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2 Abstract

Background : Analgesia post knee arthroplasties are crucial in early postoperative recovery and discharge . The rationale of this study was to compare the analgesic efficacy of Adductor canal block with that of Femoral nerve block in patients undergoing knee arthroplasties. **Methods :** 140 participants aged 18 years & above with ASA 1 and 2 physical status undergoing knee arthroplasty under spinal anaesthesia were included and were divided into 2 groups – Adductor canal block and femoral nerve block which were administered under ultrasound guidance. The preoperative VAS score , haemodynamic variables and postoperative VAS scores were recorded . **Results :**The VAS scores between the 2 groups were not statistically significant , however there was significant difference in the time taken by the ACB participants to request for analgesia and to ambulate . **Conclusion :** ACB with Dexmedetomidine is equally efficacious when compared to FNB with Dexmedetomidine in patients undergoing TKA .

Key words: Adductor canal block, Femoral nerve block, Postop Analgesia