

Ring block

Local anaesthetic injected around the base of the teat (circle or ring block) is the most common technique for anaesthesia of the teat. (epinephrine is not used to maintain blood flow/supply of teat)

1. Place a tourniquet around the teat.
2. Insert the needle under the skin into the muscularis layer of the teat, transverse to the direction of the teat, dorsal to the area where analgesia is required.
3. Inject the local anaesthetic in a ring pattern around the teat
4. The needle should be inserted in an area that has already been desensitised each time.

