

Table 2: Surgical and anesthetic information regarding the 68 study's patients randomly assigned into total extraperitoneal repair and Lichtenstein procedures and subdivided according to anesthesia into nerve block with spinal anesthesia and general anesthesia subgroups.

	TEP-SA	TEP-GA	Open-SA	Open-GA	p
Operative Time (minutes)	32.4 ± 7	31.3 ± 7.9	33.2 ± 6	33.4 ± 6.4	0.81
Pain during surgery	7 (41.2)	-	3 (17.6)	-	0.13
Additional Sedoanalgesia during surgery	5 (29.4)	-	3 (17.6)	-	0.34
Pneumoperitoneum	3 (17.6)	6 (35.3)	-	-	0.22
Intraoperative complications					0.40
None	14 (82.3)	17 (100)	17 (100)	17 (100)	
Hypertension	1 (5.9)	0	0	0	
Tachycardia	1 (5.9)	0	0	0	
Bradycardia	1 (5.9)	0	0	0	
Postoperative complications					0.95
None	16 (94.1)	17 (100)	14 (82.3)	17 (100)	
Headache	1 (5.9)	0	3 (17.6)	0	
Length of hospitalization (days)	1	1	1	1	-
Time to return to normal activity (hours)	6.6 ± 1.4	7.5 ± 1.3	7.5 ± 1.2	7.6 ± 1.7	0.17
Follow-up period (month)	3.5 ± 1.1 ^{a,b}	5.2 ± 2.9 ^{a,b}	3 ± 1	1 ± 0.5 ^b	<0.001

Values are presented as number with percentage in brackets or as mean ± standard deviation. TEP: total extraperitoneal, Open: open surgical procedure, GA: general anesthesia, SA: spinal anesthesia. Each superscript (a, b, c, d) denotes a subset of group categories with a statistically significant difference at the p <0.05 level.