale criterion (CHEOPS) and the patient's restlessness and delirium are assessed using The Pediatric Anesthesia Emergence Delirium (PAED) criterion. Also, the length of stay in recovery and other vital signs in recovery will be recorded.

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20200521047530N3**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

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Expected recruitment end date
 2022-03-20, 1400/12/29
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 empty
Actual recruitment end date
 empty
Trial completion date
 empty

Scientific title
 Comparative study of analgesic quality in two methods of bilateral ilioinguinal block and caudal block with ropivacaine 0.2% in patients aged 3 to 8 years undergoing bilateral inguinal hernia surgery under general anesthesia in the Children's Medical Center Hospital, 2021-22

Public title
 Comparative study of analgesic quality in two methods of bilateral ilioinguinal block and caudal block

Purpose
 Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria:
 All children from 3 to 8 years old Candidate for bilateral inguinal hernia surgery Under general anesthesia ASA class 1 and 2
Exclusion criteria:
 Allergy to local anesthetics Non-Persian speaking patients Sacral infection Coagulation disorders History of seizures Weight more than 20 kg Patients who are being treated with a variety of painkillers and psychiatric medications for any reason

Age
 From **3 years** old to **8 years** old

Gender
 Both

Phase
 3

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Outcome assessor

Sample size
 Target sample size: **66**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
 Randomized

Randomization description
 The sample will be identified by the randomization (restricted randomization) block method with 6 blocks and using a random number table of Random Allocation Software. The randomization tool is the random sequence generation software version 2.0, it will be available from the following address:([http://random.allocation software, version 2.0](http://random.allocationsoftware.com)). Allocation concealment will be used to execute random sequences on participants. Each random sequence generated will be recorded on a card and the cards will be sealed in opaque envelopes. In order to maintain a random sequence, the envelopes are numbered in the same way on the outer surface, and finally the letter

envelopes are glued and placed in a box respectively. Registration of participants, based on the order of entry of eligible participants into study, one of the envelopes of the letter is opened in order and the assigned group of the participant is revealed.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
 Double blinded

Blinding description
 A person who records the severity of pain and the patient does not know the type of block. The double blindness of the study will be done this way.

Placebo
 Not used

Assignment
 Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

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Ethics committee

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Ethics committee reference number

IR.TUMS.CHMC.REC.1400.018

Health conditions studied

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Description of health condition studied

Bilateral inguinal hernia surgery

ICD-10 code

ICD-10 code description

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Pain score based on CHEOPS criteria

Timepoint

After the patient enters the recovery ward, the pain score is recorded.

Method of measurement

Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Pain Scale

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Description

PAED Delirium Score

Timepoint

After the patient enters the recovery ward, it is recorded.

Method of measurement

It is obtained based on The Pediatric Anesthesia Emergence Delirium criteria.

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Recovery time

Timepoint

It is recorded and calculated between the time the patient enters the recovery ward and the patient leaves it.

Method of measurement

It is recorded and calculated between the time the patient enters the recovery ward and the patient leaves it.

2

Description

Need for additional drugs (fentanyl)

Timepoint

Additional dose of fentanyl prescribed after surgical incision or in the recovery ward

Method of measurement

Additional dose of fentanyl prescribed after surgical incision or in the recovery ward in micrograms per kilogram

Intervention groups

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Description

Intervention group 1: Patient under bilateral ilioinguinal block with ropivacaine 0.2% (manufactured by MOLteni farmaceutici) under ultrasound guide. After determining the sedation score according to Ramsay criteria, patients are directed to the operating room. After installing standard monitoring equipment and obtaining a peripheral vein, 2 mg/kg sodium thiopental and 1 µg/kg fentanyl m is prescribed. Induction of anesthesia will be done by mapleson and under spontaneous inhalation. sevoflurane 8% and 100% oxygen will be used in induction. After endotracheal tube insertion, maintenance of anesthesia will be provided by 100% oxygen and isoflurane 2.5%. After induction of anesthesia, heart rate and mean arterial pressure will be measured and recorded. In performing ilio-inguinal block, the child is in the supine position and after prep and drape a short 24G needle will be used. Ropivacaine 0.2% at a dose of 0.1 ml / kg will be used for drug injection. In case of increased heart rate or systolic blood pressure after incision by more than 20% of basal values, fentanyl

will be repeated and recorded at a dose of 1 µg /kg. After surgery, the patient's pain intensity will be assessed using the CHEOPS criteria and the delirium score will be assessed by PAED score. In post anesthesia care unit, patients with CHEOPS pain score greater than 10 will be prescribed 1 of fentanyl µg /kg. Ropivacaine is from the Bioindustria L.i.m.s.p.a brand.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

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Description

Intervention group 2: Patients under caudal block with ropivacaine 0.2%. After determining the sedation score according to Ramsay criteria, patients are directed to the operating room. After installing standard monitoring equipment and obtaining a peripheral vein, 2 mg/kg sodium thiopental and 1 µg/kg fentanyl m is prescribed. Induction of anesthesia will be done by mapleson and under spontaneous inhalation. sevoflurane 8% and 100% oxygen will be used in induction. After endotracheal tube insertion, maintenance of anesthesia will be provided by 100% oxygen and isoflurane 2.5%. After induction of anesthesia, heart rate and mean arterial pressure will be measured and recorded. In performing ilio-inguinal block, the child is in the supine position and after prep and drape a short 24G needle will be used. Ropivacaine 0.2% at a dose of 0.1 ml. In the second group, the child is in a lateral position, The hip will flex and the lower leg will flex. After prep and drape, a short 24G needle was used Ropivacaine 0.2% at a dose of 1 ml / kg will be used. In case of increased heart rate or systolic blood pressure after incision by more than 20% of basal values, fentanyl will be repeated and recorded at a dose of 1 µg /kg. After surgery, the patient's pain intensity will be assessed using the CHEOPS criteria and the delirium score will be assessed by PAED score. In post anesthesia care unit, patients with CHEOPS pain score greater than 10 will be prescribed 1 of fentanyl µg /kg.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

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Grant name

Grant code / Reference number

Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?

Yes

Title of funding source

Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

Public

Domestic or foreign origin

Domestic

Category of foreign source of funding

empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

Academic

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Study Protocol

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Informed Consent Form

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Data Dictionary

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Title and more details about the data/document

The documents will be published in general and in the form of articles.

When the data will become available and for how long

The data will be provided after the publication of the article.

To whom data/document is available

Researchers at academic institutions can generally access study data.

Under which criteria data/document could be used

Researchers are allowed to use the data only by citing the source and referring to the present study.

From where data/document is obtainable

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What processes are involved for a request to access data/document

After requesting the person in charge via email, the data will be provided to the researchers.

Comments