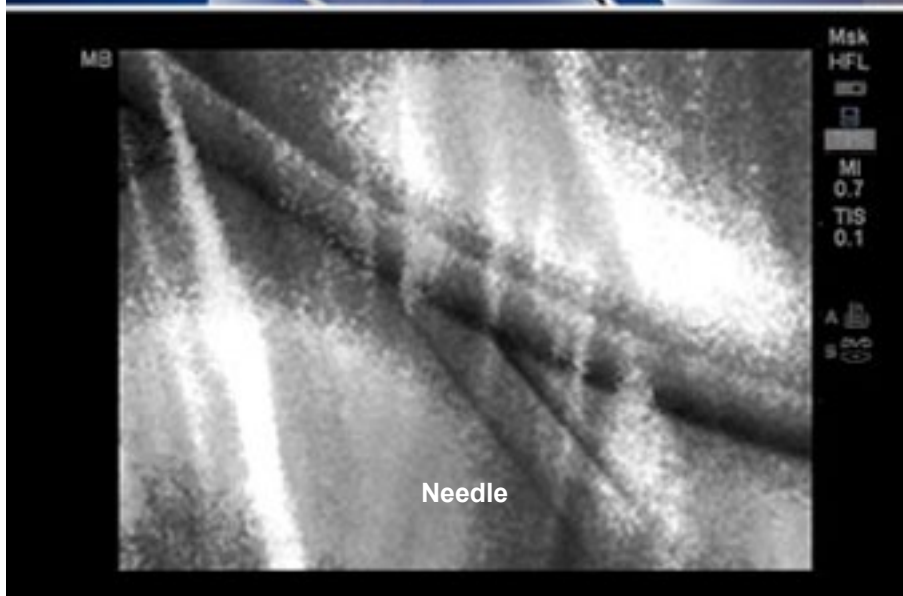
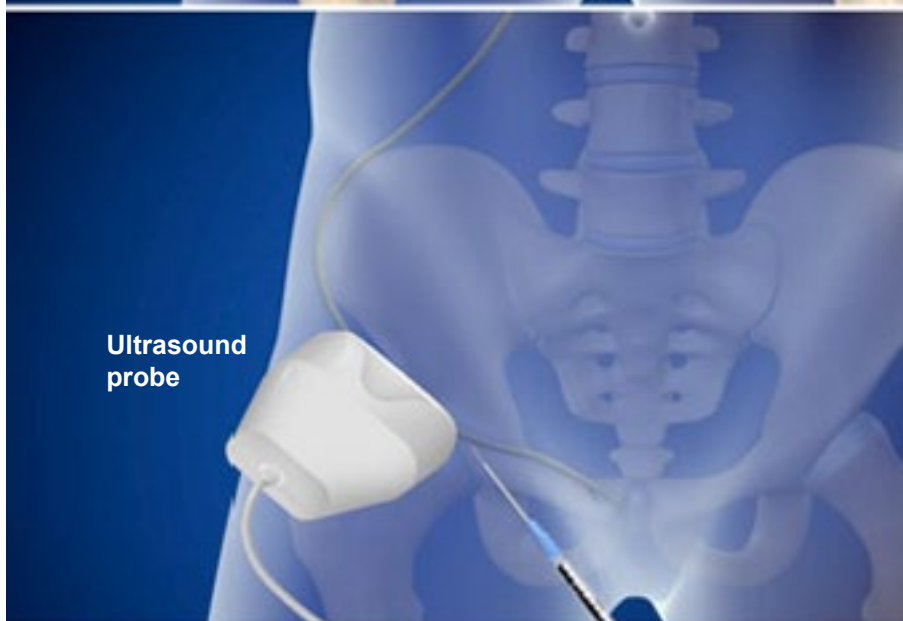
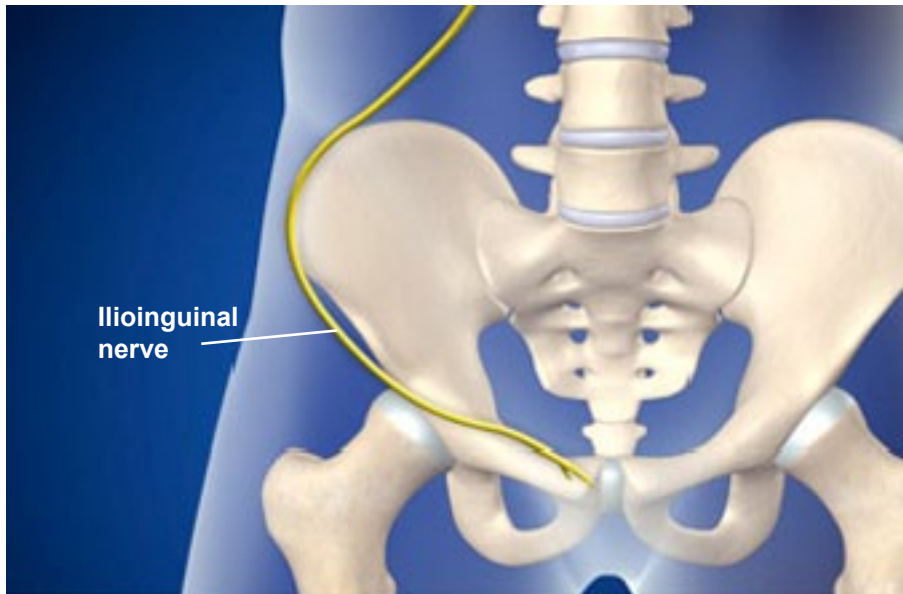


Ultrasound-Guided Ilioinguinal Nerve Block



Overview

This non-operative, outpatient procedure is designed to provide relief for patients with hip and lower abdominal pain. The technique allows the physician to inject an inflammation-reducing steroid around the ilioinguinal nerve with maximum accuracy.

Preparation

The physician swabs the abdomen, injects a numbing medication and positions a hand-held ultrasound probe that will allow the physician to visualize the anatomy of the nerve and surrounding tissue and accurately inject the medication.

Injecting the Medication

The physician inserts a needle into the abdomen and guides it to the problem area using ultrasound imagery. The medication is then injected.

End of Procedure

The needle is removed. The local anesthetic and steroid solution will soothe the nerve, reducing inflammation and pain. The injection can be repeated if necessary.