

# Coeliac Ganglion Blockade

Coeliac ganglion blockade is a type of palliative treatment of abdominal pain especially in patients in terminal stage of malignant diseases as:

- pancreatic cancer;
- biliary system tumors;<sup>[1]</sup>
- or chronic pancreatitis.

This procedure is the best solution for all these patients, when the classical therapy of pain by drugs (opioids) has side effects (nausea, constipation...) or does not have required effect.

The celiac ganglion is nervous ganglion localized in retroperitoneal space and surrounds the origin of the celiac trunk. It leads abdominal pain.

## Procedure

The blockade can be performed:

- percutaneously under radiological control (CT);
- endoscopically under EUSG control.<sup>[2]</sup>

Then is into the ganglion injected 12 ml of 96% ethanol, 6 ml of 0,5% marcain and 0,5 ml of contrast agent by a needle.<sup>[1]</sup>

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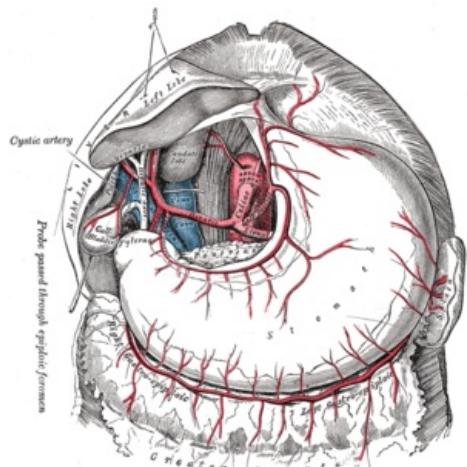
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### References

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The coeliac ganglion is localized near to *truncus coeliacus* in retroperitoneal space.