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# Anesthetic Treatment in Operations of Small Pelvic Organs Pathology

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# **Abstract**

The article presents data on the surgical treatment of 405 patients with pelvic organ surgical and gynecological diseases. When using regional anesthesia during operations in the lower abdominal cavity of patients with pelvic pathology, a smoother operation course and early postoperative period were observed compared with general anesthesia use. In this work, 405 patients with surgical and gynecological diseases of pelvic organs, operated in the surgical and gynecological departments were analyzed. When using regional anesthesia, it was observed that intraoperative blood loss in patients and consumption of narcotic analgesics in the postoperative period decreases.

# **Keywords**

Surgery, Pelvic Organ Diseases, Anesthesia, Treatment, Pathology

#### 1. Introduction

When choosing anesthesia for operations in the lower part of the abdominal cavity and on the pelvic organs in recent years, regional anesthesia methods are most often preferred: epidural and spinal anesthesia. Epidural approach including epidural anesthesia/analgesia, with or without an epidural catheter remains as the gold standard for analgesia in abdominal surgery interventions [1] [2]. Regional anesthesia is most effective in contrast to other methods in pain relief during labor and should be always available in obstetric institutions [3]. Anesthetic considerations during abdominal wall reconstruction are depending on patients'

medical conditions, patients who have increased Body Mass Index (BMI) [4] undergoing anesthesia for abdominal wall surgery force with several anesthetic challenges [5]. The use of regional anesthesia provides stable hemodynamics, especially in elderly patients, and provides good neurovegetative protection [6]. Peripheral nerve block techniques have also been associated with adverse effects such as muscle weakness and the risk of falls in the postoperative period [7]. Sufficiently reliable, long-term anesthesia even with a single injection of anesthetic, allows minimal impact on patients vital organs and systems condition, as well as metabolism in a high degree of operational risk and a number of concomitant diseases [8] [9].

However, some aspects of the use of regional anesthesia require further research [10]. It is especially interesting and relevant to compare these types of anesthesia with one of the types of widespread general anesthesia [11] [12] [13].

Nevertheless, modern methods in general anesthesia with mechanical ventilation showed a few serious disadvantages. The evaluation criterion was ventilation failure within 72 hours after mechanical ventilation, which was initiated with the anesthesia ventilator [14]. Inadequate Mechanical Ventilation (MV) settings can lead to both atelectasis and lung overdistention [15], which can be restored by effective respiratory mechanics during general anesthesia [16]. Additional disadvantages include the use of large doses of sedatives [17], narcotic analgesics and anesthetics, the adverse effects of inhalation and intravenous anesthetics, muscle relaxants, among which it is difficult to avoid polyprogmasia, post-anesthetic depression, vomiting and rapid cessation of analgesia in the early postoperative period.

All these contribute to the development of a large number of complications from the lungs, cardiovascular and other systems in the perioperative period, especially in patients with severe somatic pathology with various types of combined general anesthesia [18].

In addition to the complications diagnosed in the perioperative period, various complications arise in the more distant period. In patients operated on with the use of intubation anesthesia with mechanical ventilation [19], the use of narcotic analgesics for postoperative analgesia in usual dosages causes depression of consciousness, and the function of external respiration can decrease by 40% - 70% compared with the initial values. Under conditions of general endotracheal anesthesia [20] [21], artificial ventilation of the lungs disrupts the natural mechanisms of respiration and blood circulation, the relationship between surgical stimuli, general anesthetics and awareness is represented in **Figure 1**.

The research purpose in our study was to comparatively analyze results of epidural, spinal, intravenous and general anesthesia during operations of the pelvic organs.

### 2. Research Methods and Materials

In this work, 405 patients with surgical and gynecological diseases of pelvic organs operated in surgical and gynecological departments analyzed. In this work,

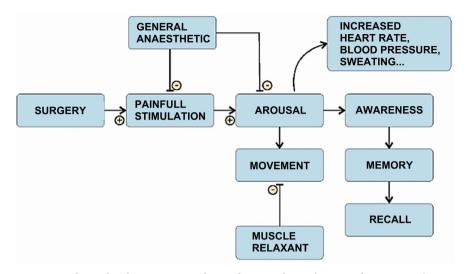


Figure 1. Relationship between surgical stimuli, general anesthetics and awareness (represented from reference [20]).

inclusion criteria were medicines economical use, anesthesia safety and their less complication; exclusion criteria were patients' ethnicity, nation, severe mild cases quantity and residence. For comparison of surgical intervention results, we consider women with different age in our work. Patients were divided into 4 groups, depending on the type of anesthesia they prescribed; epidural anesthesia was performed in 100 patients by puncture of the epidural space at the level from L1 to L4. As the local anesthetics lidocaine (600 mg) was used.

### 3. Results and Discussions

There were 2 patients under the age of 20 (0.5%); a larger group consisted of women aged from 30 to 60 years were 374 patients (92.3%); people over 60 years old were 29 (7.2%) marked as severe patients group. The preparations were injected into 15 - 20 ml of Ringer's solution. Spinal anesthesia was performed in 100 patients by spinal puncture at the level from L1 to L4. A 2% solution of lidocaine in a volume of 3 ml was used. Patients' distribution by age is shown in **Table 1**.

Intravenous anesthesia was administered to 85 patients. It was performed according to the generally accepted method using fentanyl, droperidol with barbiturates with mechanical ventilation against the background of total muscle relaxation and mechanical ventilation.

General endotracheal anesthesia was performed in 120 patients, performed with sodium thiapental at a calculated dose of 4 - 5 mg/kg, focusing on clinical signs such as loss of verbal contact, absence of ciliary and corneal reflexes, pupillary constriction with weak photoreaction, apnea, decreased muscle tone.

Provision of myoplegia for intubation and maintenance of muscle relaxation during the operation was carried out with a muscle relaxant of medium duration of action arduan. Ditylin induction dose for intubation was 0.4 mg/kg. The maintenance dose of Arduan was 0.2 - 0.3 mg/kg. After tracheal intubation, artificial

Table 1. Patients' distribution by age.

	Patients' age distribution in years						
	Before 20	21 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 60	Older than 61	Total
Absolute number	2	48	99	143	84	29	405
Percentage	0.5	11.9	24.4	35.3	20.7	7.2	100

ventilation of the lungs was started with a RO-6 apparatus (Russia). After tracheal intubation, a nasogastric tube was installed in all patients to reduce the risk of perforation of the abdominal organs and to prevent postoperative nausea and vomiting. The probe was removed before extubation, and the gastric contents were actively aspirated. Intraoperative iifusion therapy was 10 - 15 ml/kg/min of crystalloid and colloid solutions according to indications.

In patients with initial hypertension, operated with the use of spinal anesthesia and epidural anesthesia, blood pressure always decreased compared to the preoperative period which was 120/80 mm Hg and contributed to decrease in operating blood loss by 20% - 25%. Adequate pain relief was achieved in all patients during the operation. Hemodynamics were stable. No complications associated with anesthesia in patients were observed.

When using epidural anesthesia with a mixture of local anesthetic and narcotic analgesic, the duration of anesthesia was averaged to 6.56 + 0.55 hours. With spinal anesthesia, patients began to feel pain 1.2 + 0.35 h after operation. With general and intravenous anesthesia, pain appeared on average 1.6 + 0.28 h after the end of anesthesia. Patients operated on under general and intravenous anesthesia on the first day after the operation were injected intramuscularly every 4 hours with a 2% solution of promedol. After epidural and spinal anesthesia, promedol was administered once a day. The course of the early postoperative period was smoother in patients operated under regional anesthesia. This is especially noticeable in patients operated under epidural anesthesia.

Thus, the optimal method of anesthesia during surgical interventions in patients with pelvic pathology is regional anesthesia, which does not aggravate hemodynamic disturbances, but, on the contrary, contributes to their normalization.

# 4. Conclusions

In summary, we came to the following conclusions:

- 1) When using regional anesthesia during operations in the lower floor of the abdominal cavity of patients with pelvic pathology, there is a smoother course of the operation and the early postoperative period than with general anesthesia;
- 2) When using regional anesthesia, intraoperative blood loss decreases, and the consumption of narcotic analgesics in the postoperative period decreases;
  - 3) Regional anesthesia during operations in the abdominal cavity lower part,

especially in elderly patients, is the gentlest method of anesthesia, including in the presence of concomitant diseases.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

The authors declare no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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