

Intravenous Anesthesia

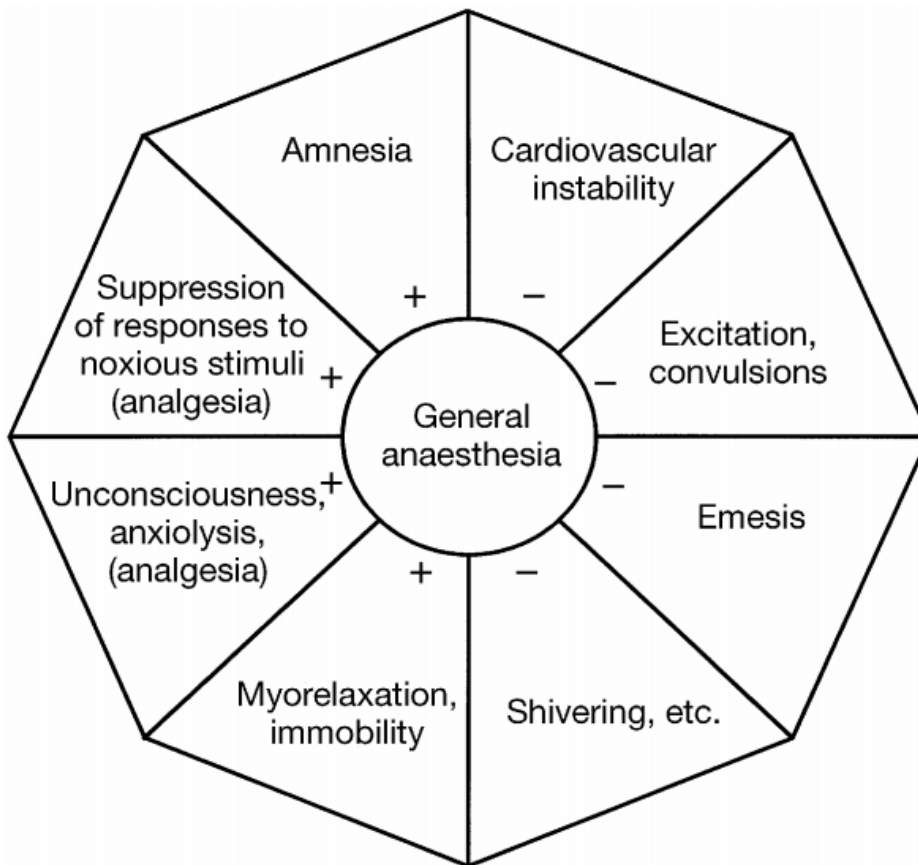
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Objectives

- Classification
- Mechanism of action
- Clinical applications
- Adverse effects

Components of General Anesthesia



- Anesthesia
- Analgesia
- Muscle relaxation

Intravenous Anesthetic Agents

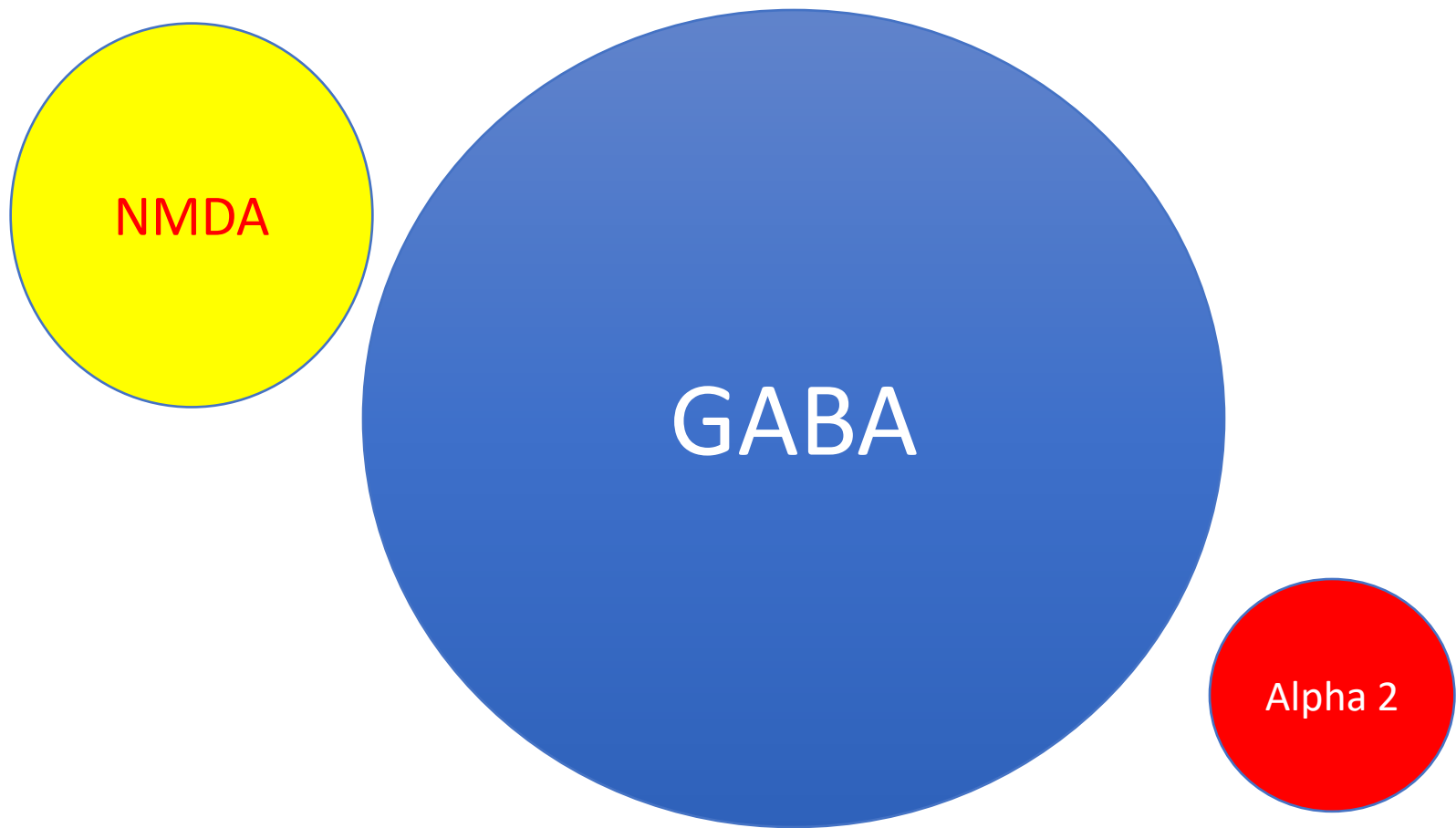
Propofol

Etomidate

Thiopental

Ketamine

Benzodiazepine



Propofol

- An egg lecithin emulsion formulation
 - 10% soybean oil, 2% glycerol, 1.2% egg phosphatide
 - Formulations support growth of bacteria
 - Typically 12 hours is critical
- **Pain on injection** occurs in 32-67% of subjects
- 1.5-2.5 mg/kg : Induction dose.



Propofol

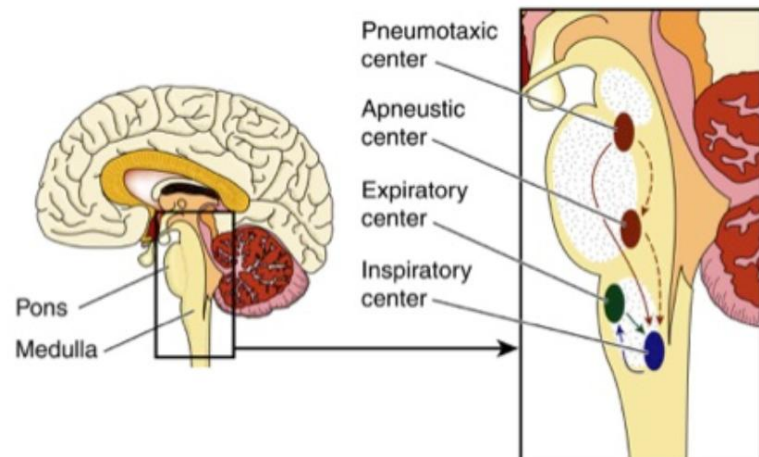
- CNS

- GABA_A : Hypnotic
- \downarrow CMR, CBF, ICP
- NO analgesia



- Respiratory System

- \downarrow TV > RR
- \downarrow response to hypoxia
- \downarrow response hypercapnia
- Dose-dependent respiratory depression



Propofol

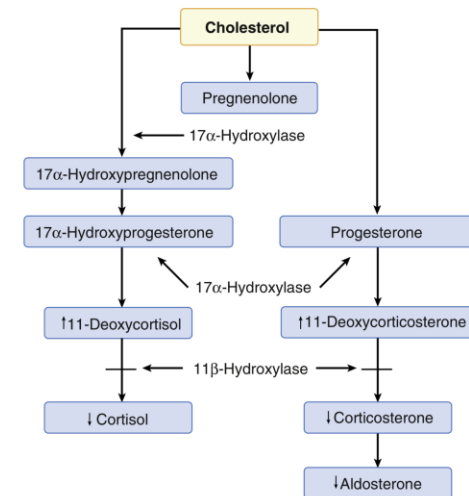
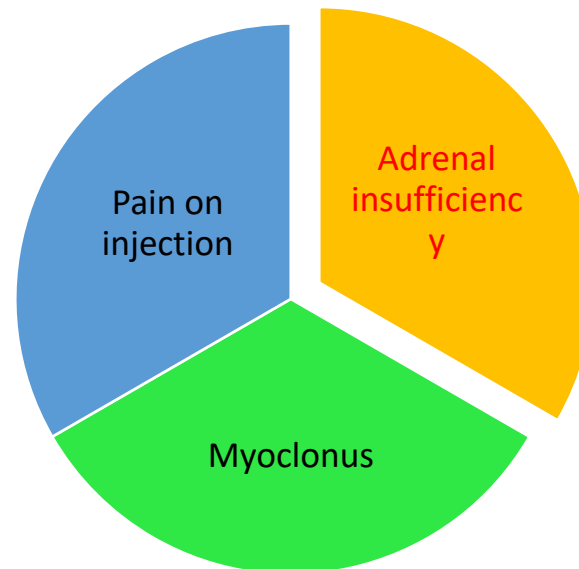
- CVS
 - Why does propofol decrease BP on induction?

Venodilatation	+++
Arterial dilation	+
Decreased sympathetic outflow (and reflex inhibition)	++
Direct myocardial depression	+

Etomidate

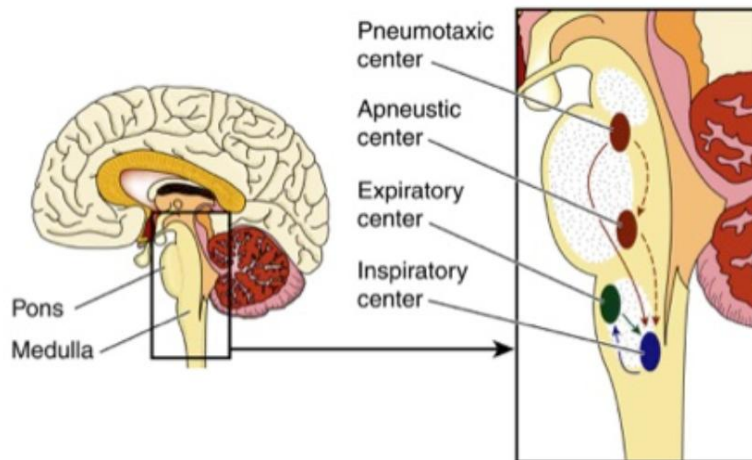
- Rapid onset (high lipid solubility)
- Large non-ionized fraction at physiologic pH
- Duration related with dose

Induction Dose (mg/kg)	0.2-0.3
Duration of Action (min)	3-8
T $\frac{1}{2}$ Distribution (min)	2-4
T $\frac{1}{2}$ Elimination (min)	2.9-5.3
Clearance (ml/kg/min)	18-25
Protein Binding (%)	77
Volume of Distribution (L/kg)	2.5-4.5



Etomidate

- CNS
 - ↓CMR, CBF, ICP
 - Maintained CPP (due to ↓ SBP)
- Respiratory System
 - Less depression of respiratory center



- CVS
 - **Maintain hemodynamic stability**
 - Not induce histamine release

Barbiturates : Thiopental



- Highly alkaline (pH 9)
- Cautions
 - Intra-arterial injection
 - vasoconstriction, thrombosis and tissue necrosis
 - Hepatic and renal disease
 - Patient with acute intermittent porphyria

Thiopental

Induction Dose (mg/kg)	3-5
Duration of Action (min)	5-10
T ½ Distribution (min)	2-4
T ½ Elimination (min)	11
Clearance (ml/kg/min)	3.4
Protein Binding (%)	83
Volume of Distribution (L/kg)	1.5-3

- Hepatic metabolism
- Rapidly redistribution
- Larger doses can saturate peripheral compartments
 - prolonged duration of action

Thiopental

- CNS
 - GABA agonist
 - Potent cerebral vasoconstrictor
 - ↓CMR, CBF, ICP
- CVS
 - ↓ sympathetic outflow
 - Peripheral vasodilatation
 - ↓ SVR, direct myocardial depressant
- Respiratory System
 - Dose-dependent respiratory depression

Ketamine

- Phencyclidine derivative
- Potent NMDA antagonist: Significant analgesia
- Metabolized by hepatic CYP3A4 to norketamine (analgesic properties)
- Mixture in USA
 - The S-enantiomer (now available in USA in intranasal formulation for depression) [9]
- Elimination half life 6hr after IV bolus
- Dissociative anesthesia

Ketamine

- CNS
 - **↑CMR, CBF, ICP**
 - Vivid dreams or hallucination (10-30%)
- Respiratory System
 - Minimal respiratory depression
 - **Preserve airway reflexes**
- CVS
 - **Preserves HR, CO, MAP via sympathetic stimulation**



Benzodiazepines

- GABA agonist
- Highly lipophilic
- Anxiolytic, amnestic, anticonvulsant properties
- No analgesic property
- Midazolam, Diazepam, Lorazepam
- Flumazenil = specific antagonist
 - Very short acting



Benzodiazepine

- CNS
 - ↓CMR, CBF(Less than propofol)
- CVS
 - HR and CO relatively unchanged
- Respiratory System
 - Dose dependent respiratory depression

Induction Characteristics and Dosage Requirements for the Currently Available Sedative–Hypnotic Drugs

DRUG NAME	INDUCTION DOSE (mg/kg)	ONSET (sec)	DURATION (min)	EXCITATORY ACTIVITY*	PAIN ON INJECTION*	HEART RATE†	BLOOD PRESSURE†
Thiopental	3–6	<30	5–10	+	0–+	↑	↓
Methohexital	1–3	<30	5–10	++	+	↑↑	↓
Propofol	1.5–2.5	15–45	5–10	+	++	0–↓	↓↓
Midazolam	0.2–0.4	30–90	10–30	0	0	0	0/↓
Diazepam	0.3–0.6	45–90	15–30	0	+ / +++	0	0/↓
Lorazepam	0.03–0.06	60–120	60–120	0	++	0	0/↓
Etomidate	0.2–0.3	15–45	3–12	+++	+++	0	0
Ketamine	1–2	45–60	10–20	+	0	↑↑	↑↑

*0 = none; + = minimal; ++ = moderate; +++ = severe.

†↓ = decrease; ↑ = increase.

Pharmacokinetic Values for the Currently Available Intravenous Sedative–Hypnotic Drugs

DRUG NAME	DISTRIBUTION HALF-LIFE (min)	PROTEIN BINDING (%)	DISTRIBUTION VOLUME AT STEADY STATE (L/kg)	CLEARANCE (mL/kg/min)	ELIMINATION HALF-LIFE (h)
Thiopental	2–4	85	2.5	3.4	11
Methohexital	5–6	85	2.2	11	4
Propofol	2–4	98	2–10	20–30	4–23
Midazolam	7–15	94	1.1–1.7	6.4–11	1.7–2.6
Diazepam	10–15	98	0.7–1.7	0.2–0.5	20–50
Lorazepam	3–10	98	0.8–1.3	0.8–1.8	11–22
Etomidate	2–4	75	2.5–4.5	18–25	2.9–5.3
Ketamine	11–16	12	2.5–3.5	12–17	2–4

Drug	Induction Dose (mg/kg)	Effects	Pearls
Propofol	1.5-2.5	<p>Neuro: Decreases cerebral metabolic O₂ requirements, cerebral blood flow, intracranial pressure</p> <p>CV: <u>Decreases SVR</u>, direct myocardial depressant</p> <p>Pulm: Dose-dependent respiratory depression (apnea in 25-35% of patients)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pain on injection (32-67%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -can be attenuated with lidocaine and with injection into larger veins -Antiemetic properties -Anticonvulsant properties
Etomidate	0.2-0.3	<p>Neuro: Decreases CMRO₂, CBF, ICP</p> <p>CV: <u>Maintains hemodynamic stability</u> (minimal cardiac depression)</p> <p>Pulm: Minimal respiratory depression (no histamine release)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pain on injection -High incidence of PONV -Myoclonus -Inhibits adrenocortical axis
Thiopental	3-5	<p>Neuro: Decreases CMRO₂, CBF, ICP</p> <p>CV: Decreases SVR, direct myocardial depressant</p> <p>Pulm: Dose-dependent respiratory depression</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Anticonvulsant properties -Can precipitate when injected with acidic fluids (i.e LR)
Ketamine	1-2	<p>Neuro: Increases CMRO₂, CBF, ICP</p> <p>CV: Cardio-stimulating effects (negatively effects myocardial supply-demand)</p> <p>Pulm: Minimal respiratory depression; <u>bronchodilation</u>; most likely of all to protect airway reflexes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Analgesic effects -Intrinsic myocardial depressant effects which may be unmasked with depleted catecholamines

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