

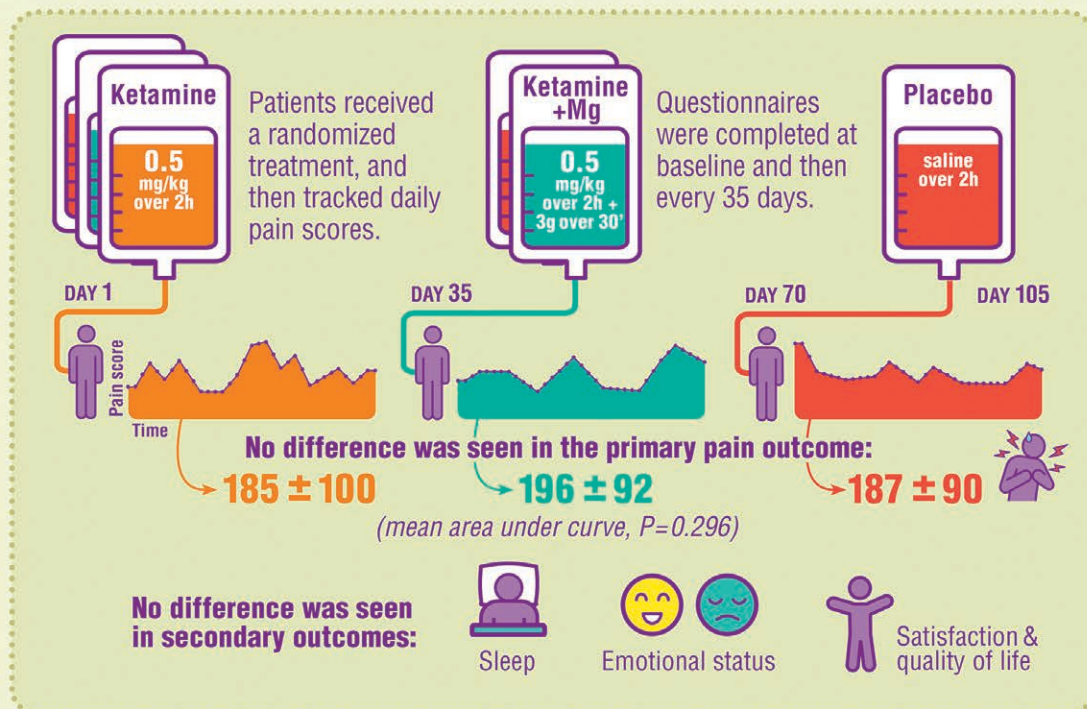
INFOGRAPHICS IN ANESTHESIOLOGY

Complex Information for Anesthesiologists Presented Quickly and Clearly

KETAMINE for Neuropathic Pain: an Infusion of Relief?

Ketamine has been used to treat several types of pain but evidence regarding neuropathic pain is weak.

Pickering *et al.*¹ randomized 20 patients with neuropathic pain in a double-blind cross-over placebo-controlled trial.



A cautious reassessment of ketamine for chronic pain is needed²:

- Establish patient registries
- Define goals of treatment

- Determine effective ketamine dosage
- Always take a multi-disciplinary approach

More work needs to be done to define the role of ketamine in treating chronic pain.

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