Clinical Trial Protocol
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Comparison of the effect of perioperative intravenous ketamine with fentanyl in control of acute pain after inguinal hernia repair surgery

Protocol summary

Study aim
Comparison of the effect of perioperative intravenous ketamine with fentanyl in control of acute pain after inguinal hernia repair surgery

Design
A randomized, double-blind clinical trial with a parallel groups design; phase 1-2; on 60 patients; divided into two groups of ketamine and fentanyl (control) by random software allocation.

Settings and conduct
This study will be conducted in urmia Imam Khomeini Medical Center. After entering the study, the participants will be randomly assigned to one of two ketamine and fentanyl (control) groups with 30 participants in each group. The patients and the nurse who will take care of them during the procedure will be blinded.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria: 30-60 aged adults with inguinal hernia, Absence of contraindications for ketamine and opioids use, patients with American Society of Anesthesiologist (ASA) physical status I,II Exclusion criteria: History of allergic reactions to the drug under study, History of underlying diseases (diabetes, peptic ulcer, gastritis, coronary artery disease, renal failure), Any known psychiatric disorder, Patients with incarcerated hernia, patients with severe infection

Intervention groups
Intervention group: In ketamine group, Induction of anesthesia is done with 1 to 4 mg/kg of intravenous ketamine, and then in maintenance phase, intravenous perfusion of ketamine at a rate of 2 to 10 µg/kg/min will be prescribed. Control group: In fentanyl group, induction of anesthesia is performed with 1-2 µg/kg fentanyl as a routine anesthetic drug, and then maintenance phase, continuous infusion of fentanyl at a rate of 1-2 µg/kg/hr will be prescribed.

Main outcome variables
Postoperative pain measurement at 60, 90 minutes and 24 hours after surgery with numeric rating (NRS) scale from 0 to 10

General information

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Recruitment complete
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Comparison of the effect of perioperative intravenous ketamine with fentanyl in control of acute pain after inguinal hernia repair surgery

Public title
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Purpose
Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

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Age
From **30 years** old to **60 years** old

Gender
Both

Phase
3

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Care provider

Sample size
Target sample size: **60**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized

Randomization description
Patients are randomly assigned to two ketamine and fentanyl (control) groups using Random Allocation computer software. In this way, numbers are given to the patients according to the determined sample volume, and then the software allocates the patients to two ketamine and fentanyl (control) groups based on the given numbers.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Double blinded

Blinding description
After introducing the study to the patients and explaining the benefits and harms of the possible intervention, written consent is obtained from the patients. Then the patients are randomly assigned to one of the intervention or control groups. Patients and nurses who take care of the patients during the trial are blinded to the intervention and control groups, so that none of the nurses and patients know which drug, ketamine or fentanyl, the patients have been under general anesthesia with.

Placebo
Not used

Assignment
Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

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2023-04-19, 1402/01/30

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IR.UMSU.REC.1402.040

Health conditions studied

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Description of health condition studied
inguinal hernia

ICD-10 code
K40.9

ICD-10 code description
Unilateral or unspecified inguinal hernia, without obstruction or gangrene

Primary outcomes

1

Description
intensity of pain

Timepoint
At 60, 90 minutes and 24 hours after surgery

Method of measurement
Based on numeric rating scale (NRS)

2

Description
The consumption of opioids for pain after surgery

Timepoint
Up to 24 hours after the surgery

Method of measurement
Based on milligrams

Secondary outcomes

empty

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Category
Treatment - Drugs

2

Description
Control group: In fentanyl group, induction of anesthesia is performed with 1-2 µg/kg fentanyl as a routine anesthetic drug, and then maintenance phase, continuous infusion of fentanyl at a rate of 1-2 µg/kg/hr will be prescribed.
Category
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Grant code / Reference number
Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?
Yes
Title of funding source
Oroumia University of Medical Sciences
Proportion provided by this source
100
Public or private sector
Private
Domestic or foreign origin
Domestic
Category of foreign source of funding
empty
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Academic

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)
Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available
Study Protocol
Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available
Statistical Analysis Plan
Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available
Informed Consent Form
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Clinical Study Report
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Analytic Code
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Data Dictionary
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