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## Abstract

**Case**: Controlling pain in total knee arthroplasty (TKA) is important but can be complex. We present a case of a 59-year-old female with opioid-induced hyperalgesia who was referred for left knee pain and end-stage tricompartmental degenerative joint disease after failure of conservative management. We outline an approach to control postoperative pain in patients undergoing TKA who have severe opioid contraindications.

**Conclusion**: TKA and physical rehabilitation with a 2 year follow up period was accomplished using a multimodal non-opioid approach including a combination of gabapentin, acetaminophen, ketorolac, meloxicam, methocarbamol, a tunneled femoral nerve catheter, and peri-articular cocktail injection.

**Key terms**: Total knee arthroplasty, Opioid-free analgesia, Opioid induced hyperalgesia