## Opioid Free Arthroplasty A novel opioid free protocol to help prevent opioid addiction

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#### **Opioid Crisis in America**

- In 2019, 70,630 overdose deaths total (72.9% of all overdose deaths are opioids) according to the CDC
- 6% chance to become addicted to opioids with a single 24-hour prescription of narcotics
- Opioid naïve patients have an 8-14% risk to become addicted to opioids after TKA
  -80,000 to 140,000 could become newly addicted every year

#### Our clinic Outcomes

- \* 86% of patients undergoing TKA required 10 pills or less and 18.9% required no opioid pills at all.
  - -- Most joint institutes prescribe 30-100 pills



#### **Our Clinical Outcomes**

- \* ROM to 109 degrees of flexion at 3 weeks
  - -- 2018 AAOS Rehabilitation textbook is 10-12 weeks
  - -- 7 weeks earlier and we decreased the risk of readmission, DVT and scar formation (MUA)



#### **Our Clinical Outcomes**

 \* 85.4% of our patients required no formal PT through 12 weeks and saved approximately \$700 in copays



#### **Our Clinical Outcomes**

 \* 63.2% of patients were discharged the same day of surgery, while 91.2% were discharged on POD #1. We saw a 1.2% readmission rate.



#### **Opioid Free Protocol**

#### \* Pre Operative Screening

- -- HgBA1C < 7.3
- -- HgB < 13 g/dl in males, < 12 g/dl in females
- -- BMI less than 40
- -- Smoking assessment
- -- Opioid usage assessment
- -- Albumin < 4.0
- -- eGFR, Platelet Count, DVT Risk Assessment

#### **Opioid Free Protocol**

#### \* Pre Operative Visit

- -- IOVERA Cryoablation Procedure
- -- Swiftpath Method
  - > Joint Replacement Class
  - > Pre-Hab visit with our Physical Therapist
- -- Protein Supplementation
  - > MEND
  - > ISOPure
- -- Post Operative Medication Review

#### Cryoablation

# ioverd®



AFCN – Anterior Femoral Cutaneous Nerve ISN – Inferior Branch of the Saphenous Nerve



#### Swiftpath Method by Craig McAllister, MD

#### \* Joint Replacement Class

- -- Education
- -- Information
- -- Confidence
- -- Emergency Phone
- -- Reduces office calls
- -- Better Patient Satisfaction

#### \* Pre Rehabilitation

- -- Helps patient avoid outpatient PT
  - > Decrease Pain
  - > Decrease Cost

**SWIFT**PATH

The Superior Orthopedic Journey

## **Protein Supplementation**

#### \* MEND + UpGraid

-- Clinically proven AA Supplementation that mitigates muscle atrophy after TKA (Dreyer et al, JB JS open access)

-- Enhanced hip functional retrieval after THA with AA Supplementation (Baldisero et al, 2016)

#### \* **ISOPURE**

-- Whey protein and AA supplementation.





## Post Operative Pain Medication Review

- \* ECASA 81mg BID for 30 days
- \* Gabapentin 300mg TID for 30 days
- \* Prednisone 5mg QD for 3 weeks
- \* Acetaminophen 1000mg TID for 30 days
- \* Celecoxib 100mg BID for 30 days
- \* Tramadol 50mg q4 hours PRN, #10

#### **Perioperative Techniques**

- \* Pre operative medications
  - -- Celebrex
  - -- Tranexamic Acid
- \* Tourniquet-less Total Knee Replacement
- \* Periarticular Injection
  - -- Ropivacaine
  - -- Clonidine
  - -- Toradol



#### **Perioperative Techniques**

- \* Blood Pressure Control
- \* Peripheral Blocks
  - -- Ipack

> Interspace between the popliteal artery and posterior knee capsule

- -- Saphenous Nerve
  - > On-Q Pain Ball System, Ropivacaine
  - > Exparel, Bupivacaine Liposomal



#### **Perioperative Techniques**

#### \* Post Operative Edema Control

- -- Wedge Pillow Elevation
- -- GEKO OnPulse Technology



#### Follow up study of 386 patients

- \* 20.5% [72/356] chance to have received an opioid prescription 90 days after TKA for any reason.
- \* One person named the TKA as the reason for more opioid prescriptions after 90 days. 0.28% [1/356]
- \* 10 opioid naïve patients were identified as chronic opioid users after TKA. 3.56% [10/356]

#### In Conclusion:

- Following our protocol did decrease the risk of chronic opioid use in opioid naïve patients as directly related to TKA (0.28% [1/356] to 3.56% [10/356] vs 8.2% - Bedard, et al. 2017).
- \* More studies are needed to identify the actual frequency of chronic opioid use after TKA.
- \* Database query isn't usually sufficient to determine the specific reason for post TKA opioid prescriptions.

#### Journal Articles

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