

**EXPAREL®**

**(bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension)**

**Dossier**

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## THE DISEASE OF PAIN

Surgical procedures can produce tissue damage and pain from 3 separate quarters: somatic tissue (bone, joint, muscle, skin, or connective tissue), visceral (caused by damage to/manipulation of the viscera or chest cavity), and the nervous system.<sup>1</sup> Somatic or visceral pain is evoked when noxious thermal, mechanical, and/or chemical (e.g., release of potent inflammatory mediators) stimuli are detected by peripheral nerve fiber nociceptors. Nociceptors in visceral structures are highly sensitive to stretch, ischemia, and inflammatory mediators, while somatic tissue contains nociceptors of both deep (tendons, bones, blood vessels, muscles, etc.) and superficial (skin) origin. Neuropathic pain occurs when neurons are directly impaired or damaged as a result of the procedure.<sup>1</sup> The degree to which a patient experiences one or more of these types of pain is determined by the type and duration of the surgery they undergo.<sup>1</sup> Beyond the initial assault (surgery), pain also arises from ongoing stimuli during the recovery phase when inflammatory mediators released around the incision site sensitize nociceptors in the normally silent primary afferent neurons (A $\delta$ - and C-fibers).<sup>1,2</sup> No single anesthetic/analgesic is able to target all 3 types of pain (e.g., local anesthetics target only somatic pain), prompting physicians to explore a multimodal approach that utilizes different combinations of agents in the pursuit of effective postsurgical pain relief. Most patients who undergo surgery of any kind experience pain that persists for at least several days, or longer if they have undergone more extensive surgery.<sup>3-7</sup> Appropriate postsurgical pain management is therefore important to improve healing, fast-track patient mobilization, shorten hospital stays (in relation to extensive surgery), and reduce costs.<sup>8-10</sup>

## DIESEASE EPIDEMIOLOGY

Ambulatory surgical centers (ASC) continue to perform more than half of all U.S. outpatient surgical procedures. ASC patient volumes increased 13% from pre-pandemic levels and exceeded 1.2 billion in June 2023. In the next ten years, ASCs are projected to experience 22% growth in procedure volumes.<sup>11</sup> Other national surveys have found that, among patients undergoing surgery, approximately 80% report pain that is moderate, severe, or extreme in intensity during the 2 weeks immediately following the procedure.<sup>3,4</sup> The most intense pain occurs on days 1 and 2 post-procedure with VAS indicating pain of moderate (score of 4-6) or severe (7-10) intensity particularly during the first 24 hours.<sup>12-15</sup> Unrelieved acute pain not only causes unnecessary patient suffering, it can also lead to other health problems, thus delaying recovery from surgery and hospital discharge, and resulting in higher healthcare costs.<sup>16,17</sup> Controlling acute postsurgical pain is also important because the intensity of acute pain is a predictor of ongoing chronic pain postsurgery.<sup>5,18</sup>

The incidence and severity of postsurgical pain can vary significantly from patient to patient, but is primarily determined by the type and duration of the surgery and the type of pain relief given intra- and postoperatively.<sup>5-7,12,14,15,18,19</sup> Approximately 25% to 40% of patients will experience moderate to severe pain within 24 hours of “minor” types of surgery (i.e., procedures that can be accomplished in the ambulatory setting),<sup>12,14,15</sup> while approximately 80% to 90% of inpatients experience moderate to extreme pain for up to 2 weeks following surgery.<sup>3,4</sup> After discharge, pain may continue to interfere with daily activities (e.g., sleep, work) for several days,<sup>14,02</sup> and the occurrence of severe pain at home may reflect inadequate pain control during the first few hours after surgery.<sup>14</sup>

## OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Opioids are a mainstay of postsurgical pain control,<sup>21</sup> but are associated with a variety of unwanted and potentially severe side effects such as respiratory depression, drowsiness and sedation, postsurgical nausea and vomiting, pruritus, urinary retention, and ileus. ORADEs tend to increase in frequency with higher dosages,<sup>22</sup> and significantly increase LOS and the cost of care in postsurgical patients.<sup>21-25</sup> Increased costs are often related to the greater nursing time and monitoring associated with the risk and/or occurrence of delirium<sup>26</sup> or respiratory depression,<sup>27</sup> or the prolonged LOS caused by infection,<sup>28</sup> noninfectious complications (e.g., falls),<sup>29</sup> and delayed ambulation<sup>28</sup> associated with urinary catheterization. Opioids have been shown to be problematic in key patient populations, including:

- Elderly
- Comorbid airway disease (asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, obstructive sleep apnea)
- Chronic opioid users

In addition to these issues, opioids are highly addictive.<sup>30</sup> Their dependence and abuse has created an ongoing opioid crisis which has become a major public health problem in the United States, with half a million opioid overdose deaths in the last 20 years<sup>31</sup>. Deaths have risen rapidly since 2014, with nearly 70,000 in 2020 alone<sup>31</sup>, driven in part by the continuing spread of illicit fentanyl and other deadly synthetic opioids.<sup>31</sup> Millions of people now suffer from opioid use disorder, with severe health, social, and economic consequences.<sup>31</sup> Opioids (including prescription opioids, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl and its chemical analogs) are the leading cause of overdose deaths.<sup>32</sup>

## MULTI-MODAL Treatment

Postsurgical pain management is challenging and complex because the pathophysiology of postsurgical pain is multifaceted. The current approach to treatment is therefore to employ a multimodal or “balanced” treatment approach using a variety of analgesic modalities, preventing postsurgical pain by combining opioid and non-opioid agents that act at different sites within the central and peripheral nervous systems to provide a broad spectrum of pain relief. While the main aim is to effectively reduce pain using all the pharmacological tools currently available, there is an increasing secondary drive toward minimizing opioid use and thus opioid-related side effects (approximately 98% of patients currently receive opioids for postsurgical pain relief in the United States).<sup>19,33</sup> This in turn hastens the recovery process, allows “fast-tracking” of patient ambulation and return to normal activities, and so reduces hospital stays and their associated costs.

Typically, surgeons initiate postsurgical pain relief intra-operatively or at the end of surgery with the administration of local anesthetics/analgesics such as bupivacaine HCl at the surgical site. Local agents are very effective, but relatively short acting (bupivacaine HCl is one of the longest-acting agents with a duration of approximately 7 hours).<sup>34</sup>

A medical need still exists to extend the pain relief supplied by bupivacaine HCl, thereby delaying, decreasing, and/or eliminating the need for opioids. In clinical studies, EXPAREL has been shown to extend pain relief up to 72 hours.<sup>35</sup> The 3-day pain relief provided by EXPAREL should simplify postsurgical pain management, minimize breakthrough pain episodes, and reduce opioid-specific side effects by reducing the need for supplemental opioid medications.<sup>36</sup>

## Product Information

### EXPAREL

EXPAREL® (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension) is a liposomal injection of bupivacaine, an amide-type local anesthetic, indicated for single-dose local administration into the surgical site to produce postsurgical analgesia. After injection of EXPAREL into soft tissue, bupivacaine is released from the multivesicular liposomes providing effective local analgesia for up to 72 hours.

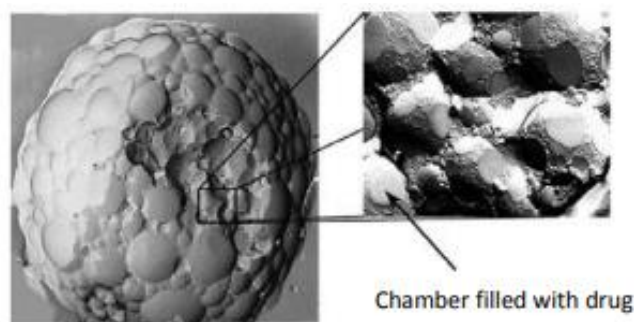
EXPAREL is indicated to produce postsurgical local analgesia via infiltration in patients aged 6 years and older and regional analgesia in adults via an interscalene brachial plexus nerve block, sciatic nerve block in the popliteal fossa, and an adductor canal block. Safety and efficacy have not been established in other nerve blocks

EXPAREL utilizes a drug delivery technology called pMVL (proprietary multivesicular liposome) which allows the active drug to be released over a desired period without any alteration to the molecular structure.<sup>35</sup>

The multivesicular liposomal formulation of bupivacaine slowly releases bupivacaine over time and provides long-lasting analgesia in the first few days after surgery for postsurgical pain.<sup>37,38</sup>

### pMVL (proprietary multivesicular liposome) technology

**Figure 1: multivesicular liposome**



pMVL (proprietary multivesicular liposome) is an advanced drug-delivery platform that encapsulates drugs without altering their molecular structure and then releases them over a desired period.<sup>35</sup>

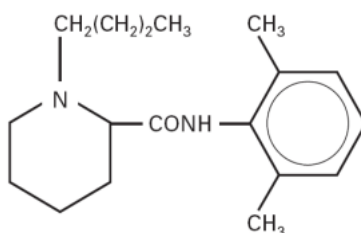
The drug delivery system consists of microscopic, polyhedral, lipid-based particles composed of a honeycomb-like structure of numerous, nonconcentric, internal aqueous chambers containing the encapsulated drug.<sup>36</sup> Each chamber is separated from adjacent chambers by lipid membranes. In vivo, the particles release the drug over an extended period by erosion and/or reorganization of the particles' lipid membranes. Release rates are determined by the choice and relative amounts of the lipids in the formulation. The lipids (i.e., phospholipids, cholesterol, and triglycerides) are naturally occurring or close analogues of endogenous lipids so they are well tolerated and cleared by normal metabolic pathways.<sup>36</sup>

pMVL technology achieves targeted analgesia at the surgical site, providing safe and consistent levels of bupivacaine.<sup>35</sup>

## Pharmacology

The pharmacology of local anesthetics such as bupivacaine is well documented. Local anesthetics block nerve impulses by binding to sodium channels on the neuronal cell wall, preventing sodium influx, and therefore, preventing cell depolarization. In general, the progression of anesthesia is related to the diameter, myelination, and conduction velocity of effected nerve fibers. Nerve conduction is more readily hindered by anesthetics in sensory nerve fibers because these fibers have longer action potentials, allowing more anesthetic to bind. This means that small, unmyelinated C-fibers (which mediate pain) and small myelinated A $\delta$ -fibers (which mediate pain and temperature sensation) are blocked more readily than larger myelinated A $\gamma$ -, A $\beta$ -, and A $\alpha$ -fibers (which mediate touch, pressure, muscle and postural sensations).<sup>39</sup> The potency of any given local anesthetic is governed by its lipid solubility. Agents that are highly lipid soluble are more able to penetrate connective tissue and cell membrane walls than those that are less soluble. The duration of action of local anesthetics is determined by the degree to which they bind proteins. Those with a high affinity for protein binding remain bound to nerve cells for longer, thus increasing their duration of action. Binding to serum proteins also reduces the potential for toxicity in primary organs by decreasing the drug availability in the blood.<sup>40</sup> Structurally, local anesthetics are characterized by a lipophilic aromatic ring and a hydrophilic molecule joined by a hydrocarbon chain. The molecule that links the aromatic ring to the hydrocarbon chain is what classifies local anesthetics as either ester (-CO-) or amide (-NHC-) anesthetics. Bupivacaine is an amide- type local anesthetic. It is a homologue of mepivacaine and is chemically related to lidocaine. Chemically, bupivacaine is 1-butyl-N-(2,6- dimethylphenyl)-2-piperidinecarboxamide and has a molecular weight of 288.4. The structural formula for bupivacaine is shown in **Figure 2** below:<sup>41</sup>

**Figure 2: Structural formula of bupivacaine**



EXPAREL is a sterile, nonpyrogenic, preservative-free aqueous suspension of multivesicular liposomes containing bupivacaine. Bupivacaine is present at a concentration of 13.3 mg/mL. Almost all of the bupivacaine in EXPAREL is encapsulated in the multivesicular liposomes, but a small amount (3%) is present as free bupivacaine. After injection of EXPAREL into soft tissue, the free bupivacaine is released immediately and the rest is released from the multivesicular liposomes over a period of time.<sup>41</sup>

## EXPAREL Dosing

EXPAREL is available in the following single-dose vial sizes:



266 mg (20 ml) 13.3 mg/ml



133 mg (10 ml) 13.3 mg/ml

The **266 mg (20 mL) dose** is appropriate for procedures such as\*:

**Abdominal/colorectal/general/urologic:** abdominal wall reconstruction, bariatric, colectomy, hernia, TAP–block-based procedures, nephrectomy

**Breast:** mastectomy, reconstruction

**OB/GYN:** C-section, hysterectomy, myomectomy

**Orthopedic:** TKA, THA, fusions/fractures

**Spinal:** fusions, discectomy, laminectomy

**Fascial plane blocks:** TAP, ESP, rectus sheath, PECS I and II, QL

The **133 mg (10 mL) dose** should be used for procedures that are limited to a small anatomical area, such as\*:

**Facial/plastic**

**Oral/maxillofacial**

**Upper extremity:** interscalene brachial

**Lower extremity:** adductor canal block or sciatic nerve block in the popliteal fossa

## EXPAREL Infiltration/Fascial Plane/Field Block

EXPAREL is administered via single-dose infiltration. When infiltrated into the surgical site, it produces local analgesia.<sup>41</sup>

It may also be infiltrated in the fascial plane to produce regional analgesia as a regional field block. A regional field block is accomplished by infiltrating a local anesthetic into a defined plane or compartment.<sup>41</sup>

Regional anesthetic techniques to produce regional analgesia include, but are not limited to, transversus abdominis plane (TAP) block, pectoralis (PEC) and serratus plane blocks, erector spinae plane (ESP) block and quadratus lumborum (QL) block.<sup>42,43</sup>

On December 14, 2015 the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provided clarification regarding the use of EXPAREL in a fascial plane or regional field block. It was the position of Janet Woodcock, MD Director Center for Drug Evaluation and Research FDA that “In a field block, local anesthetic is infiltrated around the border of the surgical field, leaving the operative



area undisturbed. A field block is consistent with the procedure described in your hemorrhoidectomy trial submitted in support of EXPAREL's approval...Therefore, TAP blocks are covered by EXPAREL's labeling."<sup>44</sup>

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## CLINICAL GUIDELINES

	SOCIETY	RECOMMENDATION
<b>ANESTHESIOLOGY 2016</b>	ASRA and ASA <sup>1</sup>	Recommendation for site-specific local anesthetic infiltration for surgical procedures, noting that <b>“clinicians should be knowledgeable regarding specific local anesthetic infiltration techniques, including the use of extended-release formulations of local anesthetics, such as liposomal bupivacaine (EXPAREL).”</b> <sup>1</sup>
<b>COLORECTAL SURGERY 2016</b>	ASCRS and SAGES <sup>2</sup>	Strong recommendation for the use of a perisurgical multimodal, opioid-sparing, pain management plan, noting that <b>liposomal bupivacaine wound infiltration and TAP blocks “have shown promising results in patients undergoing open and laparoscopic colorectal surgery.”</b> <sup>2</sup>
<b>BREAST RECONSTRUCTION 2017</b>	ERAS <sup>®</sup> Society <sup>3</sup>	Strong recommendation for the use of multimodal opioid-sparing postsurgical pain management regimens, noting that <b>“a single injection of liposomal bupivacaine lasts for several days, potentially avoiding the need for catheter-based infusions.”</b> <sup>3</sup>
<b>COLORECTAL SURGERY 2018</b>	ERAS <sup>®</sup> Society <sup>4</sup>	Strong recommendation for the use of TAP blocks for minimally invasive colorectal surgery, noting that shorter acting local anesthetics have limited duration. <b>Liposomal bupivacaine is included as an alternative to extend the duration.</b> <sup>4</sup>
<b>GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY 2019</b>	ERAS <sup>®</sup> Society <sup>5</sup>	Strong recommendation for a multimodal postsurgical analgesic protocol using non-opioid oral medications and incisional injection of local anesthetic to decrease the need for systemic medications, stating that <b>“incisional infiltration with either bupivacaine or liposomal bupivacaine has no systemic side effects when used appropriately and should be incorporated into all ERAS protocols as a component of multimodal analgesia.”</b> <sup>5</sup>
<b>THORACIC SURGERY 2019</b>	ERAS <sup>®</sup> Society and ESTS <sup>6</sup>	Recommendation for peripheral nerve blocks over thoracic epidural, noting that <b>liposomal bupivacaine also shows promise when delivered as multilevel intercostal injections potentially providing blockade of intercostal nerves for up to 96 hours.</b> <sup>6</sup>
<b>LUMBAR FUSION 2021</b>	ERAS <sup>®</sup> Society <sup>7</sup>	Strong recommendation for a <b>multimodal using local and regional anesthesia techniques, such as spinal or epidural analgesia, regional blocks, or wound infiltration, could reduce opioid consumption.</b> <sup>7</sup>

ASA=American Society of Anesthesiologists; ASRA=American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine; ERAS=Enhanced Recovery After Surgery; ESTS=European Society of Thoracic Surgeons; SAGES=Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons; TAP=transversus abdominis plane.

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CLINICAL EVIDENCE

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<b>TOTAL KNEE ARTHOPLASTY - INFILTRATION</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Hamilton et al (SPAARK) 2022<sup>1</sup></b>                      Multicenter,                      patient-blinded, RCT                      LB + Bupivacaine (N=267) vs Bupivacaine (N=266)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower mean VAS pain scores the evening of surgery, P=0.02</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dysart et al 2019<sup>2</sup></b>                      Multi-Center                      Double-blinded RCT:                      LB (N=69) vs. Bupivacaine (N=70)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 24-hour post-op                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19% reduction in pain (98.5 vs 121.6 AUC of VAS; P=0.0142)</li> <li>• 91% reduction in opioid use (3.5 vs 38.5; P=0.0009)</li> <li>• 17% vs 1% opioid free (P&lt;0.01)</li> <li>• Higher patient satisfaction (84.6% vs 69.2%; P=0.0306)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• More patients discharge ready within 12 hours (43% vs 27.5%; P=0.0499)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lakra et al 2019<sup>3</sup></b>                      Retrospective Cohort                      Bupivacaine ACB + LB local infiltration (N=75) vs                      Bupivacaine ACB + Bupivacaine local infiltration                      (N=75)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain (VAS)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 0: 2.1±1.6 vs. 2.8± 2.8, P=0.046</li> <li>• POD 1: 2.2±1.3 vs. 3.3± 2.1, P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• POD 2: 2.1 ± 1.5 vs. 3.7 ±2.4,P&lt;0.001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less opioids (MME)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 0: 18.7±14.5 vs. 25.2±19.1, P=0.02</li> <li>• POD 1: 23.4±18.5 vs. 37.8±37.7, P=0.003</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less MME/day                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24.6±14.4 vs. 41.7±37.3, P=&lt;0.001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Better ambulation (feet walked)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 0: 261.6 vs. 108.2, P&lt;0.001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• POD 1: 761.5 vs. 372.0, P&lt;0.001</li> </ul>
<p><b>Asche et al 2019<sup>4</sup></b>                      Retrospective Observational                      LB vs Alternate SOC (N=33,412)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22% and 19% less inpatient opioid use (Medicare: 260.5 vs 332.1 MME, P&lt;0.001; Commercial: 317.4 vs 393.7 MME, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 0.6 day shorter hospital stay (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 1.6x more likely to be discharged to home (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Similar readmissions</li> <li>• Greater total hospital cost savings (Medicare: \$616, P&lt;0.0001; Commercial \$775, P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Sandhu et al 2019<sup>5</sup></b> Retrospective Observational LB + ACB (N=209) vs FNB (N=181)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less opioids (MME) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 48-72h: 4.2 (3.3–5.2) vs 9.6 (8.3–11.0), P&lt;0.001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Shorter length of stay (days) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.22 (1.19) vs 4.13 (1.32), P&lt;0.001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less ORAEs (mean #): 0.91 vs 1.43, P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• Fewer 90 day readmissions: 8 (3.83) vs 19 (10.5), P=0.017</li> <li>• Fewer 90 day re-operations: 3 (1.44) vs 11 (6.08), P= 0.025</li> <li>• Lower percent total costs: 91.56 (15.51) vs 101.87 (17.33), P&lt;0.001</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mont et al 2018<sup>6</sup></b> Multi-Center Double-blinded RCT: LB infiltration +(N=69) vs. Bupivacaine (N=70)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain – measured as AUC<sub>12-48</sub> of VAS (<i>Primary Endpoint</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14% decrease in pain (180.8 vs. 209.3, respectively; P=0.0381)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Opioid Consumption in morphine equivalents (mg) (<i>Primary Endpoint</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-48 hours post-op: 78% decrease (18.7mg vs. 84.9mg, respectively; P=0.0048).</li> <li>• 0-72 hours post-op: 78% decrease (20.9 vs. 93.6, respectively; P=0.0108)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 10% of LB patients were opioid free (0-72hrs) vs. 0% with bupivacaine (P&lt;0.01)</li> <li>• 29% increase in the time for 50% of patients in the LB group to first opioid rescue vs. with bupivacaine (4.1hrs vs. 2.9hrs, respectively; P=0.0230)</li> <li>• Safety: No difference in AEs</li> </ul>
<p><b>Zlotnicki et al 2018<sup>7</sup></b> Double-blind RCT LB (N=38) vs Bupivacaine (N=40) vs SOC (N=40)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower physical therapy pain scores <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 24 hours: LB-5.4 vs SOC-7.3; P=0.005</li> <li>• At 24 hours: LB-5.4 vs bupivacaine-6.9; P=0.03</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fewer opioids compared to bupivacaine or SOC at 24 hours, results not reported</li> <li>• Increased ROM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD1 Flexion: LB-82.7 vs bupivacaine-66.4; P&lt;0.0001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discharge Extension: LB—5.8 vs SOC:-4.9, P=0.01</li> </ul>
<p><b>Yu et al 2018<sup>8</sup></b> Retrospective obs: LB (N=527) vs Single Shot FNB (N=583)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain measured via VAS pain scores (<i>Primary Endpoint</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain at 8, 64, 72hrs 8hrs: 3.2 vs. 4, (P=0.012) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 64hrs: 4 vs. 4, (P=0.049)</li> <li>• 72hrs: 4 vs. 4, (P=0.018)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No differences were observed at any other time points (hours 16–48, 80, and beyond)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less overall opioid use (MME, mg) with LB (<i>Primary Endpoint</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 84 vs. 96, (P=0.004)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fewer inpatient falls with LB</li> <li>• 0.6% (3) vs. 2% (12); (OR = 3.67, P=0.030)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Kim et al 2018<sup>9</sup></b> Retrospective Observational LB (N=685) vs LB+PCA (N=540) vs FNB+PCA (N=583)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower opioid use (MME) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 66 vs 82 vs 96, P&lt;0.001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Shorter length of stay (days) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.7 vs 3.1 vs 3.2, P&lt;0.001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Higher prevalence of achieving physiotherapy milestones of both stair-climbing and walking for 100 feet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD1: 47% vs 30% vs 16%, P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• Remainder of stay (%): 90% vs 93% vs 73%, P&lt;0.001 (vs FNB)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower cost: Mean saving of 2.63% for hospitalization of the LB group compared with FNB + PCA and 4.81% compared with LB + PCA</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wang et al 2017<sup>10</sup></b> Meta-analysis: (3 RCTs and 2 non-RCTs) LB infiltration (N=481) vs PAI w/ standard bupivacaine (N=733)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significantly less pain at 24 and 48 hours with LB infiltration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24hr: SMD=-0.241; (P=0.000) and 48hr: SMD=-0.124; (P=0.0068)</li> <li>• No statistical difference at 72hr</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Significantly fewer opioid consumption with LB infiltration at POD1 (MME): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD1: SMD= -0.275; (P=0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Phillips et al 2016<sup>11</sup></b> Retrospective LB cocktail + ACB (N=86) vs. Bupivacaine with <b>epinephrine</b> cocktail + FNB (N=86)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less total opioid consumption (MME, mg) with LB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 64.6 vs. 83.7, (P=0.0016)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 1 case of postoperative ileus in the bupivacaine group</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sporer et al 2016<sup>12</sup></b> Retrospective Observational LB + bupivacaine (n=272) vs single shot FNB + bupivacaine PAI (n=325)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain at 12 hrs PO (NRS): 12hr: 3.2 vs 3.6, P&lt;.003</li> <li>• Fewer patients used opioids for breakthrough pain: 16.9% vs 36.3%, P&lt;.001</li> <li>• Earlier time to ambulation (hrs) : 29.5 vs 32.2, P&lt;.017</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kirkness et al 2016<sup>13</sup></b> <i>Retrospective</i> TKA LB vs Cocktails + Continuous FNB; (N=268)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower total direct hospital cost: \$8757.95 vs \$9213.23, (P=0.033)</li> <li>• Cost-benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$285 LB investment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Savings of \$624 vs conventional treatment</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$742 savings in net direct hospital cost</li> </ul>
<p><b>Emerson et al 2016<sup>14</sup></b> Retrospective LB (N=36) vs. Continuous FNB (N=36)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistically significant lower opioid use (hydrocodone equivalents, mg) with LB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90 vs. 162, (P&lt;0.001, adj. P=0.0188)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Statistically significant fewer rescue opioid doses with LB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7.5 vs. 15, (P&lt;0.001, adj. P=0.0018)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Snyder et al 2016<sup>15</sup></b>  <i>RCT</i>                  Total Knee Arthroplasty (N=70)                  LB vs Ropivacaine cocktail</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain in the PACU, POD1 and POD2                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.11 vs 3.49, P=0.033; 2.57 vs 3.31, P=0.023; 2.4 vs 3.51, P=0.002; respectively</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Greater satisfaction with pain control, 5 point scale                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital: 4.91 vs 4.11, P=0.0001; Overall: 4.57 vs 3.97; P=0.001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less opioid use PACU, POD 1 and POD2 (MME: 2.99 vs 6.85, P=0.002; 10.91 vs 15.57, P=0.079; 6.89 vs 13.11, P=0.005 respectively)</li> <li>• 53% reduction in nausea (25.71% vs 54.29%, P=0.011)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cien et al 2015<sup>16</sup></b>  <i>Retrospective</i>                  LB cocktail (N=59) vs. Single Shot FNB + PCA (N=66)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trending toward less opioid use overall (mg) (<i>Primary Endpoint</i>)                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 121 vs. 199, (P=0.075) [<i>not statistically significant</i>]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Statistically significant lower peak postoperative pain score (VAS) with LB                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4.4 vs. 7.5, (P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Barrington et al 2015<sup>17</sup></b>  <i>Retrospective</i>                  TKA and THA cases                  LB vs Bupivacaine cocktail with or w/o ketorolac and morphine + FNB; (N=2248)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower cost of supplies and pharmaceuticals:</li> <li>• Total saved (aggregate): \$1,246,113</li> <li>• Per patient average saved: \$1246</li> </ul>

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<b>ADDUCTOR CANAL BLOCK (ACB)</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Quaye et al. 2024<sup>1</sup></b>                      RCT                      Targeting saphenous nerve                      LB ACB 133 mg/10 mL + 0.25% bupivacaine HCl (10 mL) (N=40)                      vs. 0.5% bupivacaine HCl ACB (20 mL).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced Opioid Use                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total MME POD 0: (26.2 vs. 37.5, P=0.016)</li> <li>○ Total MME POD 1: (27.5 vs. 36, P=0.016)</li> <li>○ Received opioids POD 2: (66.7% vs. 89.5%, P=0.024)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Total MME POD 2: (28.8 vs. 30.0, P=0.016)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gadsden et al 2023<sup>2</sup></b>                      RCT                      Primary Unilateral Total Knee Arthroplasty (N=166)                      ACB with LB 133 mg + 10 mL (50 mg) 0.5% Bupivacaine                      vs. ACB with 10 mL (50 mg) 0.5% Bupivacaine + 10 mL normal saline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AUC of NRS Pain Intensity Scores 0-96 hrs post surgery (<i>Primary Endpoint</i>)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lower pain scores in LB ACB group through 4 days post-surgery (P=0.0074)</li> <li>○ Current NRS pain scores lower in LB ACB group particularly 30 to 96 hrs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Total opioid consumption 0-96 hrs post surgery (<i>Secondary Endpoint</i>)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 23% difference in total opioid consumption with LB ACB (132.8 vs 101.8 MMEs, P=0.0071)</li> <li>○ Total opioid consumption consistently lower in LB ACB group in 24-hr increments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Walls et al 2023<sup>3</sup></b>                      Retrospective study                      ACL reconstruction                      LB + 0.25% bupivacaine ACB (N=26) vs. 0.25% bupivacaine ACB (N=32)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower Opioid MME                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ POD 1 (0 vs 1.1, P=0.037)</li> <li>○ POD 2 (0.095 vs 1.3, P=0.023)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• MME Total (0.29 vs 3.52, P=0.033)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lonza et al 2022<sup>4</sup></b>                      Retrospective chart review                      LB 10 mL (133mg) + 0.5% bupivacaine injected ACB (N=1640) vs. On-Q group 0.125% bupivacaine at 6 mL/hr ACB for 36 hours (N=738)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LB non-inferior in average daily pain through POD3, readmissions, ED visits related to pain, opioid MME usage, and length of stay</li> <li>• Lower cost than On-Q pump (\$180 vs \$275) per treatment</li> <li>• Total potential cost savings of whole EXPAREL group was \$155,800 for the study period</li> </ul>

<p><b>Malige et al 2022<sup>5</sup></b>                  RCT                  LB 266mg ACB + 5mL Bupivacaine 0.5% (N=50)                  vs. ACB with 25mL Ropivacaine 0.2% (N=50)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27% shorter length of stay [36.3 vs 49.7 h, p&lt;0.01]</li> <li>• Increased NRS pain score improvement (<i>negative score denotes a pain score increase</i>)                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ POD 0 [1.8 vs -0.2, p&lt;0.01]; POD 1 [1.0 vs -1.3, p&lt;0.01]; POD 2 [2.3 vs -0.1, p=0.03]</li> <li>○ 1 week [1.8 vs 0.2, p=0.04]</li> <li>○ 2 week [3.2 vs 1.3, p=0.01]</li> <li>○ 4 week [3.9 vs 2.2, p=0.02]</li> <li>○ 6 week [5.2 vs 3.0, p=&lt;0.01]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 13.5% reduction in daily inpatient opioid use [40.9 vs 47.3, p=0.038]</li> <li>• Improvement in WOMAC score                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 week [20.3 vs 6.0, p&lt;0.01]</li> <li>○ 2 week [31.1 vs 19.6, p=0.02]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 6 week [48.2 vs 35.7, p&lt;0.01]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chen et al 2021<sup>6</sup></b>                  Retrospective                  ACB with LB 133mg + 22.5-47.5 mg Bupivacaine HCl                  vs. PAI with 100mg bupivacaine HCl (N=146) and EITHER                  ACB with Bupivacaine 65-80mg bolus + 0.2% ropivacaine continuous                  infusion or ACB with Ropivacaine 65-105mg bolus + 0.2% ropivacaine                  continuous infusion (N=106)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22% of patients in the continuous catheter group reported problems with their catheters ranging from mild leakage to possible infection requiring antibiotics</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hubler et al 2021<sup>7</sup></b>                  RCT                  ACB with LB 266mg + PAI of 0.25% Bupivacaine HCl (N=31)                  vs. ACB with Bupivacaine HCl 100mg + PAI of 0.25% Bupivacaine HCl                  (N=32)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26% reduction in pain with activity on POD2 [4.4 vs 5.9, p=0.009]. NSD at any other time point</li> <li>• 23% reduction in Opioids on POD1 [51.2 vs 66.1 MME, p=0.020]</li> <li>• 28% reduction in Opioids on POD2 [39.5 vs 54.8 MME, p=0.016], NSD at any other time point</li> </ul>
<p><b>Meftah et al 2020<sup>8</sup></b>                  RCT                  LB 266mg infiltration + 100mg of Bupivacaine HCl + 80mL NS (N=35)                  vs. ACB with LB 266mg (N=35)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAI with less pain vs ACB on POD3 [1.83 vs 4.83, p=0.037]</li> </ul>

<p><b>Chen et al 2020<sup>9</sup></b> Retrospective ACB with LB 133mg + PAI with LB 133mg &amp; 30mg of Bupivacaine HCl +NS (N=142) vs. ACB with Ropivacaine 100mg + PAI with LB 266mg &amp; NS (N=91)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LB ACB with more patients opioid free at 8 hours [33% vs 21%, p=0.026]</li> <li>• LB ACB with less mean opioids used at 8 hr + PACU [11 vs 16 MME, p=0.022]</li> <li>• LB ACB with shorter LOS in days [1 vs 2, p&lt;0.0001]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lakra et al 2019<sup>10</sup></b> Retrospective 66.5mg ACB &amp; 37.5mg Bupivacaine HCl + PAI with LB 199.5mg &amp; 50mg Bupivacaine HCl &amp; NS (N=75) vs. ACB with Bupivacaine HCl 75mg + PAI with Bupivacaine HCl 125mg (N=75)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LB ACB with lower pain at POD0 [2.1 vs 2.8, p&lt;=0.046]</li> <li>• LB ACB with lower pain at POD1 [2.2 vs 3.3, p&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• LB ACB with lower pain at POD2 [2.1 vs 3.7, p&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• LB ACB with less opioid usage at POD0 [18.7 vs 25.2 MME, p=0.02]</li> <li>• LB ACB with less opioid usage at POD1 [23.4 vs 37.8 MME, p=0.003]</li> <li>• LB ACB with less MME/day [24.6 vs 41.7 MME, p&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• LB ACB with improved feet walked on POD0 and POD1 [261.6 vs 108.2, p&lt;0.001; 761.5 vs 372, p&lt;0.001]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wang et al 2016<sup>11</sup></b> Retrospective ACB with LB 266mg (N=111) vs. Ropivacaine 0.1% continuous infusion via Pain Ball (N=111)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LB ACB with lower pain at 0-36h [3.1 vs 4, p&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• LB ACB with lower pain at 0-72h [3.24 vs 3.83, p&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• LB ACB with lower pain at 0-6h, 7-12h, 13-24h, 25-36h [All p values &lt;0.001]</li> <li>• Less IV opioid usage [Fentanyl 80.1% vs 93.7%, p=0.005; Hydromorphone 38.7% vs 58.6%, p=0.005]</li> <li>• Lower Direct Costs for LB ACB [\$14,151.10 vs \$15,465.50, p=0.04]</li> <li>• Lower Total Costs for LB ACB [\$20,919.53 vs \$22,574.17, p=0.03]</li> </ul>

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<b>TOTAL HIP ARTHOPLASTY</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<b>Chintalapudi et al 2022<sup>1</sup></b> Intertrochanteric hip fracture Retrospective Cost Benefit Analysis LB (N=46) vs no LB (N=56)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater cost savings (\$1323)</li> <li>• Lower likelihood of requiring discharge to skilled nursing facility (84.8% vs 96.4%; P=0.002)</li> </ul>
<b>Basmajian et al 2020<sup>2</sup></b> Retrospective Observational: Intertrochanteric hip fracture LB (N=46) vs no LB (n=56)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain (NRS):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PACU: 2.57 vs 4.76; P=0.02</li> <li>• 24 hr: 3.29vs 5.13; P=0.04</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less opioid use (MME): 24 hr.: 0.34 vs 0.92; P=.04</li> </ul>
<b>Rainville et al 2020<sup>3</sup></b> Retrospective Observational LB (N=70) vs Control (103)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less frequent use of single pre-operative oral opioid dose (mg ME): 0.4 vs 3.9, P=0.006</li> <li>• Lesser PCA use (%):0 vs 12.6, P=0.002</li> <li>• Shorter length of stay (days): 2.5 vs 3.0, P=0.010</li> <li>• Greater walking distance (feet):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD0: 27.6 vs 12.5, P=0.001</li> <li>• POD1: 186.8 vs 155.2, P=0.039</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less costs (USD): Indirect costs:\$6,098 vs \$6,753, P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• Total costs (w/o medical supply cost): \$10,670 vs \$11,351, P=0.022</li> </ul>
<b>VanWagner et al 2019<sup>4</sup></b> Retrospective Observational: LB (N=85) vs Cocktail (N=85)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less opioid use (hydrocodone equivalent, mg):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total: 51.36 vs 131.27, P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• POD0: 4.71 vs 8.94, P=0.039</li> <li>• POD1: 22.58 vs 61.03, P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• POD2: 8.9 vs 32.88, P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• POD3: 1.71 vs 8, P=0.006</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Shorter LOS (days): 1.89 vs 2.48, P=0.001</li> </ul>
<b>Asche et al 2018<sup>5</sup></b> Retrospective Observational LB (N=6270) vs Alternate SOC (N=6319)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24% and 28% less inpatient opioid use (Medicare: 244.2 vs 319.9 MME, P&lt;0.001; Commercial: 255.0 vs 355.2 MME, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 0.7 day shorter hospital stay (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 1.6 – 1.7x more likely to be discharged to home (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Similar readmissions</li> <li>• Greater total hospital cost savings for Medicare: \$561, P&lt;0.0001</li> <li>• Similar hospital cost for Commercial pay (P=0.7697)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Asche et al 2018<sup>6</sup></b>                  Retrospective Observational:                  LB + bupivacaine w/ epinephrine + ketorolac (n=64) vs. Bupivacaine w/epinephrine + ketorolac (n=66)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less cumulative AUC pain (NRS):                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD0: 127.6 vs 292.5; P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• POD1 92.9 vs 185.0; P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• POD2 93.8 vs 213.8; P=0.006</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less proportion of patients who used opioid rescue medication:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD1 29.7% vs 56.1%; P=0.002, adj P=0.003</li> <li>• POD2 7.8% vs 30.3%; P=0.001, adj P=0.003</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower opioid use (mg):                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD1: 9.6 vs 14.5, P=0.008</li> <li>• POD2: 2.0 vs 7.5, P&lt;0.001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Shorter LOS (days): 2.0 vs 2.7, P&lt;0.001, adj P=0.002</li> <li>• Greater distance walked at discharge (feet): 249.2 vs 180.0, P=0.025, adj P=0.070</li> <li>• Lower hospital charges (USD): \$43,794 vs \$48,010, P&lt;0.001</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ma et al 2017<sup>7</sup></b>                  Meta-analysis                  LB (n=6009) vs Bupivacaine (n=50195)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain at 24h (VAS) Mean difference=-3.98, P=0.018</li> <li>• Shorter LOS (mean difference=-0.46; 95% CI, -0.58 to -0.35) (P=0.000)</li> <li>• Mean difference=-0.46, P=0.0001</li> </ul>
<p><b>Beachler et al 2017<sup>8</sup></b>                  Retrospective Observational                  LB (n=29) vs bupivacaine + morphine + ketorolac (n=40)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less opioid use (MME, mg): 64.7 vs 96.6, P=.036</li> <li>• Less mean opioid use per day 22.59 vs 29.01, P=.045</li> </ul>
<p><b>Johnson et al 2017<sup>9</sup></b>  <i>RCT</i>                  Total Hip Arthroplasty (N=159)                  LB cocktail vs continuous lumbar plexus block (PNB) vs ropivacaine cocktail</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain compared to ropivacaine cocktail on POD1 and POD 2 (4.0 vs 5.5, P=0.006; 3.5 vs 5.0, P=0.016 respectively)</li> <li>• Comparable pain scores to continuous PNB</li> <li>• Comparable opioid use</li> <li>• Comparable hospital stay</li> </ul>
<p><b>Yu et al 2016<sup>10</sup></b>                  Retrospective Observational:                  LB+ bupivacaine cocktail (n=586) vs bupivacaine cocktail alone (n=686)                  Bupivacaine cocktail= bupivacaine, ketorolac, morphine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain at 8hrs post op, P=0.03</li> <li>• Less overall opioid use (MME): 15.5mg reduction, P&lt;.001 POD0-1: “significant reduction” P&lt;.001 (no value provided)</li> <li>• Shorter LOS (days): 2.62 vs 2.93, P=&lt;0.001</li> <li>• 5.19% more discharged to home (vs. rehab or nursing), P&lt;.02 (values not provided)</li> <li>• More patients achieved gait milestone (&gt;100ft): 82% vs 64%, P&lt;.001</li> <li>• More patients completed stair climb: 93% vs 76%, P&lt;.001</li> </ul>

<p><b>Emerson et al 2015<sup>11</sup></b> Retrospective Observational: LB + bupivacaine + ketorolac (n=36) vs. bupivacaine + ketorolac (n=36)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain (VAS): Overall: 1.34 vs 2.2, P=.0013; adj P=.003</li> <li>• More patients reporting no pain: 56.70% vs 44.41%, P=.024; adj P&lt;.0001</li> <li>• Less overall consumption (Hydrocodone equivalents, mg): 72.3 vs 105.4 P=.071; adj P=.0075</li> <li>• Fewer rescue med doses scheduled/requested (#): 4.97 vs 13.14, P&lt;.0001</li> </ul>
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<b>SHOULDER SURGERY (INTERSCALENE BRACHIAL PLEXUS)</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Finkel et al. 2023<sup>1</sup></b>                      RCT                      Anatomic or Reverse Total Shoulder Arthroplasty                      LB + 0.5% bupi ISBPB (n=45) vs 0.5% bupi +                      dexamethasone + epinephrine (n=45)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower post operative average pain scores at 24-48 hours (2.0 vs 4.0; p&lt;0.001), 48-72 hours (2.0 vs 3.0; p=0.003), and 72-96 hours (2.0 vs 3.0; p=0.011)</li> <li>• Lower post operative maximum pain scores at 24-48 hours (4.5 vs 7.0; p&lt;0.001), 48-72 hours (4.0 vs 6.0; p=0.001), and 72-96 hours (4.0 vs 5.0; p=0.007)</li> <li>• Lower maximum pain score on Day 60 (5.0 vs 6.0; p=0.001)</li> <li>• The LBB group resulted in higher reports of 10/10 pain control satisfaction on POD 4 (32/41 vs 24/41; p=0.048)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lee et al 2023<sup>2</sup></b>                      Quality Improvement Study                      Total or Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty                      LB ISBPB (n=285) vs Other block with bupi-, ropi-,                      or mepivacaine (n=178) vs No block (n=28)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater proportion of patients with clinically tolerable pain of VAS&lt;4 (0.69 vs 0.53 vs 0.38; P&lt;0.001, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less average pain (3.35 vs 4.26 vs 4.86; P&lt;0.001, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less opioid use (61.61 vs 83.33 vs 106.18 MME; P&lt;0.001, P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pickle et al 2023<sup>3</sup></b>                      Quality Improvement Study                      Ambulatory Rotator Cuff Repair                      LB + 0.5% bupi (n=26) ISBPB                      vs 0.5% bupi (n=27)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less median pain (NRS)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 1 (3 vs 6.2; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• POD 2 (3 vs 6.6; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• POD 3 (3.1 vs 6; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Combined pain days 1-3 (3 vs 6.2; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less median opioid use (OME)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 1 (7.5 vs 37.5; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• POD 2 (5 vs 37.5; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• POD 3 (0 vs 32.5; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Combined opioid use days 1-3 (7.5 vs 37.5; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Simovitch et al 2022<sup>4</sup></b>                      RCT                      Arthroscopic rotator cuff repair                      LB + bupi ISBPB (N=45) vs ropivacaine +                      dexamethasone ISBPB (N=44)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 68% average lower daily “worst pain” level POD 0-5 [≤0.002]                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 0 [0.7 vs 2.9, P&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• POD 1 [1.2 vs 5.2, P&lt;0.001 ]</li> <li>• POD 2 [1.4 vs 4.5, P&lt;0.001 ]</li> <li>• POD 3 [1.5 vs 3.9, P&lt;0.001 ]</li> <li>• POD 4 [1.3 vs 3.7, P&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• POD 5 [1.1 vs 2.2, P=0.002]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -2.4 average reduction in “worse pain” from baseline POD 0-5 [P&lt;0.001]             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 0 [-5.0 vs -2.5, P&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• POD 1 [-4.6 vs -1.4, P&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• POD 2 [-4.4 vs -1.0, P&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• POD 3 [-4.3 vs -1.4, P&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• POD 4 [-4.4 vs -2.5, P&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• POD 5 [-4.6 vs -3.6, P=0.005]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 74% reduction in cumulative opioid consumption [48.5 vs 190.1, P&lt;0.001]             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significantly lower daily opioid use POD 0-7</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Greater percentage of opioid-free patients on POD 0-2</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kenny et al 2021<sup>5</sup></b>            Retrospective chart review            Total Shoulder Arthroplasty            LB + bupi ISBPB (N=207) vs ropivacaine continous catheter (N=126)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower cost [\$1115.29 vs \$1878.22]</li> <li>• Pain scores non-inferior to continuous catheter POD 0-2</li> </ul>
<p><b>Krupp et al<sup>6</sup></b>            Prospective RCT            Total shoulder arthroplasty            LB ISBNB (N=19) vs indwelling interscalene catheter (N=35)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain (NRS):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 77% reduction in pain at 24 hours (0.76 vs 3.29) (P&lt;0.000)</li> <li>• 46% reduction in pain at 48 hours (2.53 vs 4.70) (P=0.005)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Opioid consumption:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower opioid consumption at 48 hours (0.00 vs 0.62) (P=0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Similar in operative time or time to discharge</li> <li>• Shorter administration time (4.84 min vs 10 min) (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Cost:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower cost of administration (\$190.17 vs \$357.12)</li> <li>•</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Patel et al<sup>7</sup></b>                  RCT                  Total Shoulder or Rotator Cuff Repair                  LB ISBPB (N=69) vs Placebo (N=71)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain at 48 hours (AUC of VAS scores, 136.4 vs 254.1; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Less opioid use at 48 hours (12.0 mg vs 54.3 mg; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Greater percentage of patients opioid-free at 48 hours (9% vs 1%; P=0.008)</li> <li>• Less opioid use at 24 hours (4.69 vs 34.45; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less opioid use from 24 to 48 hours (3.84 vs 14.18; P=0.0001)</li> <li>• Less opioid use from 48-72 hours (3.99 vs 11.62; P=0.002)</li> <li>• Less opioid use from 0-72 hours (22.97 vs 70.38; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Greater proportion of discharge ready patients                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 51 vs 32 at 12 hours (P=0.02)</li> <li>• 78 vs 52 at 24 h hours (P=0.0004)</li> <li>• 86 vs 68 at 48 hours (P=0.0004)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Greater overall satisfaction with analgesia</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vandepitte et al<sup>8</sup></b>                  RCT                  Major shoulder surgery (rotator cuff repair or total shoulder replacement)                  LB + bupivacaine ISBPB (N=26) vs bupivacaine ISBPB (N=26)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater satisfaction with pain management (OBAS)                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD1 (1.4 vs 2.8; P=0.05)</li> <li>• POD2 (1.8 vs 3.3; P=0.03)</li> <li>• POD4 (2.2 vs 3.6; P=0.05)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Weir et al<sup>9</sup></b>                  Retrospective observational                  Total Shoulder arthroplasty                  LB ISBPB (N=34) vs continuous ISBPB (N=70)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain 0-4 hours (0.6±1.1 vs 1.5±2.0±; P=0.034)</li> <li>• Less opioid use 0-4 hours (2.2±5.1 vs 6±12.7; P=0.014)</li> <li>• Less opioid use 9-12 hours (4.9±7.4 vs 8.3±8.7; P=0.026)</li> <li>• Less opioid use in 24 hours (32.3±38.2 vs 45.7±54.5; P=0.039)</li> <li>• Less opioid use for total length of stay (40.1±50.6 vs 54.1±51.0; P=0.028)</li> <li>• Morphine equivalents per hour: 91.5±1.6 vs 2.0±2.0; P=0.035)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Baessler et al<sup>10</sup></b>                  RCT                  Arthroscopic rotator cuff repair                  ISBPB with LB + Bupi (N=24) vs LB+ Bupi+ Steroid ([LBD]N=26) vs Control with Bupi (N=26)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 3: LBD had significantly lower VAS than LB group (mean difference, -1.0; 95% CI, -1.9 to -0.08; P=0.03)</li> <li>• LB vs Control: Less MME over time; (mean difference, -8.5 MME; 95% CI, -15.4 to -1.6; P = 0.015)</li> <li>• Control vs LB: Less opioid use (MME):                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD2: mean difference, 16.6 MME; 95% CI, 5.3 to 28.0; P = 0.004</li> <li>• POD3: mean difference, 13.8 MME; 95% CI, 2.3 to 25.4; P = 0.02)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Control vs LBD: Less opioid use (MME):                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD2: mean difference, 14.0 MME; 95% CI, 3.3 to 24.6; p = 0.01</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD3: mean difference, 16.3 MME; 95% CI, 5.5 to 27.0; p = 0.003)</li> <li>• LBD group: decrease in narcotic consumption from POD 2 to 3 (mean difference, 28.5 MME; 95% CI, 214.1 to 22.9; p = 0.003)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mandava et al<sup>11</sup></b>                  RCT                  Arthroscopic rotator cuff repair                  LB ISBPB (N=52) vs bupivacaine ISBPB (N=55)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less average daily pain (NRS):                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 1: 2 vs 3.3, P=0.01</li> <li>• POD2: 2.2 vs 3.5, P=0.006</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Average Cumulative NRS:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD1: 2.9 vs 4.3, P=0.045</li> <li>• POD2: 5.0 vs 7.8, P=0.013</li> <li>• POD3: 7.3 vs 10.8, P=0.016</li> <li>• POD4: 9.4 vs 13.6, P=0.019</li> <li>• POD5: 11.5 vs 16.2, P=0.034</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Average daily opioid consumption difference (%): POD2: -64.7%, P=.019</li> <li>• Average cumulative opioid (MME) difference (%):                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD1: -59.5%, P=.02</li> <li>• POD 2: -54.4%, P=.03</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No opioids consumption (%): 44 vs 15 P=.03</li> </ul>
<p><b>Budge et al<sup>12</sup></b>                  Retrospective, observational                  Total Shoulder Arthroplasty                  LB ISBPB (N=50) vs bupivacaine continuous catheter (N=50)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain (NRS):                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD0: 1.2 ± 1.5 vs 2.5 ± 1.9; P=0.0001</li> <li>• POD1: 1.2 ± 1.5 vs 2.5 ± 1.9; P=0.0001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cost for anesthesia professional fees, equipment and meds associated with the nerve block per case: \$373 vs \$706 (p value not provided)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Levin 2022<sup>13</sup></b>                  Retrospective cohort                  Total Shoulder arthroplasty                  LB ISBPB (N=323) vs continuous catheter (N=242)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less mean pain at 24 hr (2.2 vs 3.3, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less mean pain at 36 hr (2.8 vs 3.4, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less patients experiencing severe pain (17% vs 29%, P=0.001)</li> <li>• Less mean maximum pain (5.4 vs 6.9, P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Greater proportion of opioid-free patients (32% vs 10%, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less patients required PCA (2% vs 7%, P=0.002)</li> <li>• Less 30-day ED visits (2% vs 5%, P=0.038)</li> <li>• Shorter length of stay (2.1 vs 2.3 d, P=0.01)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Jindia 2022<sup>14</sup></b>                  Randomized clinical trial                  Total Shoulder Arthroplasty                  LB ISBPB (N=30) vs ropivacaine block + continuous catheter (N=30)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shorter administration time (5 vs 15 min, P&lt;0.02)</li> <li>• Less opioid use at 24 hr (24.8 vs 41.1 MME, P=0.045)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Weller 2017<sup>15</sup></b>                  Retrospective chart review                  Total Shoulder Arthroplasty                  LB ISBPB (N=58) vs bupivacaine continuous catheter (N=156)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less major complications (3% vs 13%, P=0.045)                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major complications: significant additional intervention and/or hospitalization</li> </ul> </li> <li>• LB associated with lower cost (\$289.04 vs \$1559.42)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Flaherty et al 2022<sup>16</sup></b>                  Prospective RCT                  Rotator cuff repair                  LB ISBNB + 0.5% bupi vs 0.5% bupi; N=80</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality of Recovery 15 (QoR-15)                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11.5 point improvement in QoR score after 72 hours (114.3 (19.0) vs 125.8 (15.9))</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower worst pain score                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 24 hours (1.0 vs 3.0; P=0.02)</li> <li>• At 72 hours (3.0 vs 4.0; P=0.03)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Hutchins et al 2020<sup>17</sup></b>                  Retrospective Comparison                  LB ISBPB + various meds vs non-LB + various meds; N=1518</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for pain within 3 days</li> <li>• 25 (3.2%) vs 41 (5.6%); P=0.036</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wall et al 2022<sup>18</sup></b>                  Prospective RCT                  Outpatient arthroscopic rotator cuff repair                  LB ISBNB vs ropivacaine continuous catheter; N=63</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fewer overall complications                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22 (13.1%) vs 59 (29.8%); P&lt;0.001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Anesthetic site complications                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discomfort: 2 (7.1%) vs 12 (36.4%); P=0.007</li> <li>• Leakage: 2 (7.1%) vs 10 (30.3%); P=0.023</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Schoenherr et al 2022<sup>19</sup></b>                  Prospective Quality Improvement                  Rotator Cuff Repair                  LB ISBPB vs ropivacaine On-Q catheter; N=80</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved quality of recovery per smaller change in QOR-15 score at 48 hours (-3.9 vs -25.1; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower worst pain score on POD2 (5.28 vs 6.72; P=0.048)</li> <li>• Better quality of sleep (3.0 vs 4.5; P=0.038)</li> <li>• Higher patient satisfaction on POD1 (P=0.046) and POD2 (P=0.035)</li> </ul>

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<b>SHOULDER SURGERY (INFILTRATION)</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Sethi et al 2019<sup>1</sup></b>  <i>RCT</i>                      Arthroscopic Rotator Cuff Repair                      LB + bupivacaine ISBPB (N=25) vs Bupivacaine ISBPB alone (N=25)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain at POD1 (2.58 vs 5.74; P=0.001)</li> <li>• Less pain at POD2 (3.63 vs 5.13; P=0.029)</li> <li>• Less opioid use POD0 (4 vs 15.5; P=0.001)</li> <li>• Less opioid use POD1 (24.4 vs 62; P=0.002)</li> <li>• Less opioid use POD2 (28.3 vs 57.0; P=0.006)</li> <li>• Less opioid use POD3 (10.6 vs 38.6; P=0.01)</li> <li>• Less opioid use POD4 (7.0 vs 28.5; P=0.009)</li> <li>• Less opioid use POD5 (3.4 vs 18.9; P= 0.01)</li> <li>• Lower average opioid use (12.4 vs 34.1; P=0.003)</li> <li>• Lower cumulative opioid use (73.8 vs 204.9 (P=0.003)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Routman et al 2017<sup>2</sup></b>  <i>Retrospective, observational</i>                      Shoulder arthroplasty                      (primary total, reverse, or hemi)                      LB + ISBPB vs ISBPB alone; N=55</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain at POD0 (3.5 vs 6.5; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less pain at POD1 (3.5 vs 7.5; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less pain in opioid naïve patients                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD0 (4.0 vs 6.0, P=0.02)</li> <li>• POD1 (3.5 vs 7.0; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less pain in chronic opioid users (POD1 3.5 vs 7.0; P=0.006)</li> <li>• Less opioid use POD1 (10.0 vs 21.0; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less opioid use POD0+1 (17.5 vs 30.5; P=0.001)</li> <li>• Less opioid us in opioid naïve patients                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD1 (2.5 vs 15.0; P=.005)</li> <li>• POD0+1 (5.0 vs 26.0; P=0.009)</li> <li>• All days (5.0 vs 29.5; P=0.005)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less opioid us in chronic opioid users                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD1 (11.0 vs 34.0; P=.004)</li> <li>• POD0+1 (20.0 vs 58.5, P=0.03)</li> <li>• All days (23.0 vs 61.0, P=.01)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Shorter length of stay (1.0 vs 2.0 days; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Shorter length of stay in opioid naïve patients (1.0 vs 2.0 days; P=0.002)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Hannan et al 2016<sup>3</sup></b>                  Retrospective, observational                  Shoulder arthroplasty                  (primary total, reverse, or hemi)                  LB local infiltration vs ropivacaine ISNB                  N=58</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 38% reduction in pain NRS (4 vs 6.5) (P=0.001)</li> <li>• 29% reduction in pain NRS (5 vs 7) (P=0.029)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less opioid consumption MME                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67% reduction in opioid consumption POD2 (37 mg vs 112 mg) (P=0.001)</li> <li>• 80% reduction in opioid consumption POD3 (5 mg vs 25 mg) (P=0.002)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Shorter LOS (46 hours vs 57 hours) (P=0.012)                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More patients discharged on POD 1 (16 vs 2) (P=0.010)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>SPINE SURGERY</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>McClure et al 2024<sup>1</sup></b>                      Retrospective review                      Open Lumbar Spinal Fusion                      LB 266 mg (20 ml) + 100 mg 0.5% bupi + NS                      (N=99) vs. 400 ml 0.5% bupi pain pump (5 ml/hr                      continuous infusion) N(=99)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced postoperative opioids by 43% in terms of mean MME/minute                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (0.024 vs 0.042 MME/min, P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reduced total postoperative opioids by 31%                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (48.9 vs 70.9 MME; P=0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Berven et al. 2024<sup>2</sup></b>                      Retrospective cohort study                      Outpatient discectomy, laminectomy, and lumbar                      fusion procedures                      LB (n=381) vs non-LB (n=1143)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~39% reduction in opioid use before hospital outpatient discharge                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80 vs 132 MMEs (mean difference, -52; p=0.0041).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ~63% reduction in opioid use for laminectomy surgery during the hospital outpatient stay                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 54.2 vs 146.2 MMEs (mean difference, -92; p=0.0107)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ~30% reduction in opioid use in discectomy surgery subtype at 3 months                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 298 vs 425 MMEs (mean difference, -127; p=0.0354)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower rate of ED visits at 2 months after discharge                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.9% vs 7.6% (p=0.015)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Stewart et al. 2023<sup>3</sup></b>                      Observational, retrospective study                      One or two level lumbar laminectomy (N=50)                      LB ESPB vs. Multimodal analgesia alone (Control)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No PACU median hydromorphone consumption (0 vs 0.8 mg; P=0.001)</li> <li>• 48% reduction in mean morphine equivalents 0-24 h (31.9 mg vs 61.2 mg; P=0.001)</li> <li>• 27% reduction in mean morphine equivalents 24-48 h (31.9 mg vs 43.6 mg; P=0.04)</li> <li>• 45% reduction in mean PACU NRS pains scores (2.8 vs 5.1; P=0.01)</li> <li>• 45% reduction in mean POD1 pain scores (3.0 vs 5.5; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 27% reduction in mean POD2 pain scores (3.5 vs 4.8; P=0.01)</li> <li>• Lower antiemetic use (12% vs 48%; P&lt;0.005)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Forrester et al 2022<sup>4</sup></b>                      Retrospective analysis                      Posterior cervical or lumbar surgery                      VA Health System                      LB infiltration vs control; N=104</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19% reduction in pain at 24 hours (5.2 vs 6.4; P=0.042)</li> <li>• 26% reduction in pain at 48-72 hours (4.9 vs 6.6; P=0.007)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Alhammoud et al 2022<sup>5</sup></b>                      Retrospective cohort                      Multilevel Lumbar Decompression (2-4 levels)                      LB infiltration vs control; N=86</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 48% reduction in pain before discharge (1.6 vs 3.1; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Shorter length of stay in patients without complications (26.7 vs 41.1 h; P=0.029)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trend toward shorter LOS when include patients with complications (32.4 vs 47.5 h; P=0.069)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



<p><b>Dincer et al 2022<sup>6</sup></b> Retrospective analysis TLIF LB Erector Spinae Plane plus infiltration vs LB infiltration alone; N=50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24% shorter length of stay (2.56 vs 3.36 days; P=0.007)</li> <li>• 26% Shorter time to ambulation (0.96 vs 1.29 days; P=0.026)</li> <li>• 26% reduction in pain AUC at 12-24 hours (39.4 vs 53.4; P=0.03)</li> <li>• 12% reduction in pain AUC total hospital stay (44.5 vs 50.5; P=0.025)</li> <li>• 20% less in opioid use at 12-24 hours (50.1 vs 62.3 MME; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 29% less in opioid use total hospital stay (137.3 vs 194.7 MME; P=0.04)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gannon et al 2022<sup>7</sup></b> Retrospective observational study One-level and two-level posterior lumbar fusion LB local infiltration vs historical controls; N=84</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 34% reduction in mean opioid use (153.5 vs 233.1, P=0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kurnutala et al 2021<sup>8</sup></b> ERAS + mTLIP block with LB vs No ERAS/mTLIP Lumber Laminectomy N = 24; Lumbar Spinal Fusion N =41</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced length of stay and opioid use in lumbar laminectomy                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 73% reduction in length of stay (0.75 vs 2.79; P=0.01)</li> <li>• 51% difference in opioid use (39.68 vs 81.68; P=0.03)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reduced opioid use in spinal fusion</li> <li>• 38% difference in opioid use (97.12 vs 157.48; P=0.04)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nguyen et al 2021<sup>9</sup></b> Systemic review, meta-analysis Cervical spine, lumbar, and spinal deformity Meta-analysis of LB 10 studies; N=1112</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LB was associated with significantly lower:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MME of postoperative opioids, especially in opiate-tolerant patients</li> <li>• VAS scores</li> <li>• AUC of cumulative pain scores and numeric pain scale scores</li> <li>• Hospital length of stay</li> <li>• Comparable or lower odds of adverse effects relative to controls</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Decreased time spent receiving IV opioids (13.0 vs 23.3 hr; p&lt;0.001) in lumbar surgeries</li> </ul>
<p><b>Roh et al 2020<sup>10</sup></b> Lumbar spinal fusion LB local infiltration vs non-liposomal bupivacaine local infiltration; N=210</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less opioid use (geometric mean)                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day of surgery: 32% difference (102.7 vs 152.1; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• POD1: 40% difference (49.0 vs 81.4; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• POD2: 39% difference (29.6 vs 48.7; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Higher percentage of patients ambulated ≤12 hrs (61.2% vs 3.0%; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• More patients discharged                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD1: 32.4% vs 1.0%; P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• POD2:56.2% vs 37.1%; P=0.006</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less total direct cost (\$15,528.74 vs \$18,564.67; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Katsevman et al 2020<sup>11</sup></b> Lumbar fusion (PLIF or TLIF) LB local infiltration vs control; N=122</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 75% reduction in IV opioid use at 48-60 hrs (0.3 mg vs 1.2 mg; P=0.049)</li> <li>• 61% reduction in length of stay (1.94 days vs 3.08 days; P=0.0043)</li> <li>• Greater percentage of patients discharged home at 36-48 hrs (19 vs 0; P=0.0226)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Brusko et al 2019<sup>12</sup></b> Lumbar fusion surgery LB ERAS vs Control/ Pre-ERAS; (N=97)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower pain scores (1-10 scale):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30% reduction on POD1: 4.2±3.2 vs 6.0±3.2, (P=0.006)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower opioid use (mg):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 63% difference on POD0: 408.0±527.2 vs 1094.7±847.6, (P=0.0004)</li> <li>• 23% difference on POD1: 1320.0±1026.4 vs 1708.4±819.6, (P=0.04)</li> <li>• 29% difference on POD3: 1500.1±778.5 vs 2105.4±1090.6 (P=0.03)</li> <li>• Entire LOS: 2729.5±4594.3 vs 5230.3±3920.3, (P=0.003)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Shorter LOS (days): 2.9±1.9 vs 3.8±1.8, (P=0.01)</li> <li>• Less ondansetron (mg) 2.81±4.3 vs 6.0±10.5, (P=0.02)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Brown et al 2018<sup>13</sup></b> Lumbar decompression &amp; fusion LB local infiltration vs. placebo;N=50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 35% reduction in opioids in narcotic tolerant patients (13.3 mg vs 20.6 mg; P=0.048)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gannon et al 2018<sup>14</sup></b> Lumbar procedures LB local infiltration vs. control (no local anesthetic); N=104</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25% decrease in length of stay (2.04 days vs 2.73 days; P=0.0071)</li> <li>• Lower average VAS pain score (P=0.016)</li> <li>• Lower opioid consumption (P=0.048)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tomov et al 2017<sup>15</sup></b> Single level TLIF LB local infiltration vs control;N=30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less IV opioid use on POD0-3             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD0: 78% reduction (5.2 vs 23.7; P=0.0051)</li> <li>• POD1: 66% reduction (20.1 vs 58.4; P=0.0175)</li> <li>• POD2: 78% reduction (9.7 vs 44.9; P=0.001)</li> <li>• POD3:26% reduction (3.9 vs 21.4; P=0.0002)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Wang et al 2017<sup>16</sup></b> Minimally invasive TLIF LB local infiltration + ERAS vs no infiltration + ERAS; N=53</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 68% reduction in length of stay (1.23 days vs 3.9 days; P=0.009)</li> <li>• 15% reduction in total acute costs (\$19,212 vs \$22,656; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Puffer et al 2016<sup>17</sup></b> Single level lumbar microdiscectomy LB local infiltration @ closure vs no infiltration @ closure;N=80 (all arms received bupivacaine prior to incision)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 43% reduction in time on IV narcotics (13.0 hrs vs 23.3 hrs; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 35% reduction in pain scores measured in PACU for non-chronic pain patients (2.4 vs 3.7;P&lt;0.04)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Kim et al 2016<sup>18</sup></b>                  Unilateral single level TLIF                  LB local infiltration vs bupivacaine local infiltration; N=74</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67% reduction in pain scores between 0-12 hours (15 vs 45.6;P=0.003)</li> <li>• 22% reduction in pain scores between 12-24 hours (37.6 vs 48.4; P=0.05)</li> <li>• 34% reduction in opioid use between 12-24 hours (16.0 vs 24.1; P=0.04)</li> <li>• 28% reduction in length of stay (3.1 days vs 4.3 days; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower mean total cost per patient (\$14,536 vs \$15,406; no p-value provided)</li> </ul>
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<b>FOOT AND ANKLE SURGERY</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Schwartz et al 2024<sup>1</sup></b>                      RCT                      Sciatic Nerve Block in the Popliteal Fossa in bunionectomy (N=185)                      SNB LB 133 mg + 20 mL normal saline vs. SNB 20 mL (50 mg) 0.25% bupivacaine + 10 mL normal saline                      After: All patients received Mayo field block with 20 mL 0.5% bupivacaine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AUC of NRS Pain Intensity Score 0-96 hrs post-surgery (Primary Endpoint)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 44% difference in AUC of NRS pain intensity scores through 4 days (P&lt;0.00001)</li> <li>• After 24 hrs, pain scores were significantly lower with LB SNB at every time point through 4 days</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Total Opioid Consumption 0-96 hrs post-surgery (Secondary Endpoint)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 61% fewer opioids consumed in first 4 days after surgery (P&lt;0.00001)</li> <li>• 5 times higher odds of being opioid free through 4 days after surgery (P=0.003)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Robbins et al. 2015<sup>2</sup></b>                      Prospective study                      Infiltration forefoot (N=20)                      LB 266 mg (20 ml) vs. Pain protocol no LB                      All patients received ankle block of 10 ml 1% lidocaine + 0.5% bupivacaine HCL                      LB: 20 ml of 0.5% Bupi HCL for ankle block                      Control: 15 ml of 0.5% Bupi HCL for ankle block</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mean narcotic pills consumed                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 1 (1.4 vs 3.6, P=0.002)</li> <li>• POD 2 (1.8 vs 3.6, P=0.021)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wound complications (1 vs 4)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Golf et al. 2011<sup>3</sup></b>                      RCT                      Infiltration in Bunionectomy (N=185)                      LB 120 mg (8 ml) vs placebo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mean AUC of NRS Pain Score 0-24 hrs post-surgery                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-24 hrs (123.9 vs 146.2, P=0.0005)</li> <li>• 0-36 hrs (196.9 vs 220.3, P=0.0229)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pain Free                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 hrs (68% vs 45.8%, P=0.0019)</li> <li>• 4 hrs (38.1% vs 14.6%, P=0.0002)</li> <li>• 8 hrs (13.4% vs 3.1%, P=0.0078)</li> <li>• 48 hrs (35.1% vs 19.1%, P=0.0153)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Time to first opioid (7.2 hrs vs 4.3 hrs, P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Opioid free                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 hrs (41.2% vs 9.4%, P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 12 hrs (20.6% vs 3.1%, P=0.0003)</li> <li>• 20 hrs (7.2% vs 1.0%, P=0.0404)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Opioid consumption 0-24 hrs (3.8 tabs vs 4.7 tabs, P=0.0077)</li> </ul>

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## General Surgery

<b>COLORECTAL</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Schwartz et al 2024<sup>1</sup></b>                      Real World Study IQVIA                      Healthcare Resource Utilization                      LB vs non-LB (N=4397 each)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inpatient readmission                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Month 1: 6% vs 8.5%, mean difference 0.69, (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Month 2: 8.3% vs 12.1%, mean difference 0.66, (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Month 3: 11.0% vs 14.8%, mean difference 0.71, (P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Emergency department visit                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Month 1: 8.7% vs 10.0%, mean difference 0.85, (P=0.023)</li> <li>• Month 2: 11.2% vs 13.4%, mean difference 0.80, (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Month 3: 13.7% vs 17.0%, mean difference 0.78, (P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Outpatient visit                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Month 1: 34.1% vs 38.5%, mean difference 0.83, (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Month 2: 47.7% vs 51.2%, mean difference 0.87, (P=0.001)</li> <li>• Month 3: 54.9% vs 57.2%, mean difference 0.91, (P&lt;0.028)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Length of stay: 5.2 vs 5.7 days, (P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Holtz et al 2022<sup>2</sup></b>                      Retrospective                      Abdominal or colorectal resection                      LB vs epidural; (N=5799)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower hospital cost                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$6,304 less hospital cost with EXPAREL vs epidural group (\$27,315 vs. \$33,619; P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hospital Stay                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mean LOS was 6.9 days and 8.5 days in patients receiving EXPAREL vs epidural analgesia</li> <li>• Patients receiving EXPAREL were more likely to be discharged directly to home than epidural (87% vs. 75% ; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 30-day readmissions rate lower in EXPAREL group 11% vs. epidural group 15% (P=0.0073)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Incidence of hypotension                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postoperative hypotension lower in EXPAREL group 11% vs. epidural group 30% (P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vasopressor use lower in EXPAREL group 7% vs. epidural group 22% (P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Tran et al 2021<sup>3</sup></b>                  Pharmacoeconomic evaluation                  Colorectal resection                  LB via TAP or local infiltration vs non-LB (N=486)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average LOS 3.4 vs 5.9 days</li> <li>• Lower cost of care                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -23% (-\$1435) in primary analysis of public costs (P=0.004)</li> <li>• -25% (-\$1345) in sensitivity analysis of internal costs (P=0.002)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• -27% in open surgery (P=0.002) and -23% in laparoscopic surgery (P=0.046) subgroup analysis</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rizk et al 2020<sup>4</sup></b>                  Retrospective                  Open or minimally invasive colorectal resection                  LB vs IV APAP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in hospital length of stay after surgery (adjusted change=-1.2 d, 95%CI -2.1 to -0.3) vs IV APAP (adjusted change= 1.5 d, 95%CI 0.7 to 2.2)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guerra et al 2019<sup>5</sup></b>                  Prospective, observational                  Laparoscopic colorectal surgery                  LB TAP vs bupivacaine TAP (N=100)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 73% reduction in overall opioid use (P=0.0002)</li> <li>• More patients required no narcotics during hospital stay (32% vs 8%; P=0.005)</li> <li>• Shorter length of stay (2.7 vs 3.4 days; P=0.0146)</li> <li>• Quicker return to bowel function (1.7 vs 2.4 days; P=0.0002)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Torgeson et al 2019<sup>6</sup></b>                  RCT                  Colorectal Surgery                  ERP with LB TAP (n=44) vs ERP with Epidural (n=39)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13% reduction in length of stay (P=0.045)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fields et al 2019<sup>7</sup></b>                  Retrospective, observational                  Laparoscopic colorectal surgery                  LB TAP vs bupivacaine infiltration (N=940)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreased opioid use (-15.9 mg; P=0.04)</li> <li>• Decreased length of stay (-0.8 days; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pricolo et al 2018<sup>8</sup></b>                  Retrospective Cohort                  Colectomy                  ERP with LB (n=39) vs Opioid + routine mech. bowel prep (n=34) vs Opioid + selective bowel prep (n=36)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 84% reduction in opioid use vs opioid + routine mech bowel prep (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 74% reduction in opioid use vs opioid + selective bowel prep (P=0.0017)</li> <li>• 65% reduction in overnight opioid use vs opioid + routine mech bowel prep (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 59% reduction in overnight opioid use vs opioid + selective bowel prep (P=0.0006)</li> <li>• 63% reduction in length of stay vs opioid + routine mech bowel prep (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 43% reduction in length of stay vs opioid + selective bowel prep (P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Burnett et al 2018<sup>9</sup></b>                  Retrospective cohort                  Laparotomy                  LB + multimodal (n=31) vs Multimodal (n=30)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 46% reduction in opioid use @ 24-48 hrs (P=0.04)</li> <li>• 55% reduction in opioid us @ 48-72 hrs (P=0.02)</li> <li>• 30% reduction in opioid use @ 0-72 hrs (P=0.04)</li> <li>• 25% reduction in time to flatus (P=0.0054)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Felling et al 2018</b><sup>10</sup>                  RCT                  Colon and rectal surgery                  ERP with LB TAP vs ERP with Epidural</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 52% reduction in opioid consumption (P&lt;0.001)-includes fentanyl from epidural</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stokes et al 2017</b><sup>11</sup>                  Retrospective Observation                  Abdominopelvic Colorectal Surgery                  LB TAP vs Bupivacaine TAP (N=407)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significantly less reported pain 1<sup>st</sup> 24-36 hours post-op</li> <li>• 35% reduction in opioid consumption (P=0.040)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Keller et al 2017</b><sup>12</sup>                  Retrospective, observational                  Laparoscopic colon surgery                  ERP with LB vs ERP without LB (N=140)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 59% reduction in pain in the PACU (P=0.001)</li> <li>• 67% reduction in opioid use on POD0 (P&lt;0.01)</li> <li>• 54% reduction in opioid use on POD1 (P=0.03)</li> <li>• 74% reduction in opioid use on POD2 (P=0.02)</li> <li>• 58% reduction in opioid use on POD3 (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Shorter length of stay (2.96 vs 3.93 days; P=0.003)</li> <li>• Less indirect costs (\$7,298.68 vs \$9,449.27; P=0.02)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Keller et al 2016</b><sup>13</sup>                  Retrospective Observational                  Laparoscopic colon resection                  LB TAP vs No TAP (N=50)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% reduction pain on initial PACU survey (P&lt;0.01)</li> <li>• 67% reduction in pain on final PACU survey (P=0.03)</li> <li>• 100% reduction in pain on POD2 (P=0.002)</li> <li>• 65% reduction in opioid consumption POD0 (P&lt;0.01)</li> <li>• 25% reduction in length of stay (P=0.04)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Beck et al 2015</b><sup>14</sup>                  Retrospective Observational                  Open and lap colon resection                  Multimodal with LB                  (n=66) vs Traditional regimen                  (n=167)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17% reduction in pain scores (P&lt;0.05)</li> <li>• 43% reduction in cumulative opioids through 72 hours (P=0.03)</li> <li>• Longer time to first opioid use (5.2 hrs vs. 2.9 hrs; P&lt;0.05)</li> <li>• 20% decrease in length of stay (P=0.04)</li> <li>• Fewer opioid related adverse event medications (antipruritic, antiemetic, laxative)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cohen et al 2014</b><sup>15</sup>                  Pooled Analysis                  Laparoscopic and open colon resection and                  ileostomy reversal                  LB (N=86) vs IV PCA (N=105)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60% reduction in overall opioid use (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Longer time to first opioid consumption (1.2 hrs vs 0.6 hrs; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 33% reduction in length of stay (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 23% reduction in hospital costs (P=0.0109)</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Marcet et al 2013<sup>16</sup></b> Ileostomy reversal LB vs opioid; N=27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mean Hospital Costs:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$6,482 vs. \$9,282, (P=0.01)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Median LOS:</li> <li>• 3 days vs. 5.1 days; (P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cohen et al 2012<sup>17</sup></b> Prospective Cohort Open colectomy Multimodal with LB vs Opioid PCA (N=39)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60% reduction in overall opioid use (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Longer time to first opioid consumption (1.2 hrs vs 0.6 hrs; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 33% reduction in length of stay (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 23% reduction in hospital costs (P=0.0109)</li> </ul>

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<b>ABDOMINAL</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Holtz et al 2022<sup>1</sup></b> Retrospective Abdominal or colorectal resection LB vs epidural; (N=5799)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower hospital cost                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$6,304 less hospital cost with EXPAREL vs epidural group (\$27,315 vs. \$33,619; P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hospital Stay                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mean LOS was 6.9 days and 8.5 days in patients receiving EXPAREL vs epidural analgesia</li> <li>• Patients receiving EXPAREL were more likely to be discharged directly to home than epidural (87% vs. 75% ; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 30-day readmissions rate lower in EXPAREL group 11% vs. epidural group 15% (P=0.0073)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Incidence of hypotension                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postoperative hypotension lower in EXPAREL group 11% vs. epidural group 30% (P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vasopressor use lower in EXPAREL group 7% vs. epidural group 22% (P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rendon et al 2022<sup>2</sup></b> Retrospective cohort study Autologous breast reconstruction Historical control (before ERAS) vs ERAS with catheter vs ERAS with LB TAP block; N=145</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower length of stay (3.0 (LB) vs 3.0 (ERAS cont. catheter) vs 4.0 (pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower opioid use (211.0 (LB) vs 215.9 (ERAS cont. catheter) vs 518.4 (pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less patients on PCA opioid pump (1 (LB) vs 1 (ERAS cont. catheter) vs All (pre-ERAS))</li> </ul>
<p><b>Yip et al 2022<sup>3</sup></b> Robot assisted laparoscopic nephrectomy ERAS with LB quadratus lumborum (QL) vs non-ERAS; N=614</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less opioid use in LB group                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21% less on POD 0 (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 31% less on POD 1 (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 34% less on POD 2 (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 19% less throughout total admission (P=0.03)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Greenbaum et al 2021<sup>4</sup></b> Hepatopancreaticobiliary Erector spinae plane (ESP) Block with LB vs thoracic epidural analgesia (TEA); N=67</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0% LB patients required opioid IV PCA vs 32.5% TEA (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower postoperative hypotension (22% vs 55%; P=0.03)</li> <li>• LB opioid MME requirement decreased over 72 h, while TEA MME increased (P=0.019)</li> <li>• Lower postoperative colloid received (142 mL vs 340 mL; P=0.01)</li> <li>• Earlier removal of indwelling urinary catheters (1.6 vs 2.4 days; P=0.002)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Haddock et al 2021<sup>5</sup></b>                  DIEP flaps for breast reconstruction                  Retrospective Review                  Pre-ERAS vs ERAS vs ERAS w/LB TAP N=216</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower opioid use:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21% reduction in opioid use compared to ERAS [115.5 ± 54.6 vs 146.8 ± 93.9 (ERAS) vs 275.7 ± 151.1 (Pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.0001]</li> <li>• 58% reduction in opioid use compared to Pre-ERAS [115.5 ± 54.6 vs 146.8 ± 93.9 (ERAS) vs 275.7 ± 151.1 (Pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.0001]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower LOS:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21% reduction in LOS compared to ERAS [2.550 ± 0.840 vs 3.217 ± 0.802 (ERAS) vs 3.642 ± 0.829 (Pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• 30% reduction in LOS compared to Pre-ERAS [2.550 ± 0.840 vs 3.217 ± 0.802 (ERAS) vs 3.642 ± 0.829 (Pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.001]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower mean surgery time, hours:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5% reduction in mean surgery time compared to ERAS [7.693 ±1.681 vs 8.134 ± 1.792 (ERAS) vs 9.272 ± 2.119 (Pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• 17 % reduction in mean surgery time compared to Pre-ERAS [7.693 ±1.681 vs 8.134 ± 1.792 (ERAS) vs 9.272 ± 2.119 (Pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.001]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Roebuck et al 2021<sup>6</sup></b>                  Radical cystectomy                  Laparoscopic TAP with LB vs No TAP; N=178</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved time to pain control (1 day vs 3 days) (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less opioid use (MME):                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 44% reduction in total opioid use on POD 0-3 (72.5 vs 130.3; P=0.003)</li> <li>• Less total opioids on POD 1-3 (43.3 vs 73.5; P=0.019)</li> <li>• 55% reduction on POD 0 (25 vs 55.8; P=0.007)</li> <li>• 65% reduction on POD 1 (12.5 vs 35.8; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reduced length of stay when adjusted for ERAS compliance:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (5.9 days vs 7.8 days; P=0.002)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Waddimba et al 2021<sup>7</sup></b>                  Laparoscopic appendectomy                  Bupi+epi vs LB undiluted vs LB diluted vs LB+bupi;                  N=155</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less opioid MME use in LB groups</li> <li>• (60.4 vs 46.0 vs 35.5 vs 30.4; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Turan et al 2021<sup>8</sup></b>                  Major abdominal surgery                  LB TAP w/ Bupi vs Thoracic Epidural; N=498</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower incidence of hypotension (31% vs 48%) (P=0.006)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fafaj et al 2020<sup>9</sup></b>                  Abdominal wall reconstruction                  LB TAP vs Bupi TAP vs placebo TAP; N=164</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower rate of urinary tract infections (7.84 vs 1.82) (P=0.02)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Babazade et al 2019<sup>10</sup></b>                  Retrospective cost effectiveness analysis                  Major lower abdominal surgery                  LB vs PCA IV vs Epidural</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With a willingness-to-pay (WTP) of \$150: IV PCA and TAP infiltration were each the optimal strategy for approximately 50% of iterations</li> <li>• Little differentiation in cost-effectiveness between IV PCA and TAP infiltration with LB</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shaker et al 2018<sup>11</sup></b>                  Abdominal oncologic surgery                  LB TAP vs.                  Thoracic epidural anesthesia (N=67)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 68% reduction in pain on POD0 (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 73% reduction in pain on POD1 (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 71% reduction in pain on POD2(<math>P=0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 66% reduction in pain on POD3(<math>P=0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 80% reduction in hypotension on POD1 (<math>P=0.02</math>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Torgeson et al 2018<sup>12</sup></b>                  Colorectal surgery                  LB TAP vs Epidural (N=83)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13% reduction (hours) in length of stay (<math>P=0.045</math>)</li> <li>• Earlier discharge (days) (<math>P=0.023</math>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ramshaw et al 2016<sup>13</sup></b>                  Laparoscopic Ventral Hernia Repair                  LB TAP + low pressure pneumoperitoneum (LPP)                  vs LB TAP Only vs No TAP-No LPP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 56% reduction in overall opioid consumption (LB TAP+LPP vs LB TAP only;<math>P=0.004</math>)</li> <li>• 74% reduction in overall opioid consumption (LB TAP+LPP vs No TAP-No-LPP;<math>P=0.002</math>)</li> <li>• 38% reduction in PACU opioid consumption (LB TAP+ LPP vs LB TAP only;<math>P=0.02</math>)</li> <li>• 50% reduction in PACU opioid consumption (LB TAP+LPP vs No TAP-No-LPP;<math>P=0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 50% reduction in total length of stay (LB TAP+ LPP vs LB TAP only;<math>P=0.02</math>)</li> <li>• 63%% reduction in total length of stay (LB TAP+LPP vs No TAP-No-LPP;<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 25% reduction in PACU stay (LB TAP+ LPP vs LB TAP only;<math>P=0.02</math>)</li> <li>• 34%% reduction in PACU stay (LB TAP+LPP vs No TAP-No-LPP;<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ayad et al 2016<sup>14</sup></b>                  Major lower abdominal surgery                  LB TAP vs Continuous epidural vs IV PCA (N=318)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36% reduction in length of stay (LB TAP vs Epidural; (<math>P=0.005</math>))</li> <li>• Pain scores were non-inferior to epidural and PCA</li> <li>• Opioid consumption was non-inferior to epidural and PCA</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fayeizadeh et al 2016<sup>15</sup></b>                  Abdominal wall reconstruction                  LB TAP vs. No TAP;N=100</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29% reduction in pain on POD0 (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 24% reduction in pain on POD1 (<math>P=0.002</math>)</li> <li>• 19% reduction in pain on POD2(<math>P=0.0.048</math>)</li> <li>• 42 % reduction in opioid consumption on POD0 (<math>P=0.005</math>)</li> <li>• 32 % reduction in opioid consumption on POD1(<math>P=0.01</math>)</li> <li>• 27 % reduction in opioid consumption on POD2 (<math>P=0.047</math>)</li> <li>• 24% reduction in length of stay (<math>P=0.006</math>)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Redan et al 2016<sup>16</sup></b> Laparoscopic colon resection and open hernia repair LB TAP + low pressure pneumoperitoneum LB TAP + local infiltration vs. IV Opioids ; N=82</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No incidences of urinary retention (P=0.038)</li> <li>• Less incidences of respiratory depression (2.2% vs 21.6%; P=0.009)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Majumder et al 2016<sup>17</sup></b> Open ventral hernia repair ERP with LB TAP vs Pre-ERP, no TAP;N=200</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39% reduction in time to transition from IV to oral opioids (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 34% reduction in length of stay (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• More patients discharged within 3 days (18% vs 2%; P=0.002)</li> <li>• 21% reduction in time to 1<sup>st</sup> flatus (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 31% reduction in time to BM (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 38% reduction in time to regular diet (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Fewer 90-day readmissions (4% vs 16%;P=0.008)</li> </ul>

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<b>Transversus abdominis plane (TAP)</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Peebles et al 2023<sup>1</sup></b>                      Retrospective chart review                      Cesarean section                      LB TAP (N=107) vs LB infiltration (N=185)                      vs Standard of Care (spinal anesthesia) (N=110)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opioid use:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less total opioid use: 24.9 vs 25.2 vs 64.4 MME; P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• Less average daily opioid use: 9.9 vs 9.7 vs 25.8 MME; P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• More opioid free patients: 42.1% vs 55.1% vs 0%; P&lt;0.001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pain:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 0: 5.5 vs 4.6 vs 5.9; P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• POD 1: 5.6 vs 5.3 vs 6.3; P=0.003</li> <li>• POD 2: 5.7 vs 5.5 vs 6.3; P=0.29</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Length of stay: 2.3 vs 2.4 vs 2.5 days; P=0.01</li> </ul>
<p><b>Heffern et al 2023<sup>2</sup></b>                      Retrospective chart review                      Abdominoplasty                      LB (N=60): 4 injections 266mg/20 mL + 50 mL                      0.25% bupivacaine + 30 mL NS + 0.5 mL of 1:1000                      epinephrine with remaining 20 mL infiltrated into                      incision area                      VS Local infiltration (10 mL of 0.25% bupivacaine                      + epinephrine) with or without blind rectus                      sheath block (4 injections of 10 mL of 0.25%                      bupivacaine with epinephrine)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PACU Opioid Utilization                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TAP block LB: lower opioid requirements (3.07 vs 8.93 MMEs; P=0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Time in PACU                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TAP block LB: shorter stay (95.7 vs 117.18 minutes; P=0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Chevrollier et al 2022<sup>3</sup></b>                      RCT                      Laparoscopic colorectal resection                      LB TAP block (n=38) vs bupivacaine HCl TAP                      blocks (n=38)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LB group experienced significantly lower maximum pain scores on the day of surgery (6.5 vs 7.7; P=0.008)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rendon et al 2022<sup>4</sup></b>                      Retrospective cohort study                      Autologous breast reconstruction                      Historical control (before ERAS) vs ERAS with                      catheter vs ERAS with LB TAP block; N=145</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower length of stay (3.0 (LB) vs 3.0 (ERAS cont. catheter) vs 4.0 (pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower opioid use (211.0 (LB) vs 215.9 (ERAS cont. catheter) vs 518.4 (pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less patients on PCA opioid pump (1 (LB) vs 1 (ERAS cont. catheter) vs All (pre-ERAS))</li> </ul>

<p><b>Roebuck et al 2022<sup>5</sup></b>                  Radical cystectomy                  Laparoscopic TAP with LB vs No TAP; N=178</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved time to pain control (1 day vs 3 days) (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less opioid use (MME):                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 44% reduction in total opioid use on POD 0-3 (72.5 vs 130.3; P=0.003)</li> <li>• Less total opioids on POD 1-3 (43.3 vs 73.5; P=0.019)</li> <li>• 55% reduction on POD 0 (25 vs 55.8; P=0.007)</li> <li>• 65% reduction on POD 1 (12.5 vs 35.8; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reduced length of stay when adjusted for ERAS compliance:</li> <li>• (5.9 days vs 7.8 days; P=0.002)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Haddock et al 2021<sup>6</sup></b>                  DIEP flaps for breast reconstruction                  Retrospective Review                  Pre-ERAS vs ERAS vs ERAS w/LB TAP N=216</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower opioid use:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21% reduction in opioid use compared to ERAS [115.5 ± 54.6 vs 146.8 ± 93.9 (ERAS) vs 275.7 ± 151.1 (Pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.0001]</li> <li>• 58% reduction in opioid use compared to Pre-ERAS [115.5 ± 54.6 vs 146.8 ± 93.9 (ERAS) vs 275.7 ± 151.1 (Pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.0001]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower LOS:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21% reduction in LOS compared to ERAS [2.550 ± 0.840 vs 3.217 ± 0.802 (ERAS) vs 3.642 ± 0.829 (Pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.001]</li> <li>• 30% reduction in LOS compared to Pre-ERAS [2.550 ± 0.840 vs 3.217 ± 0.802 (ERAS) vs 3.642 ± 0.829 (Pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.001]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower mean surgery time, hours:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5% reduction in mean surgery time compared to ERAS [7.693 ± 1.681 vs 8.134 ± 1.792 (ERAS) vs 9.272 ± 2.119 (Pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.001]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 17 % reduction in mean surgery time compared to Pre-ERAS [7.693 ± 1.681 vs 8.134 ± 1.792 (ERAS) vs 9.272 ± 2.119 (Pre-ERAS), P&lt;0.001]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Turan et al 2021<sup>7</sup></b>                  Major abdominal surgery                  LB TAP w/ Bupi vs Thoracic Epidural; N=498</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower incidence of hypotension (31% vs 48%) (P=0.006)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Colonna et al 2020<sup>8</sup></b>                  Cost-effectiveness analysis                  Laparoscopic ventral hernia repair                  LB TAP vs no TAP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$456.75 decrease in cost and an 0.1 increase in QALY relative to the no TAP block treatment strategy.</li> <li>• In probabilistic sensitivity analyses (PSA), EXPAREL TAP strategy was cost-effective at a willingness-to-pay threshold of \$50,000/QALY in 94.5% of iterations and pay threshold of \$100,000/QALY in 97.1% of iterations</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fafaj et al 2020<sup>9</sup></b>                  Abdominal wall reconstruction                  LB TAP vs Bupi TAP vs placebo TAP; N=164</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower rate of urinary tract infections (7.84 vs 1.82) (P=0.02)</li> </ul>



<p><b>Shaker et al 2018<sup>10</sup></b> Abdominal oncologic surgery LB TAP vs. Thoracic epidural anesthesia ;N=67</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 68% reduction in pain on POD0 (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 73% reduction in pain on POD1 (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 71% reduction in pain on POD2(<math>P=0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 66% reduction in pain on POD3(<math>P=0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 80% reduction in hypotension on POD1 (<math>P=0.02</math>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Torgeson et al 2018<sup>11</sup></b> Colorectal surgery LB TAP vs Epidural (N=83)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13% reduction (hours) in length of stay (<math>P=0.045</math>)</li> <li>• Earlier discharge (days) (<math>P=0.023</math>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ramshaw et al 2016<sup>12</sup></b> Laparoscopic Ventral Hernia Repair LB TAP + low pressure pneumoperitoneum (LPP) vs LB TAP Only vs No TAP-No LPP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 56% reduction in overall opioid consumption (LB TAP+LPP vs LB TAP only;<math>P=0.004</math>)</li> <li>• 74% reduction in overall opioid consumption (LB TAP+LPP vs No TAP-No-LPP;<math>P=0.002</math>)</li> <li>• 38% reduction in PACU opioid consumption (LB TAP+ LPP vs LB TAP only;<math>P=0.02</math>)</li> <li>• 50% reduction in PACU opioid consumption (LB TAP+LPP vs No TAP-No-LPP;<math>P=0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 50% reduction in total length of stay (LB TAP+ LPP vs LB TAP only;<math>P=0.02</math>)</li> <li>• 63%% reduction in total length of stay (LB TAP+LPP vs No TAP-No-LPP;<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 25% reduction in PACU stay (LB TAP+ LPP vs LB TAP only;<math>P=0.02</math>)</li> <li>• 34%% reduction in PACU stay (LB TAP+LPP vs No TAP-No-LPP;<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Oh et al 2018<sup>13</sup></b> Cost-effectiveness study LB TAP vs TRAS; N=200</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjusted mean cost: \$4,576 lower than those of the TRAS control group (\$38,688 versus \$43,264)</li> <li>• Lower costs than controls in all categories, with the greatest difference associated with the room and board (\$12,266 vs. \$8,395)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gatherwright et al 2018<sup>14</sup></b> Prospective DIEP free flap reconstruction LB + NS + 0.25% bupi vs 0.25% bupi vs OnQ 0.25% bupi vs historical control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower average IV opioids MME (19.3 vs 29.6 vs 37.9 vs 61.4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19.3 LB vs 29.6 OnQ (<math>P=0.005</math>) vs 37.9 bupi (<math>P=0.004</math>) vs 61.4 control (<math>P=0.002</math>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower average IV opioid mg/kg/day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.08 LB vs 0.1 OnQ (<math>P=0.004</math>) vs 0.16 bupi (<math>P=0.02</math>) vs 0.29 (<math>P=0.012</math>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower average total MME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40.9 LB vs 53.2 OnQ (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>) vs 79.9 bupi (<math>P=0.002</math>) vs 97.6 control (<math>P=0.006</math>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower average total opioid use mg/kg/day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.08 LB vs 0.1 OnQ (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>) vs 0.18 bupi (<math>P=0.001</math>) vs 0.31 control (<math>P=0.002</math>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower length of stay (days)</li> <li>• 3.38 LB vs 3.8 OnQ vs 3.63 bupi vs 3.83 control (<math>P=0.08</math>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ayad et al 2016<sup>15</sup></b> Major lower abdominal surgery LB TAP vs Continuous epidural vs IV PCA (N=318)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36% reduction in length of stay (LB TAP vs Epidural; (<math>P=0.005</math>)</li> <li>• Pain scores were non-inferior to epidural and PCA</li> <li>• Opioid consumption was non-inferior to epidural and PCA</li> </ul>

<p><b>Fayezizadeh et al 2016<sup>16</sup></b>                  Abdominal wall reconstruction                  LB TAP vs. No TAP;N=100</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29% reduction in pain on POD0 (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 24% reduction in pain on POD1 (<math>P=0.002</math>)</li> <li>• 19% reduction in pain on POD2(<math>P=0.0.048</math>)</li> <li>• 42 % reduction in opioid consumption on POD0 (<math>P=0.005</math>)</li> <li>• 32 % reduction in opioid consumption on POD1(<math>P=0.01</math>)</li> <li>• 27 % reduction in opioid consumption on POD2 (<math>P=0.047</math>)</li> <li>• 24% reduction in length of stay (<math>P=0.006</math>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Redan et al 2016<sup>17</sup></b>                  Laparoscopic colon resection and open hernia repair                  LB TAP + low pressure pneumoperitoneum                  LB TAP + local infiltration vs. IV Opioids ; N=82</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No incidences of urinary retention (<math>P=0.038</math>)</li> <li>• Less incidences of respiratory depression (2.2% vs 21.6%; <math>P=0.009</math>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Majumder et al 2016<sup>18</sup></b>                  Open ventral hernia repair                  ERP with LB TAP vs Pre-ERP, no TAP;N=200</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39% reduction in time to transition from IV to oral opioids (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 34% reduction in length of stay (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• More patients discharged within 3 days (18% vs 2%; <math>P=0.002</math>)</li> <li>• 21% reduction in time to 1<sup>st</sup> flatus (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 31% reduction in time to BM (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 38% reduction in time to regular diet (<math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• Fewer 90-day readmissions (4% vs 16%;<math>P=0.008</math>)</li> </ul>

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<b>BARIATRIC</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Wong et al 2020<sup>1</sup></b> Lap Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, sleeve to bypass conversion TAP block with LB vs TAP block With Bupi and no TAP block; N=219</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients experienced less nausea (35.7 % vs 57.8 % vs 46.5) (P=0.03)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ma et al 2019<sup>2</sup></b> Lap Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and Vertical sleeve gastrectomy ERABS + LB vs LB vs Pre-LB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experienced less pain                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average pain entering PACU (2.6 vs 4.9) (P&lt;0.001, between LB and ERABS+LB)</li> <li>Average pain entering PACU (4.9 vs 6.3) (P=0.04, between LB and Pre-LB)</li> <li>Average pain entering PACU (2.6 vs 6.3) (P&lt;0.001, between ERABS+LB and Pre-LB)</li> <li>Average pain exiting PACU (4.4 vs 3.0) (P&lt;0.001, between LB and ERABS+LB)</li> <li>Average pain exiting PACU (3.0 vs 4.3) (P=0.01, between ERABS+LB and Pre-LB)</li> <li>Average pain in POD 1 (2.7 vs 1.4) (P&lt;0.01, between LB and ERABS+LB)</li> <li>Average pain in POD 1 (1.4 vs 2.7) (P=0.002, between ERABS+LB and Pre-LB)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Less opioids used in ERABS+LB vs LB and Pre-LB                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total hospital opioid use in MEU (23.8 vs 40.8 vs 58.6) (P=0.01)</li> <li>59% reduction in opioid requirements vs Pre-LB (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>Did not require additional narcotics on the floor (44.9% ERABS+LB vs 0% in Pre-LB) (P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Shorter LOS (1.48 days vs 1.54 days) (P=0.03)</li> <li>Overall decrease in readmission rate, ERABS+LB (3.74%) (P=0.03)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Moon et al 2019<sup>3</sup></b> Sleeve gastrectomy, Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, duodenal switch, and revisional procedures LB TAP vs no TAP; N=191</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28% reduction in IV hydromorphone or morphine (69.2% vs 95.9%) (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>38% reduction in oral acetaminophen or codeine (46.8% vs 75.3 %) (P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bhakta et al 2018<sup>4</sup></b> Sleeve Gastrectomy or Roux-En-Y gastric bypass Laparoscopic-guided LB TAP /no PCA vs bupivacaine HCl+PCA ;N=476</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>43% reduction in opioid consumption across all procedures (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>41 % reduction in opioid consumption in sleeve arm (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>34 % reduction in opioid consumption in Roux –En-Y (P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Robertson et al 2018<sup>5</sup></b>                  Laparoscopic Roux-En-Y or laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy                  Ultrasound guided LB TAP + PCA vs PCA only;                  N=440</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 62% reduction in opioid consumption in LRYGB (P≤0.0001)</li> <li>• 60% reduction in opioid consumption in LSG (P≤0.0001)</li> <li>• 50% reduction in length of stay in LRYGB (<b>1.1 vs 2.2</b> days; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 39% reduction in length of stay in LSG (<b>1.1 vs 1.8</b> days; P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul>
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<b>HEMORRHOIDECTOMY</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Chitty et al 2022<sup>1</sup></b>                      Hemorrhoidectomy                      LB (post-intervention) vs 0.25% bupi (pre-intervention); N=94</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower recovery time (67 min vs 80 min; P=0.01)</li> <li>• Lower pain score (NRS), median IQR:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First PACU pain score (0 (0-0) vs 0 (0-4); P=0.02)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Peak PACU pain score (0 (0-4) vs 3 (0-6); P=0.03)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Haas et al 2012<sup>2</sup></b>                      Excisional hemorrhoidectomy                      Dose range LB vs 0.25% bupi with Epi; N=100</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cumulative pain scores (NRS):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower pain scores with 199 mg and 266 mg from 0-72 hours (199 mg and 266 mg vs 75 mg, P=0.002)</li> <li>• Lower pain scores with 199 mg and 266 mg from 0-96 hours (199 mg, 95% CI for difference, -363, -52, P=0.001; 266 mg, 95% CI for difference, -373, -60, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower pain scores at first BM (NRS-BM): LB 199-mg [4.5 (3.0), P=0.01] and 266-mg [4.1 (2.1), P=0.003] vs bupi [6.7 (2.7)]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• More patients opioid free: 266-mg group (32% vs 8%, P=0.074)</li> <li>• Lower median time to first post surgical rescue opioid medication [8 hrs (0.3-96.0) vs 19 hrs (0.1-96.0), P=0.005]</li> <li>• Lower total amount of rescue opioid medication (96 hrs, P=0.004)</li> <li>• Higher blinded care provider’s satisfaction (P=0.03)</li> <li>• Improvement in EQ-5D QOL score (P=0.006 and P&lt;0.001 at 48 hrs and 72 hrs, respectively)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gorfine et al 2011<sup>3</sup></b>                      2- or 3-column excisional hemorrhoidectomy                      LB vs placebo; N=189</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain through 72 hours after surgery:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AUC<sub>0-72</sub> (141.8 (10.7) vs 202.5 (10.7), P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Opioids                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater proportion of patients received no opioid rescue medication from 12 to 72 hours, (P&lt;0.0008)</li> <li>• Lower total opioid rescue medication consumed through 72 hours, (P≤0.0006)</li> <li>• Lower median time to first use of opioid rescue medication (14 hours 20 min vs 1 hour 10 min, P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Higher postsurgical analgesia satisfaction at 72 hours (94.7% vs 73.1%, P=0.0007)</li> </ul>

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## ERECTOR SPINAE PLANE BLOCK (ESP)

<b>ERECTOR SPINAE PLANE BLOCK (ESP)</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Changoor et al 2023<sup>1</sup></b>                      Retrospective pediatric study                      Adolescent idiopathic scoliosis                      LB 4 mg/kg Erector                      Spinae Plane (ESP) block (N=53) vs multimodal pain protocol alone (N=66)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opioid use                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total opioid use (44.5 vs 70.2, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Oral opioid use only (81.1% vs 40.9, P=0.001)</li> <li>• Morphine POD 0 (0.30 mg vs 1.44 mg, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Oxycodone POD 1 (11.9 vs 15.8, P=0.004)</li> <li>• Oxycodone POD 2 (10.2 vs 16.4, P=0.002)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ambulation                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambulation POD 1 (47.8 ft vs 18.7 ft, P=0.038)</li> <li>• Ambulation POD 2 (888.7 ft vs 553.4 ft, P=0.002)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Length of stay (2.42 days vs 2.74 days, P=0.005)</li> <li>• Percentage discharged on POD 2 (54.7% vs 27.3%, P=0.002)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stewart et al 2023<sup>2</sup></b>                      Observational, retrospective study                      One or two level lumbar laminectomy (N=50)                      LB ESPB vs Multimodal analgesia alone (Control)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No PACU median hydromorphone consumption (0 vs 0.8 mg; P=0.001)</li> <li>• 48% reduction in mean morphine equivalents 0-24 h (31.9 mg vs 61.2 mg; P=0.001)</li> <li>• 27% reduction in mean morphine equivalents 24-48 h (31.9 mg vs 43.6 mg; P=0.04)</li> <li>• 45% reduction in mean PACU NRS pain scores (2.8 vs 5.1; P=0.01)</li> <li>• 45% reduction in mean POD1 pain scores (3.0 vs 5.5; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 27% reduction in mean POD2 pain scores (3.5 vs 4.8; P=0.01)</li> <li>• Lower antiemetic use (12% vs 48%; P&lt;0.005)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dahl et al 2022<sup>3</sup></b>                      Cardiac                      ERAS plus LB via ESP for patients with severe pulmonary disease or opioid dependence vs pre-ERAS;                      CABG and/or aortic or mitral intervention via median sternotomy; N=236</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less opioid use (MME):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre/Intra-op (19.2 vs 250.0; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Post-op POD0 (13.8 vs 40.0; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• POD0 (41.5 vs 277.3; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• POD1 (30.0 vs 75.0; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Prescribed at discharge (30.0 vs 75.0; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less pain POD1 (4.15 vs 4.82 NRS; P=0.011)</li> <li>• Less nausea/vomiting (42.4% vs 71.2%; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>



<p><b>Dincer et al 2022<sup>4</sup></b> Spine Transforaminal lumbar interbody fusion (TLIF) LB Erector Spinae Plane plus infiltration vs LB infiltration alone; N=50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24% shorter length of stay (2.56 vs 3.36 days; P=0.007)</li> <li>• 26% Shorter time to ambulation (0.96 vs 1.29 days; P=0.026)</li> <li>• 26% reduction in pain AUC at 12-24 hours (39.4 vs 53.4; P=0.03)</li> <li>• 12% reduction in pain AUC total hospital stay (44.5 vs 50.5; P=0.025)</li> <li>• 20% less in opioid use at 12-24 hours (50.1 vs 62.3 MME; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 29% less in opioid use total hospital stay (137.3 vs 194.7 MME; P=0.04)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Song et al 2020<sup>5</sup></b> Letter to editor Retrospective pilot study Cardiac surgery via median sternotomy and cardiopulmonary bypass LB ESP vs matched control; N=24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less opioid consumption             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower intraoperatively opioid consumption (4.25mcg/kg and 11.25mcg/kg fentanyl, respectively; P&lt;0.05)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower total opioid consumption at 4 and 12 hours (0.064mg/kg vs. 0.349mg/kg and 0.203mg/kg vs. 0.334mg/kg, respectively; P&lt;0.05).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Greenbaum et al 2019<sup>6</sup></b> <i>Retrospective</i> open hepatopancreaticobiliary (HPB) surgery LB bilateral ESP vs ropivacaine thoracic epidural anesthesia; N=67</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opioid consumption             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher percentage did not require any opioids in the postoperative period (33% vs 10%; P=0.03).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less intraoperative colloid administration (142 vs. 340 mL; P=0.01)</li> <li>• less post-operative hypotension (22% vs. 55%; P=0.03)</li> </ul>

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## PEDIATRICS

<b>PEDIATRICS</b>	
<b>SAFETY</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Tirotta et al (PLAY) 2021<sup>1</sup></b>  <i>Pharmacokinetic Study</i>            Spine and Cardiac Surgery            Group 1: LB infiltration vs Bupi HCL infiltration            Spine Surgery Only            Group 2: LB Spine or Cardiac Surgery            ;N=98</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 1 LB vs Bupi HCL (12 to &lt;17, Spine Surgery)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower mean C<sub>max</sub> (357 ng/ml vs 564 ng/ml)</li> <li>• Greater mean AUC<sub>0-inf</sub> (14,246 ngh/ml vs 5709 ngh/ml)</li> <li>• Similar median t<sub>max</sub> (1.1 vs 0.9 hours)</li> <li>• TEAEs were comparable (61.3% LB and 73.3 % Bupi HCL)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Group 2               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower mean C<sub>max</sub> in spine (320 ng/ml vs 447 ng/ml)</li> <li>• Greater mean AUC<sub>0-inf</sub> in cardiac (11,570 ngh/ml vs 26,164 ngh/ml)</li> <li>• Median t<sub>max</sub> observed (15.3 h vs 30.1 h)</li> <li>• TEAEs experienced (100% spine and 31% in cardiac)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Both Groups               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEAEs were mild or moderate</li> <li>• 1 severe TEAE with Bupi HCL (constipation)</li> <li>• There were no discontinuations due to TEAEs or deaths</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Cohen et al 2019<sup>2</sup></b>  <i>Retrospective</i>            Laparoscopic or orthopedic surgery            LB vs Bupi HCL            ;N=924</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups were matched based on age, ASA score, and surgical procedure</li> <li>• Endpoint was the incidence of LAST in patient receiving LB or Bupi HCL:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAST was defined as having 2 or more sign/symptoms of LAST out of 13 or 6 other major complications that occurred with 48 hours</li> <li>• LAST: Dizziness, bradycardia requiring treatment, blurred vision, tinnitus, desaturation/hypoventilation, loss of consciousness, seizure, drowsiness, dysarthria, confusion, malignant ventricular arrhythmias, hypotension, perioral numbness</li> <li>• Other Major Complications: Agitation, tachycardia requiring treatment, new onset atrial arrhythmias, new onset atrial arrhythmias, mortality, cardiac arrest, CPR</li> </ul> </li> <li>• LAST was not identified in any patient (P &gt; 0.99)</li> <li>• Sensitivity analysis showed a low incidence of complications judged as potentially related to LAST (3 LB and 2 Bupi HCL) (RR=2.4, 95% CI 0.4-14.0, P=0.38)</li> <li>• Clinical descriptions of patients with LAST symptoms:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agitation: Patient with baseline developmental delay reported agitated and crying in PACU, necessitated sedation with dexmedetomidine</li> <li>• Drowsiness: Patient reported drowsy but easily aroused in PACU 2 hours after surgery. Resolved spontaneously</li> <li>• Tachycardia: Intermittent tachycardia from 5 until 48 hours after surgery conclusion, to a maximum of 130 bpm. Not associated with hemodynamic compromise, sometimes related to pain and to fever. Finally resolved without specific medical treatment</li> <li>• Blurred vision: Mild blurred vision immediately after surgery, accompanied by pain and “clouding of the ears”. Resolved within minutes without intervention other than analgesia</li> <li>• Desaturation/Hypoventilation: Desaturation to 80% for several minutes during stay in PACU, accompanied by shallow breathing pattern. Resolved promptly with oxygen enrichment and position change</li> </ul>
<b>CARDIOTHORACIC</b>	
<p><b>Tirotta et al 2021<sup>1</sup></b>  <i>Retrospective, cohort</i>                      VATS CT Surgery                      LB (n=90) vs non-LB (n=1480)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36% reduction in postsurgical opioids (632 MME vs 991 MME; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 22% lower intraoperative opioid use (300 MME vs 383 MME; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 9% reduction in length of stay (5.1 days vs 5.6 days; P=0.0023)</li> <li>• 18% reduction in total hospital costs (\$18,084 vs \$21,962; P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tirotta et al 2021<sup>2</sup></b>  <i>Retrospective, cohort</i>                      Elective cardiac surgery, median sternotomy                      LB (n=111) vs OnQ 0.25% bupi HCL (n=111)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5% lower morphine administration incidence (95% vs 100%, P&lt;0.05)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jeziorczak et al 2021<sup>3</sup></b>  <i>Retrospective review</i>                      Nuss procedure                      LB (n=10) vs non-LB (n=9)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 73% lower opioid use (76.8 MME vs 282 MME; P=.004)</li> <li>• 40% reduction in length of stay (3 days vs 5 days; P=0.003)</li> <li>• 80% less Foley catheter usage (20% vs 100%; P=0.001)</li> <li>• 0% patients in LB group on epidural vs 100% patients in control group on epidural (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 78% reduction in total hospital costs (\$13,289 vs \$60,746; P=0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eubanks et al 2021<sup>4</sup></b>  <i>Retrospective review</i>                      Nuss Procedure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 71% lower opioid use intra-op (0.4 vs 1.1 vs 1.4 MME/kg; P=0.022)</li> <li>• 90% lower opioid use post-op (0.8 vs 1.2 vs 8.2 MME/kg; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 25% reduction in length of stay (3 vs 3 vs 5 days; P=0.002)</li> <li>• No Foley catheter usage in the ERB with LB and transition cohorts</li> </ul>

<p>ERP with LB (n=13) vs transition cohort (n=4) vs pre-ERP cohort (n=15)</p>	
<p><b>SPINE</b></p>	
<p><b>Changoor et al 2023<sup>1</sup></b>                  Retrospective pediatric study                  Adolescent idiopathic scoliosis                  LB 4 mg/kg Erector                  Spinae Plane (ESP) block (N=53) vs multimodal pain protocol alone (N=66)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opioid use                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total opioid use (44.5 vs 70.2, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Oral opioid use only (81.1% vs 40.9, P=0.001)</li> <li>• Morphine POD 0 (0.30 mg vs 1.44 mg, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Oxycodone POD 1 (11.9 vs 15.8, P=0.004)</li> <li>• Oxycodone POD 2 (10.2 vs 16.4, P=0.002)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ambulation                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambulation POD 1 (47.8 ft vs 18.7 ft, P=0.038)</li> <li>• Ambulation POD 2 (888.7 ft vs 553.4 ft, P=0.002)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Length of stay (2.42 days vs 2.74 days, P=0.005)</li> <li>• Percentage discharged on POD 2 (54.7% vs 27.3%, P=0.002)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Collis et al 2023<sup>2</sup></b>                  Retrospective chart review                  Posterior spinal fusion for adolescent idiopathic scoliosis                  Regional tertiary referral center (TRC) with EXPAREL (N=88) vs dedicated children’s hospital without EXPAREL (CH) (N=49)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less opioid use MME (56.09 vs 70.14, P=0.009)</li> <li>• Length of stay (35.05 hrs vs 58.29 hrs, P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Time to ambulation (19.30 hrs vs 22.33 hrs, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Discharge Date                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 1 (54% vs 0%, P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• POD 2 (34% vs 35%, P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• POD 3 (0% vs 10%, P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• POD 4 (0% vs 4%, P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>McIntosh et al 2022<sup>3</sup></b>  <i>Prospective</i>                  Adolescent idiopathic scoliosis undergoing posterior spinal fusion                  LB vs continuous ropivacaine epidural ; N=159</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9% reduction in oral MME from 24-48 hours (37.2 vs 41.0) (P=0.031)</li> <li>• 21% reduction in oral MME from 48-72 hours (23.3 vs 29.6) (P=0.015)</li> <li>• 28% reduction in time to ambulation (17.1 hours vs 23.9 hours) (P=0.0001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chughtai et al 2020<sup>4</sup></b>  <i>Retrospective review</i>                  LB vs standard pain management                  Spinal deformity surgery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average pain score:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60% reduction in pain score on POD 1 (2 (0,5) vs 5 (2.5,7) (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 25% reduction in pain score on POD 2 (3 (0,5) vs 4 (3,6) (P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Opioid Consumption in MME</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33% reduction in MME POD 0 (14.85 vs 22.27) (P=0.0001)</li> <li>• 19% reduction in MME POD 1 (33.41 vs 42.45) (P=0.007)</li> <li>• 46% reduction in MME POD 2 (19.97 vs 37.17) (P=0.0001)</li> <li>• 63% reduction in MME POD 3 (10.03 vs 27.33) (P=0.0001)</li> <li>• Overall (POD 0 through POD 3) (78.2 vs 129) (P=0.0001)</li> <li>• Median LOS:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25% reduction in days to discharge (3 IQR=3 to 4 vs 4 IQR=4 to 6) (P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Similar complications rates (13 out of 15, P&lt;0.05)</li> <li>• Lower odds for complications ([OR]; 95% CI = 0.77; 95% CI=0.64-0.93, P=0.009 and P=0.67; 95 % CI= 0.50 – 0.90, P=0.008)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ballock et al 2021<sup>5</sup></b>  <i>Retrospective, cohort</i>            discectomy, lumbosacral fusion, other fusion, laminectomy, or other            LB (n=373) vs non-LB (n=9816)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 47% reduction in postsurgical opioids (1288 MME vs 2437 MME; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 14% reduction in length of stay (3.5 days vs 4.0 days; P=0.0003)</li> <li>• 8% reduction in total hospital costs (\$29,790 vs \$32,284; P&lt;0.0227)</li> </ul>

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## CARDIOTHORACIC

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Study	Results
<p><b>Sharma et al 2020<sup>1</sup></b>                      Epicardial ventricular tachycardia (VT) ablation and Lariat left atrial appendage ligation (LAA)                      LB vs non LB; (N=104)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LARIAT procedure (n=28 in LB group, n=27 in non-LB group)                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6h: 1.0 (1-2) vs. 8.0 (6-8), (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 12h: 2.0 (1-3) vs. 6.0 (5-6), (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 18h: 2.0 (1.5-3.5) vs. 5.0 (5-7), (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 24h: 3.0 (2-3) vs. 5.0(4-5), (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 48h: 1.0 (1-2) vs. 5.0(4-5), (P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Epicardial VT ablation (n=25 in LB group, n=24 in non-LB group)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6h: 1.0 (1-2) vs. 8.0 (6-8), (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 12h: 1.0 (1-1) vs. 5.5(5-6), (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 18h: 2.0 (1-2) vs. 5.0 (4-6.5), (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 24h: 2.0 (2-3) vs. 4.0(3-4), (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 48h: 1.0 (1-1) vs. 5.0(4-5), (P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Shorter LOS: Median number days (IQR) 2 (2-2) vs 3 (3-3), (P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tirotta et al (PLAY) 2021<sup>2</sup></b>  <i>Pharmacokinetic Study</i>                      Spine and Cardiac Surgery                      Group 1: LB infiltration vs Bupi HCL infiltration                      Spine Surgery Only                      Group 2: LB Spine or Cardiac Surgery                      ;N=98</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 1 LB vs Bupi HCL (12 to &lt;17, Spine Surgery)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower mean C<sub>max</sub> (357 ng/ml vs 564 ng/ml)</li> <li>• Greater mean AUC<sub>0-inf</sub> (14,246 ngh/ml vs 5709 ngh/ml)</li> <li>• Similar median t<sub>max</sub> (1.1 vs 0.9 hours)</li> <li>• TEAEs were comparable (61.3% LB and 73.3 % Bupi HCL)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Group 2                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower mean C<sub>max</sub> in spine (320 ng/ml vs 447 ng/ml)</li> <li>• Greater mean AUC<sub>0-inf</sub> in cardiac (11,570 ngh/ml vs 26,164 ngh/ml)</li> <li>• Median t<sub>max</sub> observed (15.3 h vs 30.1 h)</li> <li>• TEAEs experienced (100% spine and 31% in cardiac)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Both Groups                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEAEs were mild or moderate                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 severe TEAE with Bupi HCL (constipation)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There were no discontinuations due to TEAEs or deaths</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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## BREAST AND PLASTICS

<b>BREAST and PLASTICS</b>	
<b>BREAST RECONSTRUCTION</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Park et al 2024<sup>1</sup></b>                      RCT                      (DIEP) flap breast reconstruction                      (N=58) LB 266 mg+ 30 mL 0.25% bupivacaine HCl + 0.15 mL of 1:1000 epinephrine + 50 mL of NS vs Control group (n=59): 30 mL 0.25% bupivacaine HCl + 0.15 mL of 1:1000 Epinephrine + 50 mL NS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower pain scores in the EXPAREL group:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 hours (3.3 vs 4.3; p=0.02)</li> <li>• 48 hours (3.3 vs 4.3; p=0.004)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Knackstedt et al 2024<sup>2</sup></b>                      RWE IQVIA                      unilateral or bilateral deep inferior epigastric perforator (DIEP) flap breast reconstruction                      LB (N=669) vs Bupivacaine HCL (N=348)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower mean MME:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total perioperative period (395 vs 512, P=0.0001)</li> <li>• 72 hrs (62.8 vs 139.9, P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Inpatient period (154.1 vs 303.2, P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less acetaminophen received (75% vs 84%; P&lt;0.01)</li> <li>• Lower inpatient readmission rates:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 month (2.5% vs 4.1%; p=0.051)</li> <li>• 3 months (4.4% vs 6.5%; p=0.046) compared to bupivacaine HCl group</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower rate of outpatient office visits (69.2% vs 78.2%; p=0.048) and pain related ED visits (2.6% vs 4.8%; p=0.014) at 3 months</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rendon et al 2022<sup>3</sup></b>                      Retrospective cohort study                      Autologous breast reconstruction                      ERAS (LB) vs ERAS (catheter) vs control                      ; N= 145</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower oral morphine equivalents (OME):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 211.0 (95% CI, 154.8–267.2) LB group vs 518.4 (95% CI, 454.2–582.7) for the control group vs catheter 215.9 (95% CI, 165.4–266.3), (P&lt;0.001).</li> <li>• Less OME during perioperative and intraoperative care, P=0.001. As well as postoperative care, P&lt;0.001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Shorter length of stay (LOS):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.0 days [3.0, 4.0] LB and catheter group vs 4.0 days [4.0, 5.0] control group, P&lt;0.001</li> <li>• Lower predictive probability of prolonged LOS to POD5 or later vs POD 4 or earlier</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LB group (0.18 [95% CI, 0.03–0.24];OR 7.54 [95% CI, 1.77–32.06], P = 0.006)</li> <li>• (0.62 [95% CI, 0.36–0.83] vs 0.08 [95% CI, 0.03–0.24] OR 17.51 [95% CI, 3.60–85.23], P &lt; 0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Haddock et al 2021<sup>4</sup></b> Retrospective review DIEP flaps for breast reconstruction Historical controls (before ERAS) vs ERAS, ERAS with LB TAP block; N=216</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower length of stay (2.550± 0.840 (LB) vs 3.642 ± 0.829 (pre-ERAS) vs 3.217 ± 0.802 (ERAS), P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower opioid use (115.5 ± 54.6 (LB) vs 275.7 ± 151.1 (pre-ERAS) vs 146.8 ± 93.9 (ERAS), P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower mean surgery time (7.693 ± 1.681 (LB) vs 9.272 ± 2.119 (pre-ERAS) vs 8.134 ± 1.792 (ERAS), P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Clary et al 2020<sup>5</sup></b> Autologous breast reconstruction LB TAP vs Thoracic epidural;N=30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 59% reduction in opioid use POD3 (24.5 MME vs 59.6 MME; P=0.005)</li> <li>• 18% reduction in length of stay (3.53 days vs 4.33 days; P=0.0002)</li> <li>• Shorter time to foley catheter removal (2.1 days vs 2.7 days; P=0.0056)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jogerst et al 2020<sup>6</sup></b> Mastectomy LB local infiltration with ERAS vs Pre-ERAS without LB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More same day discharges (58.6% vs 7.2%; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 25% reduction in length of stay (1.2 days vs 1.6 days; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less overall complications (32.9% vs 52.4%; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less hematoma (4.1% vs 10.7%; P=0.03)</li> <li>• Lower rate of implant or expander removal (7.1% vs 14.4%; P=0.03)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sharif-Askary et al 2019<sup>7</sup></b> Retrospective chart review Abdominal-based free flap breast reconstruction (muscle-sparing TRAM or DIEP) LB TAP block (post ERAS) vs non-standard treatment (pre-ERAS); N=276</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shorter length of surgery (502.5 vs 592.5 min; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower postoperative opioid consumption (57.3 vs. 297.3 MME; P&lt;0.0001).</li> <li>• Decreased PCA use [4 (2.9%) vs. 129 (93.5%); P&lt;0.0001]</li> <li>• Lower highest pain scores during the time interval of 0-4hr [4.0 (IQR 0.0-5.0) vs.4.0 (IQR 1.5-6.0), respectively; P = 0.05]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gatherwright et al 2018<sup>8</sup></b> Blinded RCT LB TAP vs Bupivacaine TAP vs Bupivacaine On-Q vs Control; N=27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 58% reduction in opioid use versus control (19.3 MME vs 61.4 MME; P=0.006)</li> <li>• 49% reduction in opioid use versus bupivacaine TAP (19.3 MME vs 37.9 MME; P=0.002)</li> <li>• 23% reduction in opioid use versus On-Q pump (19.3 MME vs 29.6; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 40% reduction in time to first ambulation versus bupivacaine TAP (21.43 hours vs 36 hours; P=0.05)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Salibian et al 2018<sup>9</sup></b> Retrospective Observational LB TAP vs Bupivacaine TAP; N=114</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23% reduction in pain scores (3.3 vs 4.3; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 42% reduction in overall opioid use (25.9 mg vs 44.4mg; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Lower rate of flap necrosis (7.4% vs. 17.5%; P=0.0493)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Oh et al 2018<sup>10</sup></b> Retrospective Observational LB TAP + ERP vs. SOC; N=118</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11% reduction in hospital cost (\$38,688 vs \$43,264)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rojas et al 2018<sup>11</sup></b> Prospective observational study ERP w/LB vs control; N=157</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less patients discharged with opioids (MME) (0 vs 54.5) (P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Motakef et al 2017<sup>12</sup></b> RCT LB local infiltration vs Bupivacaine local infiltration; N=24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 47% reduction in hourly opioid use ( 0.76 MED vs 1.43 MED; P=0.017)</li> <li>• 37% reduction in length of stay (29.8 hours vs 46.7 hours; P=0.035)</li> <li>• 42% reduction in hospital charges (\$10,828 vs \$18,632; P=0.039)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jablonka et al 2017<sup>13</sup></b> Breast reconstruction (TRAM/DIEP/SIEA) LB TAP + LB local infiltration vs continuous bupivacaine TAP vs PCA opioids (N=128)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 74% &amp; 96% reduction in opioid use on POD0-1 compared to continuous bupivacaine &amp; PCA, respectively (1.88 mg vs 7.25 mg vs 52.86 mg; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 59% &amp; 93% reduction in opioid use on POD2 compared to continuous bupivacaine &amp; PCA, respectively (2.12 mg vs 5.17 mg vs 29.9 mg; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 38% &amp; 86% reduction in opioid use on POD3 compared to continuous bupivacaine &amp; PCA, respectively (2.23 mg vs 3.6 mg vs 16.0 mg; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 25% &amp; 35% reduction in length of stay compared to continuous bupivacaine &amp; PCA, respectively (2.65 days vs 3.52 days vs 4.05 days; P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Afonso et al 2017<sup>14</sup></b> Microsurgical breast reconstruction ERP + LB TAP vs pre-ERP; N=91</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 35% reduction in total IV morphine use (46.0 mg vs 70.5 mg; P=0.003)</li> <li>• 40% reduction in IV morphine use POD1 (18.0 mg vs 30.0 mg; P=0.03)</li> <li>• 38% reduction in IV morphine use POD2 (12.5 mg vs 20.0 mg; P=0.004)</li> <li>• Less PCA use (21% vs 98%; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Shorter PCA duration (24.9 hours vs 41.0 hours; P=0.011)</li> <li>• 20% reduction in length of stay (4.0 days vs 5.0 days; P&lt;0.0001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Abdelsattar et al 2016<sup>15</sup></b> Mastectomy with tissue expander reconstruction LB local infiltration vs paravertebral block; N=97</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24% reduction in pain scores POD0 (3.2 vs 4.2; P=0.008)</li> <li>• 62% reduction in opioid use in the PACU (9.4 MME vs 24.8 MME; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Butz et al 2015<sup>16</sup></b> Retrospective Observational LB local infiltration vs Bupivacaine pump, vs opioids; N=90</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain at 4, 8, 12, 16 and 24 hours post-operatively (P&lt;0.01)</li> <li>• 25% reduction in length of stay versus opioids (1.5 days vs 2.0 days; P=0.016)</li> <li>• More patients discharged within 1 day compared to pump or opioids (20% vs 13%; P=0.016)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Batdorf et al 2015<sup>17</sup></b> Free-flap reconstruction ERP + LB TAP vs traditional recovery; N=100</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20% reduction in pain scores at 24 hours (3.3 vs 4.1; P=0.02)</li> <li>• 71% reduction in total opioid use (167.43 MME vs 574.3 MME; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 74% reduction in opioid use on POD1 (67.3 MME vs 260.0 MME; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 72% reduction in opioid use on POD2(53.5 MME vs 192.2 MME; <math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 66% reduction in opioid use on POD3 (39.0 MME vs 113.1 MME; <math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 76% less PCA use (20% vs 96%; <math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> <li>• 29% reduction in length of stay (3.9 days vs 5.5 days; <math>P&lt;0.001</math>)</li> </ul>
<b><u>AESTHETIC BREAST</u></b>	
<p><b>Nadeau et al 2016<sup>1</sup></b>                      RCT                      Primary Submuscular Augmentation                      Mammoplasty                      LB vs bupivacaine; N=34</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower pain scores:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worst Pain Category: 12, 36, and 48 h time points</li> <li>• Least Pain Category: 24, 36, 48, and 60 h time points</li> <li>• Average Pain Category: 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, and 72 h time points</li> <li>• Pain at Time of Survey: 24, 48, and 72 h time points</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b><u>ABDOMINOPLASTY</u></b>	
<p><b>Little et al 2019<sup>1</sup></b>                      Retrospective claims analysis                      Includes; Abdominoplasty, abdominal wall reconstruction, mastectomy with immediate tissue expander placement, mastectomy with direct-to-implant reconstruction, autologous breast reconstruction, and augmentation mammoplasty                      LB vs control; N=958</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shorter length of stay (5.8 days vs 0.2 days, <math>P=0.004</math>)</li> <li>• No 30 day readmission rate (0% vs 4%, <math>P=0.043</math>)</li> <li>• Lower mean costs                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total cost: \$28,021 vs \$39,531, <math>P=0.020</math></li> <li>• Direct cost: \$17,561 vs \$23,960, <math>P=0.047</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b><u>OTHER AESTHETIC SURGERY</u></b>	
<p><b>Boyd et al 2020<sup>1</sup></b>                      Burn patients: Autograft harvesting                      Prospective observational                      LB infiltration vs matched historical control with no LB; N=42</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15% reduction in median AUC<sub>0-24</sub> (IQR): (577.5 (407.9, 739.8) vs 680.3 (543.6, 802.8)) (<math>P=0.05</math>)</li> <li>• 33% reduction in median LOS (IQR): (4 (1,9.5) vs 6 (318)) (<math>P=0.01</math>)</li> <li>• Less nausea/vomiting documented, n%: (14 (67) vs 20 (95)) (<math>P=0.05</math>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Artz et al 2020<sup>2</sup></b>                      Burn Patients                      (skin graft donor site analgesia)                      Retrospective study</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less donor site pain: (25 (86%) vs 1(3.4%)) (<math>P&lt;0.0001</math>)</li> <li>• Less donor site pain than graft site pain: (22 (76%) vs 1(3.4%)) (<math>P&lt;0.0001</math>)</li> </ul>

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## CESAREAN SECTION

<b>CESAREAN SECTION</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p><b>Grasch et al 2023<sup>1</sup></b>                      Prospective trial                      C-Section                      ERAS (N=72) + LB vs pre-ERAS (N=56)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower opioid use in the first 48 hrs postoperatively:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-24 hrs postpartum (9.4±12.7 vs. 21.3±14.1 MME, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 24-48 hrs postpartum (14.1±14.9 vs. 25.7±14.9 MME, P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fewer opioid pills after discharge (10 (IQR 3-16) vs. 20 (IQR 15-23) pills, P&lt;0.001)                              Decreased mean length of initial perioperative bladder catheterization (8.4±9.1 vs 14.1±4.7 hours, P&lt;0.001; median (IQR) 3.5 (2.9-14.5) vs 12.6 (12.2-13.6) hours, respectively)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Peebles et al 2023<sup>2</sup></b>                      Retrospective chart review                      C-Section                      LB TAP (N=107) vs LB wound infiltration (N=185)                      vs SOC (N=110)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower total opioids MME (24.9 vs 25.2 vs 64.4, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower average daily opioids (9.9 vs 9.7 vs 25.8, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Higher opioid free percentage (42.1% vs 55.1% vs 0%, P&lt;0.001)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POD 0 (5.5 vs 4.6 vs 5.9, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• POD 1 (5.6 vs 5.3 vs 6.3, P=0.003)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower length of stay (2.3 vs 2.4 vs 2.5, P=0.01)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Habib et al 2021<sup>3</sup></b>                      C-Section  <i>Multi-Center RCT</i>                      LB TAP vs LB TAP + ITM 50mcg vs ITM 150mcg                      (N=153)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noninferior overall pain scores at 24, 48, and 72 hours for both LB groups vs ITM</li> <li>• Reduced opioid exposure from 0-72 hours in both for LB TAP alone and LB TAP + ITM vs ITM (81.3mg vs 120.2mg, p&lt;0.0001) (87.2mg vs 120.2mg, p=0.0005)</li> <li>• Reduced Opioid Related Symptom Distress Scale (ORSDS) scores at 24h for both LB groups (0.51 vs 0.56 vs 0.84) (p: 0.0006-0.0036)</li> <li>• Reduced pruritis severity at all time points (12h, 24h, 48h, 72h) for both LB groups</li> </ul>
<p><b>Feierman et al 2021<sup>4</sup></b>                      C-section                      LB TAP vs Bupivacaine TAP (2020 and historic 2012) vs Neuraxial morphine (2012) (N=288)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in patients using opioids in any time during hospital stay vs ITM and Bupivacaine TAP (18% vs 60% vs 54%) (p&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Reduction in LOS vs Bupivacaine TAP during pandemic (2.29 days vs 3.22 days, p&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Reduction in LOS vs historical neuraxial morphine (2.29 days vs 3.16 days, p&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nedeljkovic et al 2020<sup>5</sup></b>                      C-section  <i>Multi-Center RCT</i>                      LB TAP vs Bupivacaine TAP (N=136)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 52% reduction in opioid consumption through 72 hours (15.5 mg vs 32.0 mg, P=0.012)</li> <li>• 56% reduction in opioid consumption at 48 hours (9.1 mg vs 20.5 mg, P=0.010)</li> <li>• 49% reduction in opioid consumption at 7 days (23.3 mg vs 45.8 mg, P=0.018)</li> <li>• &gt;2x more patients opioid spared (defined as taking ≤15 mg of oxycodone with no opioid related side effects reported: 53.5% vs 25%, P=0.0012)</li> </ul>



<p><b>Fiol et al 2020<sup>6</sup></b> C-section LB TAP vs no TAP (N=222)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 56% reduction in incisional pain (1.8 vs 2.8, P=0.003)</li> <li>• 50% reduction in time to first opioid (30 hours vs 15 hours, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 58% reduction in opioid use in the first 24 hours (41.5 vs 99.3, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 50% reduction in opioid use in the first 48 hours (64.4 vs 129.8, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 46% reduction in opioid use in the first 72 hours (82.5 vs 152.7, P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hutchins et al 2019<sup>7</sup></b> C-section <i>Retrospective review</i> LB TAP + intrathecal morphine (ITM) vs LB TAP (N=358)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67% reduction in opioid use in the first 24 hours (5mg vs 15 mg, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 26% reduction in opioid use in the 0-72 hours range (35 mg vs 47.5, P=0.041)</li> <li>• 9% reduction in LOS (78.9 hours vs 87 hours, P=0.046)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Baker et al 2018<sup>8</sup></b> C-section LB TAP vs Control (N=186)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 47% decrease in opioid use (41.9 vs 79.6, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 46% reduction in total pain scores (132.8 vs 246.3, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 15% reduction in time to discharge readiness from PACU (138 min vs 163 min, P=0.028)</li> <li>• 39% reduction in time to ambulation (18.7 vs 30.7, P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 31% reduction in time to solid food (22.3 vs 32.1, P=0.008)</li> <li>• 26% reduction in time to bowel movement (21.6 vs 29.1, P=0.05)</li> <li>• 26% reduction in length of stay (2.9 days vs 3.9 days, P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parikh et al 2017<sup>9</sup></b> C-section LB local infiltration vs Control (N=80)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 41% decrease in opioid use (41.51 vs 69.9, P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>

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Study	Results
<p><b>Trad et al 2022<sup>1</sup></b>                      Retrospective cohort study                      Abdominal sacrocolpopexy                      LB local infiltration Post-ERAS vs Post-ERAS alone vs Pre-ERAS                      N=302</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 38% reduction in cost compared to Pre-ERAS (\$2391 vs \$3844; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 20% reduction in cost compared to Post-ERAS alone (\$2391 vs \$2975; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Less opioid use compared to both Pre-ERAS and Post-ERAS alone                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower median intraoperative (67.5 vs 76.3 vs 86; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower median PACU (35 vs 51 vs 93; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower median POD0 (48 vs 60 vs 114; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower median POD1 (62 vs 74 vs 120; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower mean daily POD0-3 opioid use (18.8 vs 26 vs 41.3; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower POD0-3 any opioid use (75.8% vs 92.8% vs 97.7%; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Shorter length of stay compared to both Pre-ERAS and Post-ERAS alone                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower mean LOS (1.8 vs 2.3 vs 2.9 days; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Lower LOS &gt;1day (51.6% vs 91.6% vs 98.4%; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less complications compared to both Pre-ERAS and Post-ERAS alone                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower PACU complications (7 vs 17 vs 47; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lower clinical visit within 30 days (18 vs 41 vs 46; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hutchins et al 2019<sup>2</sup></b>                      Robot-assisted &amp; laparoscopic hysterectomy                      LB TAP vs. Bupivacaine port site infiltration; N=62</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40% reduction in max pain score 0-24 hours (3.0 vs 5.0 ; P=0.018)</li> <li>• 33% reduction in max pain score 48-72 hours (2.0 vs 3.0; P=0.009)</li> <li>• 38% reduction in max pain score 0-72 hours (8.0 vs 13.0; P=0.022)</li> <li>• 17% less opioid use 0-72 hours (20.8 vs 25.0; P=0.034)</li> <li>• Better quality of recovery (126 vs 115; P=0.021)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Barron et al 2017<sup>3</sup></b>                      Laparoscopic or robotic-assisted total hysterectomy                      LB local infiltration vs bupivacaine local infiltration; N=64</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31% reduction in mean pain scores POD3 (2.79 vs 4.07; P=0.02)</li> <li>• 26% reduction in worst pain scores POD2 (4.14 vs 5.58; P=0.03)</li> <li>• 36% reduction in worst pain scores POD3 (3.72 vs 5.60; P=0.01)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Seagle et al 2017<sup>4</sup></b>                      Laparoscopic hysterectomy                      LB TAP vs oral opioids</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LB TAP was associated with decreased healthcare costs and increased effectiveness</li> </ul>

<p><b>Kalogera et al 2016<sup>5</sup></b>                  Complex cytoreductive surgery                  LB local infiltration vs Bupivacaine local infiltration; N=202</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 44% reduction in opioid use through 24 hours (30 MME vs 53.5 MME; P=0.02)</li> <li>• 55% reduction in opioid use through 48 hours (37.5 MME vs 82.5 MME; P=0.005)</li> <li>• 38% reduction in opioid use for remainder of hospitalization (62 MME vs 100.5 MME; P=0.006)</li> <li>• Less IV opioid rescue required (LB 28.95% vs bupivacaine 55.6%; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Fewer patients required IV opioid rescue (LB 11.4% vs bupivacaine 46.7%; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Fewer patients required PCA (LB 4.1% vs bupivacaine 33.3%; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Fewer patients experienced nausea through 24 hours (24.8% vs 60.5%; P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Fewer patients experience nausea through 48 hours (30% vs 55.6%; P&lt;0.001)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hutchins et al 2015<sup>6</sup></b>                  Robot-assisted hysterectomy                  LB TAP vs. Bupivacaine TAP; N=58</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67% and 17% reduction in minimum (1.5 vs 3.0; P=0.01) and maximum pain scores (5.0 vs 6.0; P=0.002), respectively, PACU</li> <li>• 67% and 21% reduction in minimum (1.5 vs 3.0; P=0.003) and maximum pain scores (5.5 vs 7; P=0.006), respectively, 0-24 hrs post-op</li> <li>• 20% reduction maximum pain scores (4 vs 5; P=0.044), 24-48 hrs post-op</li> <li>• 40% reduction maximum pain scores (3 vs 5; P=0.047), 48-72 hrs post-op</li> <li>• 52% reduction in opioid consumption (24.9 MME vs 51.7 MME; P=0.002), 0-72 hrs post-op</li> <li>• 47% reduction in opioid consumption (13.3 MME vs 25 MME; P=0.023), 0-24 hrs post-op</li> <li>• 61% reduction in opioid consumption (2.9 MME vs 7.5 MME; P=0.015), 24-48 hrs post-op</li> <li>• Lower incidences of nausea (25% vs 57%; P=0.014)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hutchins et al 2015<sup>7</sup></b>                  Robot-assisted hysterectomy                  LB TAP vs. No TAP; N=60</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40% reduction in maximum pain scores (5 vs 7; P=0.05)</li> <li>• 58% reduction in length of stay (12 hours vs. 28 hours; P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• Lower incidences of nausea/vomiting (20% vs 54%; P=0.02)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gasanova et al 2015<sup>8</sup></b>                  Open total hysterectomy                  LB local infiltration vs Bupivacaine TAP; N=58</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain through 48 hours (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 30% reduction in morphine use in the 1<sup>st</sup> 24 hours (34 mg vs 48 mg; P=0.05)</li> <li>• 47% reduction in hydrocodone use at 24-48 hours (1.9 tabs vs 3.6 tabs; P=0.009)</li> </ul>

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## UROGYNECOLOGY

<b>UROGYNECOLOGY</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<b>Propst et al 2018<sup>1</sup></b> Sacrospinous ligament fixation LB local infiltration vs lidocaine local infiltration; N=33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% reduction in global pain at 36 hours (P=0.04)</li> </ul>
<b>Iwanoff et al 2017<sup>2</sup></b> Midurethral sling placement LB local infiltration vs bupivacaine + lidocaine local infiltration; N=57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33% reduction in pain scores POD1 (P=0.0459)</li> </ul>
<b>Mazloomdoost et al 2017<sup>3</sup></b> Retropubic sling placement for stress urinary incontinence LB local infiltration vs placebo; N=109	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 73% reduction in pain scores 4 hours after discharge (P=0.014)</li> <li>• 65% reduction in pain scores POD1 morning (P=0.014)</li> <li>• 45% reduction in pain scores POD2 bedtime (P=0.027)</li> <li>• 40% reduction in pain scores POD3 morning (P=0.011)</li> <li>• 43% reduction in pain scores POD3 bedtime (P=0.043)</li> <li>• 22% of patients in the LB arm required narcotics vs 49% in the placebo arm (P=0.006)</li> </ul>

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## ORAL MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY (OMFS)

<b>OMFS</b>	
<b>Study</b>	<b>Results</b>
<b>Layon et al 2024<sup>1</sup></b> Retrospective chart review Orthognathic surgery LB (N=10) vs standard of care (SOC) (N=12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower total breakthrough opioid use MME (8.60 vs 35.10, P=0.0037)</li> <li>• Lower breakthrough opioid use MME (5.75 vs 14.70, P=0.026)</li> <li>• Lower opioids prescribed at discharge (60% vs 100%, P=0.029)</li> </ul>
<b>Lieblich et al 2021<sup>2</sup></b> Retrospective cross-sectional Mandibular Third Molar Extraction LB (n=300) vs no LB (n=300)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 59% less total opioids (MME) prescribed (P&lt;0.0001)</li> <li>• 57% Less patients needing opioid refill (P=0.028)</li> </ul>
<b>Jacobus et al 2021<sup>3</sup></b> Retrospective Outpatient lingual nerve microsurgery LB (N=9) vs bupivacaine HCl (N=11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less mean pain (NRS) in LB group vs Bupivacaine HCl                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55% less pain day 2 (P=0.001)</li> <li>• 63% less pain day 3 (P=0.006)</li> <li>• 50% less total pain over 3 days (P=0.002)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less opioids used in LB group vs Bupivacaine HCl                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 52.1% reduction among patients that required opioids (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• 33.3% of LB group required opioids vs 100% of Bupivacaine HCl group(P=0.002)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Crowley et al 2020<sup>4</sup></b> Retrospective Pediatric alveolar bone grafting LB (N=25) vs bupivacaine or lidocaine (N=19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 83% less opioid use (OME) first 24 hours post-surgery (P=0.0006)</li> <li>• 2.51 lower median pain NRS score</li> </ul>
<b>Patel et al 2019<sup>5</sup></b> Retrospective Donor site iliac crest analgesia during alveolar bone grafting LB (N=17) vs bupivacaine (N=21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67% less opioid use (OME) (P=0.002)</li> <li>• 68% less opioid use (OME) by patient weight (mg/kg) (P&lt;0.001)</li> <li>• Reduced mean pain (NRS)</li> <li>• 59% less pain 24 hours post-surgery (P=0.009)</li> <li>• Statistically significant at 4-h (P&lt;0.001), 12-h (P=0.010), 16-h (P=0.002), 20-h (p=0.006)</li> <li>• Increased steps walked Days 1-3 (p&lt;0.001) and Day 5 (P=0.032)</li> </ul>
<b>Iero et al 2018<sup>6</sup></b> Open label RCT Full Arch Implant to Mandible/Maxilla LB local infiltration (n=34) vs. no LB (n=35)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less cumulative pain (NRS)</li> <li>• At all-time points 33% less at 7 days (mandible: P ≤ .0112; maxilla P ≤ .0083)</li> <li>• Greater satisfaction with pain control on POD 0-1</li> </ul>

<p><b>Lieblich et al 2017</b>                  Multi-center RCT                  Bilateral Third Molar Extraction                  ITT population:                  LB (n=99) vs placebo (n=51)                  Per-protocol population:                  LB (n=59) vs placebo (n=30)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less pain in the per protocol group                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28% reduction 0-24 hours (P&lt;0.05)</li> <li>• 34% reduction 0-48 hours (P=0.023)</li> <li>• 34% reduction 0-72 hours (P&lt;0.05)</li> <li>• 36% reduction 0-96 hours (P&lt;0.05)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No difference in pain scores for the ITT group</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bultema et al 2016<sup>8</sup></b>                  Open label RCT                  Pre-endodontic treatment due to symptomatic irreversible pulpitis                  LB (n=47) vs bupivacaine (n=48)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LB patients reported more numbness through POD3 (P&lt;0.05)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Glenn et al 2016<sup>9</sup></b>                  Open label RCT                  Endodontic debridement for pulpal necrosis                  LB (n=52) vs bupivacaine (n=48)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significantly less pain overall days 1-5 (P=0.0001)</li> <li>• LB patients reported more numbness                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day 1 (P=0.003)</li> <li>• Day 2 (P=0.0007)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

### Indication

EXPAREL® (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension) is indicated to produce postsurgical local analgesia via infiltration in patients aged 6 years and older and regional analgesia in adults via an interscalene brachial plexus nerve block, sciatic nerve block in the popliteal fossa, and an adductor canal block. Safety and efficacy have not been established in other nerve blocks.

### Important Safety Information

- EXPAREL is contraindicated in obstetrical paracervical block anesthesia.
- Adverse reactions reported in adults with an incidence greater than or equal to 10% following EXPAREL administration via infiltration were nausea, constipation, and vomiting; adverse reactions reported in adults with an incidence greater than or equal to 10% following EXPAREL administration via nerve block were nausea, pyrexia, headache, and constipation.
- Adverse reactions with an incidence greater than or equal to 10% following EXPAREL administration via infiltration in pediatric patients six to less than 17 years of age were nausea, vomiting, constipation, hypotension, anemia, muscle twitching, vision blurred, pruritus, and tachycardia.
- Do not admix lidocaine or other non-bupivacaine local anesthetics with EXPAREL. EXPAREL may be administered at least 20 minutes or more following local administration of lidocaine.
- EXPAREL is not recommended to be used in the following patient populations: patients <6 years old for infiltration, patients younger than 18 years old for nerve blocks, and/or pregnant patients.
- Because amide-type local anesthetics, such as bupivacaine, are metabolized by the liver, EXPAREL should be used cautiously in patients with hepatic disease.

### **Warnings and Precautions Specific to EXPAREL**

- Avoid additional use of local anesthetics within 96 hours following administration of EXPAREL.
- EXPAREL is not recommended for the following types or routes of administration: epidural, intrathecal, regional nerve blocks **other than interscalene brachial plexus nerve block, sciatic nerve block in the popliteal fossa, and adductor canal block**, or intravascular or intra-articular use.
- The potential sensory and/or motor loss with EXPAREL is temporary and varies in degree and duration depending on the site of injection and dosage administered and may last for up to 5 days, as seen in clinical trials.

### **Warnings and Precautions for Bupivacaine-Containing Products**

- **Central Nervous System (CNS) Reactions:** There have been reports of adverse neurologic reactions with the use of local anesthetics. These include persistent anesthesia and paresthesia. CNS reactions are characterized by excitation and/or depression.
- **Cardiovascular System Reactions:** Toxic blood concentrations depress cardiac conductivity and excitability, which may lead to dysrhythmias, sometimes leading to death.
- **Allergic Reactions:** Allergic-type reactions (eg, anaphylaxis and angioedema) are rare and may occur as a result of hypersensitivity to the local anesthetic or to other formulation ingredients.
- **Chondrolysis:** There have been reports of chondrolysis (mostly in the shoulder joint) following intra-articular infusion of local anesthetics, which is an unapproved use.
- **Methemoglobinemia:** Cases of methemoglobinemia have been reported with local anesthetic use.

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