Supplemental Digital Content

Supplemental Figure 1. Anterolateral chest wall anatomy muscles and nerves with an ultrasound probe position for the PECS I block. The probe is first placed right below the clavicle (subclavian artery and vein may be identified), and it is then moved inferolaterally to the level of the 3rd rib. Thoracoacromial artery may be visualized within the PECS I block plane (between pectoralis major and minor muscles). Slight medial tilt helps to identify fascial planes. The needle is inserted in a craniocaudal direction. The shaded area illustrates approximate interfascial local anesthetic spread between pectoralis major and pectoralis major



Supplemental Figure 2. Ultrasound image during PECS I block. Needle tip is positioned between the pectoralis major and pectoralis minor muscles and separation of muscle layers with local anesthetic injection is visualized.



Supplemental Figure 3. Anterolateral chest wall anatomy muscles and nerves with an ultrasound probe position for the PECS II block. The probe is first placed right below the clavicle (subclavian artery and vein may be identified), and it is then moved inferolaterally to the level of the 3rd rib. Slight medial tilt helps to identify fascial plane between serratus anterior and pectoralis minor muscles. The needle is inserted in a craniocaudal direction. The shaded area illustrates approximate interfascial local anesthetic spread between pectoralis minor and serratus anterior muscles. PECS I and II blocks are frequently performed with a single skin puncture site by first injecting the local anesthetic in the PECS II plane, followed by needle withdrawal and injection into the PECS I plane.



Supplemental Figure 4. Ultrasound image during PECS II block. Needle tip is positioned between the pectoralis minor and serratus anterior muscles and separation of muscle layers with local anesthetic injection is visualized.



Supplemental Figure 5. Anterolateral chest wall anatomy muscles and nerves with an ultrasound probe position for the SAP block. Scanning starts at the midclavicular line just below the clavicle and the ultrasound probe is moved caudally and laterally until the 4th and 5th ribs are identified in the midaxillary line. Injection is performed in anteroposterior direction in the fascial plane above (SSAP) or below (DSAP) the level of the serratus anterior. The shaded area illustrates approximate interfascial local anesthetic spread between the serratus anterior and latissimus dorsi muscles (SSAP).



Supplemental Figure 6. Cadaveric ultrasound image during SSAP block. Needle tip is positioned between the serratus anterior and latissimus dorsi muscles and separation of muscle layers with local anesthetic injection is visualized.



Supplemental Figure 7. Cadaveric ultrasound image during ESP block. Needle is inserted craniocaudally targeting T5 transverse process. Needle tip is positioned anterior to the erector spine muscle plane and separation of the erector spine off the transverse process is visualized.



Supplemental Figure 8. Cadaveric ultrasound image during PIF block. Needle is inserted from lateral to medial at approximate T4-5 costal cartilage level. Separation of the pectoralis major and intercostal muscles after local anesthetic injection is visualized.



Supplemental Figure 9A. Transverse section of the anterior thorax at approximate level of mid-sternum. The needle tip and injection are located between the Pectoralis Major and Internal Intercostal muscles (Pectointercostal fascial Plane block).

Supplemental Figure 9B. Parasternal sagittal section of the anterior thorax with ultrasound probe and needle position for Pectointercostal fascial plane block. The needle tip and injection are located between the Pectoralis Major and Internal Intercostal muscles.

Supplemental Figure 9C. Transverse section of the spine and paraspinal muscles at approximate level T5. Needle is inserted in the craniocaudal direction and advanced below the erector spine muscles with the tip contacting the T5 transverse process. Lifting of the erector spine muscles off the transverse process and approximate spread of local anesthetic is depicted.



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Supplemental Table 1. Summary of literature on types of local anesthetic used and dosing for various fascial plane blocks.

PECS I - pectoralis I block, PECS II - pectoralis II block, SAP - serratus anterior plane block, SSAP - superficial serratus anterior plane block, DSAP - deep serratus anterior plane block, ESP - Erector spine plane block

Reference	Block type	Local anesthetic type and dose	Surgery	Duration and efficacy	
		used			
Blanco et al. 2012 ¹³	PECS I and II	Levobupivacaine 0.25% PECS I 10mL PECS II 20 mL	MastectomyCase series	 8 hours of analgesia No objective pain score recorded 	
Yalamuri et al. 2017 ²¹	PECS I and II	 Ropivacaine 0.2% with 1:400000 epinephrine Liposomal bupivacaine 266 mg with 10 mL 0.25% bupivacaine PECS I 10mL PECS II 20 mL 	 Minimally invasive mitral valve repair (right anterior thoracotomy) Case report 	 24 hours pain score 2/10 48 hours pain score 0-4/10 	
Bashandy et al. 2015 ¹⁶	PECS I and II	Bupivacaine 0.25% PECS I 10mL PECS II 20 mL	 Modified radical mastectomy Randomized trial comparing block vs. control (general anesthesia alone) 	 Lower intraoperative fentanyl consumption with the block Lower pain scores and postoperative morphine consumption in 	

				the first 12
				hours
Corso et al. 2016 ³²	PECS I and II	 Ropivacaine 0.375% PECS I 10mL PECS II 20 mL Ropivacaine 0.25% 	 Awake video assisted thoracic surgery 	 2 trocars in the 4th intercostal space. 90 min procedure with median (NRS)
		SAP 30 mL		 pain score 2 No rescue analgesic in the first 24 hours
Gupta et al. 2017 ⁷⁴	SSAP	Bupivacaine 0.5% SSAP 20 mL	 Modified radical mastectomy RCT comparing paravertebral block (PVB) and SAP. 	 Analgesia duration in the SAP group: 245.6 ± 58 min Analgesia duration and opioid consumption favoring PVB
Khalil et al. 2017 ²⁸	SSAP	 Levobupivacaine 0.25% SSAP 30 mL Levobupivacaine 0.125% <u>5 mL/hr continuous infusion</u> 	 Thoracotomy RCT comparing SAP to thoracic epidural 	Comparable efficacy to epidural (VAS scores and total morphine dose)
Madabushi et al. 2015 ²⁹	SAP	 Lidocaine 1% SAP 6 mL Bupivacaine 0.1% with 1mcg/mL fentanyl 	ThoracotomyCase report	 Significant decrease in VAS

		7 mL /hr continuous infusion		
Okmen et al. 2016 ⁷⁵	DSAP	Bupivacaine 0.25% DSAP 20 mL	ThoracotomyCase report	Duration approximately 7 hours
Zocca et al. 2017 ⁷⁶	SSAP	Bupivacaine 0.25% with 40 mg methylprednisolone acetate SSAP 10 mL	 Postmastectomy pain syndrome Case series 	 Analgesia duration ranging from 2-3 days- 12 weeks Improvement in pain ranging from 25% to near complete resolution
Kunigo et al. 2017 ²⁴	SSAP	Bupivacaine 0.375% SSAP 20 mL SSAP 40 mL	 Mastectomy (total and partial) Randomized study comparing 20 vs 40 mL single injection 	 Median 3.6-3.7 hours to first rescue analgesic in 20 and 40 mL groups respectively
Fu et al. 2017 26	SSAP	Ropivacaine 0.25 % SSAP 40 mL Bupivacaine 0.2% <u>10 mL/hr continuous infusion</u>	 Conservative management of multiple rib fractures Case report 	 NRS score from 7 to 0 after the block
Kunhabdulla et al. 2014 ²⁷	DSAP	Bupivacaine 0.125% DSAP 20 mL Bupivacaine 0.0625% with 1mcg/mL fentanyl 7-12 mL/hr continuous infusion	 Conservative management of multiple rib fractures Case report 	 Static and dynamic VAS score 60 and 100 before the block, and 00 and 10-20 after the block

Forero et al. 2017 ⁴⁵	ESP	Ropivacaine 0.5% ESP 25 mL Ropivacaine 0.2% <u>8 ml/hr continuous infusion</u> (optional bolus q 60 minutes 5 <u>mL)</u>	ThoracotomyCase report	Complete pain relief from 10/10 NRS to 0/10
Forero et al. 2016 ⁴³	ESP	 Bupivacaine 0.25% ESP 20 mL Ropivacaine 0.5% ESP 20 mL 2% lidocaine and ropivacaine 0.5% 1:1 ESP 20 mL 	 Postherpetic neuralgia Chronic pain post rib fractures Thoracoscopy Case reports 	 NRS from 10/10 to 0/10, average duration 12 hours Complete pain relief up to 7 hours Numbness over the anterior chest up to 24 hours
Kelava et al. 2018 ⁴⁷ Nagaraja et. al	ESP	Bupivacaine 0.25% ESP 15 mL Ropivacaine 0.2 % <u>10 mL/hr continuous infusion</u> (optional bolus q 60 minutes 12 <u>mL) Bupivacaine 0.25% </u>	 Thoracotomy Case report Sternotomy 	 Average postoperative pain score NRS 2/10 Comparable
2018 ⁴⁸	Continuous	ESP 15mL Bupivacaine 0.125% <u>0.1</u> ml/kg/hr continuous infusion	 Randomized trail comparing ESP vs thoracic epidural 	VAS scores at 0 h, 3 h, 6 h, and 12 h
Krishna et al. 2018 ⁵¹	ESP	Ropivacaine 0.375%	 Sternotomy Randomized trail comparing ESP to 	 Duration of analgesia with NRS score

		ESP 3mg/kg bilaterally	conventional treatment		<4/10 was around 8 hours in the ESP and around 4 hours in the conventional
					group, pain scores at each hour were less in the ESP group
Nakamura et al 2018 ⁵⁸	ESP	• Ropivacaine 0.375% ESP 30mL	 Sternotomy Case report 	•	NPS 0/10 at rest and 5/10 with movement with first rescue tramadol 9 hours after the surgery NPS 0/10 at rest and 3/10 with movement 12 hours after the surgery No rescue analgesia after POD 2 (after chest tubes removal)
Tsui et al. 2018 ⁵⁷	ESP Continuous	Ropivacaine 0.5% 12 mL bilaterally <u>auto-intermittent, alternating,</u> <u>catheter boluses of 10 mL</u> <u>ropivacaine 0.2% every 90</u>	SternotomyCase report	•	Median pain score 2/10 during hospital stay, minimum opioid requirement

Wong et al.	ESP	Ropivacaine 0.5%	Sternotomy	٠	0/10 pain score
2018 ⁷⁷	Continuous		Case report		in the first 24
		ESP 10 mL			hours, 0-3/10 on
		Ropivacaine 0.1%			POD 1 with
		Latera March altera d'un antheter			ambulation
		Intermittent, alternating, catheter			
		boluses of 10 mL every 60 min			
Leyva et al	ESP	Bupivacaine 0.5% with	Minimally invasive	٠	NRS<4 in the
2018 ⁵⁰	Continuous	epinephrine 5 µg/mL	mitral valve surgery		first 20 hours,
			(right thoracotomy)		increased pain
		ESP 20mL	Case report		scores with
		Bupivacaine 0.125%			activity between
					20-48 hours, but
		Continuous infusion at 7 mL/h			no need for
					additional
					opioids
Macaire et al	ESP	Ropivacaine 0.5%	Sternotomy	•	Improved
2019 ⁴⁹			Controlled before		analgesia with
		ESP 0.25 mL/kg	and after trial		continuous
		Ropivacaine 0.2%			bilateral ESP
		Automatic boluses q 6 hours			
		2mL/kg			