

Hurts No Good

The reason your excellent article "The Hurt Blockers" (May) needed to be written is that popular in-office procedures like injections and lasers are indeed painful—and quasi-surgical. If dermatologists and family practitioners wish to cross the line to perform these procedures, fine. But they owe it to their patients to provide the best possible experience. After all, this is not the Civil War era, when medical procedures were done under whiskey anesthesia, with the unfortunate patient literally "biting the bullet."

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