

# Sonografisch gesteuerte Infiltrationen an der HWS ?

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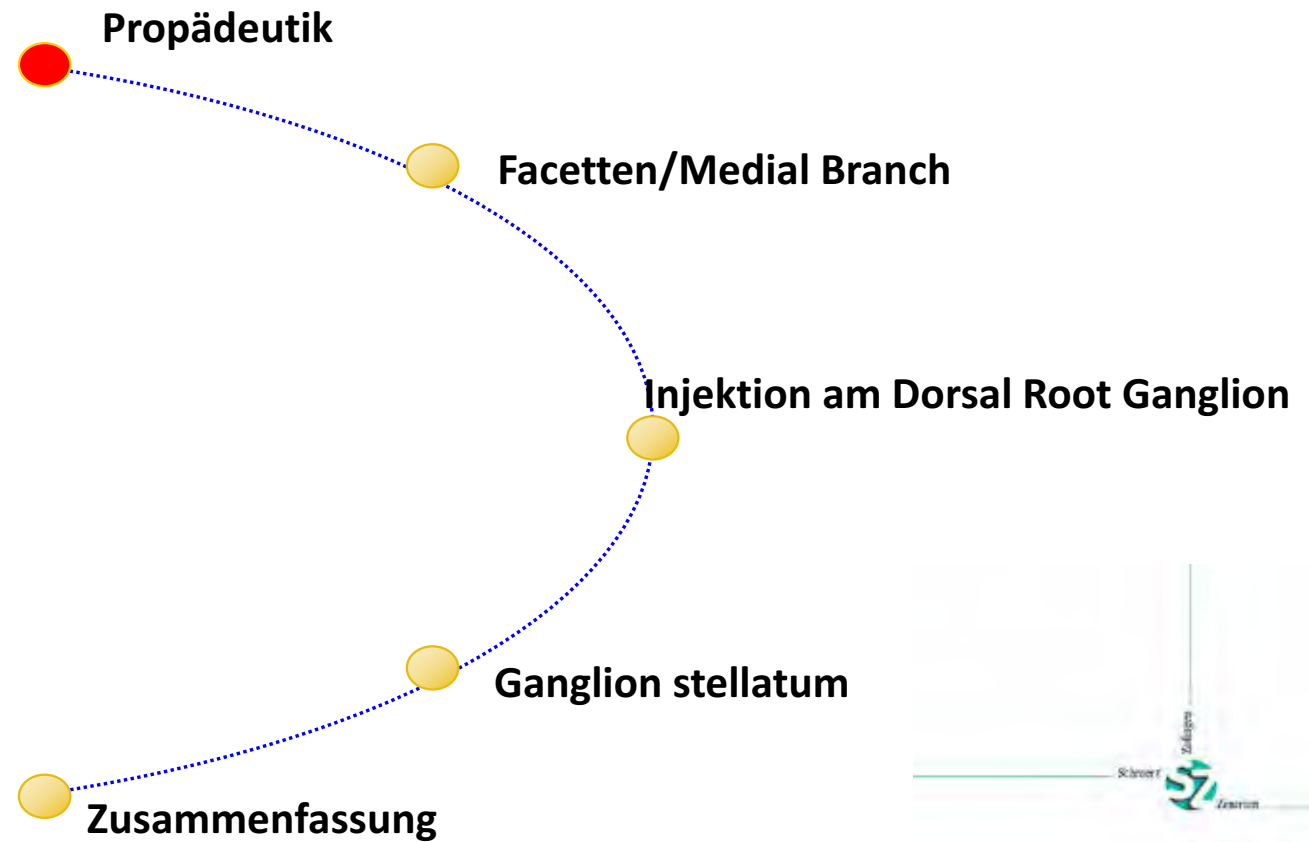


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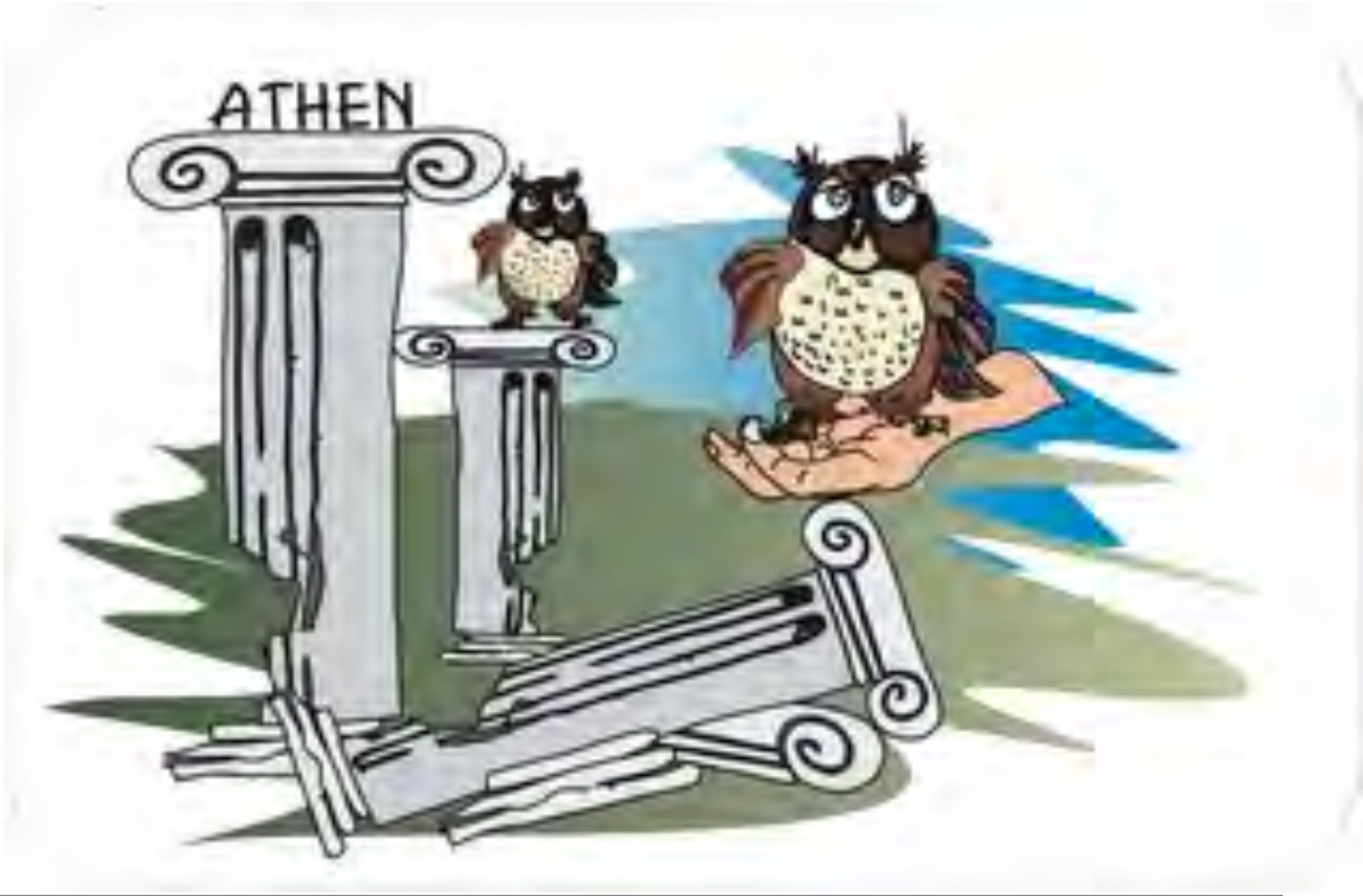
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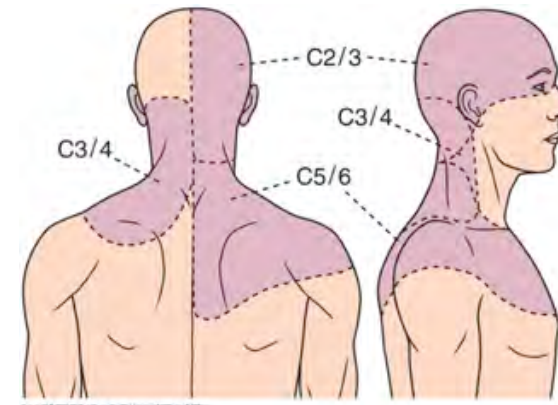
# Interventionen



# Propädeutik



## Typische Ausstrahlung bei intraartikulärer Injektion



Dwyer A, Aprill C, Bogduk N.:

Cervical zygapophyseal joint pain patterns I: a study in normal volunteers.

Spine 1990.

Aprill C, Dwyer A, Bogduk N.:

Cervical zygapophyseal joint pain patterns II: a clinical evaluation. Spine 1990.

## Der Spurling Test

### Spurling Test ohne Reklination

-Sensitivität 50%

-Spezifität 93%

### Spurling Test mit Reklination

-Sensitivität 93%

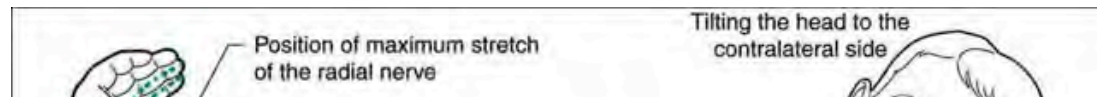
-Spezifität 95%

(Shabat et. Al. "The Correlation between Spurling Test and Imaging Studies in Detecting Cervical Radiculopathy". Journal of Neuroimaging 2011)



Der Upper Limb Tension Test – Der Lasegue der HWS

(„Elvey’s Test“ 1979, Butler 1991)



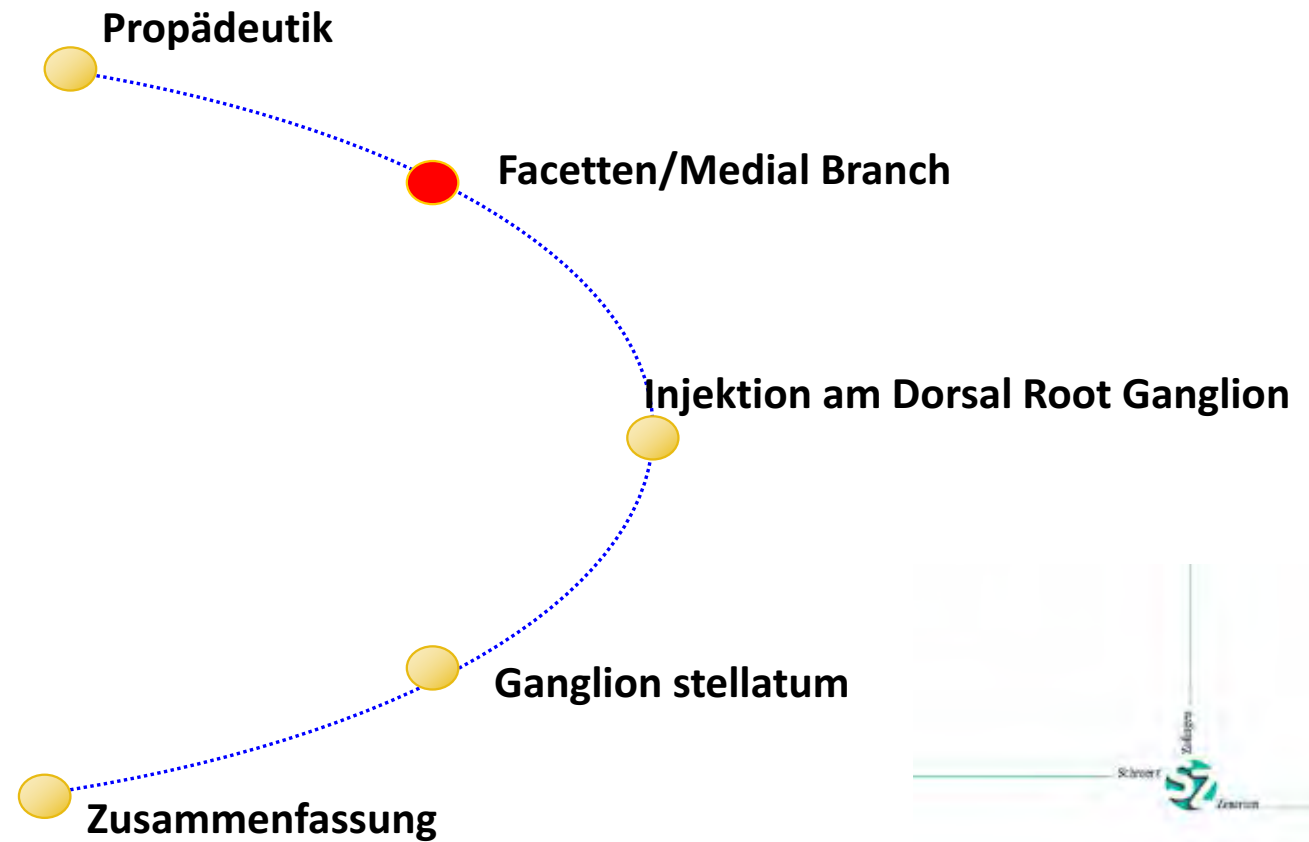
## **Cervical Nerve Root Displacement and Strain During Upper Limb Neural Tension Testing: Part 1: A Minimally Invasive Assessment in Unembalmed Cadavers.**

[Spine](#). 2015 Jun 1;40(11):793-800. [Lohman CM](#)<sup>1</sup>, [Gilbert KK](#), [Sobczak S](#), [Brismée JM](#), [James CR](#), [Day M](#), [Smith MP](#), [Taylor L](#), [Dugailly PM](#), [Pendergrass T](#), [Sizer PJ](#).



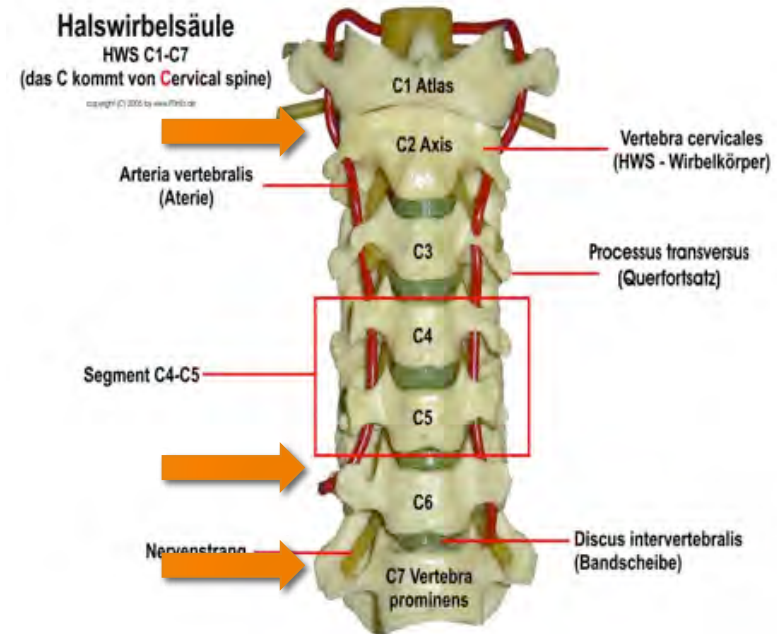
- sensitivity of 97 percent and a specificity of 22 percent (Rubinstein et. al. 2007)

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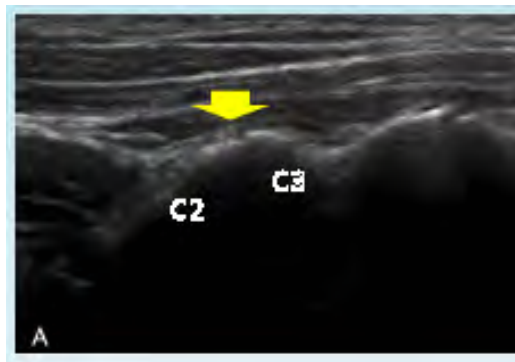


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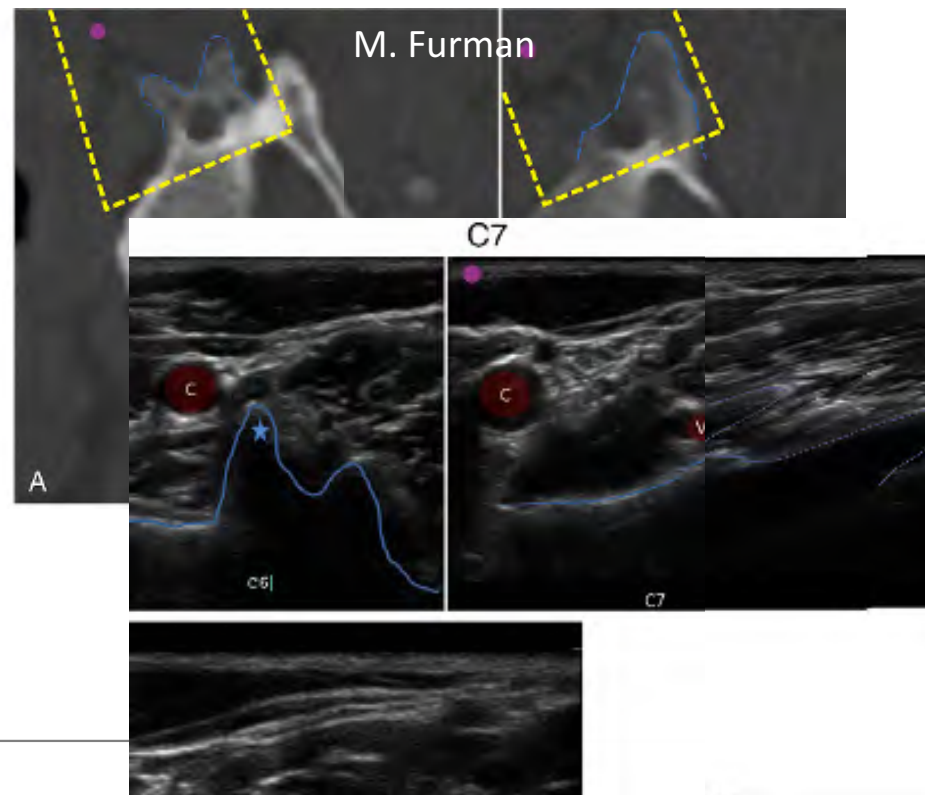
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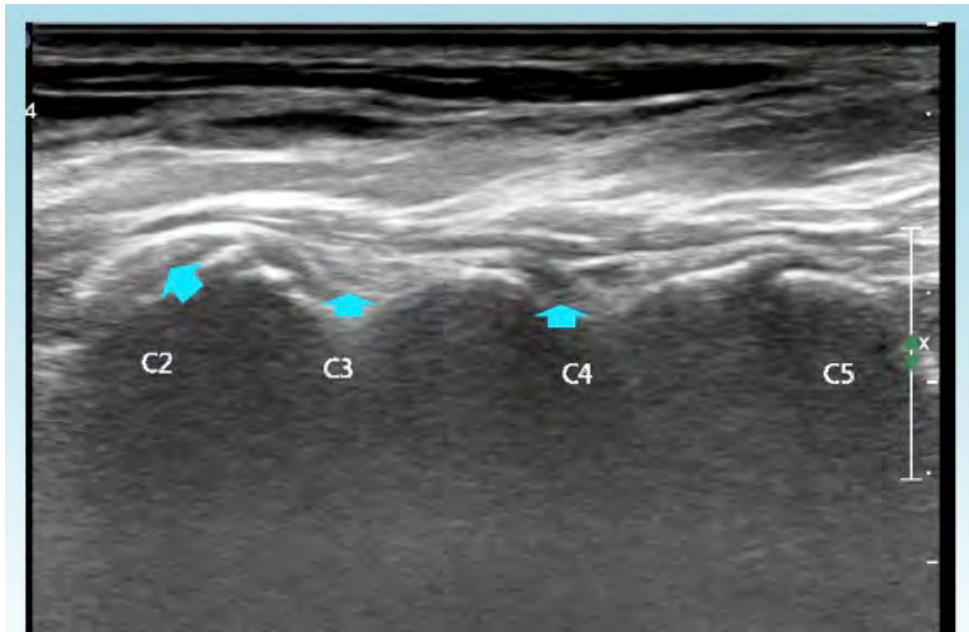


Lokalisation C6

Lokalisation C7



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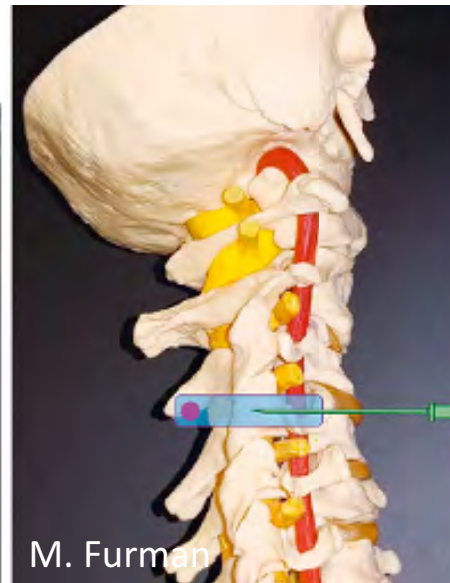
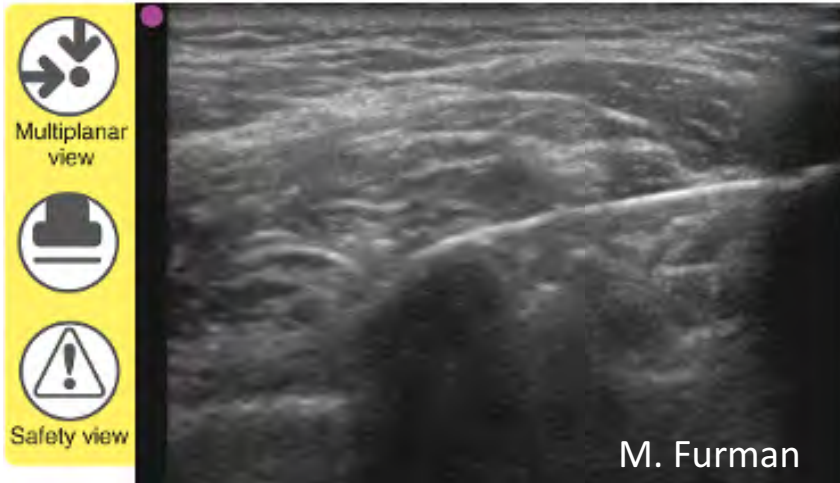


Longitudinal (Orientierung)

Transversal Facette i.a.

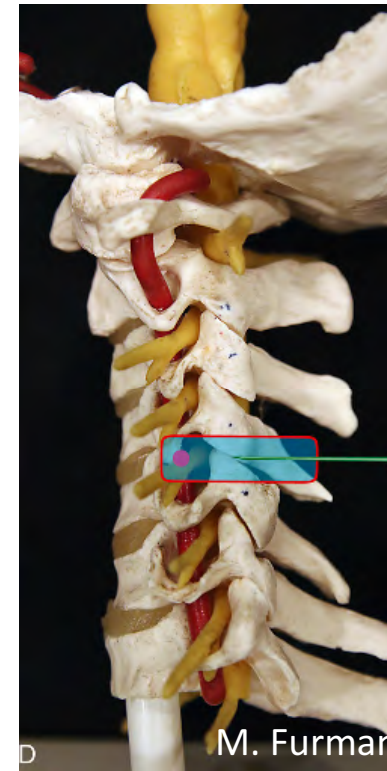
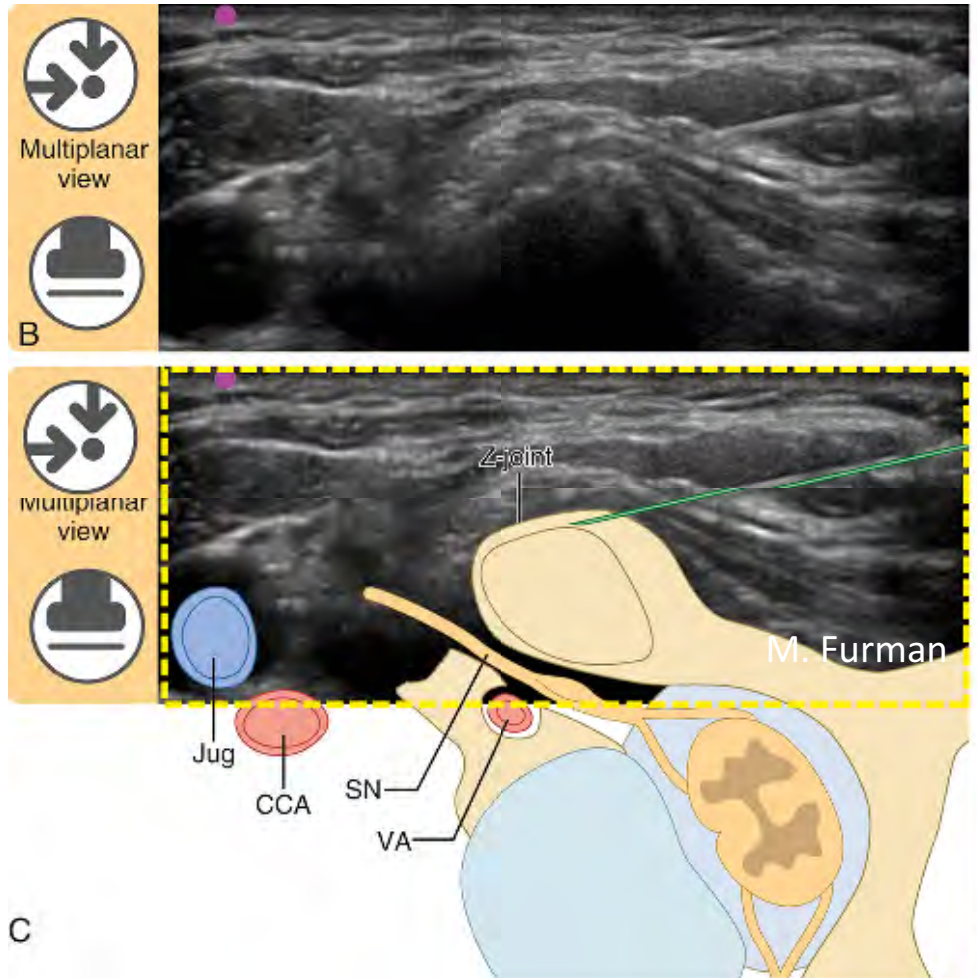


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Bilder und Technik n. M. Furman  
Atlas of Image - Guided Spinal Prozedures

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## Accuracy of Ultrasound-guided Nerve Blocks of the Cervical Zygapophysial Joints

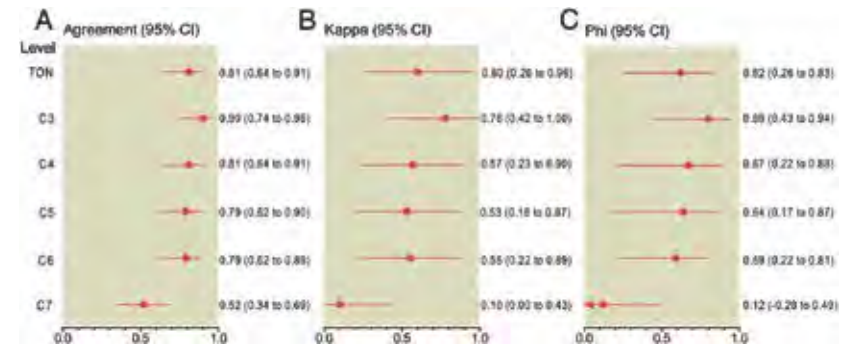
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**Fig. 2.** Definition of the different target areas: (1) Third occipital nerve block: Needle tips located within the dashed parallelogram at the level C2–3 were classified as correctly placed. (2) Medial branch blocks C3–C6: Needle tips located within the dashed parallelogram (example shown here: level C4–5) were classified as correctly placed. (3) Medial branch block C7: Needle tips located within the dashed triangle were classified as correctly placed. TP = transverse process C7.



**Fig. 1.** Sonoanatomy of the cervical zygapophysial joint region cut in a longitudinal cranio-caudal plane. \*Facet joint cleft. Bony target (arrowhead) for medial branch block (i.e., the “groove” between two facet joints).



# Facetten/Medial Branch



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Review

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### Ultrasound-Guided Cervical Medial Branch Blocks: A Technical Review

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| Authors (year)      | Study design   | Results   | Comments   |
|---------------------|--|---|--|
| Eichenberger et al. | 10 blocks in 14 volunteers, ultrasound guided visualization and injection of third occipital nerve; fluoroscopic confirmation of needle position | Third occipital nerve visualized in 27/28 (96%); 23/28 correct needle placement (82%)   | Median third occipital nerve diameter 2 mm; third occipital nerve blocked in 90%                       |
| Siegenthaler et al. | Ultrasound-guided cervical medial branch block; 60 volunteers; 180 block; 0.2 ml of contrast dye injected; fluoroscopic confirmation             | 180 needles placed; 73 needles purposely misplaced based on study design; 82/107 needles placed correctly (77% accuracy rate); 90/107 contrast dye reached bony | Level tested third occipital nerve to C7 medial branch; no adverse events reported; low accuracy at C7 |

|                  |  | target (84% success rate)   |  |
|------------------|--|---|--|
| Finlayson et al. | 2-phase study; 53 patients; 163 blocks; 0.3 ml of 1:1 local anesthetic and contrast dye injected   | Phase 1:80.9% of needles placed correctly; phase 2: contrast covered appropriate area in 94.5%  | Levels investigated C3-C6 medial branches  |
| Finlayson et al. | Randomized controlled trial; 40 patients randomized to fluoro- or ultrasound-guided third occipital nerve block  | Ultrasound guidance associated with shorter procedure time (212.8 vs 396.5 s) and fewer needle passes (2 vs 4); no intergroup difference in preblock and postblock pain scores. Similar success rates (95-100%) | US-guided technique associated with superior outcomes; vascular breach occurred with fluoro-guided technique in 10%; third occipital nerve identified in 80% of US-guided procedure; no adverse events occurred with US-guided technique |
| Finlayson et al. | Prospective cohort; biplanar ultrasound-guided C5-C6 MBB; 40 patients, 0.3 ml of 1:1 local anesthetic and contrast dye injected; fluoroscopic confirmation | 100% and 97.5% appropriate contrast distribution at C5 and C6   | Visualized blood vessels crossing C6 articular pillar in 30% of cases  |
| Finlayson et al. | Randomized comparison between ultrasound- vs fluoroscopic-guided C7 medial branch block; 50 patients   | US-guidance associated to shorter performance time (233.6 vs 390 s) and fewer needle passes (2 vs 4); similar success rate; no intergroup difference in preblock and postblock pain scores                      | Blood vessels overlying target area and circumvented during needle insertion in 40% in the USG group; 20% intravascular and 4% intraarticular spread in fluoroscopic-guidance vs none in US  |



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**Studien Finleyson 2013,2014, 2015**

## **3. Occipitalnerv:**

Primary outcome: Performancezeit: US (212s) vs. FS (392s)

Secondary outcome: Erfolgsrate: ähnlich zwischen 95 -100%

### **C2-C3 Medial branch:**

Erfolgsrate: 100%

### **C4 Medial branch:**

Erfolgsrate: 97%

### **C5 Medial branch:**

Erfolgsrate: 93%

### **C6 Medial branch:**

Erfolgsrate: 84%

### **C7 Medial branch:**

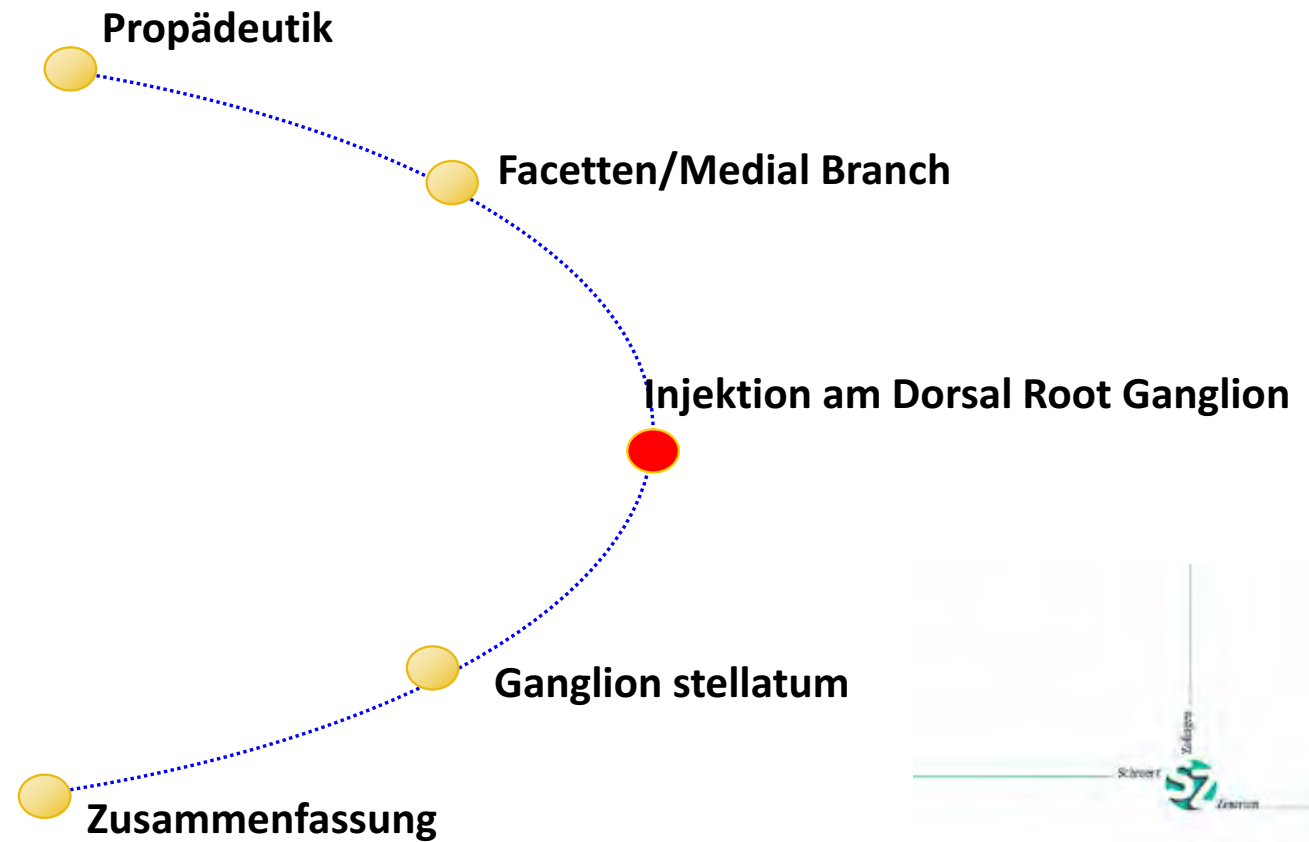
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Erfolgsrate: 84%





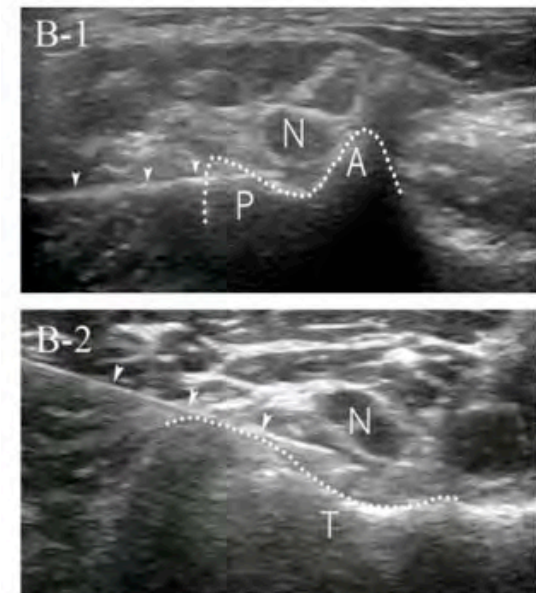
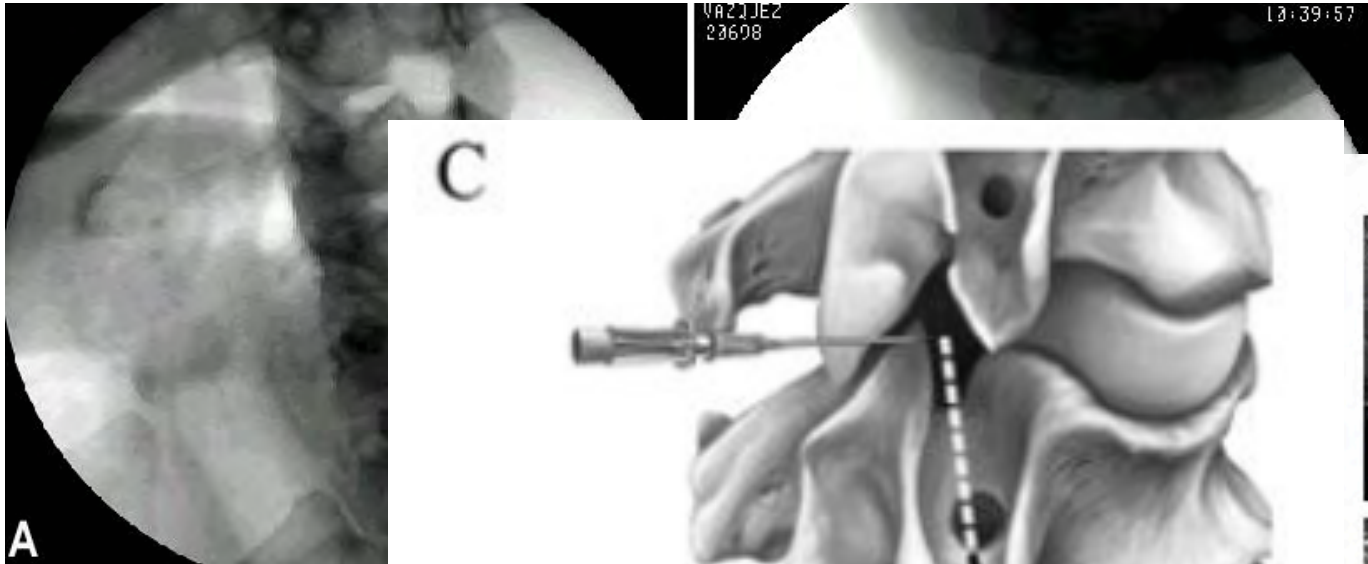
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# Dorsal Root Ganglion



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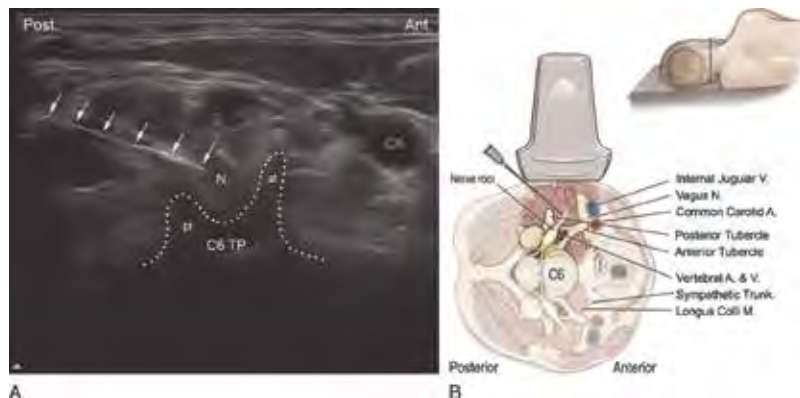


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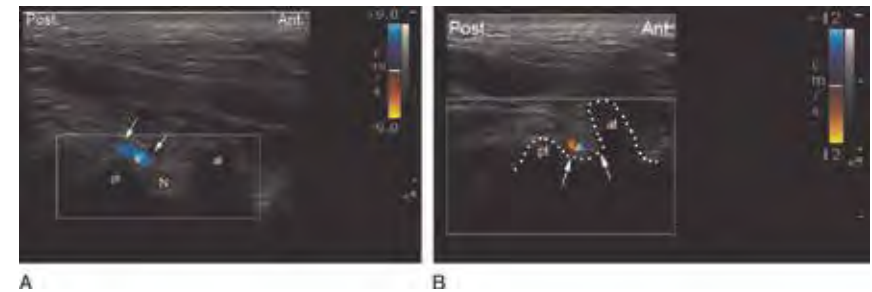
## ULTRASOUND ARTICLE

### Ultrasound-Guided Cervical Selective Nerve Root Block A Fluoroscopy-Controlled Feasibility Study

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**FIGURE 1.** A, Axial transverse ultrasound image showing the sharp anterior tubercle (at) of the C6 transverse process (C6 TP). N indicates nerve root; CA, carotid artery; pt, posterior tubercle. Solid arrows point to the needle in place at the posterior aspect of the intervertebral foramen. B, Illustration showing the relevant anatomy at C6 level and the orientation of the ultrasound transducer.



**FIGURE 5.** A, Axial transverse ultrasound image with color Doppler showing a small vessel at the posterior aspect of the intravertebral foramen, which continued medially into the foramen (B). at indicates anterior tubercle; pt, posterior tubercle.



**FIGURE 6.** Anteroposterior radiographic view showing the contrast agent delineating the dorsal root ganglion and the nerve root. No spread can be seen into the epidural space.

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Overall therapeutic effect of US guided perineural injection

- Out of 59 patients, 46(78 %) of the patients showed overall favorable outcomes, and 13 ( 22%) patients showed overall unfavorable outcomes (*Sang Hoon Lee, Jin Myung Kim et al.*)
- Significant difference were not observed in NDI and VNS before, 2 weeks, and 12 weeks after the procedures between US and C-arm groups (*Haemi Jee et al.* Ultrasound-guided selective nerve root block versus fluoroscopy-guided transforaminal block for the treatment of radicular pain in the lower cervical spine: A randomized, blinded, controlled study. *Skeletal radiol* (2012) 42:69-78)

**Table 2** Comparison of VNS<sup>a</sup> at baseline and after the steroid injections

|                             | Baseline  | 2 weeks after injection | 12 weeks after injection |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ultrasound-guided approach  | 6.15±0.79 | 3.20±0.51*              | 2.62±0.45*               |
| Fluoroscopy-guided approach | 6.06±0.82 | 3.17±0.52*              | 2.61±0.42*               |

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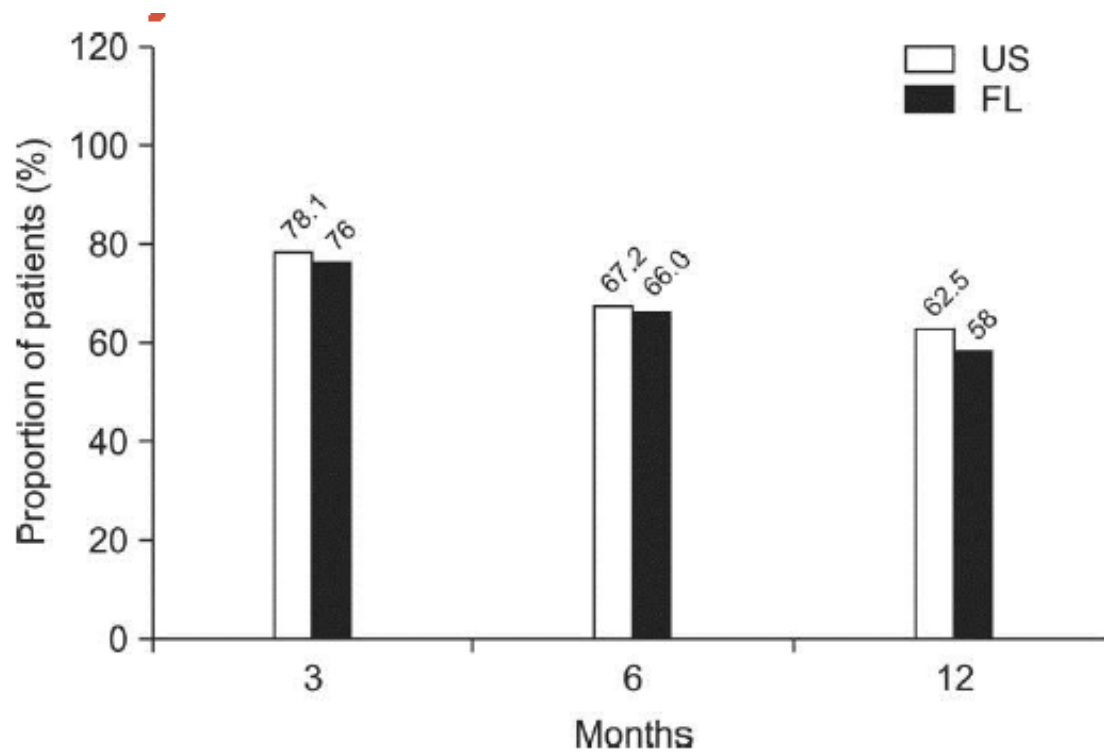


Illustration of significant pain reliefs ( $\geq 50\%$  reduction in verbal numerical scale from baseline) and functional improvements ( $\geq 40\%$  reduction in neck disability index from baseline). US, ultrasound; FL, fluoroscopy.

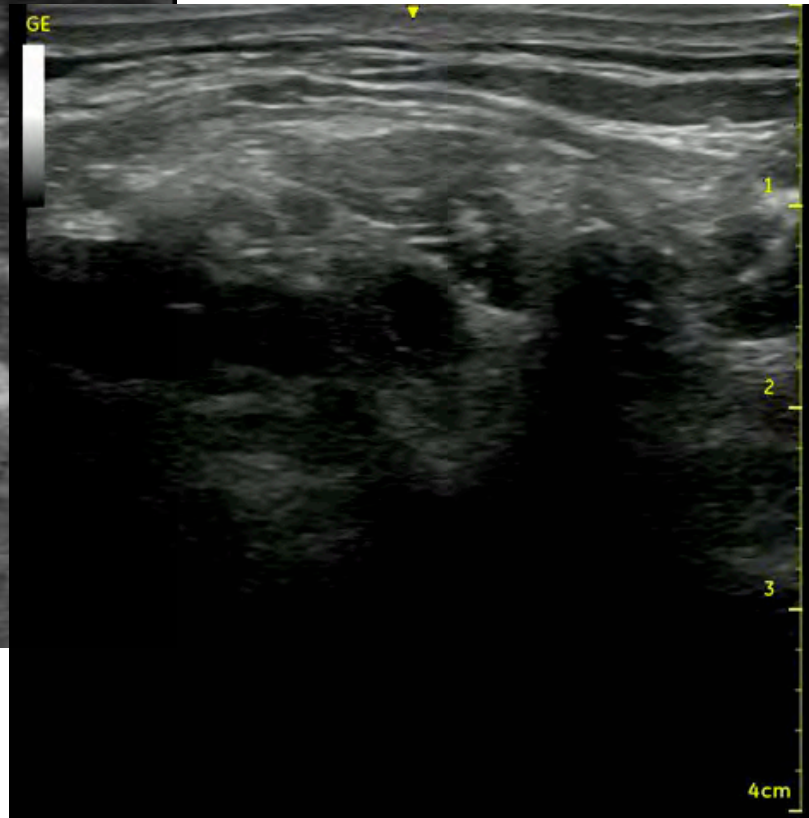
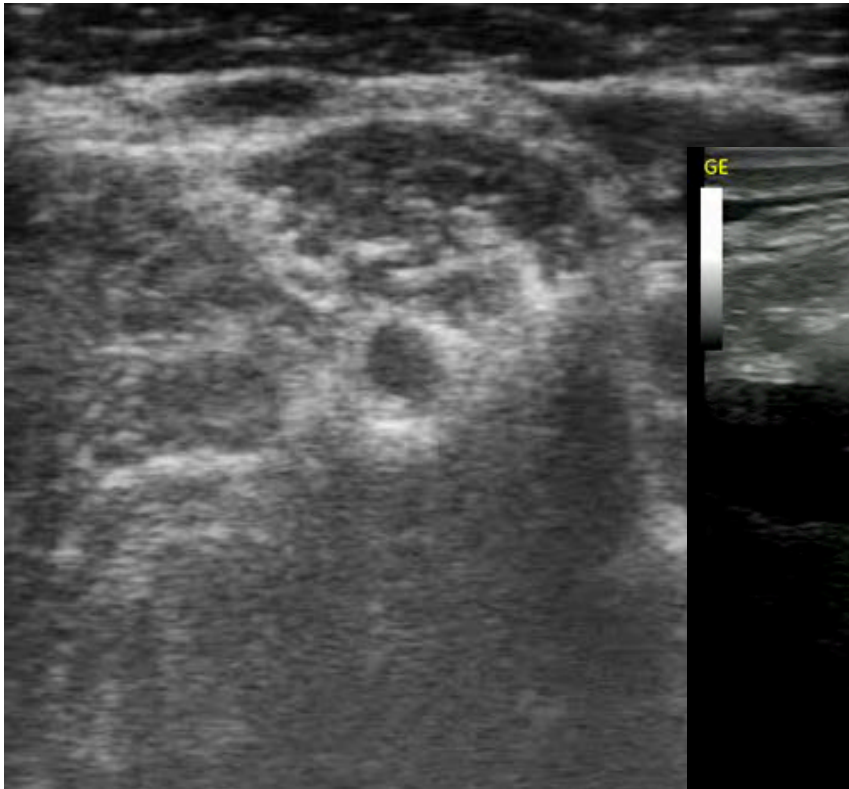
Park Y1, Ahn JK, Treatment Effects of Ultrasound Guide Selective Nerve Root Block for Lower Cervical Radicular Pain: A Retrospective Study of 1-Year Follow-up. *Ann Rehabil Med.* 2013 Oct;37(5):658-67.



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| Outcome Groups                     | Classifications                | Pre-NRS | Post-NRS | Difference in NRS | PPPR | P-Value | 95% CI      |             |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------------|------|---------|-------------|-------------|
|                                    |                                |         |          |                   |      |         | Lower Bound | Upper Bound |
| Outcome vs degree of penetration   | Periradicular (N = 31)         | 6.8     | 3.0      | 3.8 ± 0.2         | 55.7 | <0.001  | 3.3         | 4.2         |
|                                    | Pararadicular (N = 25)         | 6.8     | 2.7      | 4.1 ± 0.3         | 60.6 | <0.001  | 3.6         | 4.7         |
|                                    | Intramuscular (N = 3)          | 6.3     | 5.3      | 1.0 ± 0.6         | 15.8 | 0.225   | -1.5        | 3.5         |
| Outcome vs dye spread pattern      | Medial (N = 31)                | 6.8     | 3.1      | 3.7 ± 0.3         | 54.8 | <0.001  | 3.2         | 4.2         |
|                                    | Lateral (N = 20)               | 7.0     | 2.4      | 4.6 ± 0.2         | 65.5 | <0.001  | 4.2         | 4.9         |
|                                    | Extraforaminal (N = 8)         | 6.3     | 4.1      | 2.13 ± 0.4        | 33.9 | <0.01   | 1.2         | 3.0         |
| Outcome vs ultrasonographic images | Crescent (N = 39)              | 6.9     | 2.7      | 4.1 ± 0.2         | 60.0 | <0.001  | 3.7         | 4.5         |
|                                    | Perineural protruding (N = 17) | 6.7     | 3.2      | 3.5 ± 0.3         | 52.1 | <0.001  | 3.0         | 4.0         |
|                                    | Intramuscular (N = 3)          | 6.3     | 5.3      | 1.0 ± 0.6         | 15.8 | 0.225   | -1.5        | 3.5         |

CI = confidence interval; NRS = numerical rating scale; PPPR =  $\frac{\text{post-procedure NRS} - \text{pre-NRS}}{\text{pre-NRS}} \times 100$ .

## Spread pattern

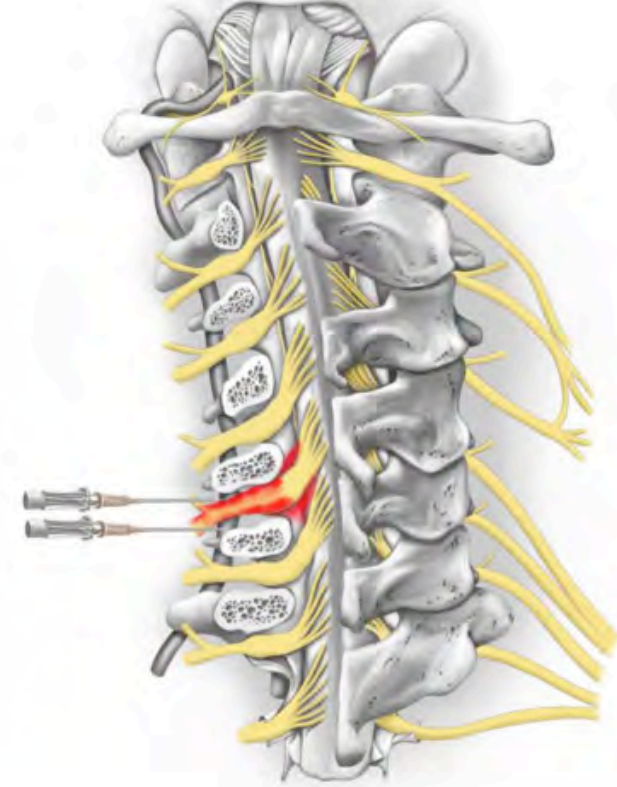
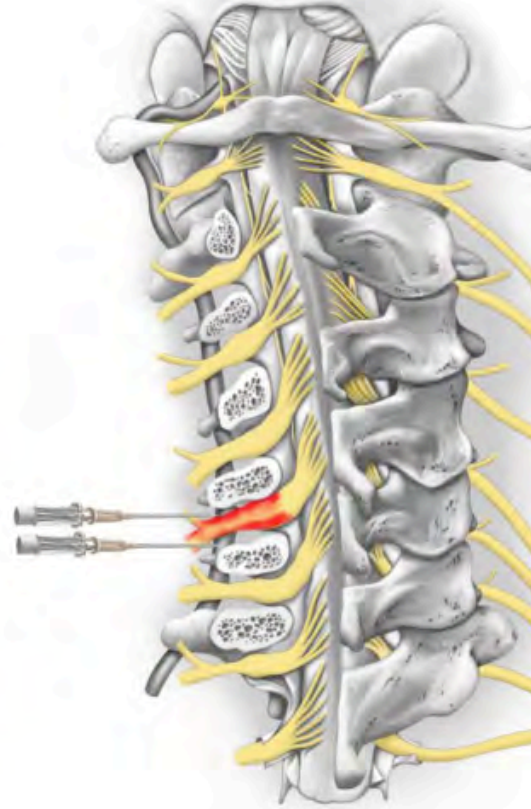
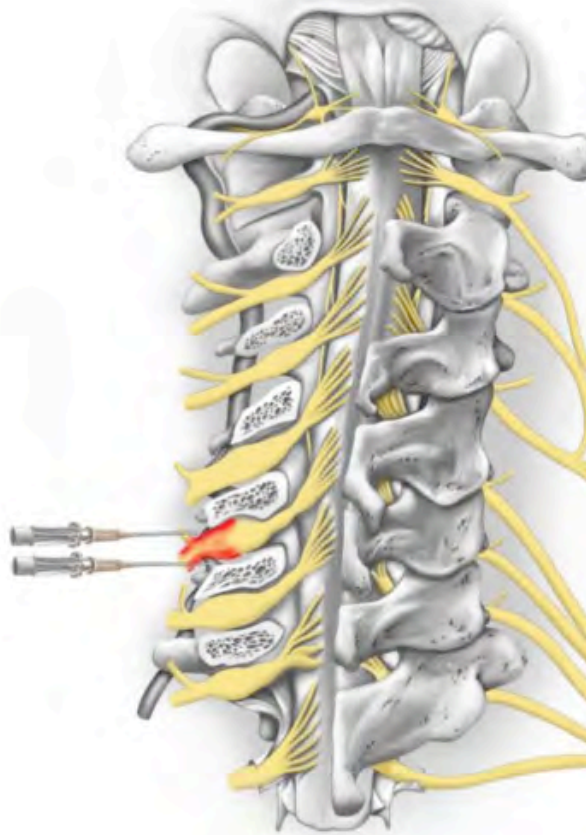


Medial foraminal: pre 6.8 → post 3.1  
 Lateral foraminal: pre 7.0 → post 2.8  
 Extraforaminal : pre 6.3 → post 4.1

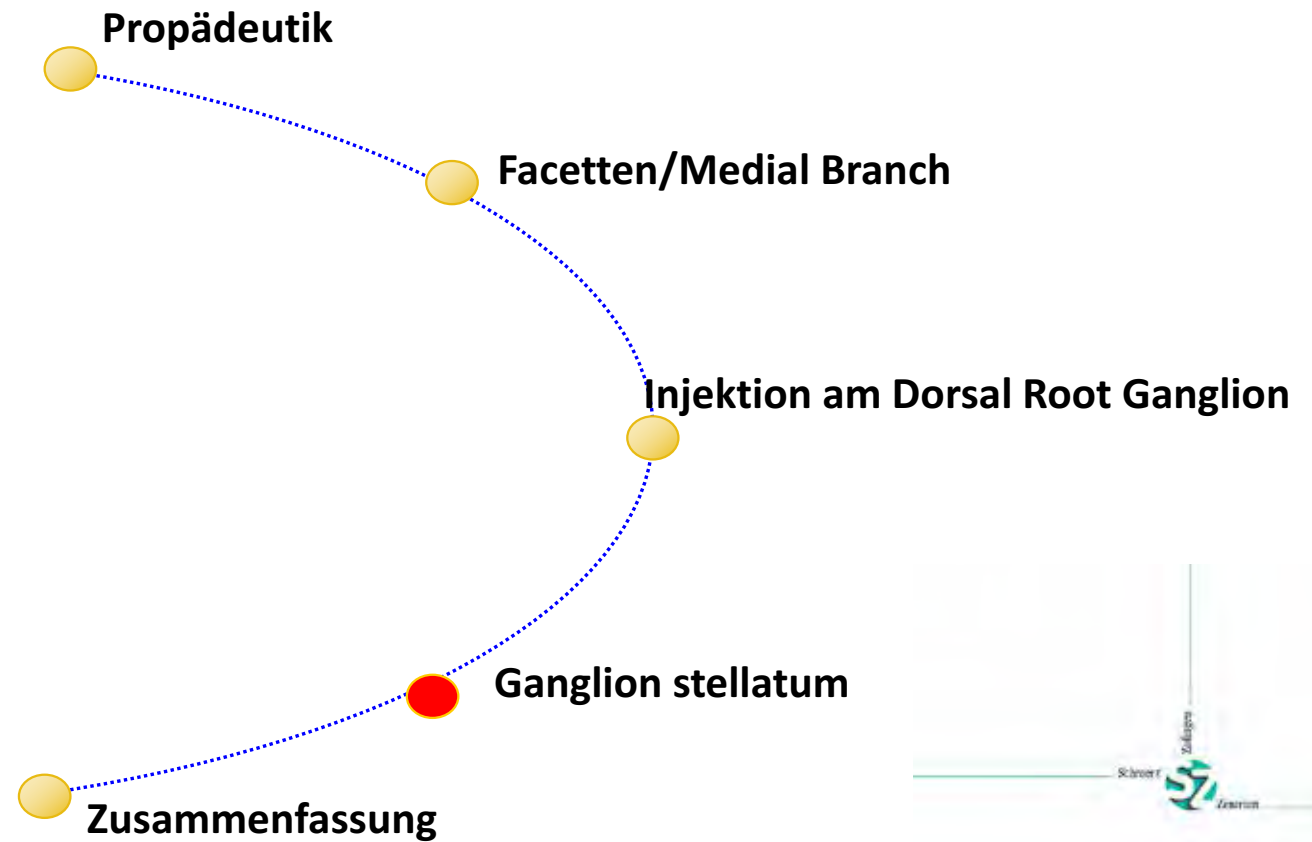


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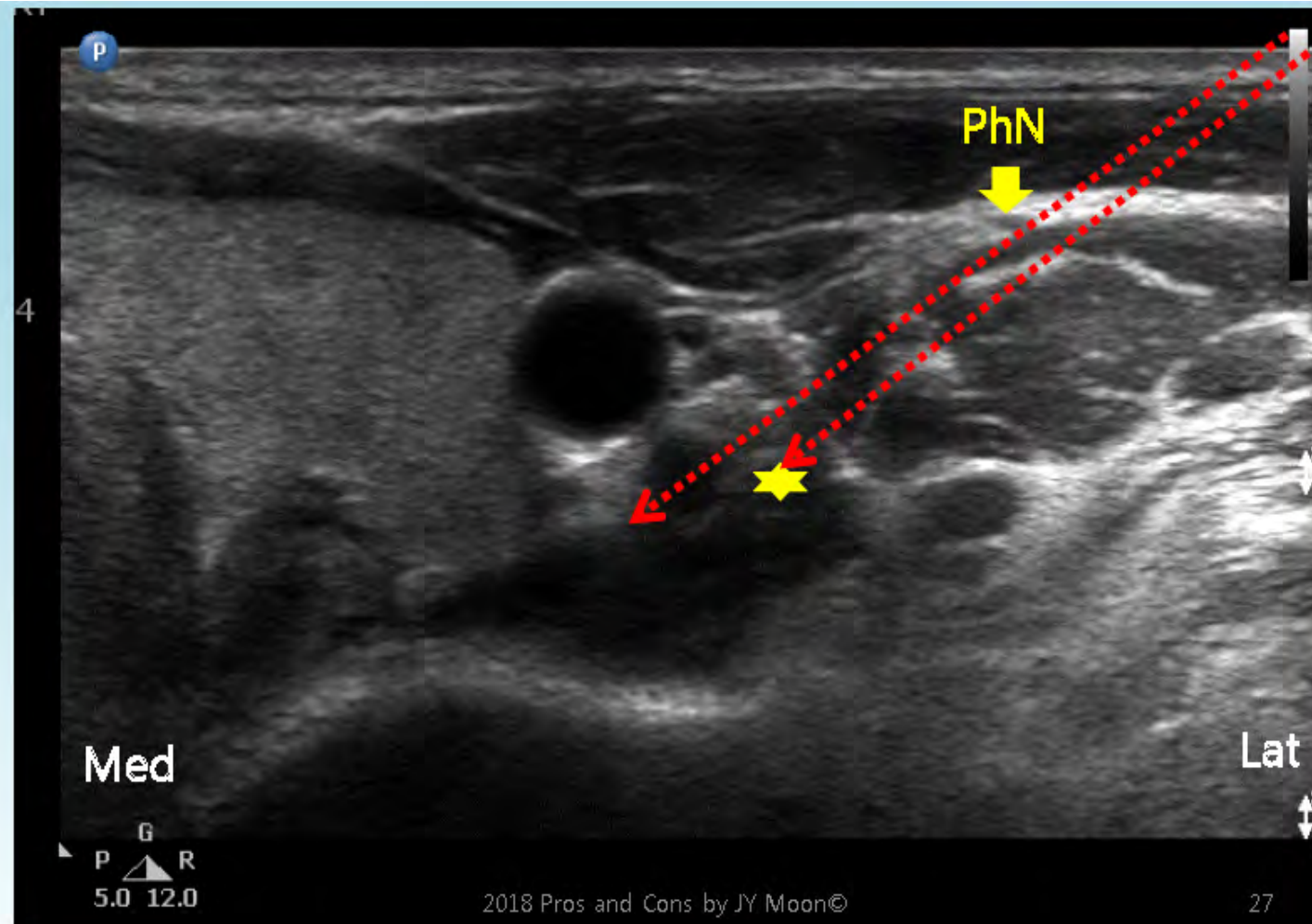
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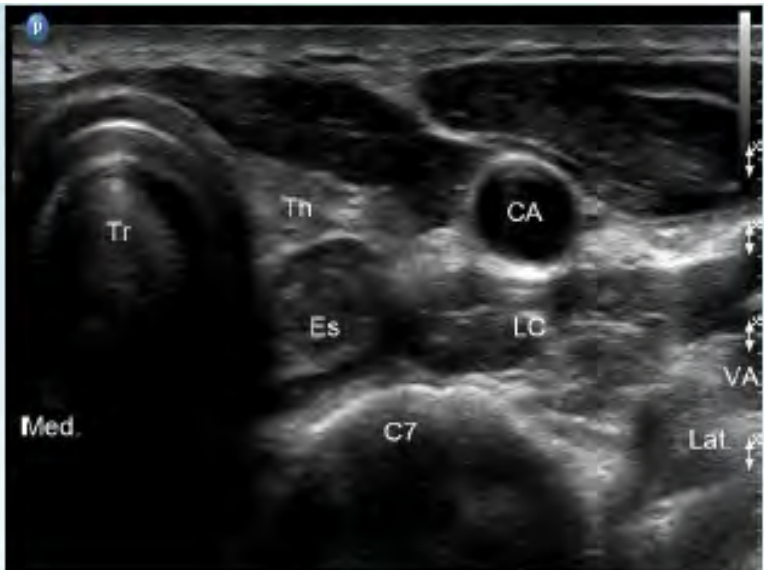
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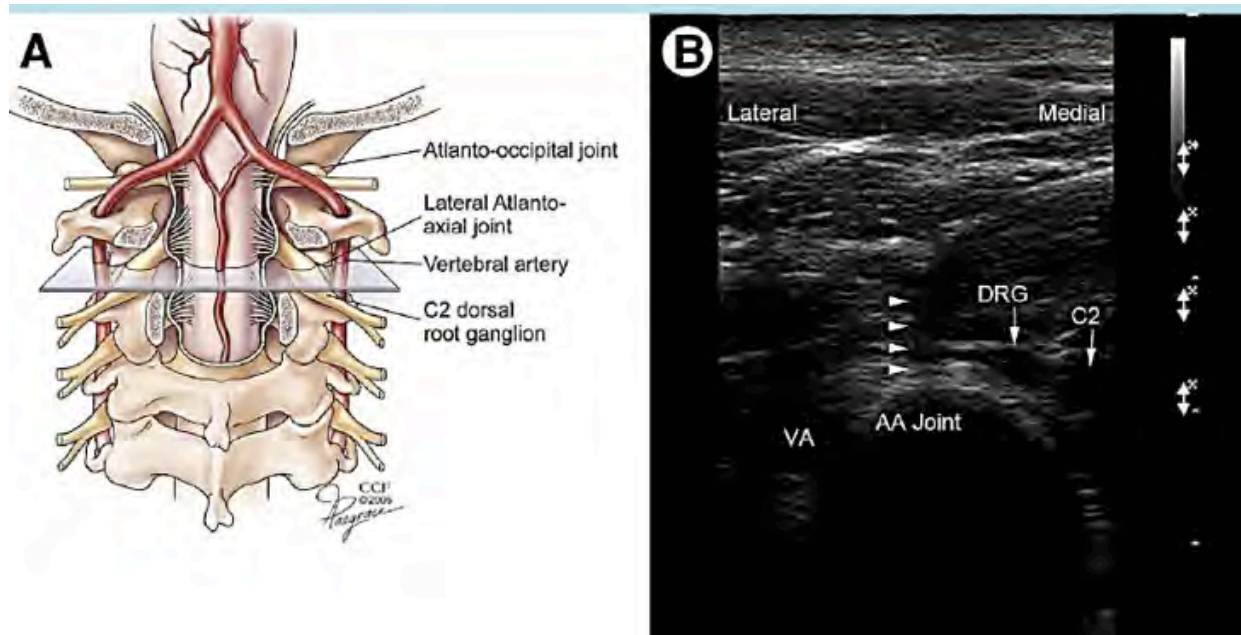


## Bildwandler gegen Sonografie

- In ca. 10% der Fälle läuft die Arteria vertebralis exponiert an C6.
- Die Art. und Ven. thyroideae inferior können Ursache für ein retropharyngeales Hämatom sein.
- Der Oesophagus kann gut dargestellt werden, insbesondere bei Eingriffen von links.

# Andere

## AA - Gelenk



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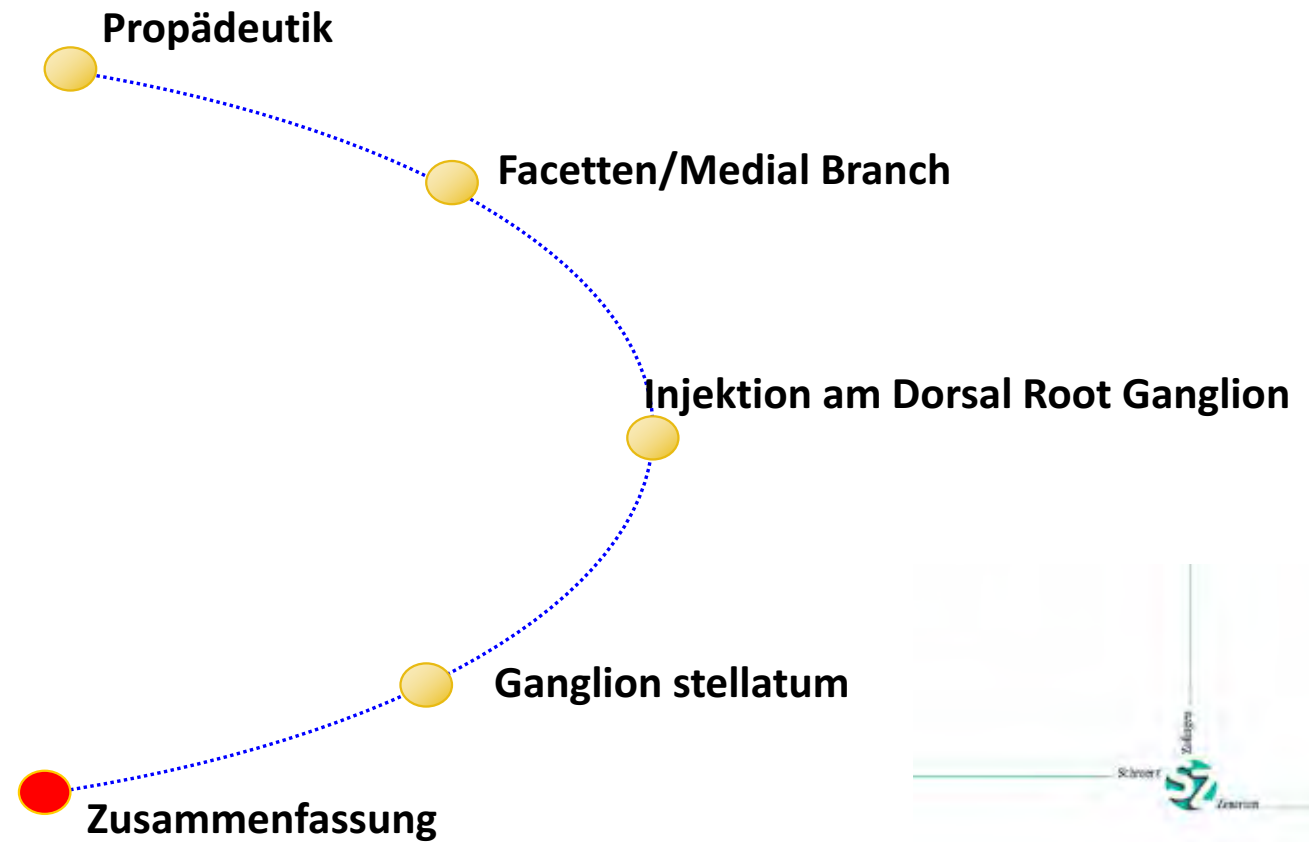
### **The Longitudinal Effectiveness of Lateral Atlantoaxial Intra-articular Steroid Injection in the Treatment of Cervicogenic Headache**

Pain Med. 2007;8(2):184-188

Samer N. Narouze, MD, MSc,\* Jose Casanova, MD, PhD,<sup>†</sup> and Nagy Mekhail, MD, PhD

|                          | FL-guided AA block | US-guided AA block |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Procedure time           | < 5 min            | > 10 min           |
| Intraarticular injection | Yes                | No                 |

# Interventionen



# Injektionen Sonografie cervical

| US besser als BV                                     | US ebenbürtig BV            |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 3. Occipitalnerv Block<br>Medial Branch Block C3- C6 | Nervenwurzelblockade C5- C7 |
| Medial Branch Block C7                               |                             |





## Pro/Contra

| Pros                              | Contras                                     |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Ganglion stellatum                | Atlantoaxialgelenkblock                     |
| 3. Occipitalnerv Block            | Cervicale interlaminäre epidurale Blockade? |
| Medial Branch Block               | Diskographie                                |
| Cervicale Facettengelenksblockade |   |
| Cervicale Nervenwurzelblockade    |   |

Sonografie kann die Performance und Sicherheit an der Halswirbelsäule verbessern.

Aber die Sonografie kann eine intravenöse Injektion nicht vermeiden.

Wenn die Zielstruktur tiefer liegt oder nahe eines knöchernen Schallschattens ist die Fluoroskopie notwendig.

# Injektionen Sonografie cervical

## Vorsicht

Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Oncology 2015; 571-577

### MEDICAL IMAGING—ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### Ropivacaine and dexamethasone: a potentially dangerous combination for therapeutic pal-

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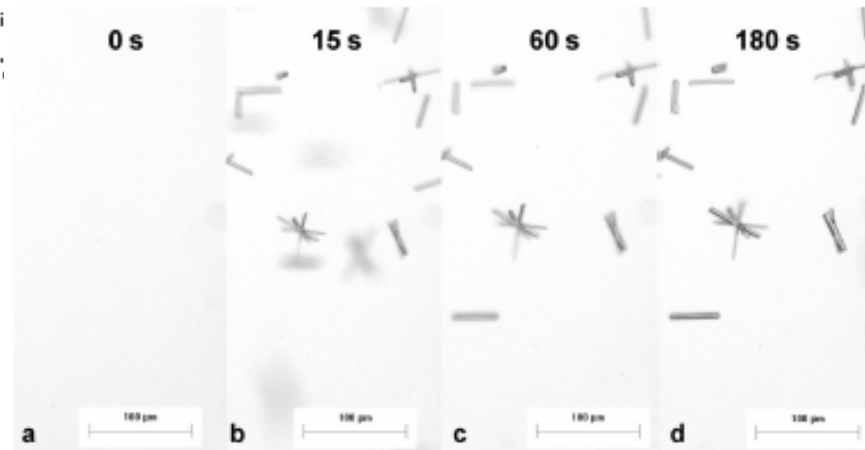


Fig. 1. Ultrasound images (20-c objective) demonstrating progressive crystallization of ropivacaine 0.75% and dexamethasone 10 mg/mL combination over time: (a)  $t = 0$  s; (b)  $t = 15$  s; (c)  $t = 60$  s; (d)  $t = 180$  s.

