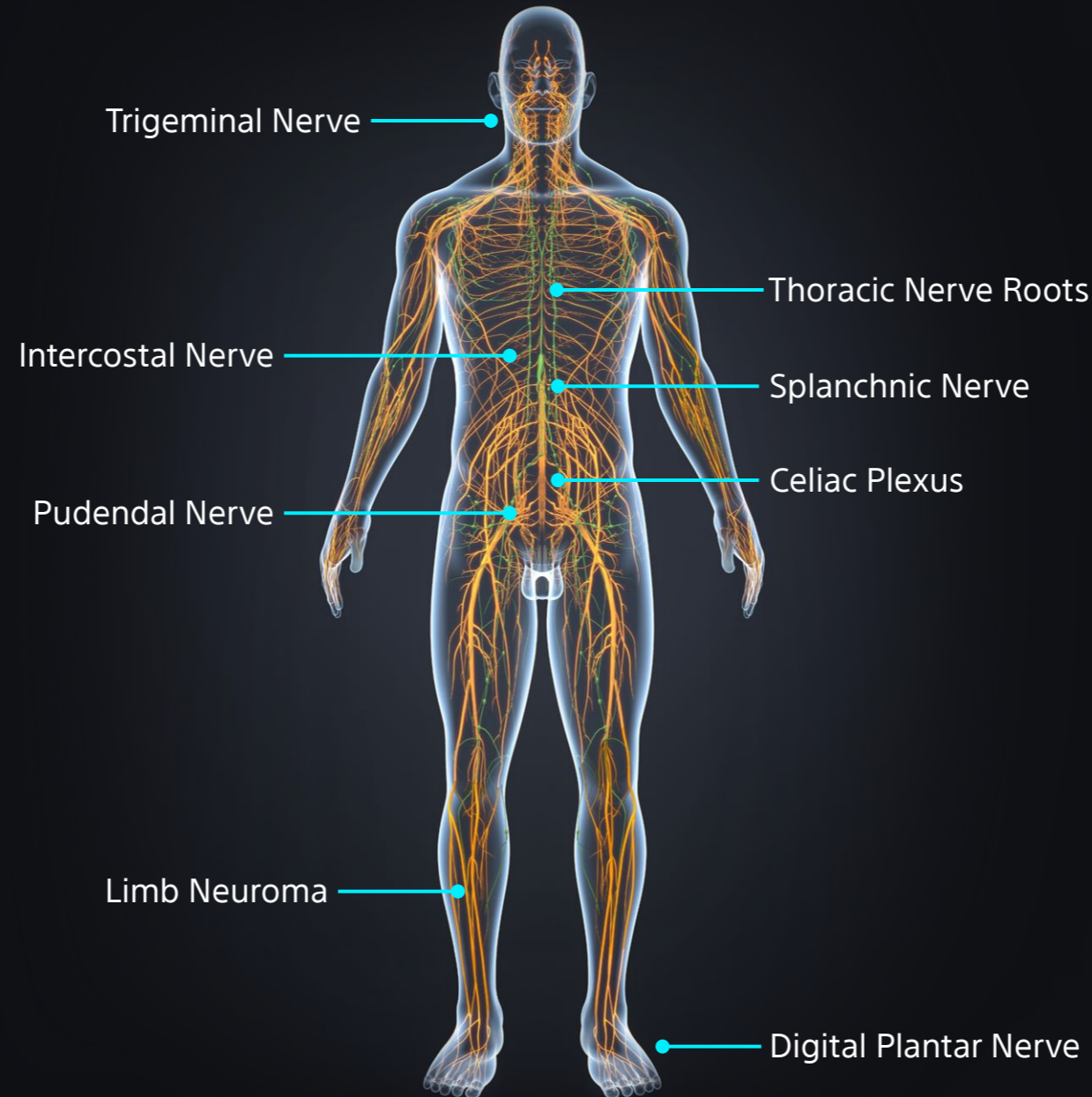




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Due to the opioid crisis, there is a growing need for alternate pain palliation methods for hard-to-treat neuropathies. Because of this, Interventional Radiologists are playing an increasing role in the pain management space. The IR's ability to percutaneously access otherwise unreachable nervous system structures, visualize and monitor ablation zones, and induce predictable neuroregeneration in clinical settings has unlocked a myriad of opportunities.



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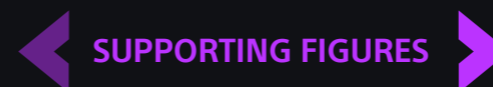
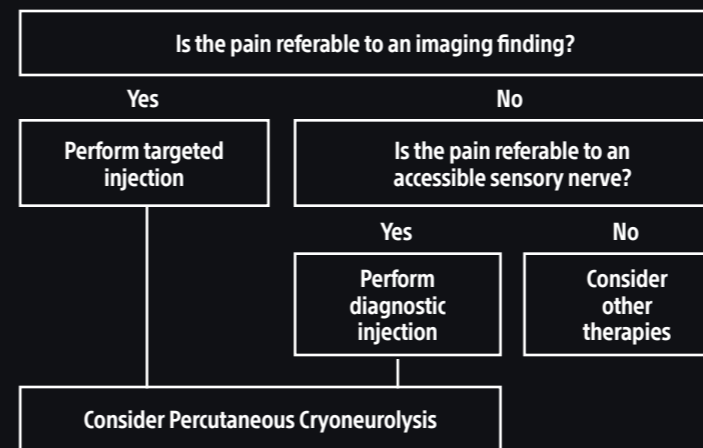
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Non-Neoplastic	Vertebral Augmentation Facet Block/Ablation Sacroiliac Block/Ablation Intradiscal Therapy Nerve Root Block Epidural Injection	Joint Injection Bursa Injection Peripheral Nerve Block Sympathetic block Sympathetic Ablation Cryoneurolysis

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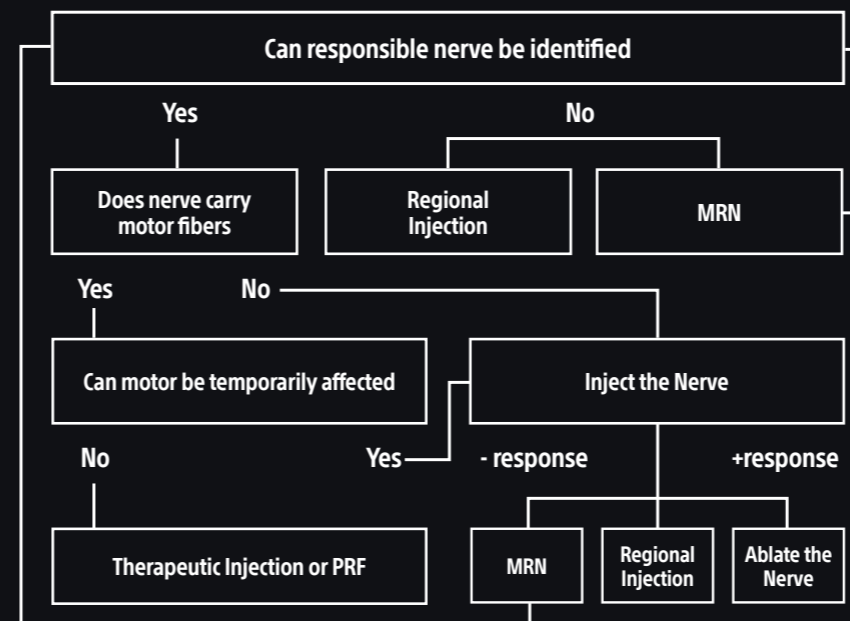
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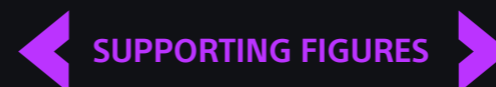
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Distance (mm)	40	840	314.3	242.3
Time (d)	89	540	226.3	128.8
Rate (mm/d)	0.3	4.1	1.5	1.2



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### Other noteworthy therapy overview articles

Interventional Cryoneurolysis: What Is the Same, What Is Different, What Is New? (Bittman et al., 2019)

Percutaneous cryoanalgesia for pain palliation: Current status and future trends (Filippiadis et al., 2021)



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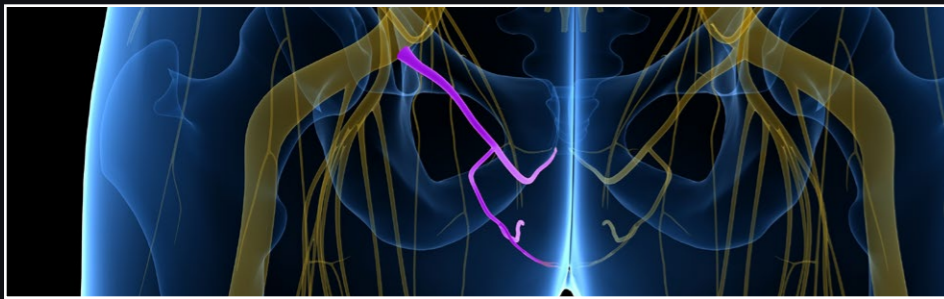
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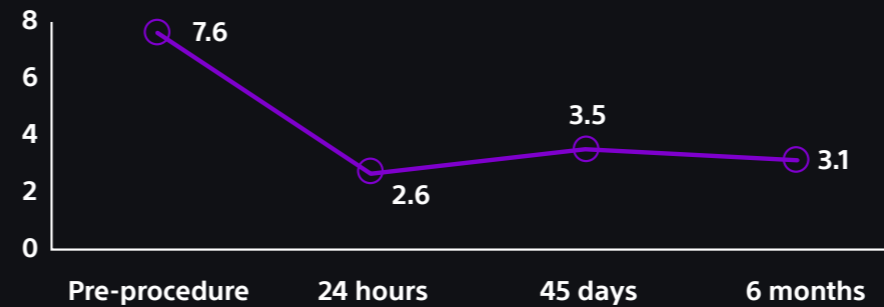
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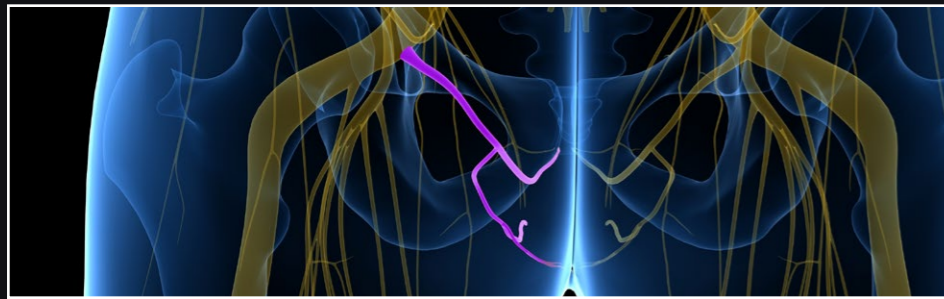
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<b>Title</b>	Percutaneous CT-guided cryoablation for the treatment of refractory pudendal neuralgia Prologo et al., 2014
<b>Type of Study</b>	Single center retrospective
<b>Number of Patients</b>	11
<b>Indication</b>	Childbirth Gynecological surgery Rectocele repair Trauma TURP/radical prostatectomy Pelvic surgery
<b>Approach &amp; Protocol</b>	Single 17-gauge cryoablation probe advanced to distal portion of pudendal canal via transgluteal approach  <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">8 min freeze</div> <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">5 min thaw</div> <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">8 min freeze</div> <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">5 min thaw</div> </div>
<b>Pain Reduction Outcomes</b>	Pain reduction from 7.6 (VAS) pre-procedure to 2.6 (VAS) at 24 hours, 3.5 (VAS) at 45 days, and 3.1 (VAS) at 6 months
<b>Other Outcomes</b>	Safety – no procedure-related complications
<b>Device Used</b>	Needle: IceSphere™



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<b>Title</b>	<b>Percutaneous CT-guided cryoablation of the bilateral pudendal nerves for palliation of intractable pain related to pelvic neoplasms</b> Prologo et al., 2020.
<b>Type of Study</b>	Retrospective cohort analysis
<b>Number of Patients</b>	10
<b>Indication</b>	Rectal mass, primary rectal small cell neuroendocrine tumor Rectal mass, HIV lymphoma, rectovaginal fistula Rectosigmoid mass, primary colon cancer Anal cancer, squamous cell primary Vaginal carcinoma, squamous cell primary Bladder cancer, undifferentiated urothelial cell origin Bladder cancer, urothelial carcinoma primary Colorectal cancer Cervical cancer Recta CA
<b>Approach &amp; Protocol</b>	Singe 17-gauge probe guided to position parallel and medial to pudendal nerve is it courses proximally in pudendal canal  Goal of including pudendal nerve in -20 °C to 40 °C  <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #00A6C8; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 10px;">8 min freeze</div> <div style="background-color: #800080; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 10px;">4 min passive thaw</div> <div style="background-color: #00A6C8; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 10px;">8 min freeze</div> <div style="background-color: #800080; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 10px;">4 min passive thaw</div> </div>
<b>Pain Reduction Outcomes</b>	Mean pain reduction of 5.2 (VAS) pre- and post-procedure
<b>Other Outcomes</b>	Time to discharge: 2.3 days
<b>Device Used</b>	Needle: IceSphere™

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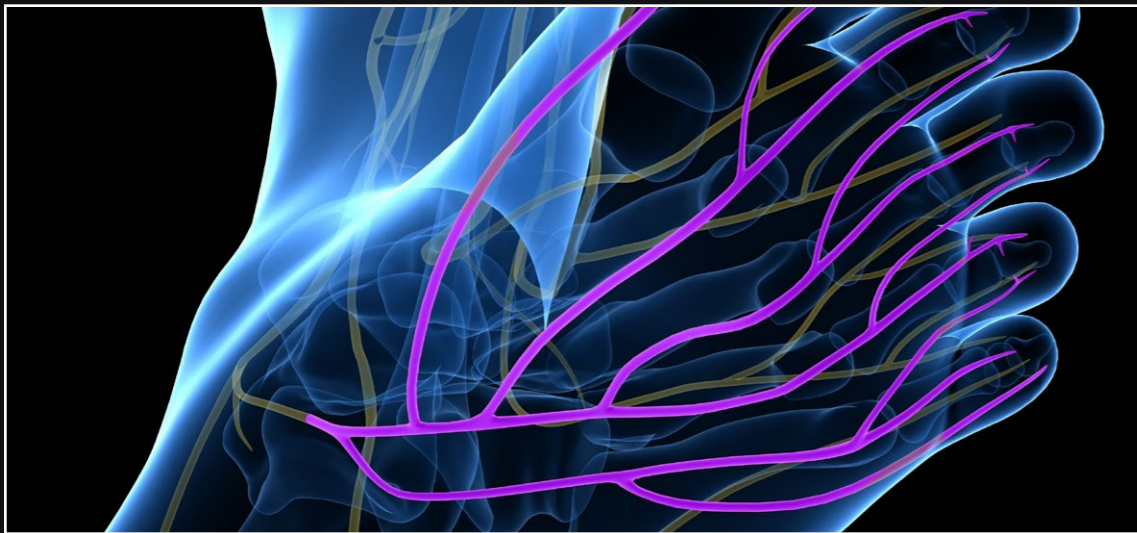
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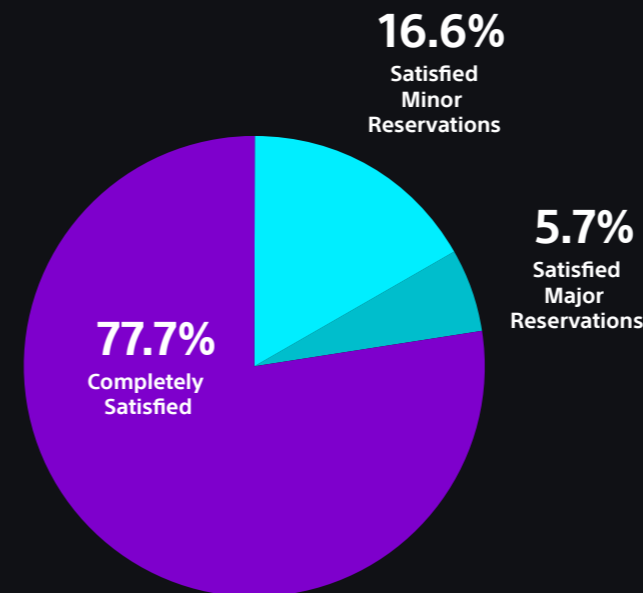
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<b>Title</b>	<b>Percutaneous MR-guided cryoablation of Morton's Neuroma: Rationale and technical details after the first 20 patients</b> Cazzato et al., 2016
<b>Nerve Treated</b>	Digital plantar nerve
<b>Type of Study</b>	Single center retrospective
<b>Number of Patients</b>	24
<b>Indication</b>	<b>Morton's Neuroma</b>
<b>Approach &amp; Protocol</b>	2 cm active tip cryoprobe inserted free hand via inter-metatarsal approach  0 °C <b>freezing cycle</b> for 150s. Additional 90s freezing cycles if lesion not completely covered by initial iceball  Followed by short <b>thawing cycle</b> before removing needles
<b>Pain Reduction Outcomes</b>	Patient satisfaction score. 77.7% completely satisfied, 16.6% satisfied with minor reservations, 5.7% satisfied with major reservations
<b>Other Outcomes</b>	Safety – no procedure-related complications
<b>Device Used</b>	Needle: IceSeed™







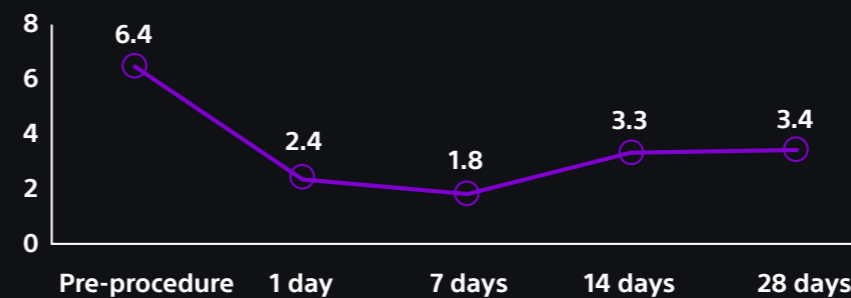
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<b>Nerve Treated</b>	Thoracic nerve roots																												
<b>Type of Study</b>	Single center retrospective																												
<b>Number of Patients</b>	26																												
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<b>Approach &amp; Protocol</b>	Probe inserted near the intervertebral foramina  <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #00A6C8; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">10 min freeze</div> <div style="background-color: #800080; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">8 min thaw</div> <div style="background-color: #00A6C8; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">10 min freeze</div> <div style="background-color: #800080; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">Active thaw to remove</div> </div>																												
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<b>Other Outcomes</b>	Technical success rate 96.7% (One minor complication - high dorsal pain during needle positioning, which prevented full procedure).																												
<b>Device Used</b>	Needle: IceRod™ and IceSphere™																												



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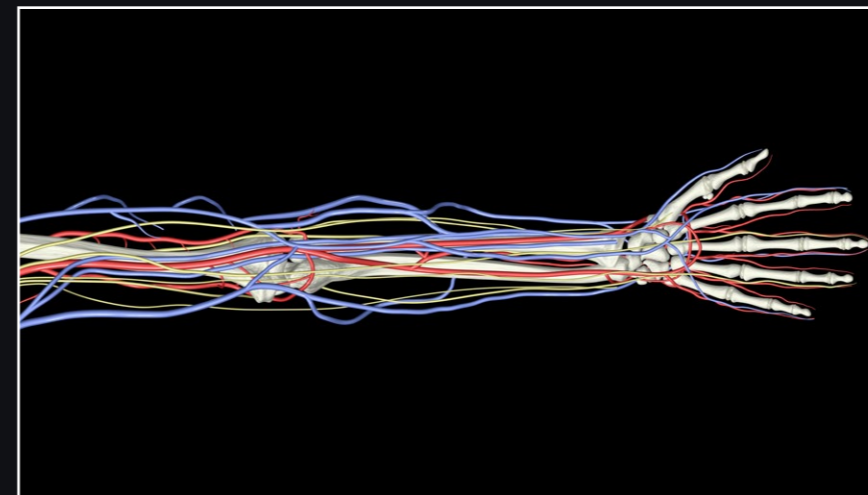
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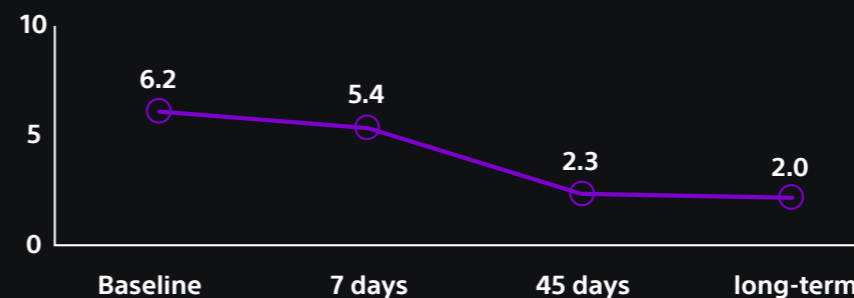
# LIMB NEUROMA: PHANTOM LIMB



<b>Title</b>	Percutaneous image-guided cryoablation for the treatment of phantom limb pain in amputees: A pilot study Prologo et al., 2016
<b>Nerve Treated</b>	Various
<b>Type of Study</b>	Single-arm, prospective pilot cohort
<b>Number of Patients</b>	21
<b>Indication</b>	Phantom limb pain post amputation
<b>Approach &amp; Protocol</b>	<p>Neuromas in limb identified by CT and Ultrasound. Suspected neuromas injected with 4 mL 0.25% bupivacaine and 6 mL betamethasone. If symptoms decreased, the neuroma was targeted.</p> <p>At -40 °C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 min freeze</li> <li>5 min passive thaw</li> <li>10 min freeze</li> <li>5 min passive thaw</li> </ul>
<b>Pain Reduction Outcomes</b>	Pain reduction from 6.2 (VAS) at baseline to 5.4 (VAS) at 7 days, 2.3 (VAS) at 45 days, and 2.0 (VAS) long-term.
<b>Other Outcomes</b>	<p>Safety and feasibility. 1 unrelated death and 29% minor complications. 100% technical success, with all neuromas fully ablated.</p> <p>Improvement in functional status (RMDQ scale) of 11.3 at baseline, 9.4 at 7 days, and 3.3 at 45 days</p>
<b>Device Used</b>	System: Visual ICE™ Needle: IceSphere™



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Improvement in Functional Status | RMDQ scale



## Other Limb Neuroma Studies

**Treatment of phantom limb pain by Cryoneurolysis of the amputated nerve**  
(Moesker et al., 2014). Cryoablation of peripheral nerves in 5 patients with phantom limb pain, followed for 2.5 years.

**Cryoprobe treatment: an alternative to phenol injections for painful neuromas after amputation**  
(Neumann et al., 2008). Cryoablation of stump neuromas in 10 patients with phantom limb pain, followed for 3 years.

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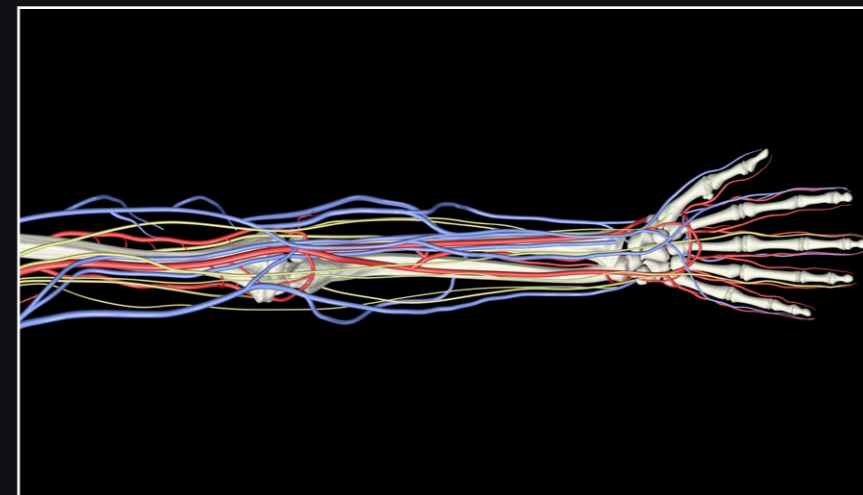
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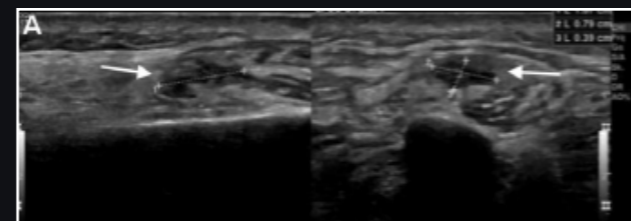
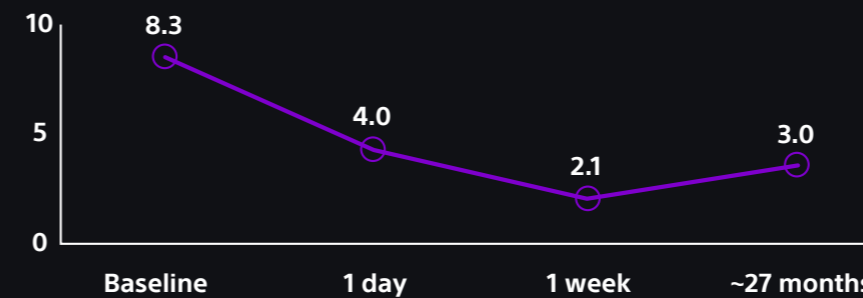
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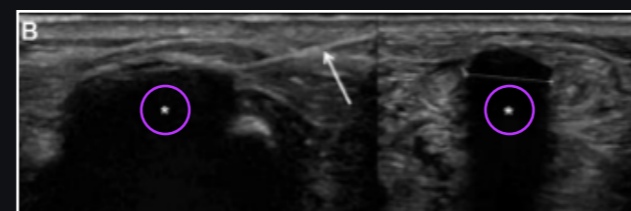
<b>Title</b>	<b>Icing the Pain-Ultrasound-Guided Cryoablation of Symptomatic Post-Amputation Stump Neuroma</b> Falck et al., 2022
<b>Nerve Treated</b>	Painful stump neuroma
<b>Type of Study</b>	Observational
<b>Number of Patients</b>	7 patients (8 neuromas)
<b>Indication</b>	Sonographically identifiable, painful stump neuroma and decrease of pain after probatory perineural infiltration.
<b>Approach &amp; Protocol</b>	Sonographic evaluation of the stump to identify neuroma, followed by image-guided perineural infiltration with 5 ml prilocaine and 5 ml ropivacaine using 20 G needle. If patient reported pain reduction, cryoablation performed:  <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #00A6C9; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">6 min freeze</div> <div style="background-color: #800080; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">4 min thaw</div> <div style="background-color: #00A6C9; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">6 min freeze</div> <div style="background-color: #800080; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">4 min thaw</div> </div>
<b>Pain Reduction Outcomes</b>	Pain reduction (VAS) from 8.3/10 at baseline to 4/10 (VAS) at 1 day, 2.1/10 (VAS) at 1 week, and 3/10 (VAS) at last follow up – mean 27 months
<b>Other Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% technical success.</li> <li>• Patient satisfaction 70/100</li> <li>• 6/7 patients reported willingness to undergo re-ablation</li> <li>• 1 patient experienced skin redness one day post ablation, which resolved on its own</li> <li>• 1 patient received repeat ablation for same neuroma during follow up due to aggravating pain after initial pain palliation</li> </ul>
<b>Device Used</b>	System: Visual ICE™ Needle: IceSphere™ or IceSeed™



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**A:** Depiction of a typical neuroma (11 x 8x4 mm) causing pain, which could be triggered by pressure.



**B:** Ultrasound-guided placement of the cryoprobe (open arrow) and monitoring of the evolving iceball (\*) that covers the neuroma completely

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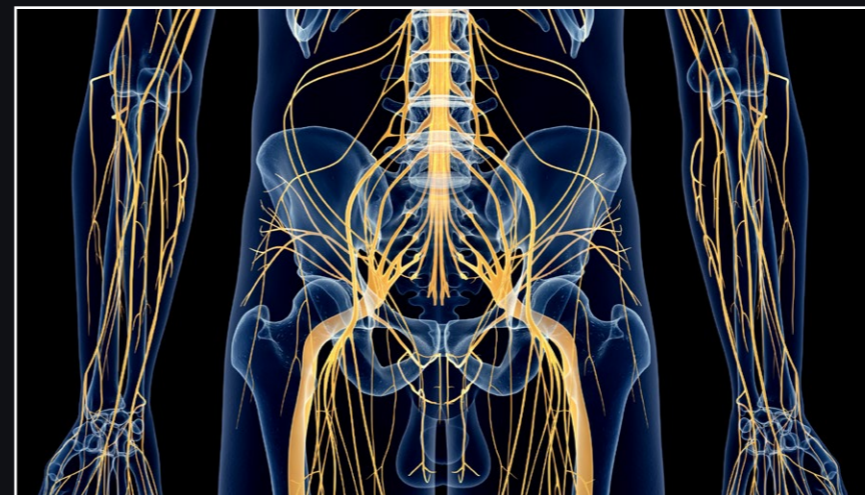
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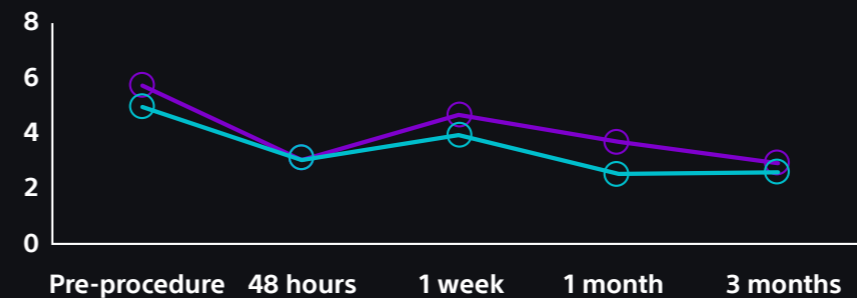
# CELIAC PLEXUS



<b>Title</b>	<b>Percutaneous CT-guided cryoablation of the Celiac Plexus: A retrospective cohort comparison with ethanol</b> Chary et al., 2020	
<b>Type of Study</b>	Retrospective cohort comparison	
<b>Number of Patients</b>	83	
<b>Indication (cryoablation vs. ethanol)</b>	<b>Cryoablation</b>	<b>Ethanol</b>
	Pancreatic cancer 26	30
	Colon cancer 3	4
	Pancreatitis 4	2
	Gastric adenocarcinoma 2	1
	Esophageal cancer 1	1
	Cholangiocarcinoma 1	1
	Ovarian cancer 2	
	Median arcuate ligament syndrome 2	
	Hepatocellular carcinoma 1	
	Persistent gastric ulceration 1	
	Bladder cancer 1	
<b>Approach &amp; Protocol</b>	<b>Cryoablation</b> Two 17-gauge cryoablation probes advanced to celiac plexus bilaterally 8-10 min freeze 3-5 min passive thaw 8-10 min freeze 3-5 min passive thaw	<b>Ethanol</b> For each alcohol case, two 22-gauge needles were advanced to the celiac plexus (one on each side) and injected with contrast to confirm extravascular location of the needle tips. A total of 40 mL of absolute alcohol was split between sides and injected. Needles were flushed before removal.
<b>Pain Reduction Outcomes</b>	<b>Cryoablation</b> 5.8 (VAS) pre-procedure, reduced pain to 3.1 (VAS) at 48 hr, 4.7 (VAS) at 1 week, 3.7 (VAS) at 1 month, and 2.9 (VAS) at 3 months	<b>Ethanol</b> 5.0 (VAS) pre-procedure, dropped to 3.7 (VAS) at 48 hr, 3.9 (VAS) at 1 week, 2.5 (VAS) at 1 month, and 2.6 (VAS) at 3 months
<b>Other Outcomes</b>	<b>Cryoablation</b> Patients had a 5.1% incidence of diarrhea post-procedure	<b>Ethanol</b> Patients had a 20.5% incidence of diarrhea post-procedure
<b>Device Used</b>	Needle: IceRod™ and IceSphere™	



**Pain Reduction (VAS) | — Cryoneurolysis vs. — Ethanol**



### Other studies

**Percutaneous computed tomography guided cryoablation of the celiac plexus as an alternative treatment for intractable pain caused by pancreatic cancer**

(Yarmohammadi et al., 2011). Case study of 43-year-old male with pancreatic cancer using 17 gauge IceSphere cryoablation probe.

**CT-guided celiac plexus neurolysis: a review of anatomy, indications, technique, and tips for successful treatment**

(Kambadakone et al., 2011). Overview of current protocol for celiac plexus block with alcohol. Includes key anatomy, most common indications, and CT imaging strategies.

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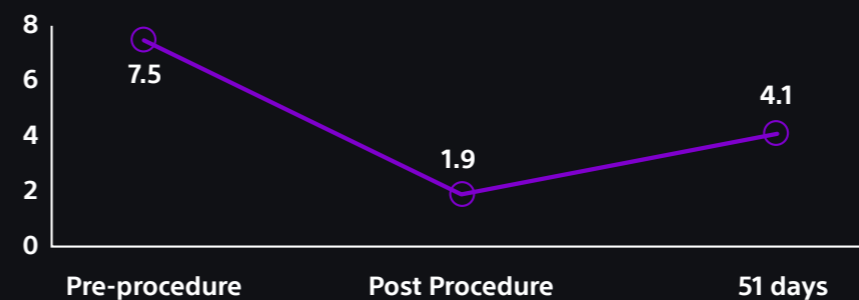
# TRIGEMINAL NERVE



<b>Title</b>	CT-guided cryoablation for palliation of secondary trigeminal neuralgia from head and neck malignancy Prologo et al., 2012
<b>Type of Study</b>	Single center retrospective
<b>Number of Patients</b>	3
<b>Indication</b>	Squamous cell carcinoma Recurrent mucoepidermoid carcinoma.
<b>Approach &amp; Protocol</b>	1-2 probes placed in tumor and 2-4 freeze-thaw cycles performed  <div style="background-color: #00A68F; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">10 min freeze</div> <div style="background-color: #800080; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">6-8 min thaw</div>
<b>Pain Reduction Outcomes</b>	Pain reduction from 7.5 (VAS) pre-procedure to 1.9 (VAS) immediately after procedure and 4.1 (VAS) after 51 days
<b>Other Outcomes</b>	No post-procedure outcomes
<b>Device Used</b>	Percryo 15, Siemens



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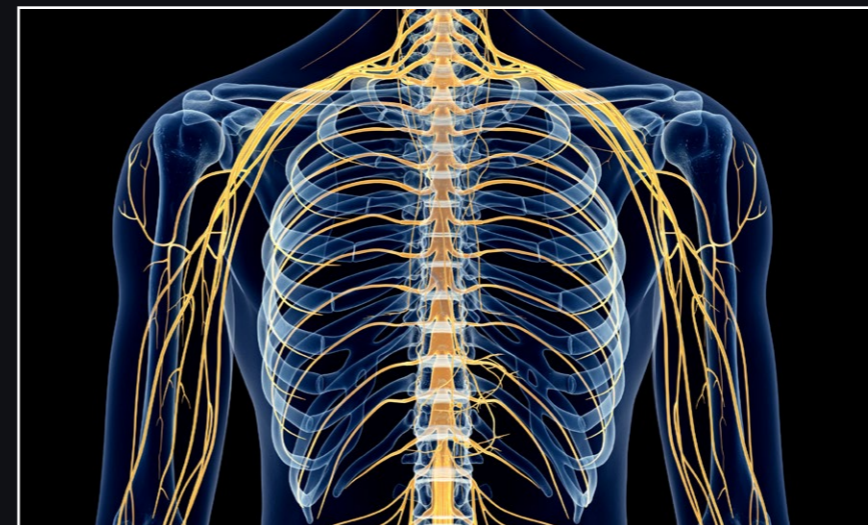
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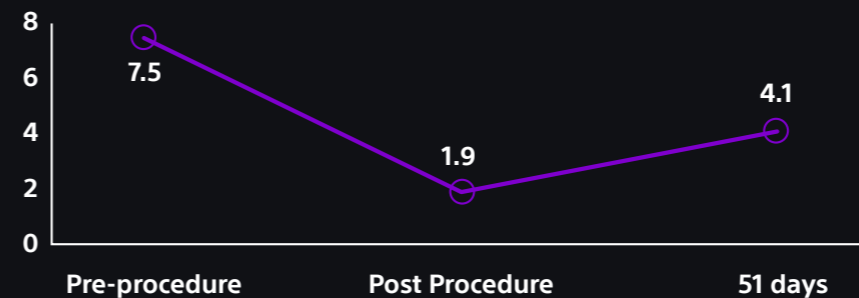
# INTERCOSTAL NERVE



<b>Title</b>	CT guided percutaneous cryoneurolysis for post thoracotomy pain syndrome Moore et al., 2010
<b>Type of Study</b>	Single center retrospective
<b>Number of Patients</b>	18
<b>Indication</b>	Thoracotomy - various
<b>Approach &amp; Protocol</b>	Site of pain localized by palpation and marked. CT radiopaque skin markers placed lateral to spine at expected locations transverse processes of thoracic vertebrae  At each level, 25-gauge needle placed to determine angle of inclination. Needle advanced to pain point, then sedated.  30% power <b>90s freeze</b>
<b>Pain Reduction Outcomes</b>	Pain reduction from 7.5 (VAS) pre-procedure to 1.9 (VAS) immediately after procedure and 4.1 (VAS) after 51 days
<b>Other Outcomes</b>	No post-procedure outcomes
<b>Device Used</b>	Percryo 15, Siemens



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## Other studies

### Efficacy of intercostal cryoneurolysis as an analgesic adjunct for chest wall pain after surgery or trauma: systematic review

(Cha et al., 2021). Systematic review of PubMed, EMBASE, and the Cochrane Library evaluating efficacy of intercostal cryoneurolysis for pain control after chest wall trauma.

### Next day discharge after the Nuss procedure using intercostal nerve cryoablation, intercostal nerve blocks, and a perioperative ERAS pain protocol

(DiFiore et al., 2021). Prospective study of 40 patients undergoing Nuss procedure for pectus excavatum, using cryoablation of intercostal nerves to reduce length of stay, opioid use, pain scores, and time to sensory recovery.

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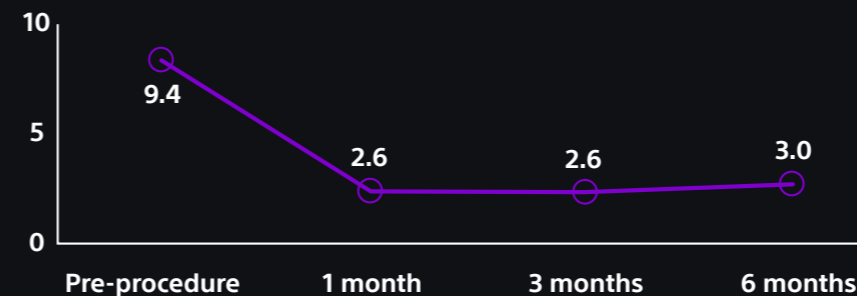
# SPLANCHNIC NERVE



<b>Title</b>	A technical report on the performance of percutaneous cryoneurolysis of splanchnic nerves for the treatment of refractory abdominal pain in the patients with pancreatic cancer: Initial experience Fillipiadis et al., 2021
<b>Type of Study</b>	Retrospective review of prospectively collected data
<b>Number of Patients</b>	5
<b>Indication</b>	Pancreatic Cancer
<b>Approach &amp; Protocol</b>	<p>Target for splanchnic nerves neurolysis lies retrocrurally at the anterolateral border of the T12 vertebral body. At this point located posterior to the diaphragmatic crus splanchnic nerves can be destroyed before they penetrate the crus</p> <p>Local anesthesia with Lidocaine Hydrochloride 2% and intra-venous analgesia with paracetamol was used to treat intra-procedural pain</p> <p>Percutaneous posterior paravertebral approach in all cases with cryoprobes placed anterolaterally to the vertebral body; in 4/5 patients cryoprobes were placed bilaterally at T12 level whilst in 1/5 patient cryoprobes were placed unilaterally on the left side at T12 and T11 levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 min freeze</li> <li>4 min passive thaw</li> <li>1 min active thaw</li> </ul>
<b>Pain Reduction Outcomes</b>	Pain reduction from 9.4 (VAS) pre-procedure to 2.6 (VAS) at 1 month, 2.6 (VAS) at 3 months, and 3 (VAS) at 6 months.
<b>Other Outcomes</b>	<p>No complications</p> <p>All patients reported decrease in analgesic use, with 3/5 patients moving from transdermal opioid patches to oral anti-inflammatory analgesics</p>
<b>Device Used</b>	Needle: IceSphere™ 1.5 CX



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Title	Percutaneous CT-guided cryoablation for the treatment of refractory pudendal neuralgia Prologo et al., 2015	Percutaneous CT-Guided Cryoablation of the Bilateral Pudendal Nerves for Palliation of Intractable Pain Related to Pelvic Neoplasms Prologo et al., 2020	Percutaneous MR-Guided Cryoablation of Morton's Neuroma: Rationale and Technical Details After the First 20 Patients Cazzato et al., 2016	Cryoneurolysis in Patients with Dorsal Neuropathic Pain Secondary to Tumor Invasion Daubie, et al., 2020	Percutaneous Image-Guided Cryoablation for the Treatment of Phantom Limb Pain in Amputees: A Pilot Study Prologo, et al., 2016	Icing the Pain- Ultrasound-Guided Cryoablation of Symptomatic Post-Amputation Stump Neuroma Falck et al., 2022	Percutaneous CT-Guided Cryoablation of the Celiac Plexus: A Retrospective Cohort Comparison with Ethanol Behbahani, Chary et al., 2020	CT-guided cryoablation for palliation of secondary trigeminal neuralgia from head and neck malignancy Dar, Prologo, et al., 2012	CT Guided Percutaneous Cryoneurolysis for Post Thoracotomy Pain Syndrome Moore et al., 2010 United States	A Technical Report on the Performance of Percutaneous Cryoneurolysis of Splanchnic Nerves for the Treatment of Refractory Abdominal Pain in Patients with Pancreatic Cancer: Initial Experience Filippiadis et al., 2021
Nerve Treated	Pudendal nerve	Pudendal nerve	Digital plantar nerve	Thoracic nerve roots	Various	Painful stump neuroma	Celiac Plexus	Trigeminal nerve	Intercostal nerves	Splanchnic nerve
Pain Reduction Outcomes	Pain reduction of 4.5 on visual analog scale (VAS)	Pain reduction of 5.2 on VAS	N/A	Pain reduction of 3.0 on VAS	Pain reduction of 4.2 on VAS	Pain reduction of 5.3 on VAS	Pain reduction of 2.9 on VAS with cryoablation, compared to pain reduction of 2.4 with ethanol	Patient reported pain reduction in all 3 cases	Pain reduction of 3.4 on VAS	Pain reduction of 6.4 on VAS
Other Outcomes	No procedure related complications	N/A	94.3% patient satisfaction 100% technical success	96.7% technical success rate	29% minor complications. 100% technical success.  1 unrelated death.	100% technical success rate  Patient Satisfaction 70/100	5.1 % incidence of diarrhea with cryoablation, compared to 20.5% with ethanol patients	N/A	No post-procedure complications	No complications  All patients reported decrease in analgesic use, with 3/5 patients moving from transdermal opioid patches to oral anti-inflammatory analgesics
Device Used	Needle: IceSphere™	Needle: IceSphere	Needle: IceSeed™	Needle: IceRod™ and IceSphere	System: Visual ICE™ Needle: IceSphere	System: Visual ICE™ Needle: IceSphere or IceSeed	Needle: IceRod and IceSphere	Needle: IceSeed and IceSphere	Percryo 15, by Siemens	Needle: IceSphere 1.5 CX

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