Nerve Block for Chest or Breast 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 between the breast and shoulder. 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. Your breast and upper chest areas may feel numb.
- Your pain relief lasts up to 18-24 hours.