



Nerve Block for Abdomen Surgery

About The Procedure

- ❖ Nerve blocks are used to reduce pain after surgery. Numbing medicine is injected around nerves that cause pain. Nerve blocks may reduce your need for pain medicine (narcotics) at home.
- ❖ This nerve block is an injection into your side. Ultrasound is used to make sure the medicine gets to the right area.
- ❖ The nerve block is done before you go to surgery and takes about 15 minutes.
- ❖ Your anesthesiologist will explain the procedure and answer questions before the block is done. They will also monitor your pain relief after surgery.

What To Expect During and After Your Nerve Block

- ❖ You will get a medicine in your IV to help you relax during the nerve block.
- ❖ Your family will wait in the waiting room. They can come back after the block is done, if you wish.
- ❖ Your nerve block may relieve up to 80% of your pain after surgery. You may notice the skin on your stomach area is numb.
- ❖ You may still have gas pressure or pain after your surgery.
- ❖ Your nerve block pain relief will last up to 18-24 hours.