A Historic Look at Regional Anesthesia Articles in *Anesthesia & Analgesia*
and Where We Have Come from There

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Learning objectives:
1. Describe technical aspects and clinical applications of spinal and peripheral block in the early publications of the 20th century.
2. Compare and contrast historic methodology and reporting of results with those of contemporary investigations.
3. Discuss the impact of four extensively downloaded 2011 publications (and why they achieved priority for publication).

2012 marks the 90th Anniversary of the International Anesthesia Research Society and *Anesthesia & Analgesia*. This special year is being highlighted with a series of editorials, called “Then & Now.” “Then” will be a reproduction of the text from one of the first editions of *Anesthesia & Analgesia*. “Now” will be the current state of knowledge on the subject, highlighting how our specialty has advanced. I would like to share with you several relevant articles that demonstrated the state of the art and science of regional anesthesia in its infancy circa 1923-7. The full text of these original articles may be found on the journal’s archive: [http://www.anesthesia-analgesia.org/content/by/year](http://www.anesthesia-analgesia.org/content/by/year).


*Anesthesia & Analgesia* publishes articles that are novel or definitive and improve clinical care or guide future research. Acceptance of manuscripts is based on the importance of the findings, originality, and scientific rigor. *Anesthesia & Analgesia* currently accepts about one quarter of the manuscripts submitted, making it among the most selective journals in the specialty. Of the articles published within the Section of Regional Anesthesia in 2011, the following four were extensively downloaded:

Jeff Gadsden, Admir Hadzic, Kishor Gandhi, Ali Shariat, Daquan Xu, Thomas Maliakal, Vijay Patel. The Effect of Mixing 1.5% Mepivacaine and 0.5% Bupivacaine on Duration

