

Abscess I + D recipe summary

Pre-assessment

- Often young, fit
- Clarify location of abscess and surgical position required
- Decide igel or tube

Surgery

- Quick procedure ~ 30 mins total
- Get deep before incision
 - MACs 1.2 – 1.4
 - Time your opiate
 - Fentanyl ~ 5 mins to peak effect
 - Alfentanil ~ 90 s to peak effect
 - Time your propofol
 - 30 s before incision
- Deepen if significant response to stimulation
 - If concerned tell surgeon to stop

Post operative care

- Clarify decision on
 - Post operative antibiotics
 - Post operative VTE prophylaxis timings
- Ensure ongoing analgesia/antiemetics prescribed

Induction

- Often can use igel
- Generous propofol dose
- Small opiate dose – save most for later

Intra operative analgesia

- Paracetamol
- NSAID – if no significant bleeding/CI
- No local infiltration
- Usual post op pack

Emergence

- Igel to come out in either recovery or theatres depending on policy