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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- *ADA - American Diabetes Association .*
- *ASRA - American Society of Regional Anesthesia.*
- *AR - Adrenergic Receptor.*
- *CNS - Central Nervous System .*
- *CSF – Cerebrospinal Fluid .*
- *CBF - Cerebral Blood Flow.*
- *CMR - Cerebral Metabolic Rate.*
- *CBC - Complete Blood Picture.*
- *DKA - Diabetic Ketoacidosis .*
- *EASD - European Association for the Study of Diabetes.*
- *FPG - Fasting Plasma Glucose .*
- *GDM - Gestational Diabetes Mellitus.*
- *GRA - Great Radicular Artery .*
- *GABA - γ -aminobutyric acid.*
- *HDL - High density lipoproteins.*
- *HGBA1C - Hemoglobin A1C.*
- *HSS - Hyperosmolar Hyperglycemic State.*
- *HR - Heart rate.*
- *HOCM - Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy .*
- *ICU - Intensive Care Unit.*
- *INR - International Normalized Ratio.*
- *IVRA - Intravenous Regional Anesthesia.*
- *MODY - Maturity-Onset Diabetes of the Young.*
- *MOR - Mu Opioid Receptor.*
- *MAP – Mean Arterial blood Pressure.*
- *OGTT - Oral Glucose Tolerance Test .*
- *PT - Prothrombin Time .*
- *PTT - Partial Thromboplastin Time .*
- *PDPH - Post-Dural Puncture Headache .*
- *SGOT - Serum Glutamic Oxaloacetic Transaminase.*
 - *SGPT - Serum Pyruvic Glutamic Transaminase.*
- *SPO2 - Arterial Oxygen Saturation.*
- *T1DM - Type 1 Diabetes.*
- *T2DM - Type 2 Diabetes .*
- *TG - Triglycerides .*
- *TNS - Transient Neurologic Symptoms .*
- *VAS - Visual Analogue pain Scale*
- *Vd - Volume of distribution.*

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INTRODUCTION

Between 1990 and 2010, the number of adults who were diagnosed with diabetes mellitus more than tripled from 6.5 million to 20.7 million. Diabetes mellitus, a disease that complicates most organ systems, is characterized by increased concentrations of blood glucose due to a relative lack of endogenous insulin secretion or insulin insensitivity (*Pardo and Miller, 2018*).

The age of onset of diabetes is coming down. So, more and more number of diabetic patients will require surgery and hence anesthesia. Diabetic patients who require surgery present special challenges in the perioperative management. Special attention must be paid for prevention and treatment of metabolic disturbances. The surgical outcome and prognosis of those patients is affected by the perioperative glycemic control and end-organ effects of diabetes (*Patel, 2015*).

By proper pre-anesthetic evaluation and risk assessment, meticulous glycemic control, good anesthetic techniques, and efficient postoperative management, safe anesthesia can be made for diabetic patients. Diabetic Patients have a higher incidence of morbidity and mortality following surgery and also have an increased length of hospital stay (*Patel, 2015*).

Perioperative hyperglycemia may result from various causes including stress-induced neuroendocrine changes, patient's underlying metabolic state and exogenous glucose administration (*Pardo and Miller, 2018*).

Neuraxial anesthesia is indicated as the primary anesthetic for major and minor surgeries or as an adjunctive anesthetic for intraoperative pain control in addition to general anesthesia. It is most useful as the primary

anesthetic in surgeries involving the abdomen, perineum, or lower extremities (*Farag et al., 2018*).

Regional anesthesia in diabetic patients avoids hormonal and metabolic changes that occur with general anesthesia and allows early mobilization. So, regional anesthesia facilitates minimal interruption of the normal daily routine of diet and treatment for diabetic patients (*Pani et al., 2010*).

Spinal anesthesia is the most common and popular technique for lower limb surgeries. The most common local anesthetic used for this technique is 0.5% hyperbaric bupivacaine: However the anesthesia provided by bupivacaine alone may be short in duration for prolonged surgeries. The current practice in modern anesthesia is to add small doses of adjuvants to local anesthetics to fasten the onset time, improve quality of intra-operative anesthesia, prolong analgesia and decrease the complications associated with intrathecal administrations of high dose of hyperbaric bupivacaine alone (*Mishra et al., 2017*).

A variety of medications may exert a direct analgesic effect on the spinal cord and nerve roots, or prolong the duration of sensory and motor blockade. The coadministration of such drugs often allows a reduction in the dose of local anesthetic, with the advantage of motor block sparing and faster recovery while still producing the same degree of analgesia. (*Pardo and Miller, 2018*).

Various adjuvants are often added to local anesthetics solutions such as vasoconstrictors (epinephrine 1:200,000), opioids (fentanyl, morphine, and sufentanil), and alpha-2-adrenergic agonists (clonidine and dexmedetomidine), to prolong the duration and intensify the effect of a spinal anesthetic (*Farag et al., 2018*).

Opioids such as fentanyl and morphine can be added to enhance surgical analgesia and improve postoperative pain without prolonging motor or sympathetic blockade. These opioids work at the μ (mu) opioid receptors located in the dorsal horn of the spinal cord (*Farag et al., 2018*).

Fentanyl in various doses when added to hyperbaric bupivacaine for subarachnoid block produce prolonged duration of analgesia. But it is associated with respiratory depression, pruritus and retention of urine (*Mishra et al., 2017*).

The functional μ (mu) opioid receptors in the dorsal horn of spinal cord in diabetics are either reduced or impaired in their function. This may be one of the mechanisms underlying the reduced spinal analgesic effect of μ opioid in diabetic neuropathic pain (*Tarbeeh and Mohamed, 2012*).

Dexmedetomidine is a highly selective alpha 2-adrenoceptor agonist with sedative, anxiolytic, sympatholytic, and analgesic sparing effects, and minimal depression of respiratory function. It is potent and highly selective for alpha 2-receptors with an alpha 2: alpha 1 ratio of 1620:1 (*Weerink et al., 2017*).

It is approved for short term sedation in an intensive care unit (ICU) setting or in non-intubated patients prior to and/or during surgical and other procedures. Dexmedetomidine is the dextro isomer of medetomidine with eight times greater selectivity for α 2-adrenergic receptors than clonidine. This action in the central and peripheral nervous systems results in sedation and analgesia (sedoanalgesia). Dexmedetomidine is devoid of opioid and gabaergic activity and is not

associated with respiratory depression resulting in cooperative and conscious (semi arousable) sedation (*Chue et al., 2017*).

Dexmedetomidine has numerous benefits when used for neuroaxial block. It acts on both pre and post synaptic sympathetic nerve terminals as well as on central nervous system thereby decreasing the sympathetic outflow and also noradrenaline release causing sedation, anxiolytic, analgesic and sympatholytic effects. It lacks opioid like properties so opioid related side effects are not found (*Mishra et al., 2017*).

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