



GENERAL ANAESTHESIA

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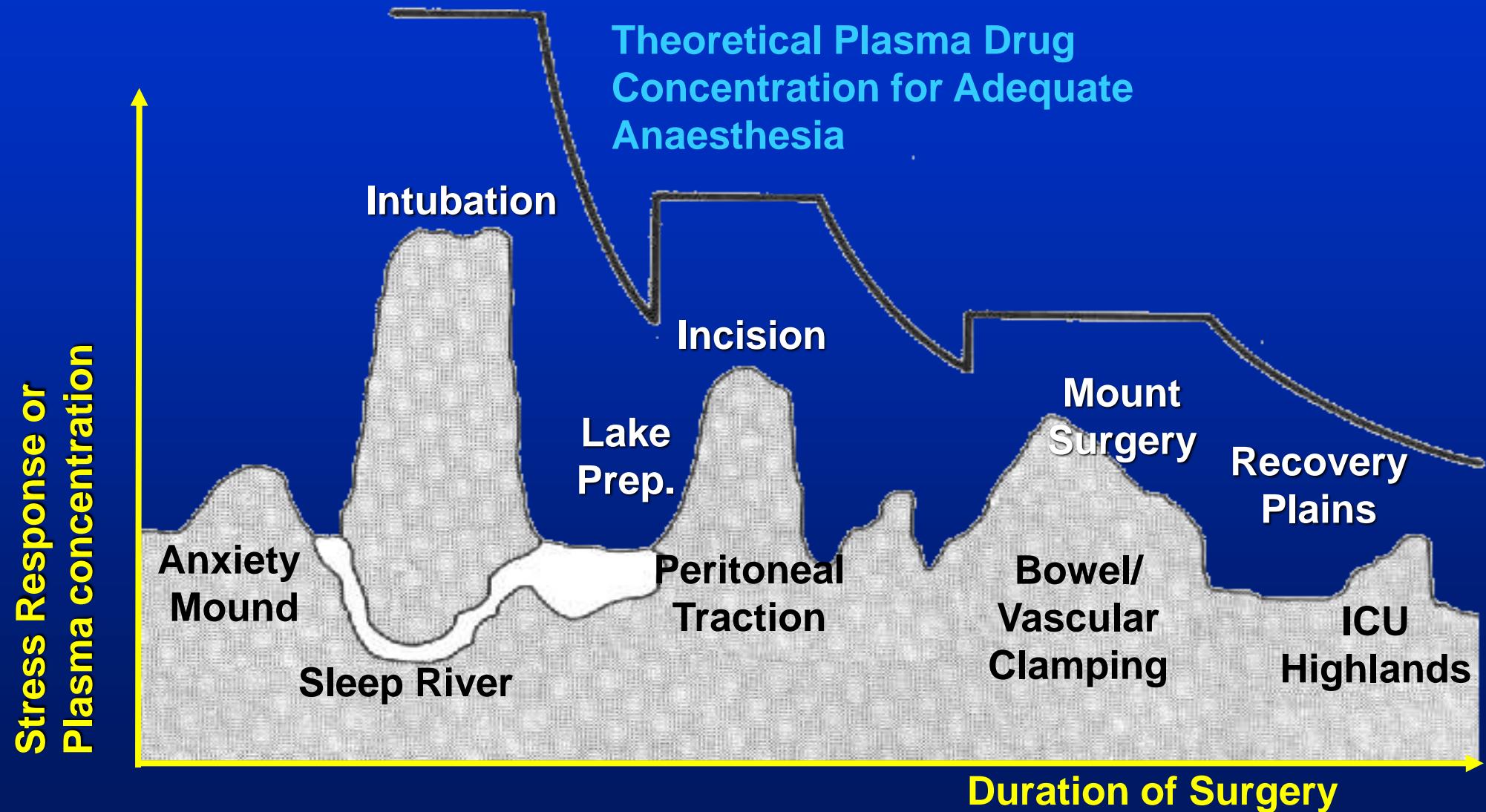
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DEFINITION

- **an + aesthesia = (un) perception**
- Ancient Greek
- **general anaesthesia = „narcosis“**
- **regional anaesthesia = local**

SURGICAL STRESS MAP

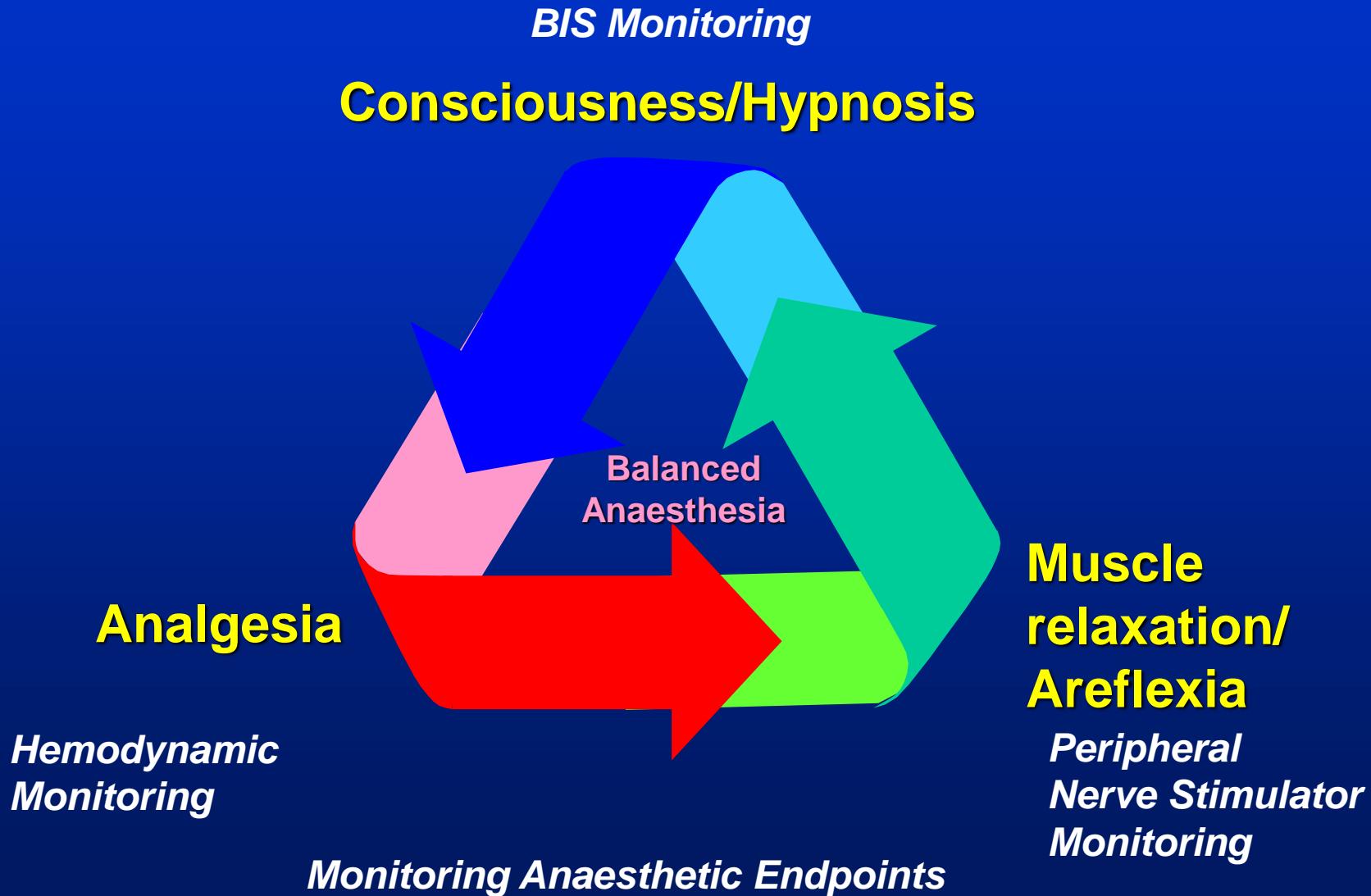
Barash, 1997



PHARMACO-ANAESTHESIA METHODS

- Inhalational anaesthesia ... VIMA
- Intravenous anaesthesia... TIVA
- Intramuscular
- Rectal
- Combined anaesthesia

BASAL PARTS OF GA



CIRCULATORY EFFECTS INHAL. ANAESTHETICS

(Barash, 1997)

- ↓ BP according to dose (vasodilation, ↓ C.O., cardiodepresion, ↓ sympath. activity)
- ↓ consumption O₂ about 10-15%
- ↓ blood flow in liver, kidneys and gut, ↑ in brain, muscles & skin
- N₂O ↑SVR, PVR and BP, ↓ C.O.
- Sensibilisation myocardium to catecholamines: ↓ in children, HAL > ENF > ISO > DES > SEV (more in ↑CO₂, more with thiopental)
- No influence to pacemaker functions
- No coronary steal effect in man

RESPIRATORY EFFECTS INHAL. ANAESTHETICS

(Barash, 1997)

- All ↓ V_T and bronchodilational effect
- Bloc histamine effects on bronchi – bronch. asthma treatment: HAL, SEV
- Respiratory depression : $N_2O > HAL > ISO > DES$
- No influence to hypoxic pulmonary hypertension
- Up to 3x increase effects of muscle relaxants

CNS EFFECTS OF INHAL. ANAESTHETICS

(Barash, 1997)

- ↓ intellectual functions, HAL for 2-8 days (B?)
- ↓ intensity of cerebral metabolism (CMRO_2):
ISO > EFL>HAL.
- Vasodilat. cerebr. a. & ↑ pressure CSF:
HAL>ISO=DES=SEV,
- HAL > ISO influence production & absorption CSF
- Light hypocapnia - lower ↑ICP in ISO than HAL
- Autoregulation to CO_2 is more blocked by HAL than ISO
- Epi EFL

TOXICITY

- HAL = hepatotoxicity (imuno, repeated expositions)
- N₂O = hematotoxicity „pernicious“ anaemia
- In septic pat. weakening Ne and Le functions
- Change platelets functions
- Myometrium relaxation – bleeding during C.s. (HAL > 0,5, ISO > 1,0)

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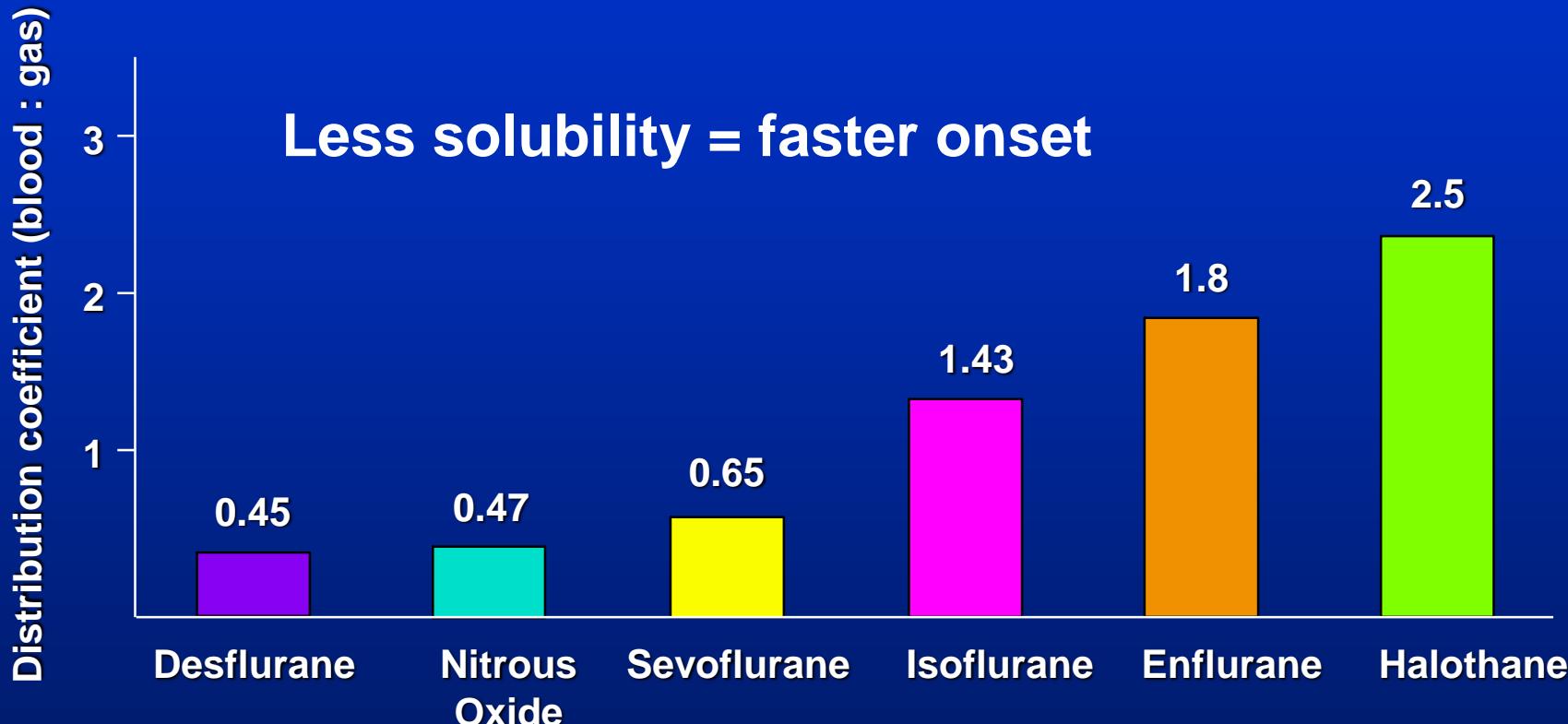
FACTORS INFLUENCED ACTIVITY OF ANESTHETICS

- Anaesthetics concentration in insp. gas
- Alveolar ventilation
- Anaesthetics solubility in blood
- Alveolo - capillary difference of partial pressures anaesthetics
- Cardiac output

PHARMACOKINETICS OF INHAL. ANAESTETICS

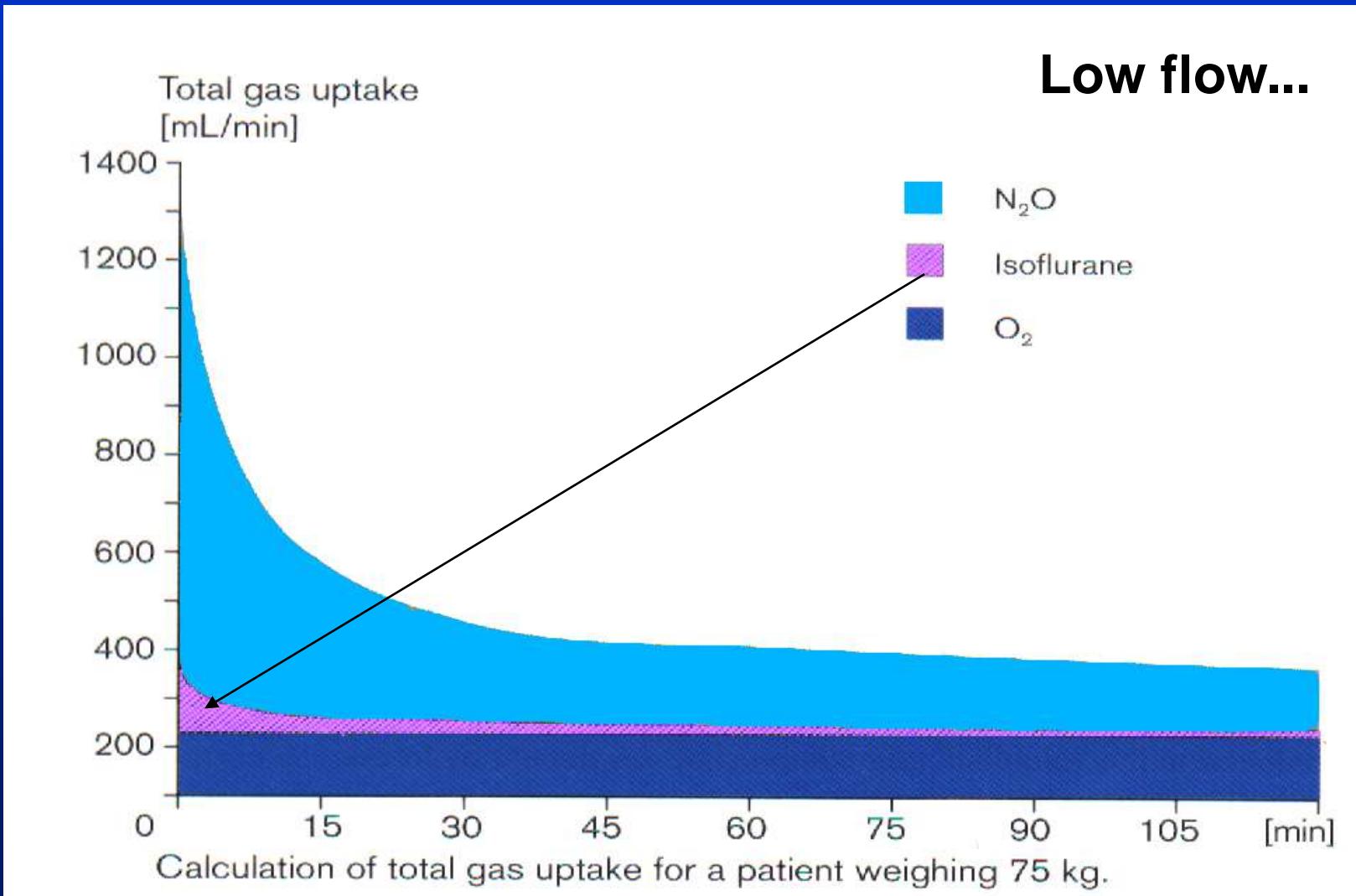
- Gas pressure gradient:
Inspiratory > alveolar (expiratory) > arterial > > tissue
- E_{TAA} is indirect, but adequate indicator of anaesthetic pressure in brain
- Distributional coefficient blood:gas, tissue:blood
- Less anaesthetic solubility in blood = faster onset of activity

DISTRIBUTION COEFF. ANAESTHETICS (BLOOD / GAS)



Miller. Anesthesia. 4th ed. Churchill Livingston, 1994; Data on file, Abbott Laboratories Inc.

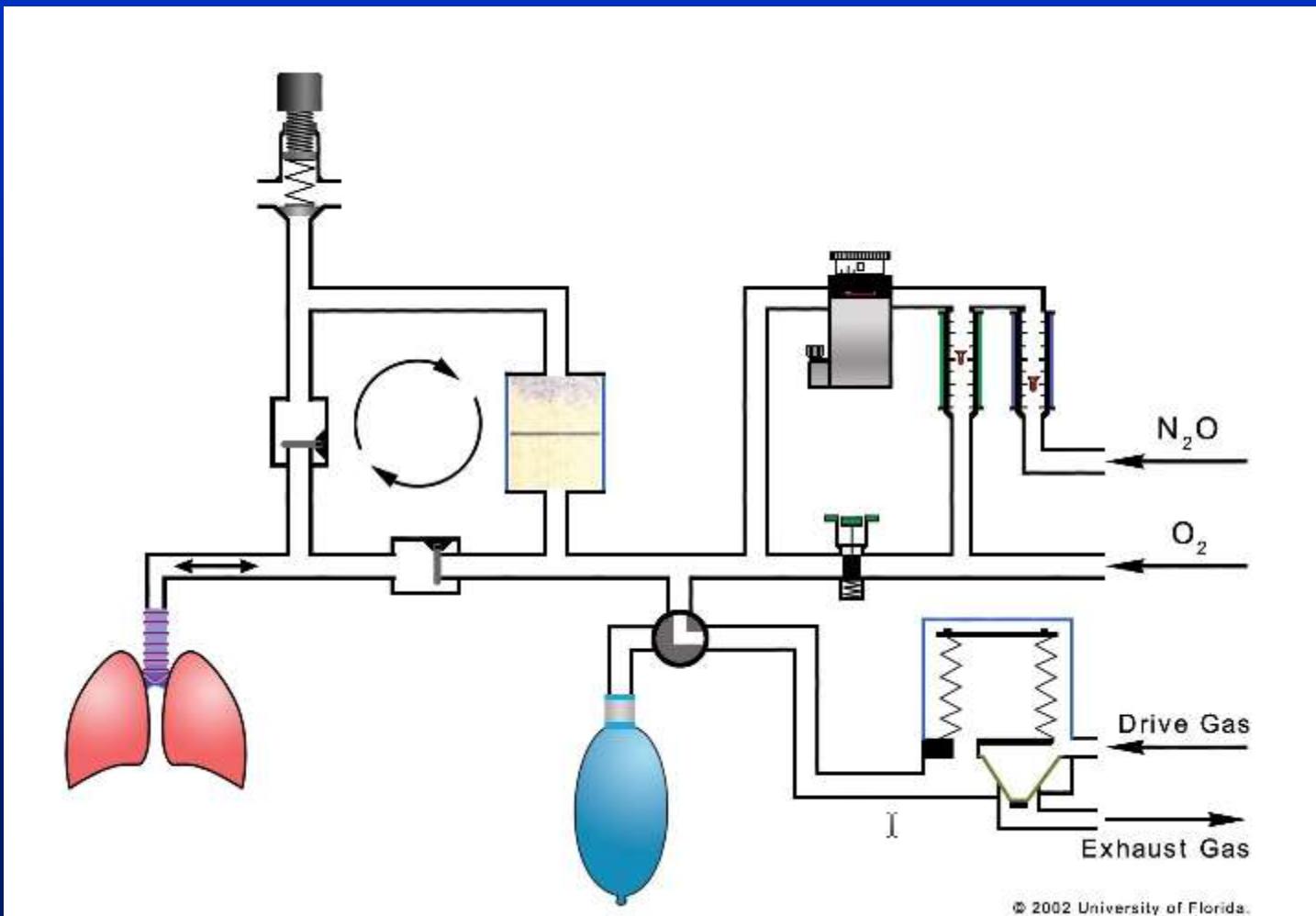
GAS CONSUMPTION DURING ANAESTHESIA



ADVANTAGES OF INHAL. ANAESTHESIA

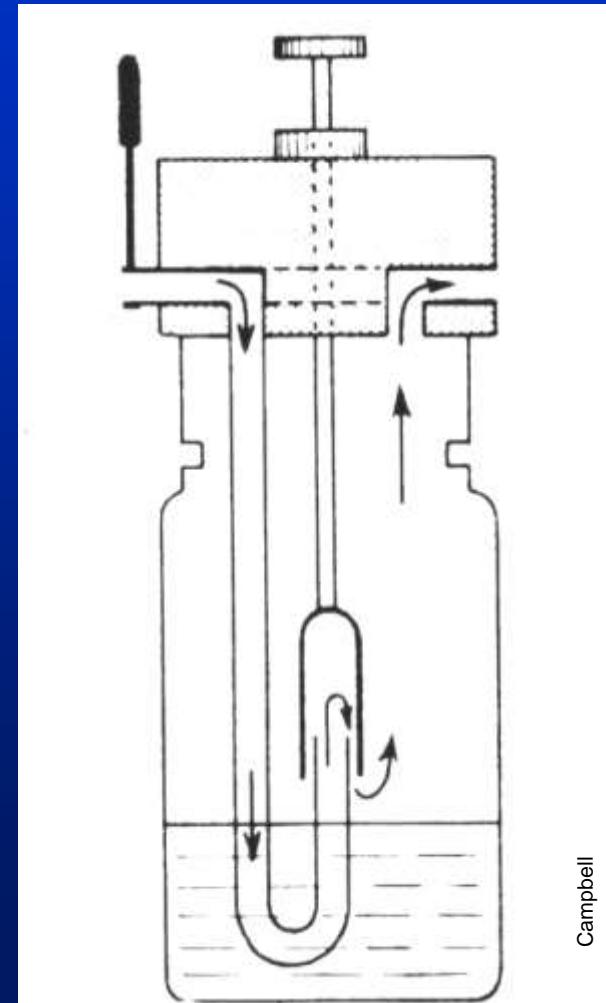
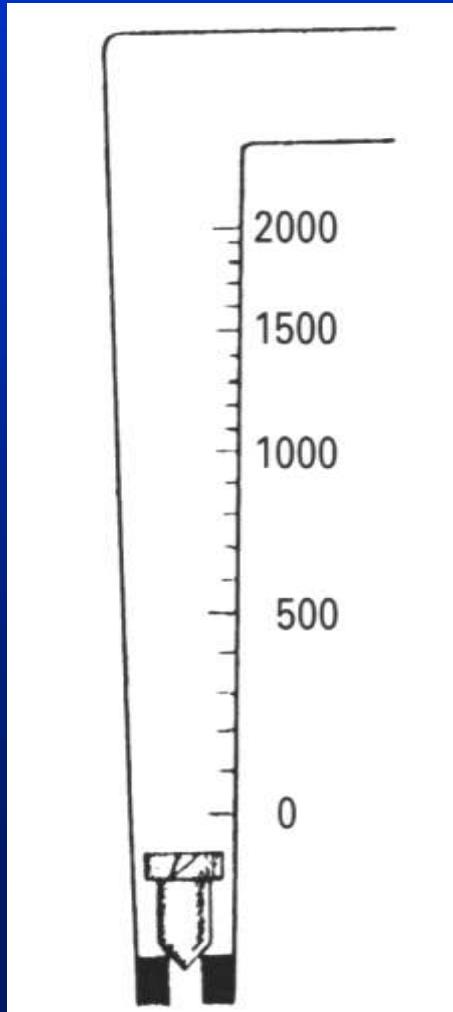
- Easy regulation (depth of anaesthesia)
- Elimination by expiration
- Easier monitoring of anaesthesia depth
- Less risk of postanaesthesia respiratory depression
- Potentiation of muscle relaxation effect
- Ambulatory anaesthesia
- Price

ANAESTHETIC MACHINE LAYOUT



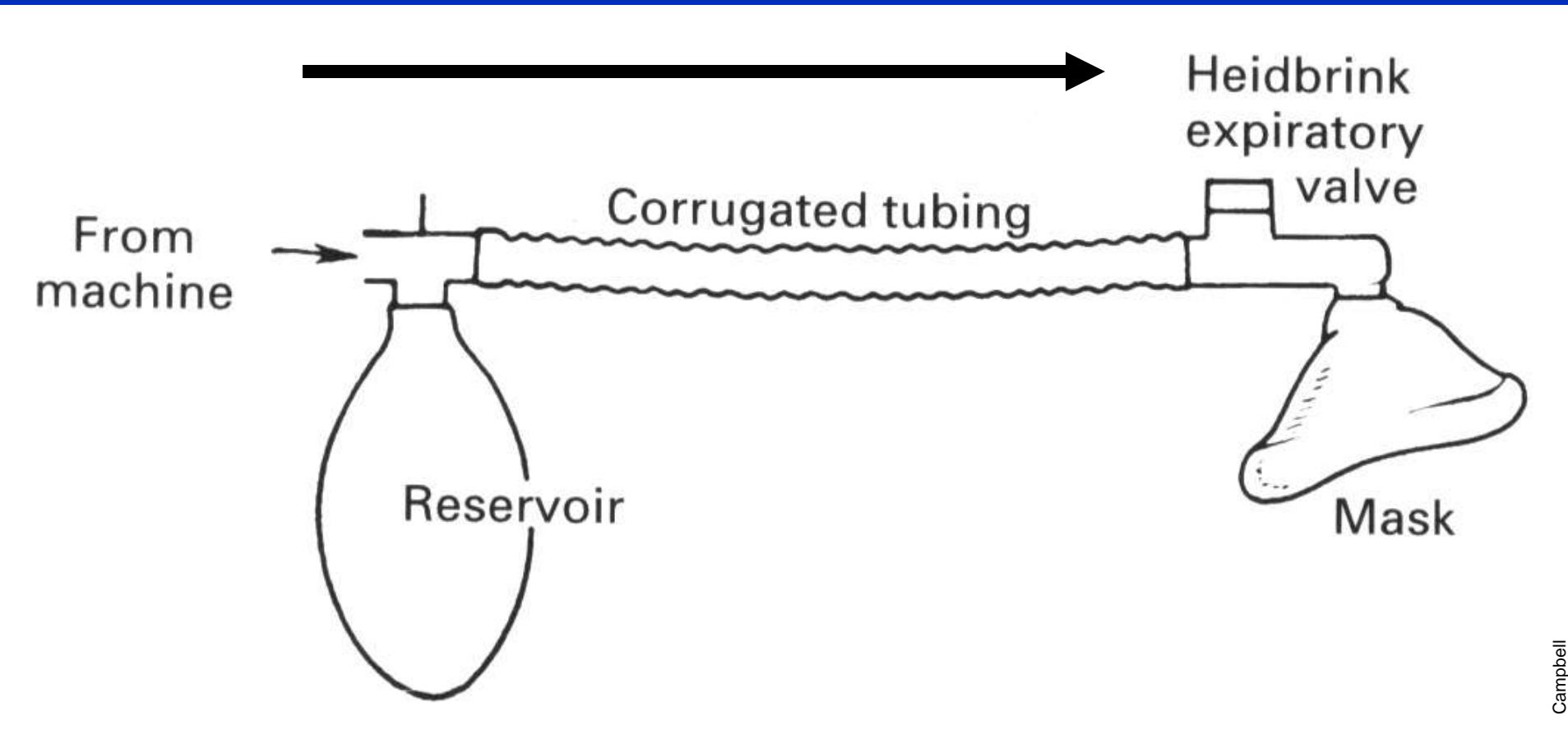
**ROTAMETER
= FLOW METER**

**VAPORISER
VOLATILE ANAESTHETICS**



Campbell

UNI-DIRECTIONAL ANAESTHETIC SYSTEM LAYOUT



IVA/TIVA DEFINITIONS

- **Intravenous anaesthesia (IVA)** = administration of intravenous anaesthetics with addition of N₂O in inhaled mixture
- **Total intravenous anaesthesia (TIVA)** = all anaesthetics are administered only by i.v. route, inspiratory gas contains only **oxygen and air** (nitrogen)

INDICATIONS OF IV ANAESTHESIA

- Support of inhalational anaesthesia
- Sedation during local anaesthesia
- Ambulatory anaesthesia
- Difficult administration of inhal. anaesthetics (military or civil injuries, hyperbaric chamber)
- Impossible administration of N₂O (\uparrow FiO₂) as bronchoscopy, laryngeal or tracheal surgery
- Where is N₂O relative Cl - one lung anaesthesia, vestibule ear surgery, neuroanaesthesia, ileus, air emboli...
- Extracorporeal circuit

DISADVANTAGES OF TIVA

- Difficulties in an. depth assessment
- Postoperative respiratory depression after opioids
- Necessity of several IV accesses
- Drug incompatibilities
- More infusion pumps and deliveries
- Air and oxygen source

INSTRUMENTS FOR TIVA

- Linear pump
- Infusion bottle delivery
- Two IV lines or Y connector
- Oxygen flow-meter

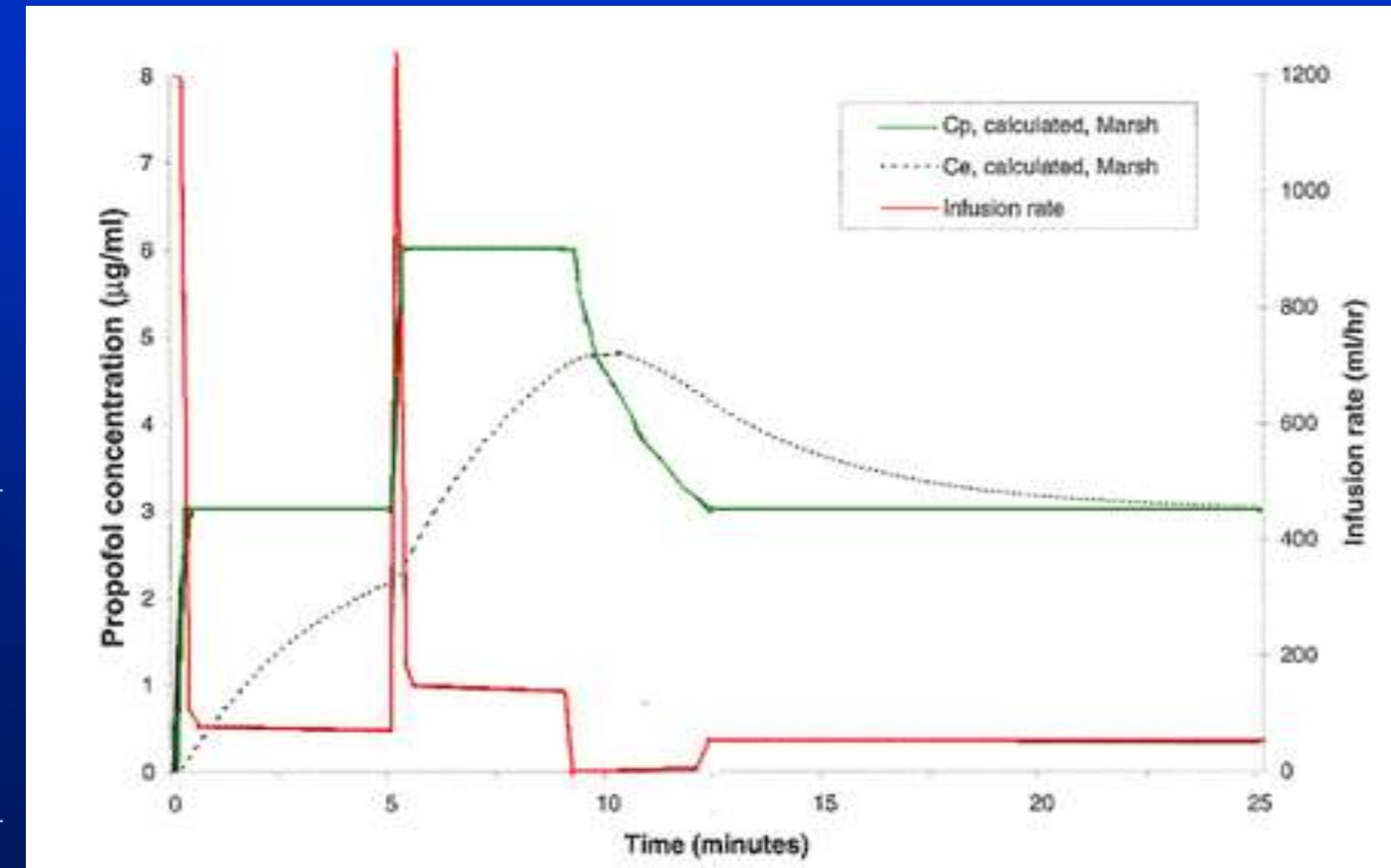
MEDICAMENTS USED FOR TIVA

- **Anaesthetics:** propofol, thiopental, metohexital, ketamin, midazolam...
- **Opioids:** alfentanil, fentanyl, sufentanil, remifentanil...
- **Muscle relaxants:** sukcinylcholin, vecuronium, atracurium, pipecuronium...

MUSCLE RELAXATION

- N.-m. junction, mediators
 - Depolarising muscle relaxation
 - Un-depolarising muscle relaxation
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- Curarisation
 - Decurarisation
 - Recurarisation

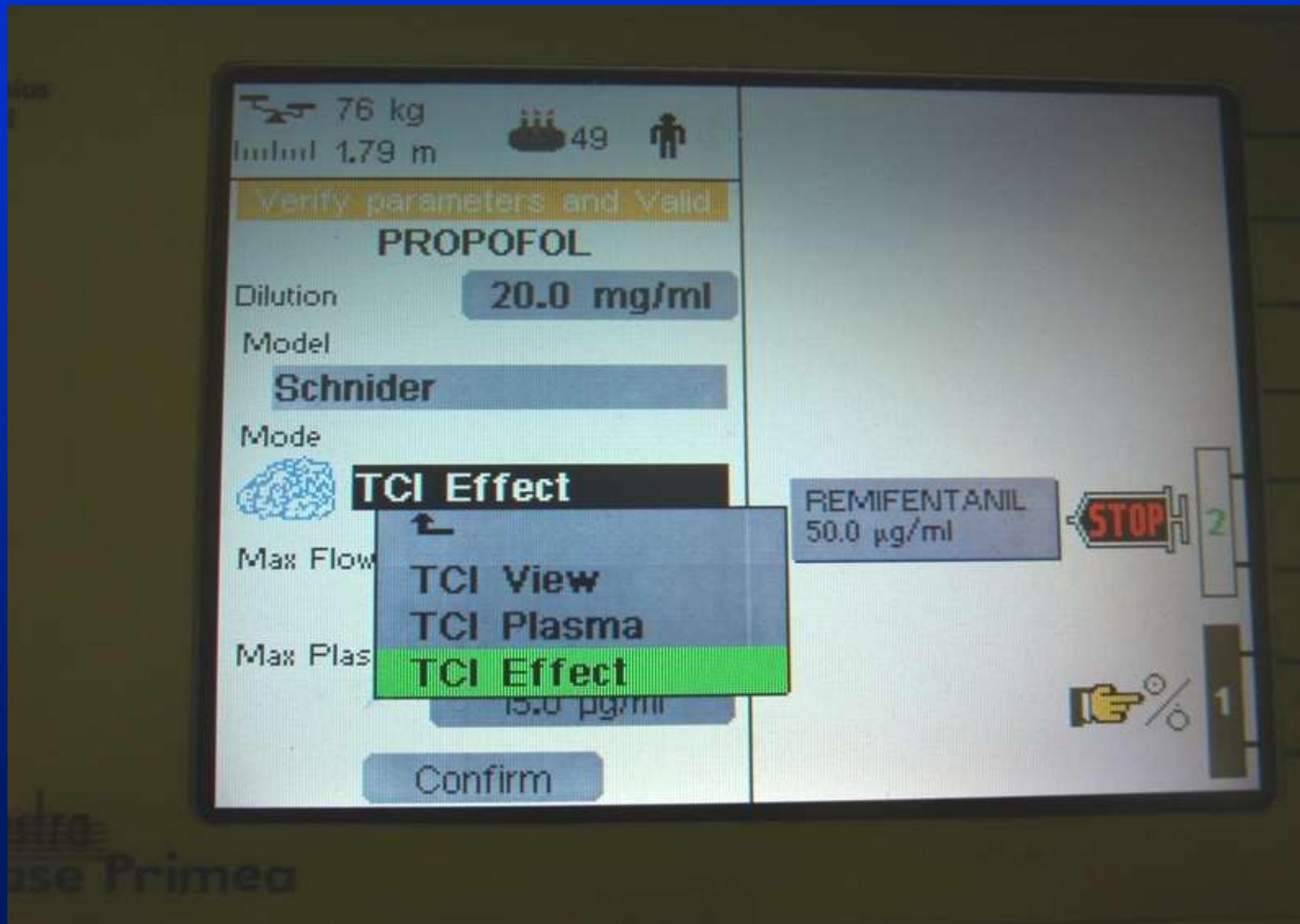
Plasma and effect site concentrations during a TCI of propofol (Marsh model)



Target controlled infusion (TCI)



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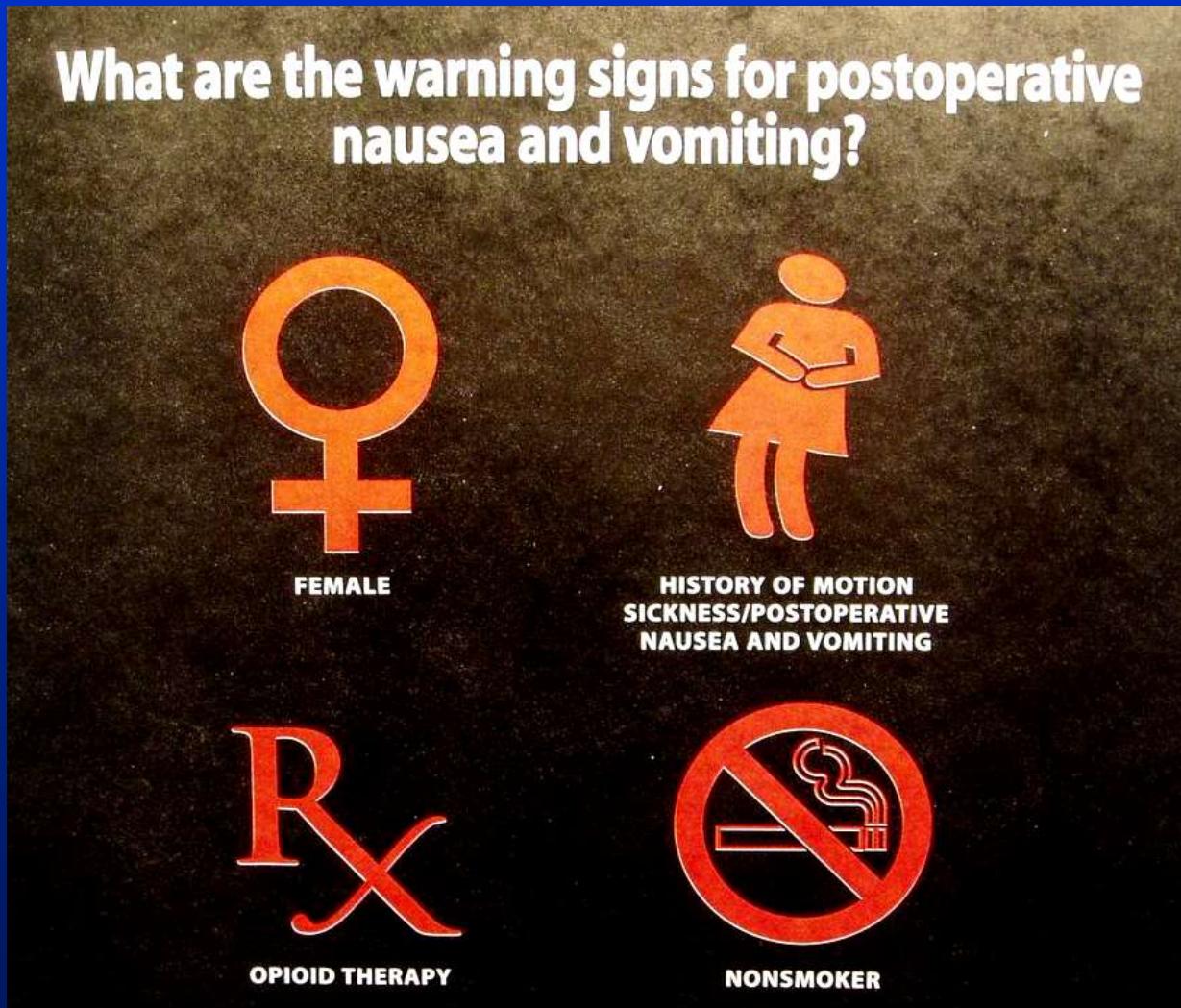
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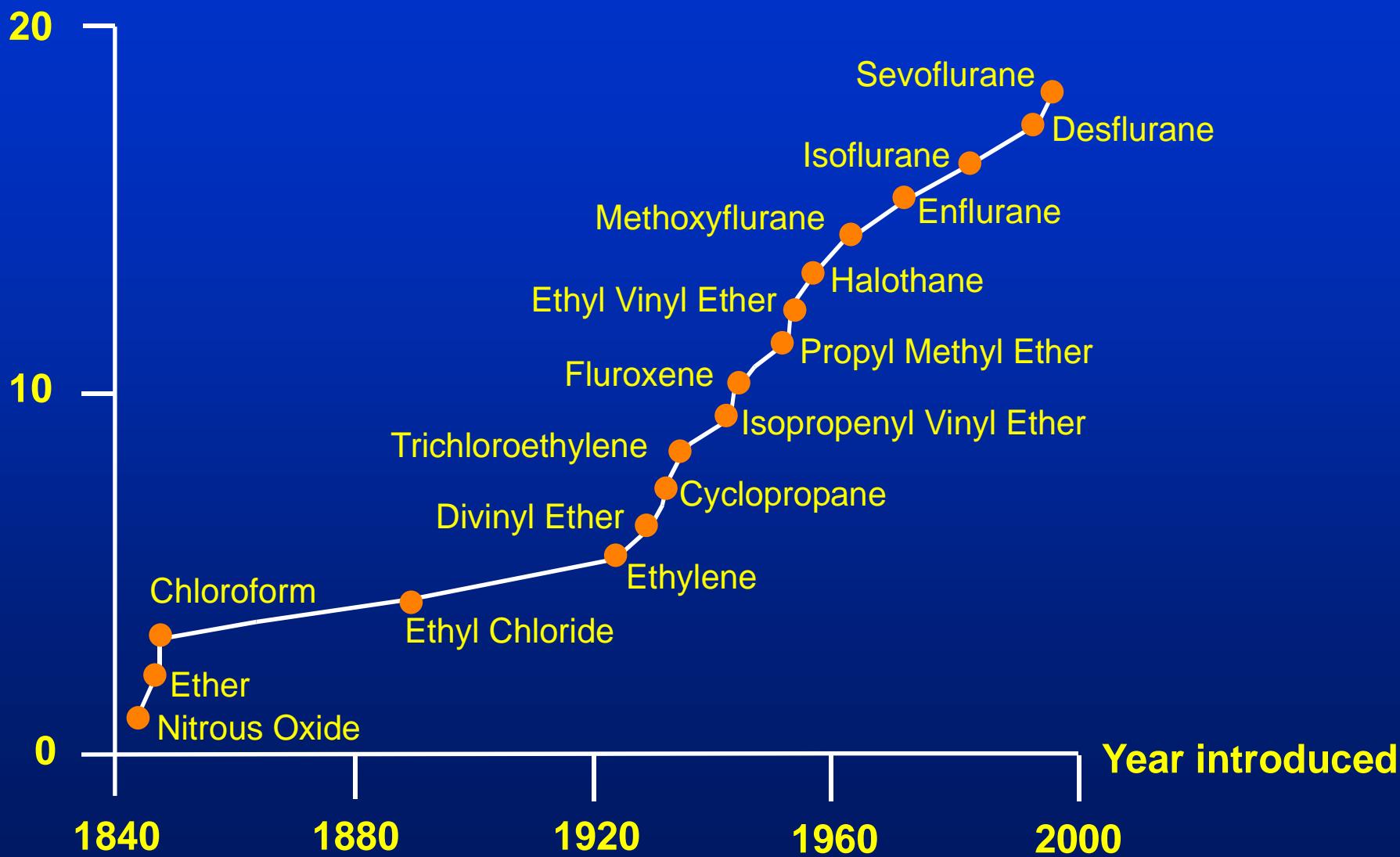
POSTOPERATIVE OBSERVATION

- No diffusion hypoxia (no N_2O)
- Absorption **atelectasis** (during high FiO_2)
- Early administration **analgesics** in cases using short-acting opioids
- Possibilities application of **antidotes**

RISK FACTORS FOR PONV



Anesthetics used in clinical practice (cumulative listing)





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RECOVERY ROOM (PACU)

High – Medium – Low dependency PACU

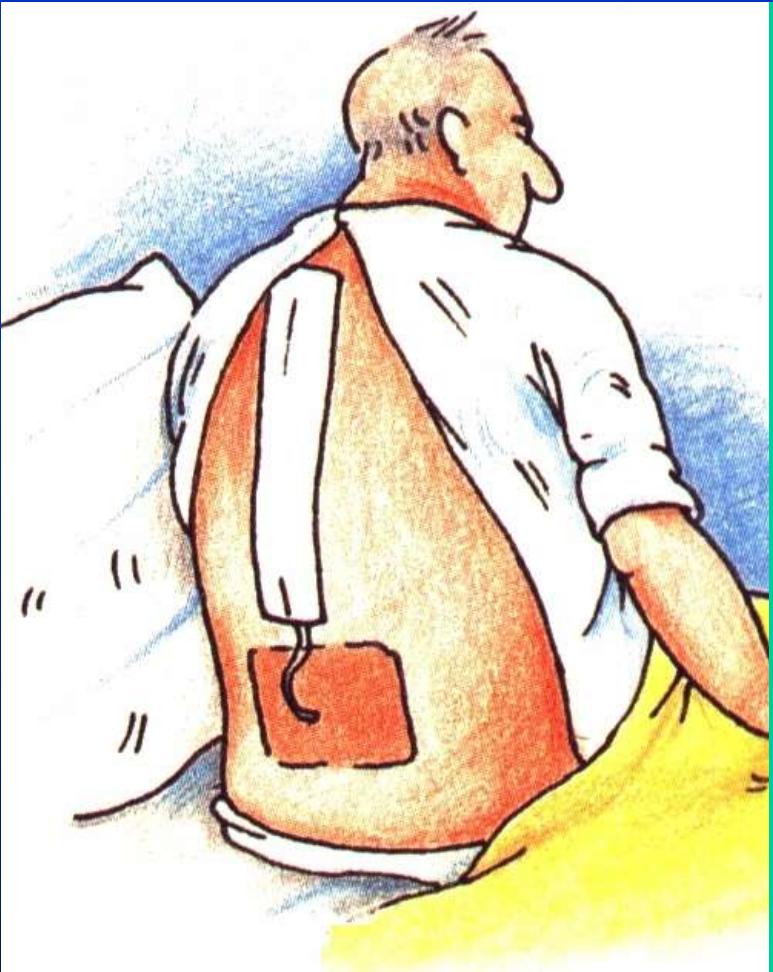
RECOVERY ROOM

- ☞ Oxygen th.
- ☞ Respiration
- ☞ Relaxation
- ☞ Circulation
- ☞ Diuresis
- ☞ Bleeding
- ☞ Analgesia
- ☞ Transport

POSTOPERATIVE PAIN THERAPY

- IM
- IV (pump)
- Epidural (pump)
- Orally
- Rectally
- Transdermal

POSTOPERATIVE EPIDURAL ANALGESIA



- Continuing after epidural anaesthesia or combined anaesthesia (general + ED cath.)
- Catheter closely to segment of max pain
- Level of puncture
lower abdomen - T₉, upper abdomen - T₆
 - 7x less Mo consumption,
 - risk of respiratory depression
- Undesirable motor block lower extremities above L₂ 1%, below L₂ 33%