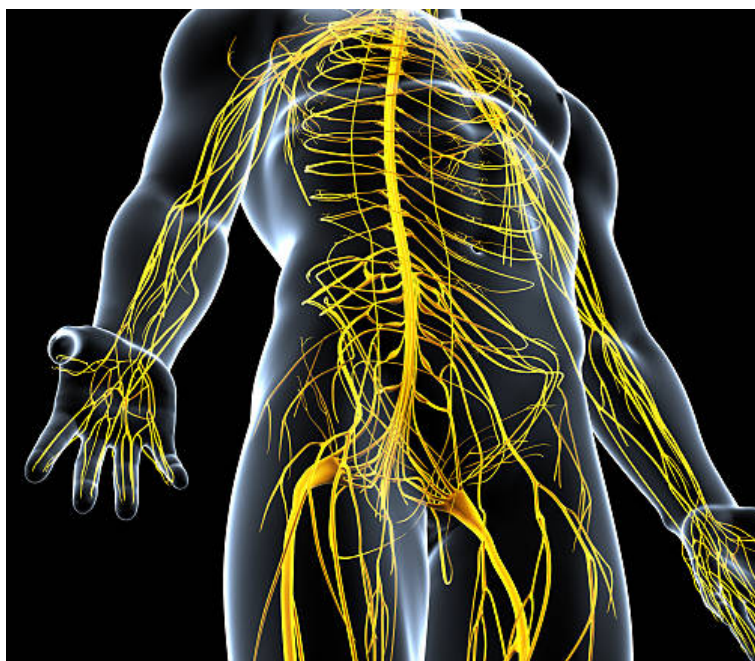


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Nerves are a bundle of fibers that receive and send messages between the body and the brain.

What is a nerve block?

A nerve block is the injection of numbing medication (local anesthetic) near specific nerves to decrease pain in a certain part of your body during and after surgery. It will also cause a temporary loss of feeling and/or movement of specific body parts.

Will you be awake during the operation?

After a nerve block, the part of your body that will be operated on will be numb. Many times it is your choice to be awake or asleep. You never get to see the surgery itself because a large sterile drape is always placed between you and the surgeon.

How long will the nerve block last?

This depends on the type of block performed and the type of numbing medication used.

How is the nerve block done?

The nerve block is done with or without ultrasound guidance. The ultrasound technique allows us to see the nerves under the skin where the local anesthesia needs to be injected. The drug is injected near the nerves and provides loss of sensation to the operation site.

Is a nerve block safe?

Nerve blocks involve some minor risk. The risk of infection is very low as the procedure is done in a sterile manner. There is a low risk of injury to nerves, lasting pain, permanent numbness, and weakness.