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The reliability of site determination methods in ventrogluteal area injection: A cross-sectional study

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While administering medication through intramuscular injection, the ventrogluteal site must be used instead of the dorsogluteal site, and it is of great significance to locate the ventrogluteal site correctly. This was a cross-sectional study aimed at comparing and contrasting two methods (G and V method) for locating the ventrogluteal site, an IMI site. The study population comprised 120 randomly selected healthcare personnel at a university hospital. A two-part questionnaire was developed comprising 14 questions to collect relevant data. The first part contained questions about the socio-demographic characteristics of the respondents. The second part contained questions aimed at obtaining ventrogluteal site data acquired through ultrasonography. Written permission was obtained from the ethics committee and management board of the hospital as well as from the head of the department of radiodiagnosis. Participants were informed of the aim and benefits of the study and their roles in the study. The ventrogluteal site was determined using the geometric (G method) and V method and these sites were scrutinized under ultrasonography. It was investigated whether there was any anatomic vessels or neural structure present, and also determined the thickness of subcutaneous tissue, musculus gluteus medius, and musculus gluteus minimus. Of the participants, 65.8% were female and the average age was 32.30 years and body mass index was 25.31 kg/m². The results showed that G and V methods were statistically significant in terms of variables. It was also found that sex affects subcutaneous tissue thickness and the skin-bone margin in the G and V method, and that body mass index determines subcutaneous tissue, musculus gluteus medius thickness and skin-bone margin. When the ventrogluteal site is used for intramuscular injection purposes, the site must be determined in line with the geometric method.

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