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Speaker: Tim Brown



Chair: How long would you expect your original tap block to work in the first place?

Tim Brown: The tap block usually works for, if you believe local anaesthesia a ...???..... block should work between 6 to 12 hours and this I hope will prolong the use of that. I don't think single shot tap blocks are an effective way to manage post-operative pain relief.

Chair: Do you think the dilution and the amount of volume you're giving with your tap block might extend that period?

Tim Brown: Yes, I think the volume is an important part of the infusion afterwards. I try to give a big bolus just as their coming of the table. I find if their comfortable when they go into recovery and we are on top of their pain and then it is not an opiate required spiral downwards after that, so I think the bolus as early as possible before they wake up is a very important part of the technique.

Chair: Have you seen any increase incidence of wound infection in the patients that you use the local anaesthetic infusion?

Tim: No, I have looked at the last 150 cases and there are no wound infections, they get a shot of ...???..... on induction and that's it.

Chair: That's great Tim, thank you very much for your contribution.