

Neuropsychiatry Block

Pharmacology Team 439



General Anesthetics

Objectives:

- 1- Define anesthesia, balanced anesthesia, and preanesthetic medication.
- 2- Be able to define MAC, potency, blood: gas partition coefficient and oil: gas partition coefficient.
- 3- Distinguish between inhalation and intravenous anesthetics.
- 4- Identify the pharmacokinetics, pharmacological actions, and side effects of inhalation anesthetics.
- 5- Identify the pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and side effects of intravenous anesthetics.
- 6- Know the difference between neuroleptanalgesia and neuroleptanesthesia.

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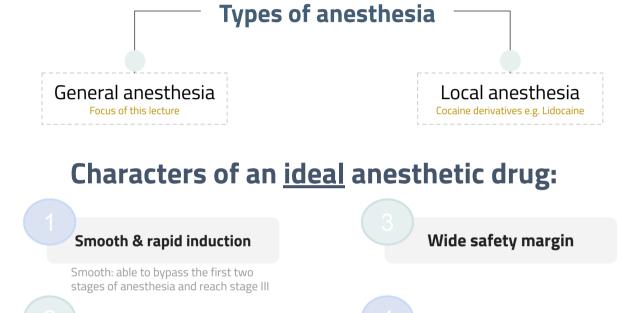
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Introduction

General Anesthetics:

Drugs used to induce **loss of pain sensation, loss of consciousness**, skeletal muscle relaxation, analgesia, amnesia (to forget events of the operation) and inhibitions of **undesirable autonomic reflexes** e.g. Bradycardia. It's a definition of an <u>ideal</u> general anesthetic. In reality there is no single drug that can achieve all of this so patients are given a combination of drugs to achieve this goal.



Balanced Anesthesia

Minimal side effects

The use of more than one drug in combination to fulfil the patient needs, thus it will:

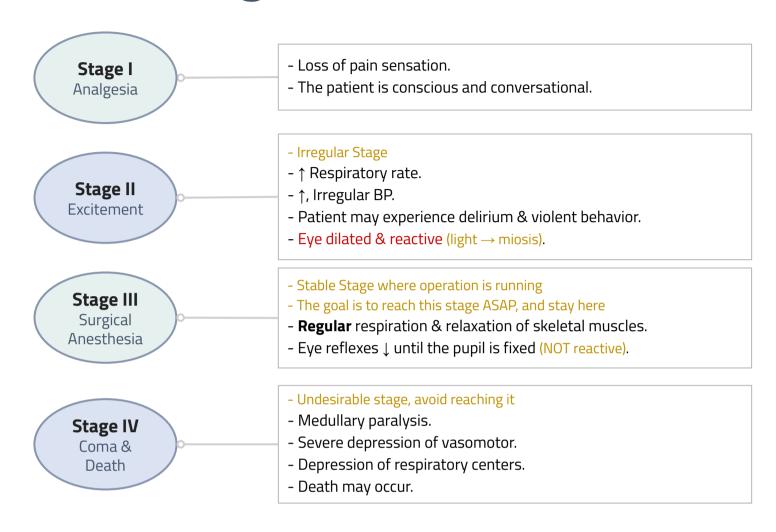
↑ beneficial effects, ↓ adverse effects

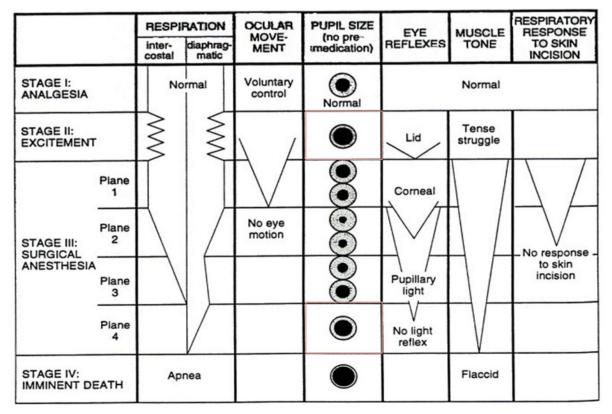
It's achieved by a combination of:

- 1- I.V anesthesia
- 2- **Inhaled** anesthesia
- 3- Pre-anesthetic medications (given sometimes).

Rapid recovery

Stages of Anesthesia Progressive CNS depression





Pre-Anesthetic Medications

Medications given to patient before the use of anesthetics immediately before the operation.
Calm the patient (Anxiolytics) & relieve pain (Opiates).
Protect against undesirable effects of the subsequently administered anesthetics or the surgical procedure (Antihistamines).
Facilitate smooth induction of anaesthesia.
Lower the dose of anaesthetic required.
All of them are frequently used except opiates & thiopental, which are only used occasionally.
These are not required. They are add ons that are decided by the anesthesia team.

Drugs	Uses	Examples			
Opiates	Opiates Induce analgesia				
Anticholinergics	parasympathetic antagonist = inhibit secretion. So aspiration of fluids is avoided leading to decrease in the vagomimetic action on the heart and bradycardia is eventually avoided. Hyoscine preferred over atropine 1- Antiemetic (helps with post-operative nausea and 2- Prevent bradycardia duri operation. 3- Prevent secretion of fluids respiratory tract. 4- More sedative than atropine				
Sedatives & anxiolytics	Relieve anxiety Relieve aggression in delirium (stage II)	Diazepam			
Antihistamines Allergic reactions		Diphenhydramine			
Antiemetics	Post surgical nausea & vomiting.	Metoclopramide & prochlorperazine			
H2-receptor blockers	Reduce gastric acidity (prevent aspiration of gastric acid).	Ranitidine			
Thiopental (Barbiturates) Can be used alone as I.V	Smooth induction	-			
Adjuncts to general anesthesia					

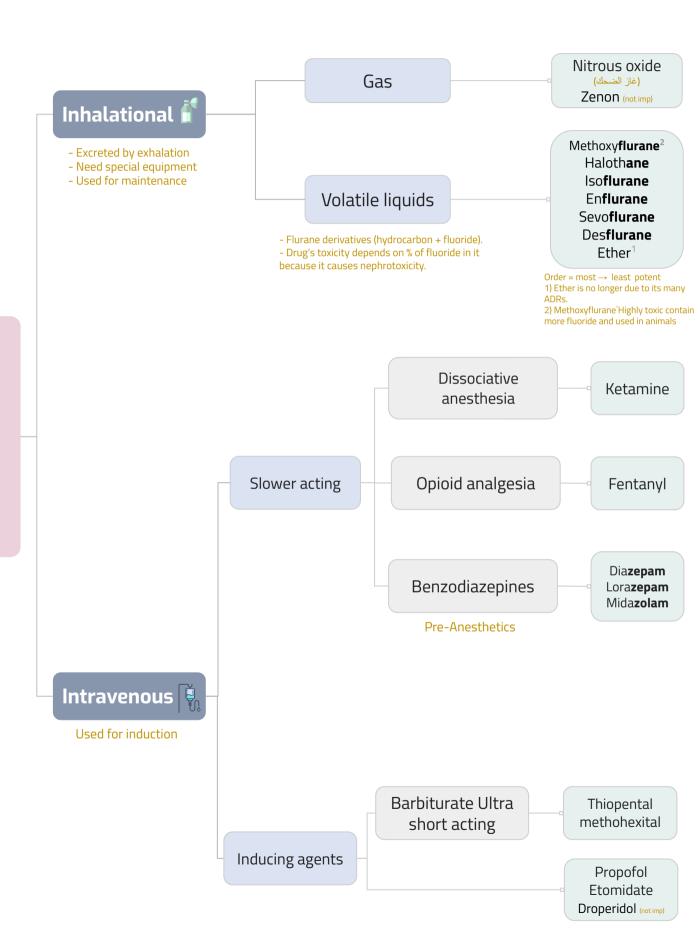
Neuromuscular blockers

#MSK: Skeletal Muscle Relaxant

- Facilitate intubation
- Suppress muscle tone

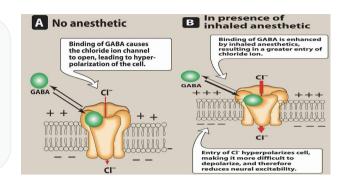
Succinylcholine, vecuronium & atracurium

given if the anesthetic drug doesn't cause skeletal muscle relaxation.



MOA of General anesthetics Be it IV or inhalation

Enhance the action of GABA A & glycine on receptors → opening of Cl⁻ channel→ Hyperpolarized neuronal cell→ thus ↓ neuronal excitability.



Inhalation anesthetics

Induction

"Onset of Action"

Time elapsed between onset of administration of anesthetics and development of effective surgical anesthesia.

Maintenance

"Sustained Action"

Time during which the patient is surgically anesthetized.

Recovery

Time from discontinuation of anesthetic drug until consciousness is regained.

P.K of **Inhalational** anesthetics

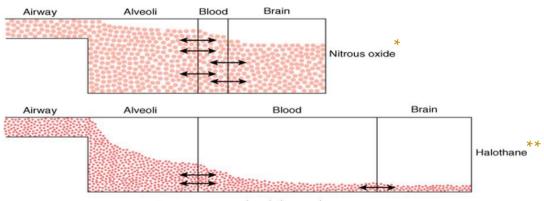
Rate of induction (stage III)

Depth of anesthesia & recovery

Factors controlling induction & recovery

- The anesthetic concentration in the inspired air (Direct) I.e. ↑ conc. → ↑ induction
- Rate & depth of ventilation (**Direct**) I.e. ↑ Rate & depth of ventilation → ↑ induction
- Blood solubility = Blood:gas (or volatile liquid) partition coefficient معامل التوزيع (Inverse relation with induction) (I.e. ↑ Blood solubility → ↓ induction.

Solubility and induction of anesthesia



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Why induction of anesthesia is slower with more soluble anesthetic gases. In this schematic diagram, solubility in blood is represented by the relative size of the blood compartment (the more soluble, the larger the compartment). Relative partial pressures of the agents in the compartments are indicated by the degree of filling of each compartment. For a given concentration or partial pressure of the two anesthetic gases in the inspired air, it will take much longer for the blood partial pressure of the more soluble gas (halothane) to rise to the same partial pressure as in the alveoli. Since the concentration of the anesthetic agent in the brain can rise no faster than the concentration in the blood, the onset of anesthesia will be slower with halothane than with nitrous oxide.

*Low Solubility → won't stay in blood and **goes directly** to CNS **High Solubility → **stays in blood** instead of going directly CNS.

Minimum alveolar concentration (MAC)

The concentration of inhalation anesthetic that produce immobility (loss of pain sensation) in **50%** patients in response to surgical operation. Recall #Foundation ED50

- The lower the MAC value the more potent the drug (inverse relation).
- MAC value ↑ with CNS stimulants (coffee) & ↓ with CNS depressants (alcohol/morphine).

Prof Hanan: "10mg of a drug produce same effect as 50mg of another drug, the drug prefered here is the one with lower conc. to avoid side effects". i.e. if 10mg would do it then it's best not to increase the dose to avoid ADRs

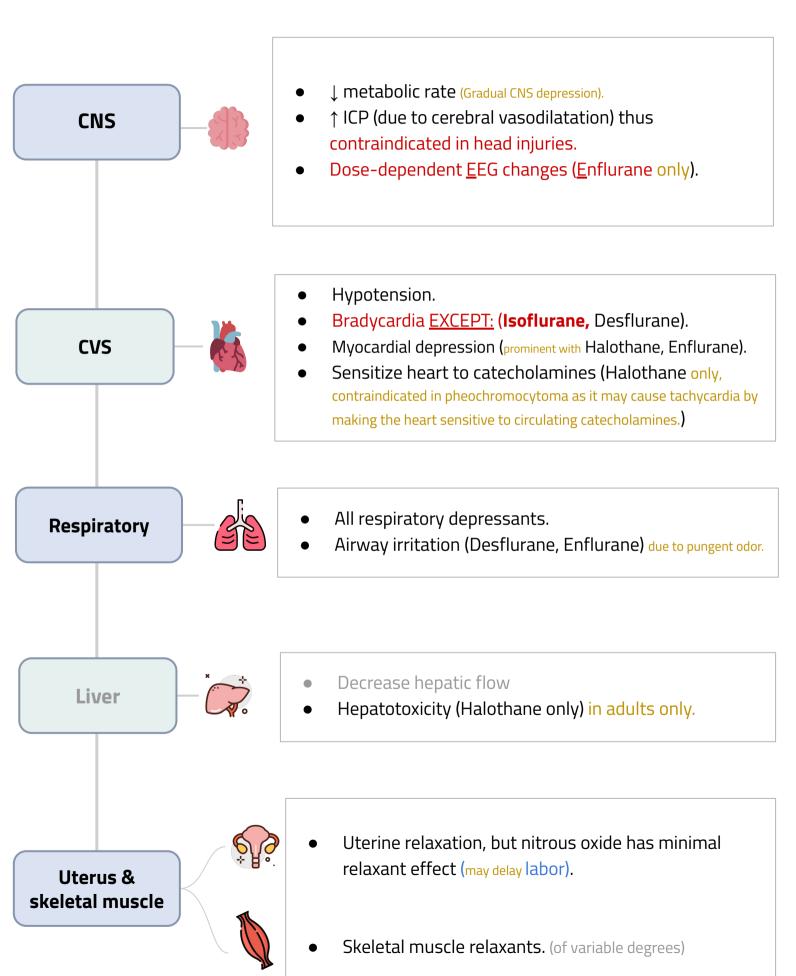
Inhalation anesthetics

Prof: Numbers are just for understanding the concept

Solubility and Potency <u>increase</u> as you go <u>up</u> Induction & recovery and MAC value <u>increase</u> as you go <u>down</u>

Drugs HaloEnIso SevoDes	↑ Solubility	↓ Induction & recovery	represents the concentration of the gas within the gas tank used for the patient.	↑ Potency
Methoxy flurane Not used anymore	12 (It's only used in animals due to its high nephrotoxicity, so we consider halothane to be the most soluble)	Slow Low MAC va 0.16		Most potent
Haloth ane (Pleasant smell)	2.3 (most soluble)	Slow 0.75		Potent
En flurane (Pungent smell)	1.8	Medium	1.7 Less potent	
lso flurane	1.4	Medium/Rapid 1.4		Less potent
*DOC Sevo flurane (better smell)	0.69	Rapid	2	Less potent
Des flurane (Pungent smell)	0.42 Low volatility	Poor induction due to its low volatile nature & Rapid recovery	6-7	Less potent
Nitrous oxide (Gas)	0.47 (least soluble)	Rapid	Rapid High MAC value >100	

Pharmacological actions of <u>inhalation</u> anesthetics:



Inhalation anesthetics

Halothane is a weak analgesic and nitrous oxide is a potent analgesic and the rest are in between.

Anesthetic drugs	Properties 🕝	Side effects 😥
Methoxyflurane (Not used in humans)	For veterinary (animal) use only	- Slow induction - Nephrotoxicity
Halothane 3Hs for side effects	 Potent anesthetic Note that analgesic ≠ anesthetic Non irritant (pleasant odor) Can be used in children 	 Weak analgesic. Slow induction and recovery due to high solubility <u>H</u>epatotoxicity in adults ONLY, not in children. Malignant <u>H</u>yperthermia (genetic predisposition → abnormal ryanodine receptor → huge Ca release in muscle cells → ↑ body temperature & acidosis + muscle rigidity). Sensitization of <u>H</u>eart to catecholamines
<u>E</u> nflurane	Metabolized to fluoride (8%) Male's doctor mnemonics: F is the 3rd letter (unlike other drugs) which helps you remember that fluoride is much released with this drug thus nephrotoxic	 Airway irritation. Pungent (less induction, Not for pediatrics). CNS stimulation (Epilepsy-like seizure, abnormal EEG). Male's doctor mnemonics: E for Epilepsy Contraindicated in patients with seizure disorders (because it causes EEG changes) Contraindicated in patients with renal failures (release fluoride) Involuntary movement.
Isoflurane	 Stable compound (2%), Low biotransformation (Less fluoride). No nephrotoxicity No hepatotoxicity. Less Myocardial depression 	-
*DOC Sevoflurane	No airway irritation (in children better halothane)Better smell,Little effect on HR	-
- Less metabolized (0.05 %) - Low boiling point (special equipment)		- Pungent odor - Airway irritation
Nitrous oxide (Gas)	- Potent analgesics - Minimal CVS adverse effects (no myocardial depression or hypotension).	 Weak anesthetic (low potency, use combined). Diffusion hypoxia (during recovery it rapidly leaves the CNS into the blood leading to its accumulation there) Nausea & vomiting. Inactivation of B12 (Chronic exposure) → Megaloblastic anemia, Congenital anomalies e.g. nurses working in operation rooms are at risk. Contraindicated in pregnancy (minimal uterine)

relaxant).

Intravenous anesthetics

0	NO need for special equipments.
0	Rapid induction & recovery compared to inhalation EXCEPT benzodiazepines (the slowest IV)
0	Injected slowly (due to its rapid induction) compared to inhalation.
0	Recovery is due to redistribution from CNS. (where does it go? Majority is deposited in adipose tissue until it's metabolised by the liver while some goes to the liver directly.)
0	Analgesic activity: Opioids, ketamine & Nitrous Oxide these 3 ONLY.
0	Amnesic action: benzodiazepines & ketamine.
O	Can be used alone in short operation & Outpatients anesthesia. In long operations: Give IV for rapid induction, maintain with either Inhalation or IV.

Ultra short acting barbiturates, propofol and etomidate were also used as hypnotic agents.

	Ultrashort acting barbiturates
Drug	Thiopental & Methohexital (aldehydes)
Onset & D.O.A Male dr: not important for IV	Rapid onset (1 min) (high lipid solubility), Ultra short (15-20 min) D.O.A
Metabolism	Slowly by the liver, slow recovery → Hangover
Uses	 Potent anesthetic. JICP (used in head injury) unlike inhalation which was contraindicated Induction in major surgery, then maintenance is done by other anesthetics. Alone in minor surgery.
ADRs pink: "add it to your slides"	 CVS collapse & respiratory depression (Laryngospasm, bronchospasm) Precipitate porphyria attack (Porphyria is a group of liver disorders in which substances called porphyrins build up in the body, negatively affecting the skin or nervous system). (symptoms: severe abdominal pain, numbness, anxiety & confusion) (↑porphyrin in blood by acting as liver microsomal enzyme inducers → ↑ enzyme involved in in synthesis of porphyrin moiety → ↑ porphyrin moiety) Hypersensitivity reaction.
Contraindication	- Severe hypotension (hypovolemic & shock patient) & COPD

Intravenous anesthetics

Drug	Etomidate Ultrashort acting hypnotic (<u>Non</u> Barbiturates)
Onset & D.O.A	Rapid onset & short D.O.A
Metabolism	- Rapidly in liver → less hangover - Fairly fast recovery
ADRs	 Minimal CVS & respiratory depressant effects. Postoperative NV (nausea & vomiting). Pain at injection site. Involuntary movements/Excitatory effects during induction. ★ Adrenal/Adrenocortical suppression Male's doctor mnemonics: E for "Edrenal"
Drug	Propofol Hypnotic (<u>Non</u> Barbiturate)
Onset & D.O.A	Rapid onset & short D.O.A
Metabolism	- Rapidly in liver (10 times more than thiopental, Elimination ½ = 30–60min) Faster recovery than thiopental
Uses	-↓ICP - Antiemetic action
ADRs	 - Hypotension (\peripheral vascular resistance), CVS & respiratory depression - Excitation (involuntary movements). - Pain at site of injection (not important). - Expensive (not important).
Group	Benzodiazepines (anxiolytic drugs)
Drug	Midazolam (most used in operations), Diazepam (mostly as preanesthetic), & Lorazepam
Onset, Induction & Recovery	Slow induction & recovery.
Uses	 No pain (no analgesic actions), have anxiolytic & amnesic action. Induction of general anesthesia (Midazolam). Alone in minor procedure (endoscopy, colonoscopy, bronchoscopy) In balanced anesthesia (Midazolam).
ADRs	- Minimal CVS & respiratory depressant effects C.I: Respiratory depression/Patients in high doses

Intravenous anesthetics

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Drug	Ketamine given IV, IM (can be used in children)				
Onset & D.O.A	Rapid Onset, Short D.O.A				
Uses Imp note: All IV anesthetics are C.I in hypovolemia EXCEPT ketamine which is used because it †BP & CO.	 Dissociative anesthesia (analgesic activity, amnesic action, immobility, complete separation from the surrounding environment). Not exactly a use, but a group of symptoms associated with Ketamine Potent bronchodilator (asthmatics). Used in (hypovolemic, shock & elderly at risk of bradycardia during an operation, ketamine † symp activity) patients. 				
ADRs	- ↑ Central sympathetic activity (↑ BP & CO) - ↑ Plasma catecholamine levels (↑ ICP) mnemonic: ketamine = catecholamine - Post operative/Psychotomimetic effects: hallucination, vivid dreams, disorientation & illusions - Risk of hypertension and cerebral hemorrhage ↑ ICP (due to ↑ sympactivity) - Post operative NV, salivation				
Contraindication	CV diseases (hypertension, stroke) & Head injuries.				
Group	Opiate drugs (morphine derivatives)				
Drug	Fentanyl, Alfentanil, Sufentanil, Remifentanil fentanyl derivatives, more potent.				
Onset & D.O.A	Rapid onset & short D.O.A				
Uses Alone or in combination	- Potent analgesia. - Cardiac surgery (morphine + nitrous oxide)				
ADRs	 Nausea & vomiting, Urinary Retention ↑ICP Prolongation of Labor & fetal distress Respiratory depression, bronchospasm (wooden rigidity) Hypotension 				
Contraindication	 Head injuries. († ICP) Pregnancy (respiratory depression) Bronchial asthma, COPD (severe bronchospasm) Hypovolemic shock (Large dose only) 				
Opiate drugs	Innovar (Fentanyl + Droperidol) Droperidol is an adjunct to general anesthetic. A state of analgesia, sedation and muscle relaxation without loss of consciousness. used for diagnostic procedures that require cooperation of the patient. E.g. brain surgery Contraindicated in parkinsonism droperidol \$\gcirc\$ dopamine				

Neuroleptan**esthesia**

A combination of (Fentanyl + Droperidol + nitrous oxide) together to ↑ analgesic effect & D.O.A

Summary

Intravenous Anesthetics

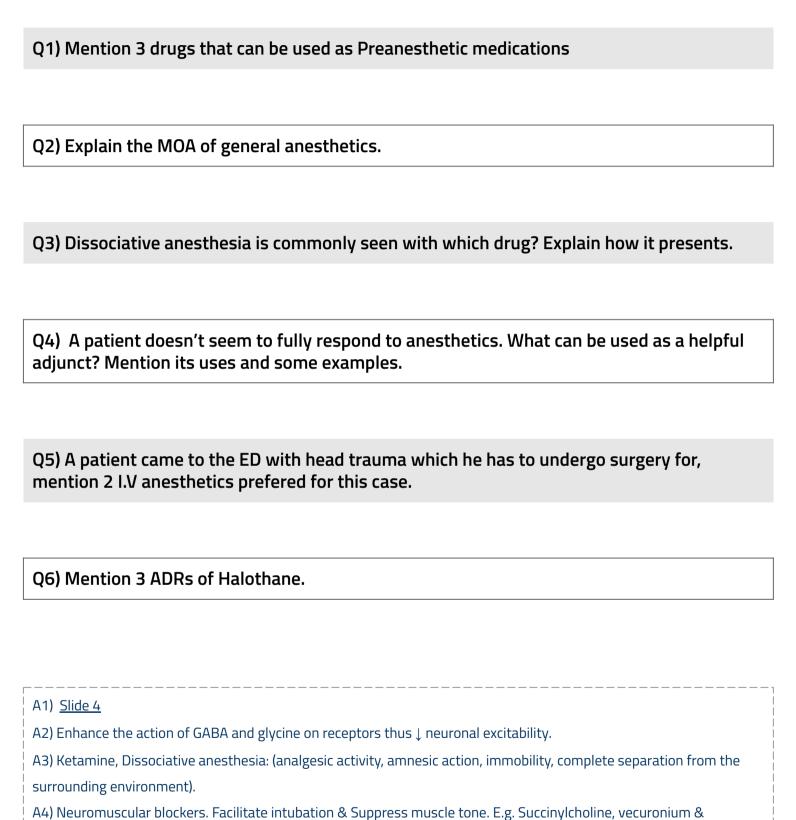
Drug	Uses	ADRs	Contraindication
Barbiturates (Ultrashort acting) Thiopental & Methohexital	- Induction in major surgery and alone in minor surgery. - Potent anesthetic. - ↓ICP (used in head injury)	CVS collapse & respiratory depression(Laryngospasm, bronchospasm)Precipitate porphyria attackHypersensitivity reaction.	- Severe hypotension (hypovolemic & shock patient) - COPD
Etomidate Ultrashort acting hypnotic (<u>Non</u> Barbiturates)	-	 Minimal CVS & respiratory depressant effects. Involuntary movements/Excitatory effects during induction. Adrenal/Adrenocortical suppression 	-
Propofol Hypnotic (<u>Non</u> Barbiturate)	-↓ICP - Antiemetic action	- Hypotension (↓PVR), CVS & respiratory depression - Excitation (involuntary movements).	-
Benzodiazepines Midazolam,Diazepam & Lorazepam	 No pain, have anxiolytic & amnesic action. Induction of general anesthesia (Midazolam). Alone in minor procedure (endoscopy) In balanced anesthesia (Midazolam). 	- Minimal CVS & respiratory depressant effects. (Male Slides Only)	Respiratory depression/Patients
Ketamine I.M (can be used in children)	- Dissociative anesthesia (analgesic activity, amnesic action, immobility, complete separation from the surrounding environment) Potent bronchodilator (asthmatics) Used in (hypovolemic, shock & elderly patients.	- † Central sympathetic activity († BP & CO) - † Plasma catecholamine levels († ICP) - Post operative/Psychotomimetic effects: hallucination, vivid dreams, disorientation & illusions - Risk of hypertension and cerebral hemorrhage † ICP - Post operative NV, salivation	CV diseases (hypertension, stroke) & Head injuries.
Opiate drugs Fentanyl , Alfentanil, Sufentanil, Remifentanil	- Potent analgesia. - Cardiac surgery (morphine + nitrous oxide)	- Nausea & vomiting, Urinary Retention - ↑ICP - Prolongation of Labor & fetal distress - Respiratory depression, bronchospasm (wooden rigidity) - Hypotension	- Head injuries. - Pregnancy - Bronchial asthma, COPD - Hypovolemic shock (In Large dose only)

MCQs

Q1: Regarding levels of sedation, which one applies to loss of perception and sensation to painful stimuli?						
B-General anesthesia	C- Moderate sedation	D- Deep sedation				
Q2: Regarding stages of sedation, which one does eye dilates in?						
B-Excitement	C-Surgical anesthesia	D-Comma & death				
ermines the speed of recovery from	intravenous anesthetics used for	induction?				
B-Protein binding of the drug	C- Ionization of the drug	D- Redistribution of the drug from sites in the CNS				
		or plastic surgery. Which				
B- Sevolurane	C- Nitrous oxide	D- Propofol				
Q5: Which one of the following is a potent intravenous anesthetic and analgesic?						
B- Midazolam	C- Ketamine	D- Fentanyl				
Q6: Inhaled anesthetics and intravenous agents having general anesthetic properties:						
B- Facilitate GABA action but have no direct action on GABA A receptors	C- Reduce the excitatory glutamatergic neurotransmission	D- Increase the duration of opening of nicotine-activated potassium channels				
Q7: Which of the following inhalants lacks sufficient potency to produce surgical anesthesia by itself and therefore is commonly used with another inhaled or intravenous anesthetic?						
B- Sevoflurane	C- Nitrous Oxide	D- Desflurane				
Q8: Indicate the inhaled anesthetic, which causes the airway irritation						
B- Sevoflurane	C- Halothane	D- Desflurane				
Q9 Indicate the inhaled anesthetic, which should be avoided in patients with a history of seizure disorders						
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A5) Thiopental, Propofol

A6) Hepatotoxicity, Malignant Hyperthermia, Sensitization of Heart to catecholamines









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