

Failure of Inferior Alveolar Nerve Block- An approach to newer alternatives: A Review

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Background

Achieving proper anesthesia is imperative to performing most dental procedures. The most commonly used nerve block in mandibular dental procedures: The Inferior alveolar nerve block sometimes fail even when performed by the most experienced clinician.

Overview

This paper is a review on various studies done on Inferior alveolar nerve block and its alternatives. The

reasons for failure, patient compliance, effectiveness during the procedure and complications are to be kept in mind while looking for its newer alternatives.

Conclusion

Since newer and better alternatives are available than Inferior alveolar nerve block, the patient must be assessed and subjected to those methods rather than to repeat the same block in case of a failure.