

Review of: "Pain assessment and management for older patients with hip fractures"

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This is a nice educational paper for someone who need an introduction to pain relief in patients with hip fractures. However, it has some serious methodological issues, thus it cannot pass as a scientific review paper. No part of the paper describes method, there are no results and no discussion. This put the paper at risk for extensive bias. The conclusion from the cited papers may not be wrong but the selection of papers do not cover the whole topic. Regarding pain treatment the conclusion on skin traction and nerve blocks are completely wrong. Nerve blocks should be first choice, because opioids do not provide good pain relief in movement – this is well documented search Cochrane. Skin traction is not an option at all in these patients – there are Cochrane reviews on the topic. One more thing that disturbs me is that there is no difference made in the pre and postoperative phase as well as rehabilitation. When it comes to pain assessment this should be carried out at rest and on movement – there are several papers that come to this conclusion. When all this is said I agree on the conclusion in this paper.