

General anesthesia 2

IV drug : Dexmedetomidine

- highly selective A2 adrenergic agonist >> if patient receive clonidine therapy will decrease anesthetic requirements .
- **Action of dexmedetomidine**
 - 1- **hypnotic effects** : via action in locus Ceruleus >> stimulate A2 >> reduces central sympathetic output >> increase firing of inhibitory neurons (facilitated inhibition) → in CNS
 - 2- **Analgesic effect** : at level of spinal cord modulates release of substance P
 - 3- **Sedative effect** : activate endogenous **sleep pathway** (promote **normal sleep mechanism**)

Therapeutic uses :

- 1- short term sedation of intubation & ventilation in a ICU setting
- 2- adjunct to general anesthesia
- 3- decrease doses needed for inhaled and injected anesthesia

Adverse effects :

- 1- not common tolerance & dependence but may happen
- 2- moderate decrease in heart rate , systemic vascular resistance , blood pressure in repeated infusion
- 3- unopposed vagal stimulation >> **heart block** , **sever bradycardia** , **asystole** (worsens effect)

Inhaled anesthesia

1. **Volatile anesthetics: halothane, enflurane, isoflurane, desflurane, sevoflurane.** → Contains halogens. Cl, F...
2. **Gaseous anesthetics: nitrous oxide, xenon.**

Pharmacokinetics of inhaled anesthesia :

1-more anesthetic effect depends on concentration of drugs in CNS and this concentration depends on :

A- uptake and distribution of inhaled anesthesia (IA) : High con. In inspired lead to spread to alveoli then from alveoli to blood then from blood to brain

B - elimination of IA from brain not from body : revers events of uptake

2-IA are relatively insoluble in blood & brain >> rapid onset & fast elimination than soluble

3- washout of (nitrous oxide , desflurane , sevoflurane they are **less soluble**) rapid >> rapid

recovery compared with halothane & isoflurane (more soluble)

4-major route of elimination from the body by lungs

5- contribution of hepatic metabolism :

Oxidative metabolism by CYP2E1 of halothane >>trifluoroacetic acid and release of chloride and bromide ions.

Under low O2 tension halothane metabolized to chlorotrifluoroethyl free radical >>halothane hepatitis.

6-isoflurane & desflurane are **least metabolized** of fluorinated a

7-The metabolism of methoxyflurane (70%) results in elevation of renal fluoride levels → nephrotoxicity.

8- nitrous oxide can mtabolized by bacteria in GIT

9-Sevoflurane is **degraded by contact with the carbon dioxide absorbent soda lime** in anesthesia machines yielding a **vinyl ether** which can cause renal damage if high concentrations are absorbed.

↳ degraded Not metabolized.

"Less Soluble → Faster onset of Action."
"More Soluble → Shorter Onset of Action."

Pharmacodynamics of IA :

- 1-primarily halogenated inhalational agents target GABA receptor chloride channel directly active or facilitated as sedative
- 2-IA also target glycine receptors >> inhibitory neurotransmission in spinal cord & brain stem
- 3-Nitrous oxid & ketamin they only general anesthetics do not act on gaba & glycine , they act on NMDA glutamate receptor.
- 4- ALL anesthetic agent (IV & INHALED) have action on GABA & GLYCINE
- 5- Inhalational agents >>nicotinic acetylcholine receptors are inhibited >>analgesia & amnesia
- 6- certain IA >>hyperpolarization by activation of K channel
- 7- interaction with specific nerve >> modification of ion currents
- 8-IA >>presynaptic inhibition of neurotransmitter release in hippocampus >> amnesia

Organ system effects of IA :

1- cardiovascular

- A. Halothane&enflurane : reduce CO THEN ABP.
- B. Isoflurane & desflurane & sevofluran : Vascular dilation > reduce ABP
- C.HALOTHANE: direct stimulate vagal Then bradycardia
- D. Desfluran & isoflurane : increase Heart rate
- E. All depress myocardial function Including nitrous oxide
- F. Halothane & lesser extent isoflurane Ventricular arrhythmias

2- respiratory

- A. All except nitrous reduce. tidal volume >>increase RR
- B.all volatile >respiratory depressant >reduce response to CO2 >increase PaCO2.
- c.respiratory depressant overcome by assisted vortex controlled ventilation ↳ Can't be prevented if it's happened...
- D.IA depress mucociliary > pool mucus >atelectasis>postoperative. respiratory infection .
- E. All volatile have Some degree of bronchodilating action
- F. Airway irritation in desflurane

- : decrease .
+ : increase .

3- brain

- A. (-) metabolic rate of brain
- B. + cerebral Blood flow by (-) cerebrovascular resistance
- Nitrous the least likely to + CBF**
- C.increase ICP Reduced by hyperventilation before given Volatile

4-on kidney.

- A. (-) GFR & Urine flow
- B. Impair autoregulation of RBF

5- on liver

- A. (-) portal blood flow

6-on uterine smooth muscle

- A. Nitrous has little effect
- B. Halogenated anesthesia are potent muscle relaxants (not given during delivery)

Toxicity of IA :

1- Hepatotoxicity :

- A. Previous expositor to halothane >> potentially life threatening
- B.it is rare C. Obese patient most susceptible

Mechanism of hepatotoxicity :

- A. Initiation of immune-mediated responses by reactive metabolites
- Serum of patients with halothane hepatitis contain a variety of autoantibodies against hepatic proteins.
- Trifluoroacetylated proteins in the liver could be formed in hepatocytes during halothane biotransformation.
- Even patient do not have hepatitis have autoantibodies in sera after halothane anesthesia

2. Nephrotoxicity :

- long exposure to methoxyflurane & enflurane >> formation fluoride ions by renal enzyme B-lyase > change renal concentrating ability & may be proximal tubular necrosis

3- malignant hyperthermia :

Autosomal dominant disorder of skeletal muscle in general anesthesia with volatile + succinylcholine (important)

- rapid onset of tachycardia & hypertension , sever muscle rigidity , hyperthermia, hyperkalemial , acidosis (important)

it's rare but important cause of morbidity or mortality

Dantrolene reduce malignant hyperthermia

Note → Malignant means Rapid elevation of temp.

4- prolonged exposure to nitrous >> (-) methionine synthase activity >> megaloblastic anemia in inadequately ventilated operating room personnel.

nitrous has analgesic & amnesia

↳ NO , No Anesthetic effect.

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IA : inhaled anesthesia

ICP : intra cranial Pressure

RR : respiratory rate

CBF : cerebral blood flow

CO : cardiac output

ABP : arterial blood pressure .