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PROCEDURE NAME

Peripheral nerve block for pain control using nerve stimulator, ultrasound guidance or a landmark technique.

PROCEDURE CODE

5615

INTRODUCTION

This leaflet will provide you and your relatives with information about peripheral nerve block. It includes information on the treatment, the risks and benefits of the procedure involved.

BENEFITS

Peripheral nerve block is a non-invasive treatment that can help prevent or manage many different types of pain. The painful area is injected with medication (steroid / botox, local anaesthetic) that blocks pain from specific nerves.

RISKS / SIDE EFFECTS

The procedure is carried out in a side room / procedure room and is done under ultrasound guidance. Bruising and tenderness at the site of injection is common. You may experience an increase in your pain after a few hours, however this is usually transient and settles soon.

BEFORE THE PROCEDURE

Please report to the reception area where you will be greeted and checked in. You do not need to fast from food or water before the procedure and can take most medications as normal.

If you are taking any blood thinning medication, such as warfarin or Plavix, please let my office know.

THE PROCEDURE

The procedure is generally quite quick. Usually about 10 / 15 minutes in the procedure room. Your pain injection site will be cleaned with an antiseptic solution and sterile sheets will then

be placed around the area. A local anaesthetic will be injected to numb the area followed by the medication.

AFTER THE PROCEDURE

You can go home almost immediately after the procedure and once you are feeling well, you can drive.

If you require a follow up appointment, you can book directly by visiting www.drdeborahgalvin.ie or give the office a call on 01 531 0079.

Please report immediately to your GP / my office or attend the Emergency Department if you have serious concerns outside office hours.