Intravenous Anesthetic Agents

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Intravenous Anesthetics

Barbiturates

Benzodiazepines

Opioids

Miscellaneous drugs

Indications:

- 1. Induction of anesthesia
- 2. Maintenance of anesthesia (but has cumulative effects)
- 3. Treatment of status epilepticus
- 4. Reduction of intra-cranial pressure (ICP)

Adverse effects:

- 1. Hypotension
- 2. Respiratory depression
- 3. Tissue necrosis (if injected extra-vascular)
- 4. Laryngospasm
- 5. Bronchospasm (avoid in asthma)
- 6. Thrombophlibitis (less common in 2.5% conc.)

Adverse effects:

- **7** Allergic reactions 1 in 14000-20000
- 8 Intra-arterial injection (lead to sever vasospasm and sever pain it may lead to gangrene of the limb, treatment by keeping the cannula in and inject papeverine 20 mg, heparin and fluid, using 2.5% conc. Is safer)

Contra indications:

- 1. Airway obstruction (epiglottis or pharyngeal tumours)
- 2. Porphyria
- 3. Previous hypersensitivity to this drug

Benzodiazepines (Diazepam, Midazolam)

Indications:

- 1. Sedation during regional anesthesia
- 2. Radiological procedures (children, anxious persons)
- 3. Endoscopy
- 4. ICU
- 5. Supplementation to general anesthesia
- 6. Amnesia
- 7. Status epilepticus

Benzodiazepines (Diazepam, Midazolam)

Adverse effects:

- 1. Prolong duration (diazepam)
- 2. Painful on injection (diazepam)
- 3. Hypotension if used with other agents like opioids
- 4. Respiratory depression in over dosage

Contraindications:

Early pregnancy (teratogenic effect)

Agonist Morphine, Pethidine, Tramadol Fentanyl & Al, Remi, Su (fentanil) Agonist-Antagonist Pentazocine, Nalburphine

Antagonist Nalaxone

Indications:

- 1. Provision of analgesia before or after surgery
- 2. Induction of anesthesia and maintenance of anesthesia in patients with severe cardiac dysfunction
- 3. Inhibition of reflex sympathetic nervous system activity
- Provide post operative analgesia by injecting it to the subarachnoid or epidural space

Adverse effects:

1 - On cardiovascular system:

- 1. Orthostatic hypotension (decreased sympathetic nervous system tone to peripheral veins)
- 2. Release of histamine (Morphine)
- 3. Bradycardia (Sufentanil)

Adverse effects:

2 - On Ventilation:

- 1. Increase resting PaCo2
- 2. Decrease of responsiveness to the ventilatory stimulation of CO2
- 3. Decreased rate of breathing but tidal volume is often increased
- 4. Spasm of thoraco-abdominal muscles
 - Stiff chest syndrome

Adverse effects:

2 - On CNS:

- 1. Miosis
- 2. Stimulation of Dopamine receptors in the chemoreceptor trigger zone which cause nausea and vomiting
- 3. Addiction

Adverse effects:

3 - On GIT & Urinary Bladder:

- Enhancement of bladder sphincter tone which
- lead to urine retention
- Decrease peristalsis movement of bowel
- Increase the tone of the pyloric sphincter which
- lead to delayed gastric emptying
- Spasm of biliary smooth muscles which leads to pain also spasm of the sphincter of Oddi

Morphine (10, 15mg)

- Can be Administered by variety of routes
- Has active metabolites
- Risk of accumulation in patient with renal impairment
- Avoid in asthma (histamine release)

Pethidine (100mg)

- Shorter acting
- Its metabolites has long half life with risk of accumulation in patient with renal impairment, also the metabolites are neurotoxic and result in grand mal seizures
- Avoid in patient with history of epilepsy

Tramadol (100mg)

- Analgesic efficacy around one tenth that of morphine
- Avoid in patient with history of epilepsy
- Useful for elderly
- Useful For Patient-Controlled Analgesia (PCA)

Fentanyl (100µg)

- Very potent opioid used primarily for intra-operative analgesia
- Useful drug for PCA
- Cause respiratory depression

Alfentanil (100µg):

- Ultra short-acting potent opioid used for intra- operative analgesia
- Limited use in the post operative period
- Cause respiratory depression

Sufentanil:

- Is closely related in structure to fentanyl
- 5-10 times more potent than fentanyl and slightly shorter duration

Remifentanil:

- Ultra short acting opioids
- The duration of action is short with no residual effects

Agonist-Antagonist

 Those drugs have limited analgesic properties (ceiling effect) above which increasing doses do not produce additional anesthesia, they usually used for treatment of addiction

Antagonist:

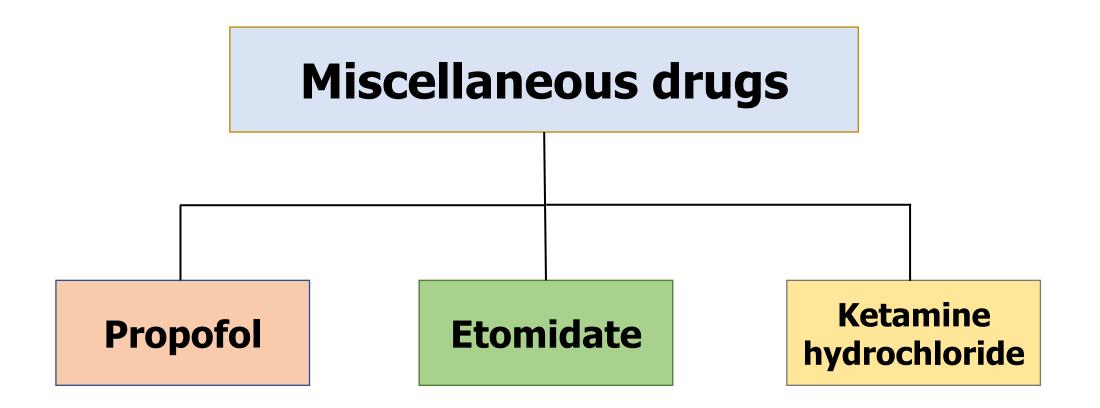
- Is used as a short acting opioid antagonist because of its short duration of action opioid terminated depression may return when effect of Nalaxone have terminated
- Nalaxone may precipitate the sympathetic drive of unrelieved pain (tachycardia, hypertension, arrhythmias----etc.)

Naloxone

- Naloxone competes with opioids at the mu, delta, kappa and sigma receptors.
- Ampules of 0.02, 0.4 and 1 mg/ml.
- Peak effect 1-2 min.
- Duration of action 30-60 min.
- Used in perioperative surgical patients with excessive sedation or respiratory sedation secondary to opioids.

Naloxone

- Given in small incremental doses.
- High doses of naloxone will result in sudden reversal of analgesic effects leading to abrupt return of pain resulting in hypertension, tachycardia, pulmonary edema, ventricular dysrhythmias and cardiac arrests.
- If sedation or respiratory depression recurs, continuous infusion of 3-10 mcg/kg/hour of naloxone is required.



Miscellaneous drugs: 1 - Propofol:

Physical and chemical properties

Emulsion consists of:

- 1% propofol 10mg/ml
- 10% soyabean oil.
- 2.25 %glycerol
- 1.2% purified egg phosphatide.



Miscellaneous drugs: 1 - Propofol:

Physical and chemical properties

- So Propofol is a highly lipid soluble oil that's combined with glycerol, egg, and soya bean oil for IV administration.
- It's appearance is similar to that of a 2% milk.
- It has a pH of 7 and is supplied in 20 ml ampoules with a concentration of 10 mg/ml.
- Neither precipitates histamine release nor triggers malignant hyperthermia.
- Has no effects on muscle relaxants.
- Associated with low incidence of nausea & vomiting.

1 - Propofol:

Effects on Organ systems:

A- Cerebral:

- Decreases cerebral blood flow and intracranial pressure.
- Propofol has antiemetic, antipruritic, and anticonvulsant properties.

B- Cardiovascular:

- Decrease in arterial blood pressure secondary to a drop in systemic vascular resistance, contractility, and preload.
- Hypotension is more pronounced than with thiopental.
- Propofol markedly impairs the normal arterial baroreflex response to hypotension.

1 - Propofol:

Effects on Organ systems:

C- Respiratory:

 Propofol causes profound respiratory depression. Propofol induced depression of upper airway reflexes exceeds that of thiopental.

D- Venous irritation:

- Pain on injection is more common than with thiopental esp.
- If given in a small vein in the hand.
- To solve this problem:
- 1. small doze of lidocaine with propofol.
- 2. administering propofol through a fast flowing more proximal IV catheter.

2- Ketamine hydrochloride:

A - Indications:

- 1. Shocked patient
- 2. Pediatric anesthesia
- 3. Difficult locations (at accident site, wars)
- 4. Analgesia And sedation (wound dressing change)
- 5. In ICU
- 6. In developing countries (where anesthesia equipment's and trained staff are in short supply)

B - Adverse effects:

- 1. Emergence delirium, nightmares and hallucinations
- 2. Hypertension and tachycardia
- 3. Prolong recovery
- 4. Salivation
- 5. Increase intra-cranial pressure

2- Ketamine hydrochloride:

- It's a dissociative anesthetic agent.
- by dissociative we mean that the patient is unconscious but appears awake and doesn't feel pain.
- It has anesthetic and analgesic effect



2- Ketamine hydrochloride:

Physical and chemical properties

- chemically related to the psychotropic drug (e.g. phencyclidine).
- Water soluble, and 10x more lipid soluble than thiopental.
- pH=3.5 5.5

2- Ketamine hydrochloride:

METABOLISM

- It has a rapid absorption and distribution to the vessel rich groups like THIOPENTAL
- Hepatic metabolism is required for elimination
- < 5% excreted unchanged in urine

2- Ketamine hydrochloride:

Mechanism of action

- There are 3 theories explains the MOA of ketamine :
- 1 N-methyl aspartate receptor theory
- NMA receptors may represent a subgroup of the sigma opiate receptors (the PCP site) that blocks spinal pain reflexes

2 – Opiate receptor theory:

 Ketamine may have some affinity for opiate receptors but it's effect can't be reversed with naloxone.

3- Miscellaneous receptor theory:

- It reacts with muscarinic, cholinergic and serotonergic receptors.
- Ketamine is a potent analgesic at subanesthetic plasma concentrations.
- It has a wide margin of safety (up to 10x the usual dose)

2- Ketamine hydrochloride:

Pharmacodynamics:

1 - CNS:

- 1. ketamine increases cerebral oxygen consumption, cerebral blood flow, and intracranial pressure
- 2- generalized increase in the muscle tone and purposful movements.
- 3- Unpleasant dreams, hallucinations or frank delirium (esp. females & large dose of ketamine).
 - incidence of delirium in 15-35 year old Pts is approx. 20%

2- Ketamine hydrochloride:

Pharmacodynamics:

2 – Respiratory system:

- It preserves laryngeal &pharyngeal airway reflexes.
- Ketamine is a potent bronchodilator.
- FRC → unchanged.
- Minute ventilation → unchanged.
- Tidal volume → unchanged.
- Hypoxic pulmonary vasoconstriction → unchanged.
- Ketamine causes increased secretions but this can be limited by anti-cholinergic drugs.

2- Ketamine hydrochloride:

Pharmacodynamics:

3 - CVS:

- It produces central sympathetic stimulation, which increases:
- 1. Arterial blood pressure, heart rate, and cardiac output.
- 2. Pulmonary artery pressure.
- 3. Coronary blood flow.
- 4. Myocardial oxygen uptake.
- It may cause myocardial depression if the sympathetic nervous sys is exhausted or blocked.

2- Ketamine hydrochloride:

Pharmacodynamics:

4 - GI:

Minimal anorexia, nausea & vomiting.

5 - GU:

 Placental transfer does occur, but neonatal depression hasn't been observed if the dose is limited to < 1 mg/kg

6 - Muscle system:

- Generalized increase in skeletal muscle tone.
- Increases the effects of muscle relaxants

7 - Endocrine Sys:

 Increased sympathetic stimulation → increased blood glucose, increased plasma cortisol.

2- Ketamine hydrochloride:

Indications:

- 1. Sole anesthetic for diagnosis and surgical procedures
- 2. Induction of anesthesia
- 3. To supplement regional or local anesthetic techniques
- 4. For anesthetic induction in severe asthmatic pts. Or patients with cardiovascular collapse requiring emergency surgery

2- Ketamine hydrochloride:

Contraindications:

- 1- lack of knowledge of the drug
- 2- lack of resuscitative equipment
- 3- inability to maintain a patent airways
- 4- allergy to ketamine
- 5- history of psychosis
- 6- cerebral-vascular disease
- 7- Patients. For whom hypertension is hazardous

TABLE 9–3 Uses and doses of ketamine, etomidate, and propofol.

Agent	Use	Route ¹	Dose
Ketamine	Induction Sedation ²	IV IM IV	1–2 mg/kg 3–5 mg/kg 2.5–15 mcg/kg/min
Etomidate	Induction	IV	0.2-0.5 mg/kg
Propofol	Induction Maintenance infusion Sedation infusion	IV IV	1–2.5 mg/kg 50–200 mcg/kg/min 25–100 mcg/kg/min

¹IV, intravenous; IM, intramuscular.

²Almost always in combination with propofol.

TABLE 9-4 Summary of nonvolatile anesthetic effects on organ systems.¹

	Cardio	vascular	Respi	ratory		Cerebral	
Agent	HR	MAP	Vent	B'dil	CBF	CMRO ₂	ICP
Barbiturates Thiopental Thiamylal Methohexital	↑↑ ↑↑ ↑↑	↓↓ ↓↓ ↓↓		↓ ↓ 0	$\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$	$\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$	
Benzodiazepines Diazepam Lorazepam Midazolam	0/↑ 0/↑ ↑	$\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$	$\downarrow \downarrow \\ \downarrow \downarrow \\ \downarrow \downarrow$	0 0 0	$\downarrow \downarrow \\ \downarrow \downarrow \\ \downarrow \downarrow$	$\downarrow \downarrow \\ \downarrow \downarrow \\ \downarrow \downarrow$	$\downarrow \downarrow \\ \downarrow \downarrow \\ \downarrow \downarrow$
Ketamine	$\uparrow \uparrow$	$\uparrow \uparrow$	\downarrow	$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$	↑↑ 2	1	↑ ↑2
Etomidate	0	\downarrow	\downarrow	0	$\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow$	$\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow$	$\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow$
Propofol	0	$\downarrow\downarrow$	$\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow$	0	$\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow$	$\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow$	$\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow$

¹HR, heart rate; MAP, mean arterial pressure; Vent, ventilatory drive; B'dil, bronchodilation; CBF, cerebral blood flow; CMRO₂, cerebral oxygen consumption; ICP, intracranial pressure; 0, no effect; 0/↑, no change or mild increase; \downarrow , decrease (mild, moderate, marked); \uparrow , increase (mild, moderate, marked).

²Minimal change in CBF and ICP when coadministered with other agents (see text).

TABLE 9–2 Uses and doses of commonly used benzodiazepines.

Agent	Use	Route ¹	Dose (mg/kg)
Diazepam	Premedication	Oral	0.2-0.5 ²
	Sedation	IV	0.04-0.2
Midazolam	Premedication	IM	0.07-0.15
	Sedation	IV	0.01-0.1
	Induction	IV	0.1-0.4
Lorazepam	Premedication	Oral	0.05

¹IV, intravenous; IM, intramuscular.

²Maximum dose is 15 mg.

TABLE 9–1 Uses and dosages of common barbiturates.

Agent	Use	Route ¹	Concentration (%)	Dose (mg/kg)
Thiopental, thiamylal	Induction	IV	2.5	3–6
Methohexital	Induction Sedation Induction	IV IV Rectal (children)	1 1 10	1–2 0.2–0.4 25
Secobarbital, pentobarbital	Premedication	Oral IM Rectal suppository	5	2-4 ² 2-4 ² 3

¹IV, intravenous; IM, intramuscular.

²Maximum dose is 150 mg.

TABLE 10-3 Uses and doses of common opioids.

Agent	Use	Route ¹	Dose ²
Morphine	Postoperative analgesia	IM IV	0.05-0.2 mg/kg 0.03-0.15 mg/kg
Hydromorphone	Postoperative analgesia	IM IV	0.02-0.04 mg/kg 0.01-0.02 mg/kg
Fentanyl	Intraoperative anesthesia Postoperative analgesia	IV IV	2-50 mcg/kg 0.5-1.5 mcg/kg
Sufentanil	Intraoperative anesthesia	IV	0.25-20 mcg/kg
Alfentanil	Intraoperative anesthesia Loading dose Maintenance infusion	IV IV	8–100 mcg/kg 0.5–3 mcg/kg/min
Remifentanil	Intraoperative anesthesia Loading dose Maintenance infusion Postoperative analgesia/sedation	IV IV IV	1.0 mcg/kg 0.5-20 mcg/kg/min 0.05-0.3 mcg/kg/min

¹IM, intramuscular; IV, intravenous.

²Note: The wide range of opioid doses reflects a large therapeutic index and depends upon which other anesthetics are simultaneously administered. For obese patients, dose should be based on ideal body weight or lean body mass, not total body weight. Tolerance can develop rapidly (ie, within 2 h) during IV infusion of opioids, necessitating higher infusion rates. Dose correlates with other variables besides body weight that need to be considered (eg, age). The relative potencies of fentanyl, sufentanil, and alfentanil are estimated to be 1:9:1/7.

TABLE 10-1 Classification of opioid receptors.¹

Receptor	Clinical Effect	Agonists
μ	Supraspinal analgesia (µ₁) Respiratory depression (µ₂) Physical dependence Muscle rigidity	Morphine Met-enkephalin² β-Endorphin² Fentanyl
κ	Sedation Spinal analgesia	Morphine Nalbuphine Butorphanol Dynorphin ² Oxycodone
δ	Analgesia Behavioral Epileptogenic	Leu-enkephalin² β-Endorphin²
σ	Dysphoria Hallucinations Respiratory stimulation	Pentazocine Nalorphine Ketamine

¹Note: The relationships among receptor, clinical effect, and agonist are more complex than indicated in this table. For example, pentazocine is an antagonist at μ receptors, a partial agonist at κ receptors, and an agonist at σ receptors.

²Endogenous opioid.

Thank You

End of lecture