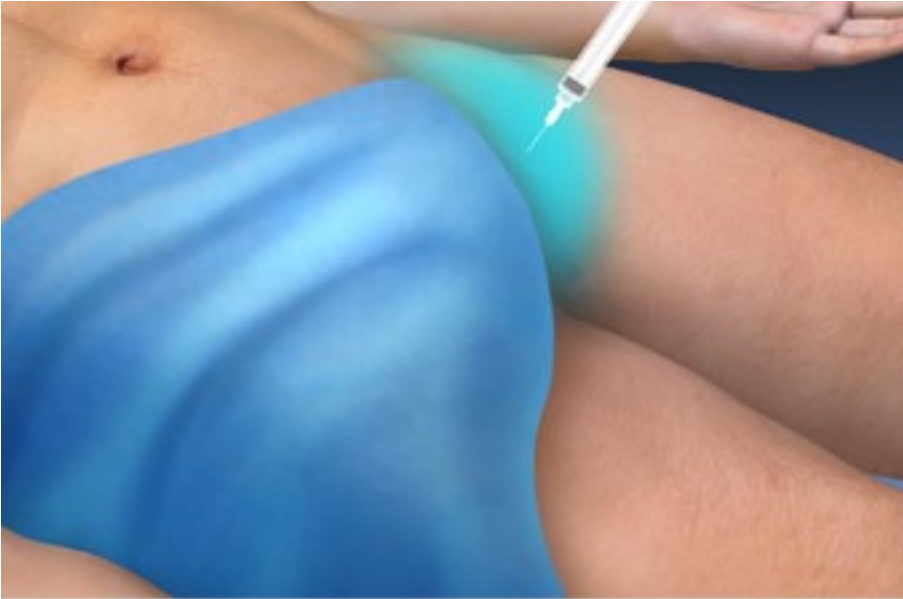


## Femoral Nerve Block



### Overview

If you're having surgery on your leg, you may be given a femoral nerve block. It's an injection that numbs the upper part of your leg. It can be used to block pain before and after surgery.

### Preparation

To start, you lie down. Your skin is numbed. Then, the doctor finds your femoral nerve. That's a large nerve in your hip and thigh. The doctor may use electric stimulation to help find the nerve. Or, the doctor may use ultrasound.

### Injection

When the nerve has been found, a needle is carefully pushed through your numbed skin and down to the nerve. Medicine is injected to bathe the nerve. It blocks sensation in your thigh and in your knee.

### Conclusion

The numbness lasts for several hours. You may be given other medicine to keep your pain under control when the block wears off.

