



# Anesthetics

## Lecture 12 part 2

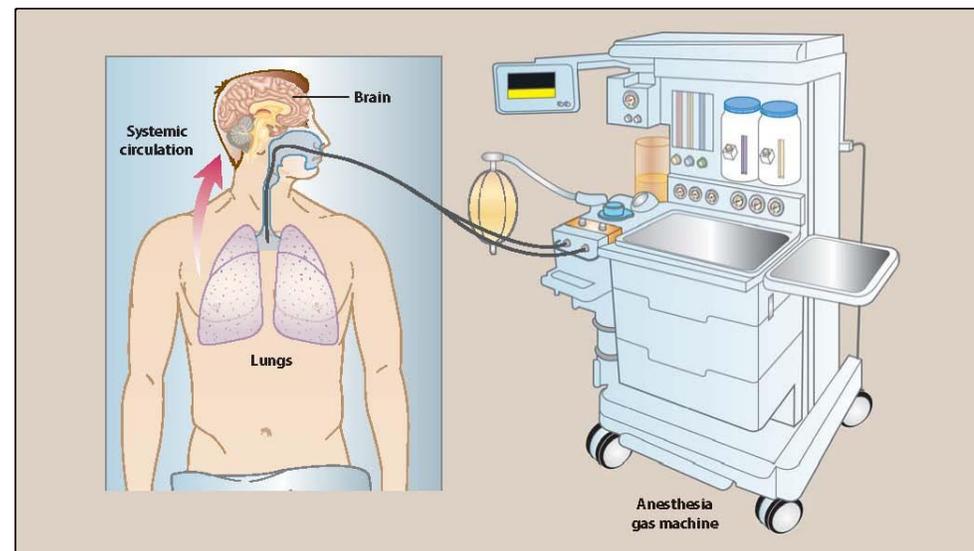


# Inhalational Anesthetics

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- Primarily used for maintenance of anesthesia following induction by IV agents.
- Depth of anesthesia correlates with inhaled concentration.
- Less risk of cardiac/respiratory depression than IV agents.
- No antagonists.

*usually termination  
the effect by  
redistribution*



# Inhaled anesthetics

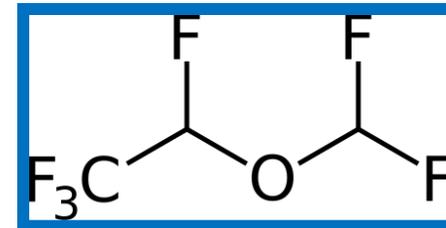
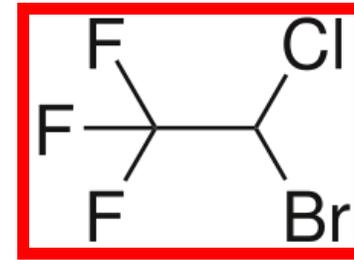
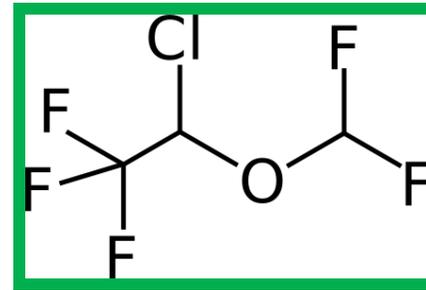
## 1- Halogenated (with Cl, F, I) Volatile liquids:

\* **Halothane**

\* **Isoflurane**

\* **Desflurane**

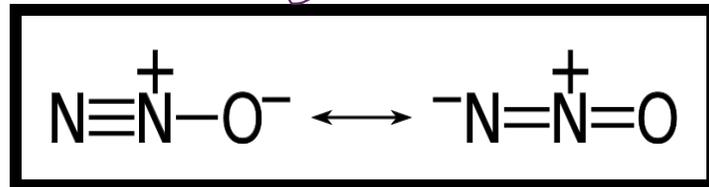
\* **Sevoflurane**



## 2- Gases: Nitrous oxide → used in dentist

↳ inorganic gas

as analgesic



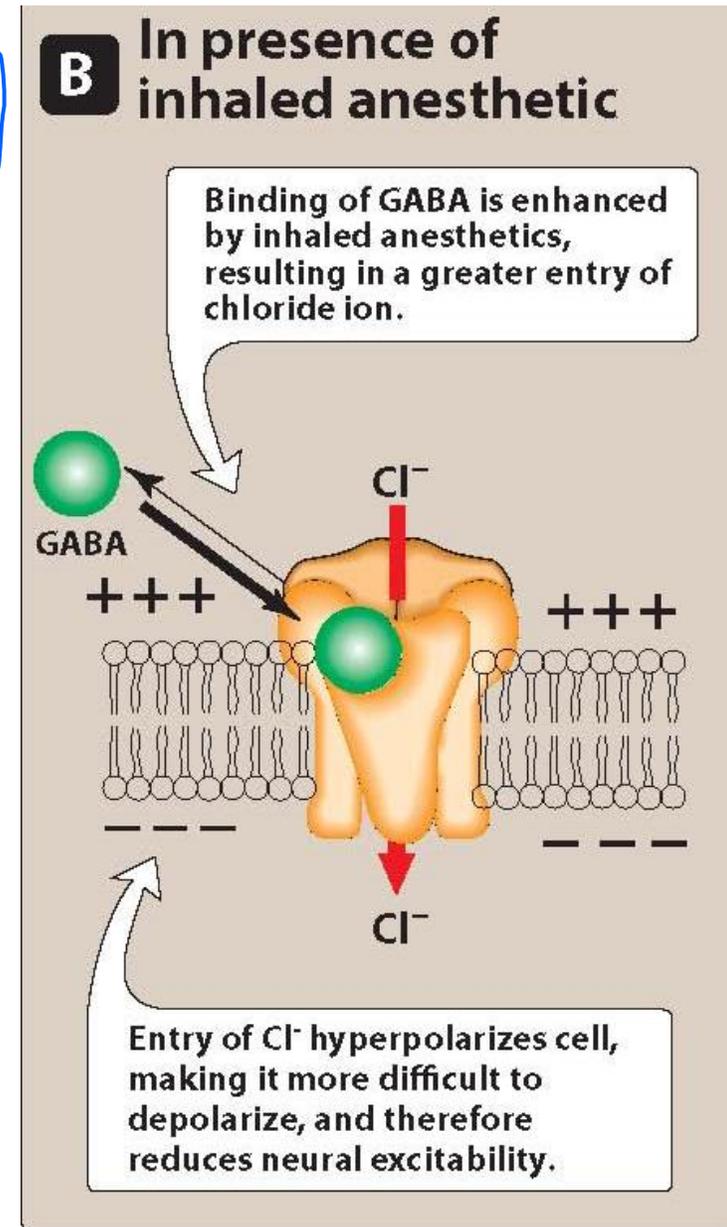
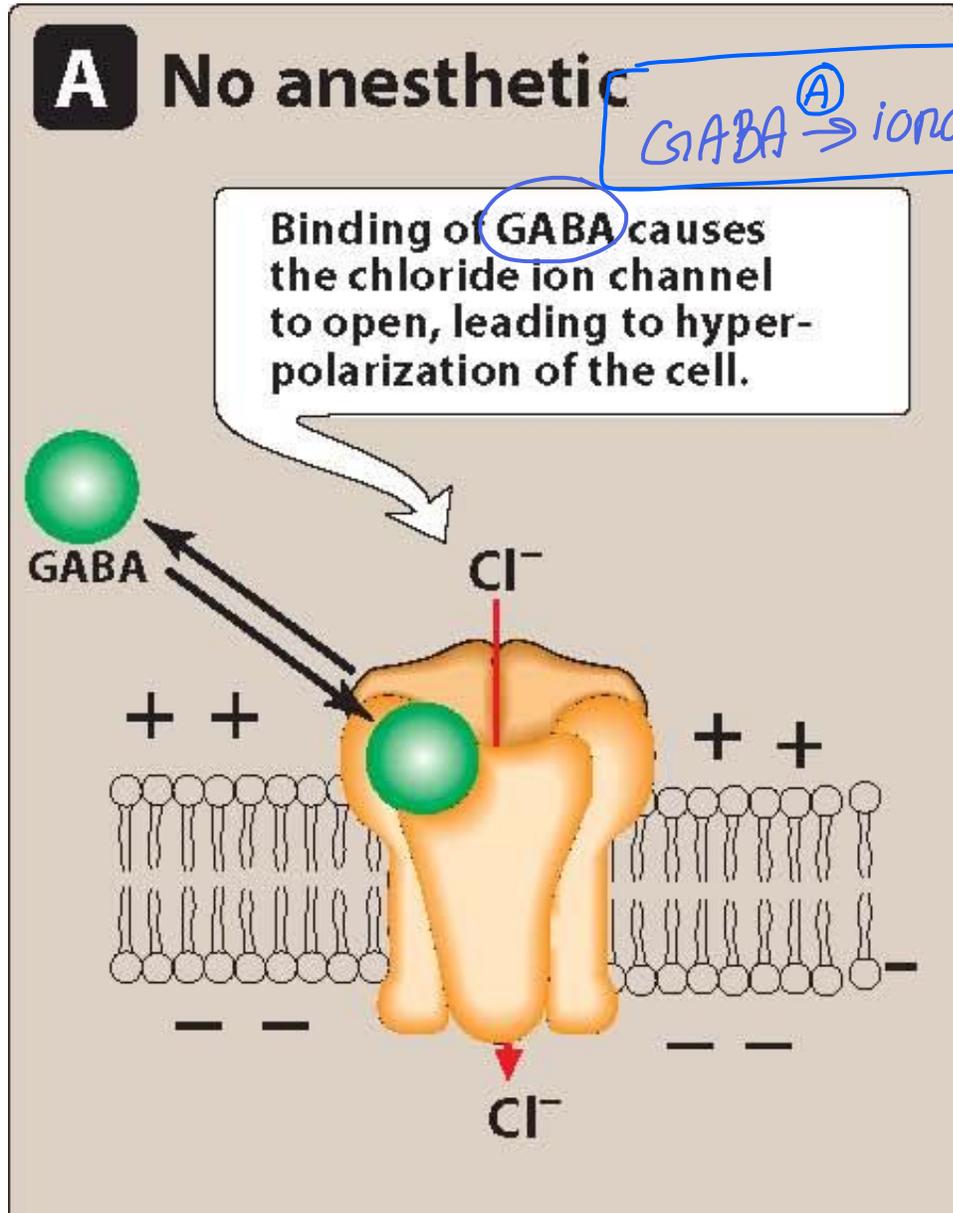
now is rarely used



# Mechanism of Action of Inhalational Anesthetics is UNKNOWN!

## Possible mechanisms:

- 1 Increase the sensitivity of GABA<sub>A</sub> receptors to GABA  
(nitrous oxide, ketamine have no effect on GABA)
- 2 Inhibition of NMDA receptors *↗ inhibitory NT*
- 3 Increase the activity of glycine receptors in the spinal chord
- 4 Block excitatory postsynaptic currents of nicotinic receptors



like BZ and barbiturate



to induce anesthesia in 50% of pt ← concentration of inhalation anesthetic المطلوب

## Potency: MAC

finishing of the tidal cycle of breathing

### Minimum Alveolar Concentration (MAC)

- The end-tidal concentration of an inhalational anesthetic needed to eliminate movement in 50% of patients stimulated by a standardized incision.

↳ the pt completely unconsciousness, losing reflexes and motor function.

- MAC = ED<sub>50</sub> of an anesthetic

- MAC is expressed as percentage of alveolar gas mixture/ partial pressure as % of 760 mm of Hg.

primary wound

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# Potency: MAC

\* inverse relationship between MAC and the potency of the anesthetic

\* Factors affect the MAC :-

1 ↑ MAC

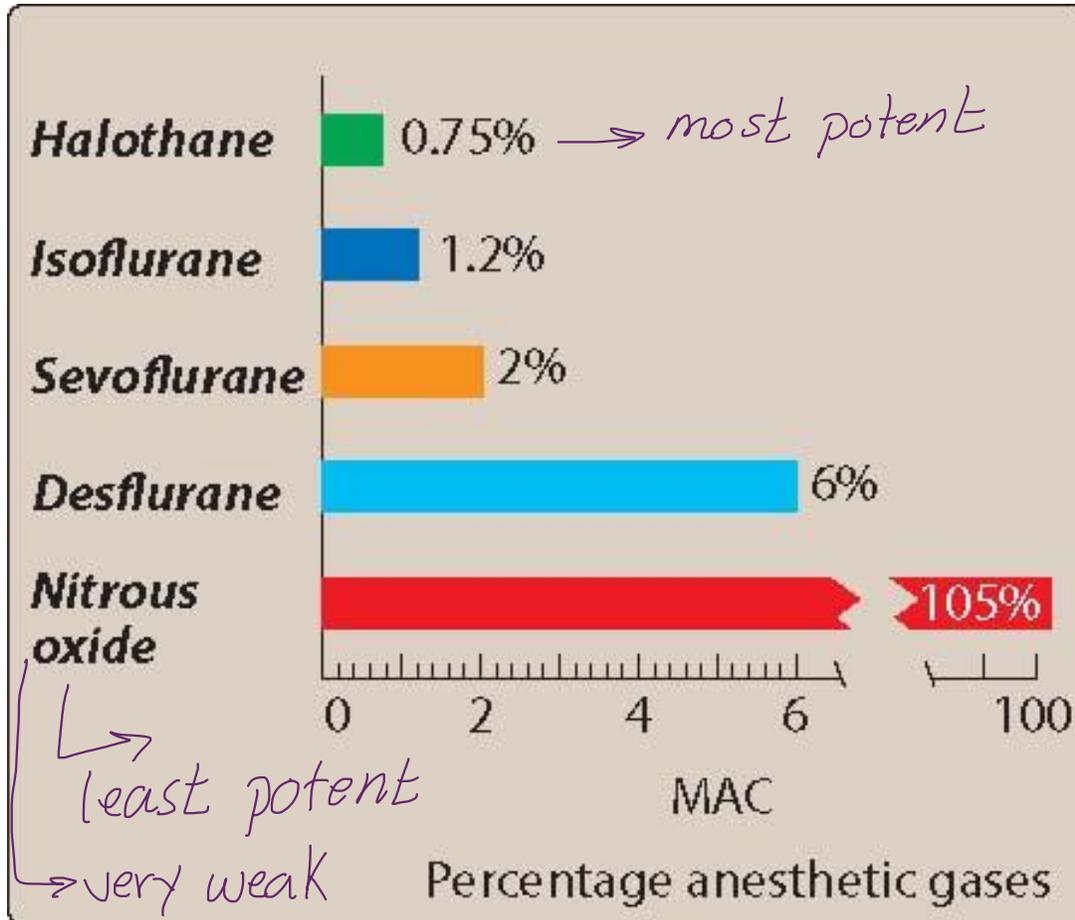
- Hyperthermia
- Chronic alcohol abuse
- ↑ CNS catecholamines

↓ كلو الدواء \*  
less potent  
\* خلاصم نزيد الجرعة

2 ↓ MAC

- Increased age
- Hypothermia
- Pregnancy
- Sepsis
- **Concurrent use of an IV anesthetic**
- $\alpha_2$  agonists

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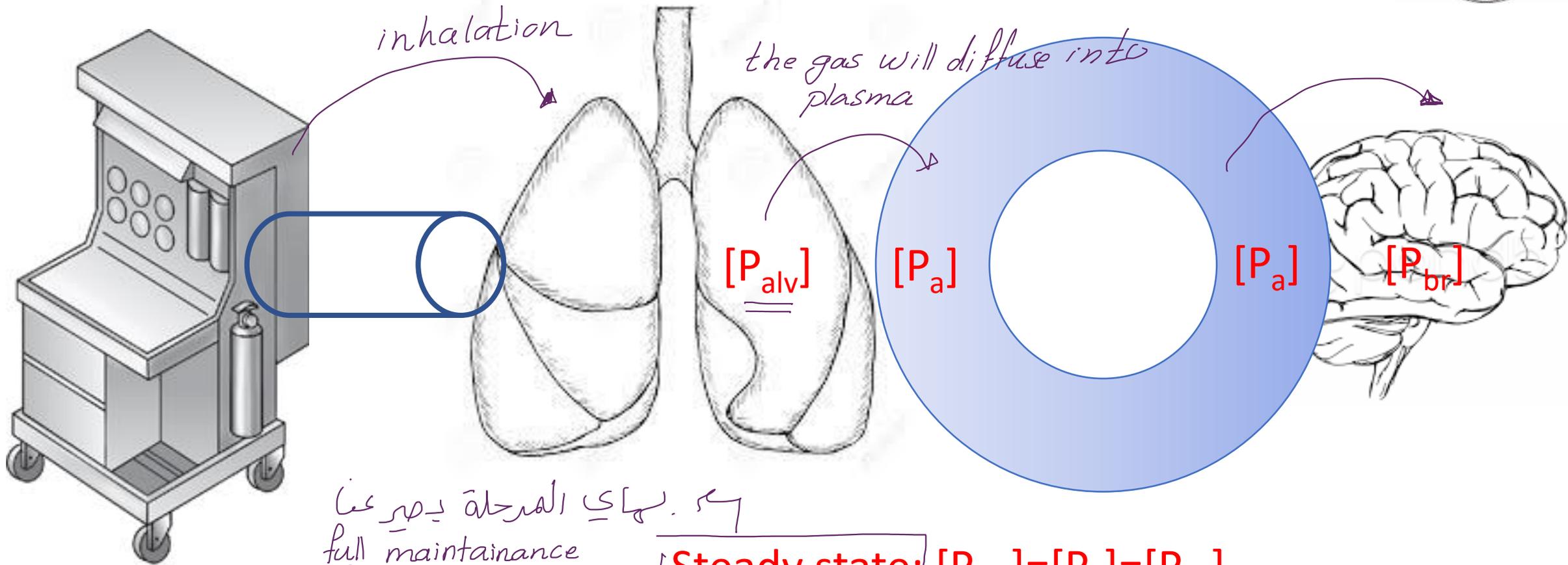




# Distribution

The pharmacologic effect of an inhalation agent is determined by the partial pressure of the anesthetic in the brain [ $P_{br}$ ]

[ $P_{br}$ ] depends on alveolar partial pressure [ $P_{alv}$ ] which is controlled by pressure at the origin of the respiratory pathway.



Anesthesia machine

في نهاية المرحلة يصر على  
full maintainance  
of anesthesia.

**Steady state:**  $[P_{alv}] = [P_a] = [P_{br}]$

يتحكم في الـ  $P_{br}$  عن طريق التحكم في الـ  $P_{alv}$



جرعة ال ← anesethia

# Factors affecting equilibrium/steady state

## I. Alveolar Wash-In

“Replacement of normal lung gases with inspired anesthetic mixture”

- ## II. Anesthetic Uptake
- “most important”*
- a. Solubility in blood
  - b. Cardiac output
  - c. Tissue type
  - d. Alveolar:venous gradient
- blood stream* ← *نقل على*



# Solubility

$$\frac{[\text{anesthetic}] \text{ in blood}}{[\text{anesthetic}] \text{ in alveoli}} = \text{coefficient}$$

← كوكري  
 ← عاكس  
 ← Soluble in the blood 'لو، بياق قديس هاد، لو'

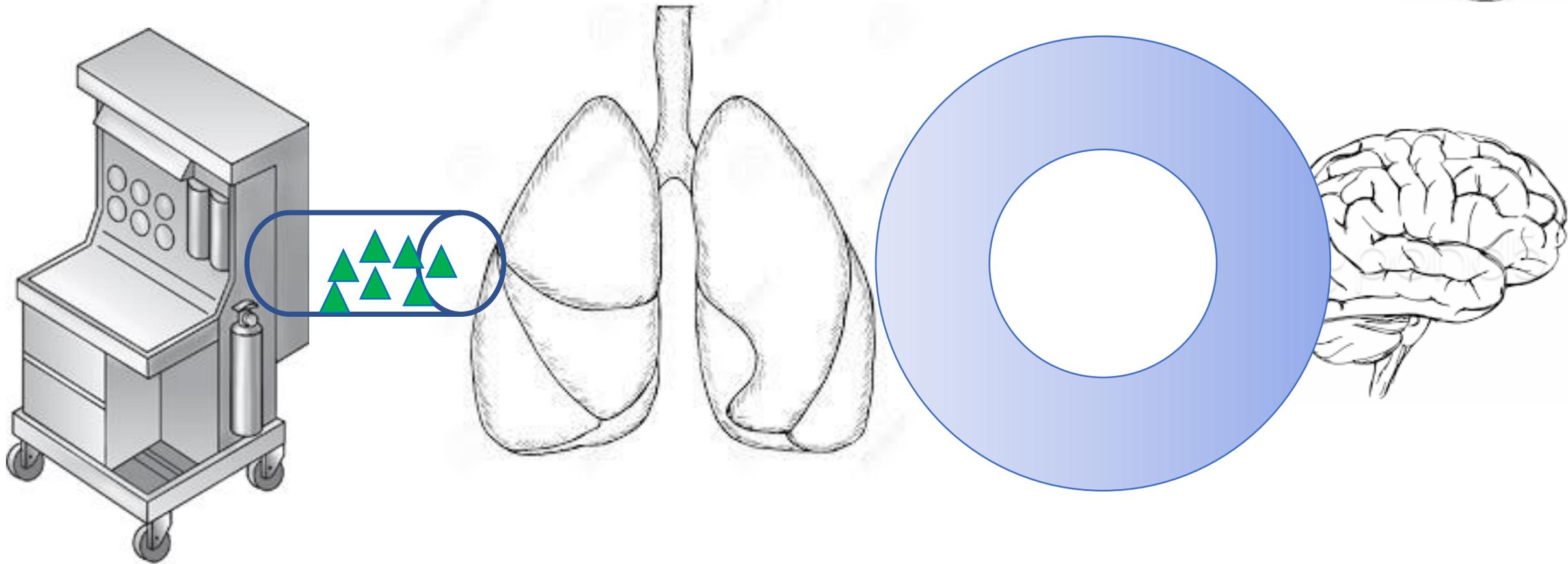
- Determined by **blood:gas partition coefficient** [the ratio of the concentration of the anesthetic in the blood to the concentration of the anesthetic in the gas phase=solubility of an anesthetic in blood]

→ if blood:gas coefficient is low (alveoli)

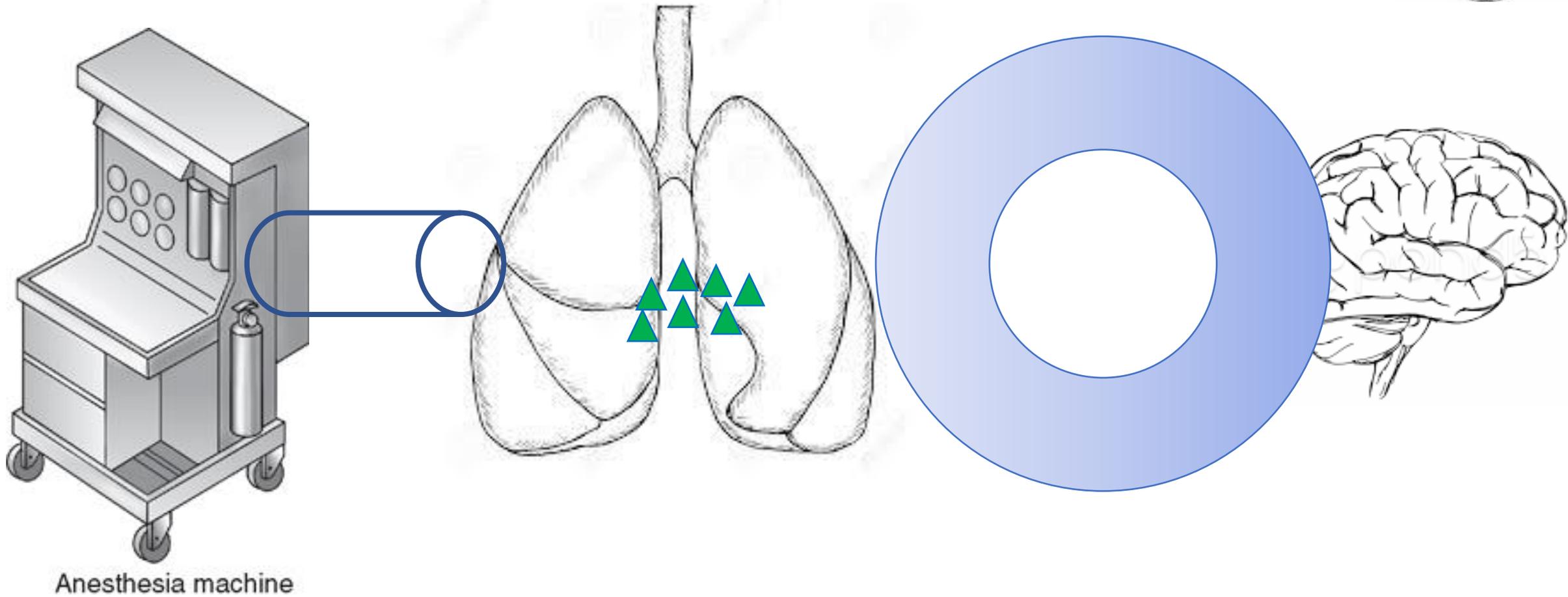
- **Low** blood solubility → few anesthetic molecules are required to raise  $[P_a]$  → Less time for induction and recovery  
"rapid"

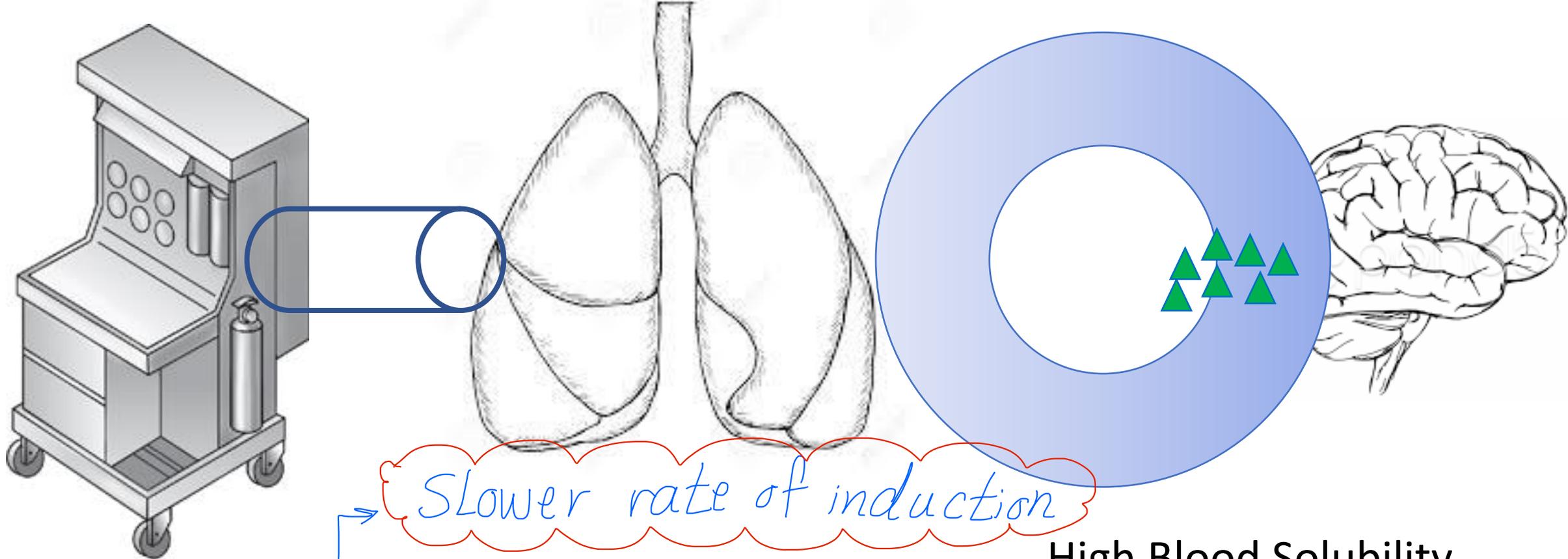
- **High** blood solubility → more anesthetic molecules are required to raise  $[P_a]$  → more time for induction and recovery  
"slower"

Tareq Saleh © inverse → recovery, rate of induction of anesthesia ← blood:gas coefficient \* العاكس



Anesthesia machine





Anesthesia machine

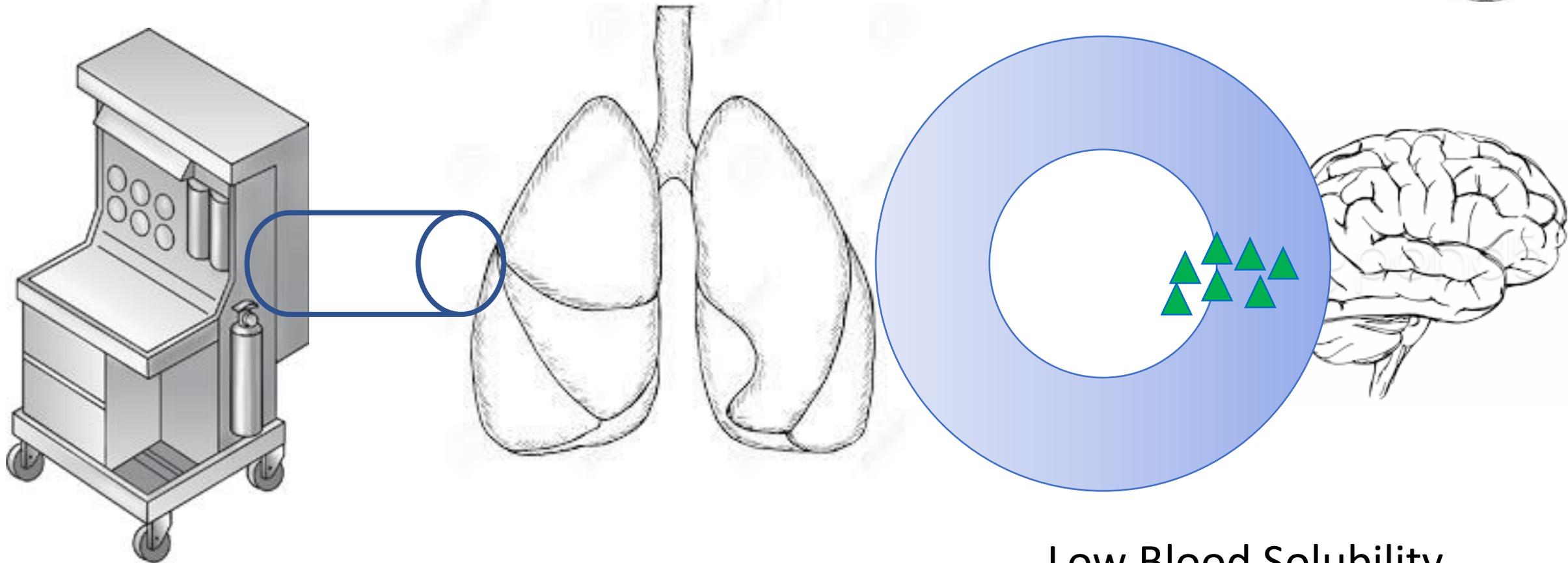
Slower rate of induction

High Blood Solubility

بالتالي مع يأخذ وقت أطول  
to induce anesthesia  
and recovery.

وبالتالي نحتاج  
to raise the  $P_a$  of (gas)

it will stay in the  
circulation for prolonged  
period of time



Anesthesia machine

## Low Blood Solubility

*faster rate*

*will raise the cerebral partial pressure of the anesthetic*

*Larger percentage of drug molecule will diffuse from blood circulation to the brain*



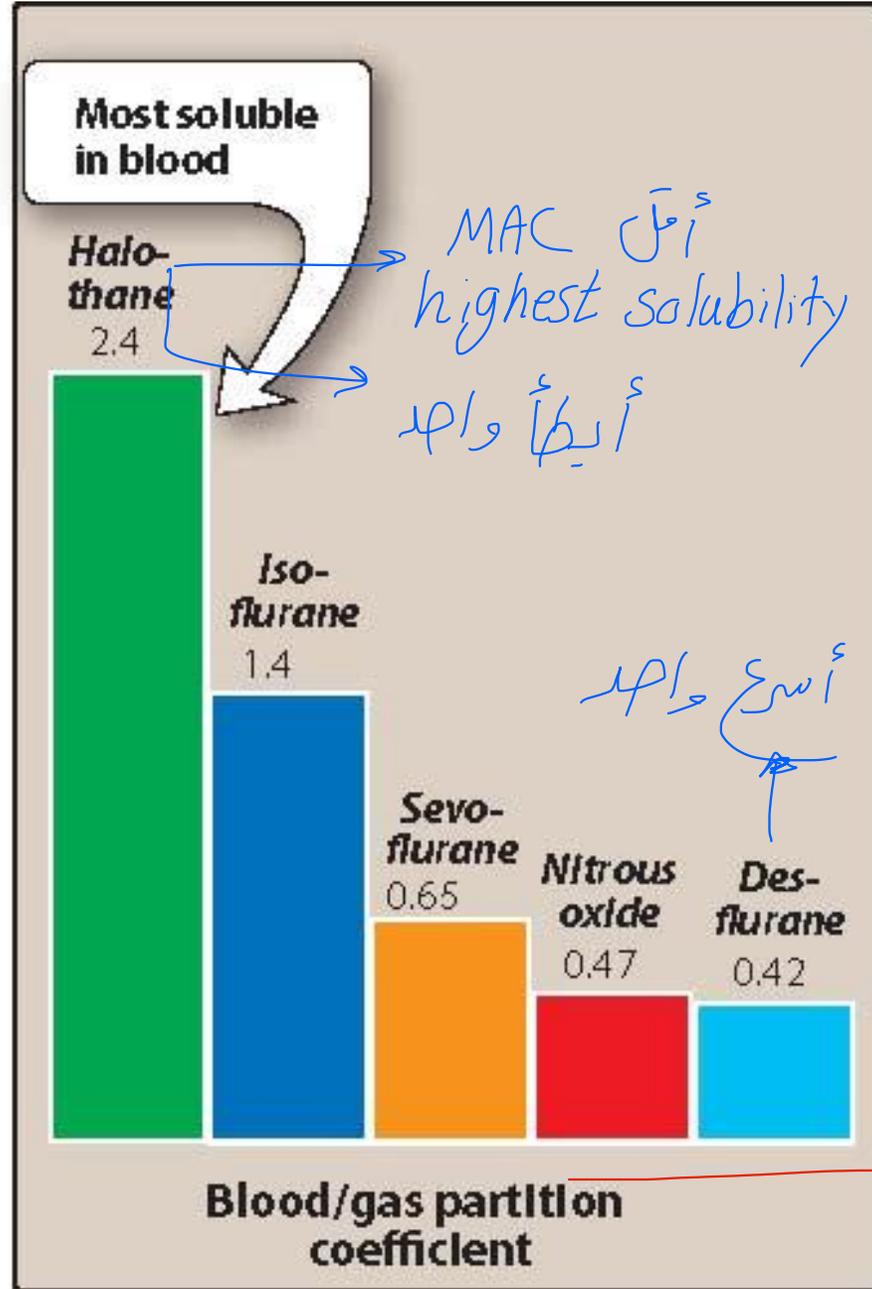
inverse relationship

1) MAC

(↓MAC → the drug is more potent)

2) solubility

(↓blood:gas coefficient → the drug is faster in induction anesthesia)



Steady state

\* الذي يوصله

أسرع

the low solubility

لأن لو جاب الرسمة في سلايد 98  
نقدر نحدد في الـ MAC  
فقط بين الـ أقوى..

most potent one?

depend on MAC only

\* We can't determine in this figure. Wolters Kluwer



\* invers relation ship

# Cardiac Output

عياً يا نرحاك لـ blood recovery

- CO affects washing the anesthetic to peripheral tissue (NOT the site of action)

COMPARE TO IV

High CO → Increase pulmonary blood flow (more removal to the periphery) → slow rise in  $[P_{alv}]$  → slow induction  
 → ~~slow rise~~

ANESTHETICS?

brain. بعداً عنك لـ

Low CO → ↓ pulmonary blood flow (less removal to the periphery) → fast rise in  $[P_{alv}]$  → faster induction



# Differences in Tissue Type on Uptake

$$\text{Steady State} \sim \frac{\text{Blood flow to the tissue}}{\text{Capacity of tissue to store the anesthetic (proportional to tissue volume)}}$$

Tissue Type	Perfusion (Blood Flow)	Capacity
Brain, heart, liver , kidney, endocrine glands	<u>Good</u>	<u>Low</u>
Skeletal muscles	Poor	<u>Large</u>
Adipose tissue	Poor	<u>Large</u>
Bone, cartilage	Poor	<u>Low</u>

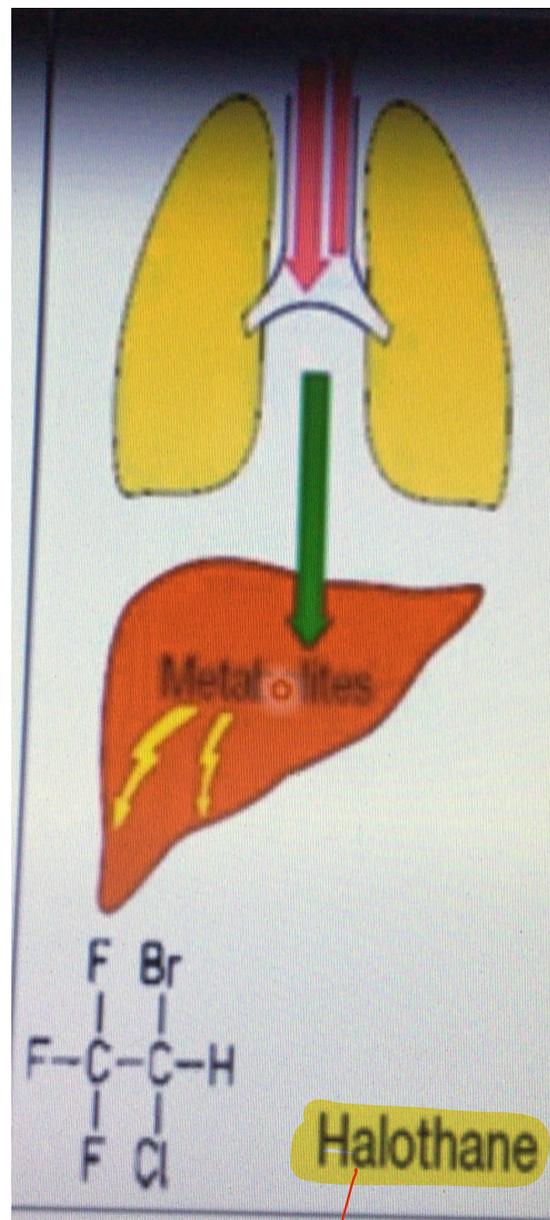
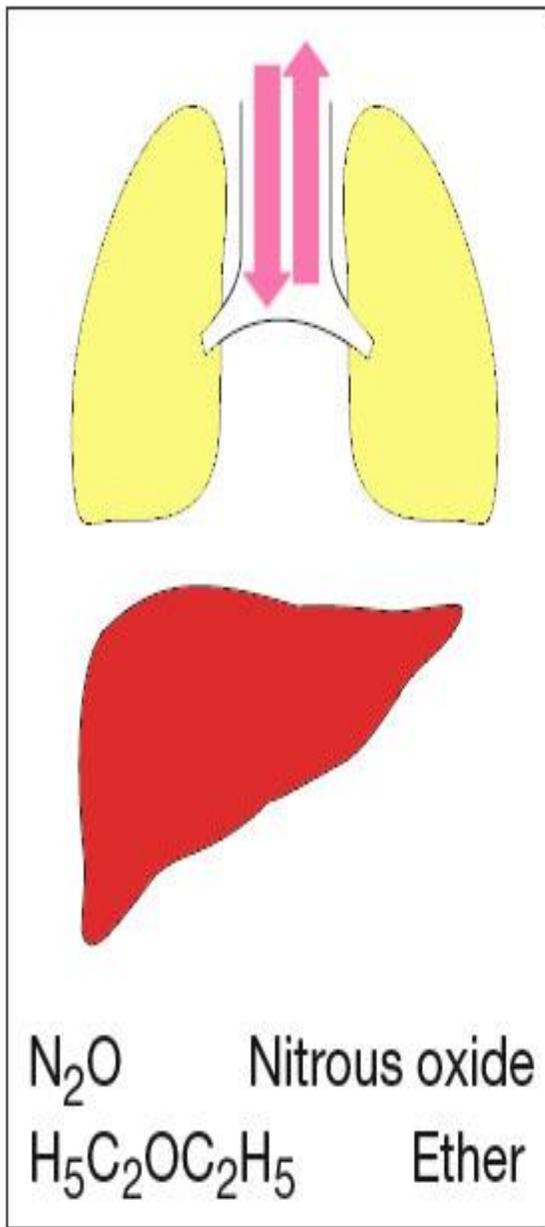


# Elimination

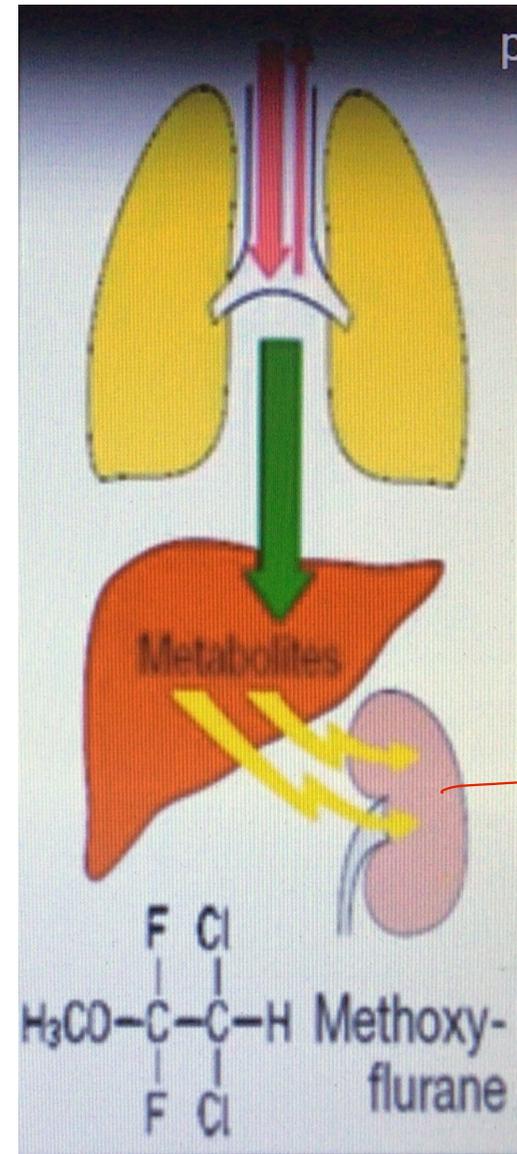
- The time to recovery from inhalation anesthesia depends on the rate of elimination of anesthetics from the brain after the inspired concentration of anesthetic has been decreased.
- Inhaled anesthetics that are relatively insoluble in blood (low blood: gas partition coefficient) and brain are eliminated at faster rates than more soluble anesthetics.

\* majority of elimination of halothane happens through the lung

All inhaled anesthetics are eliminated mainly through lungs



↳ heavily metabolised by the liver

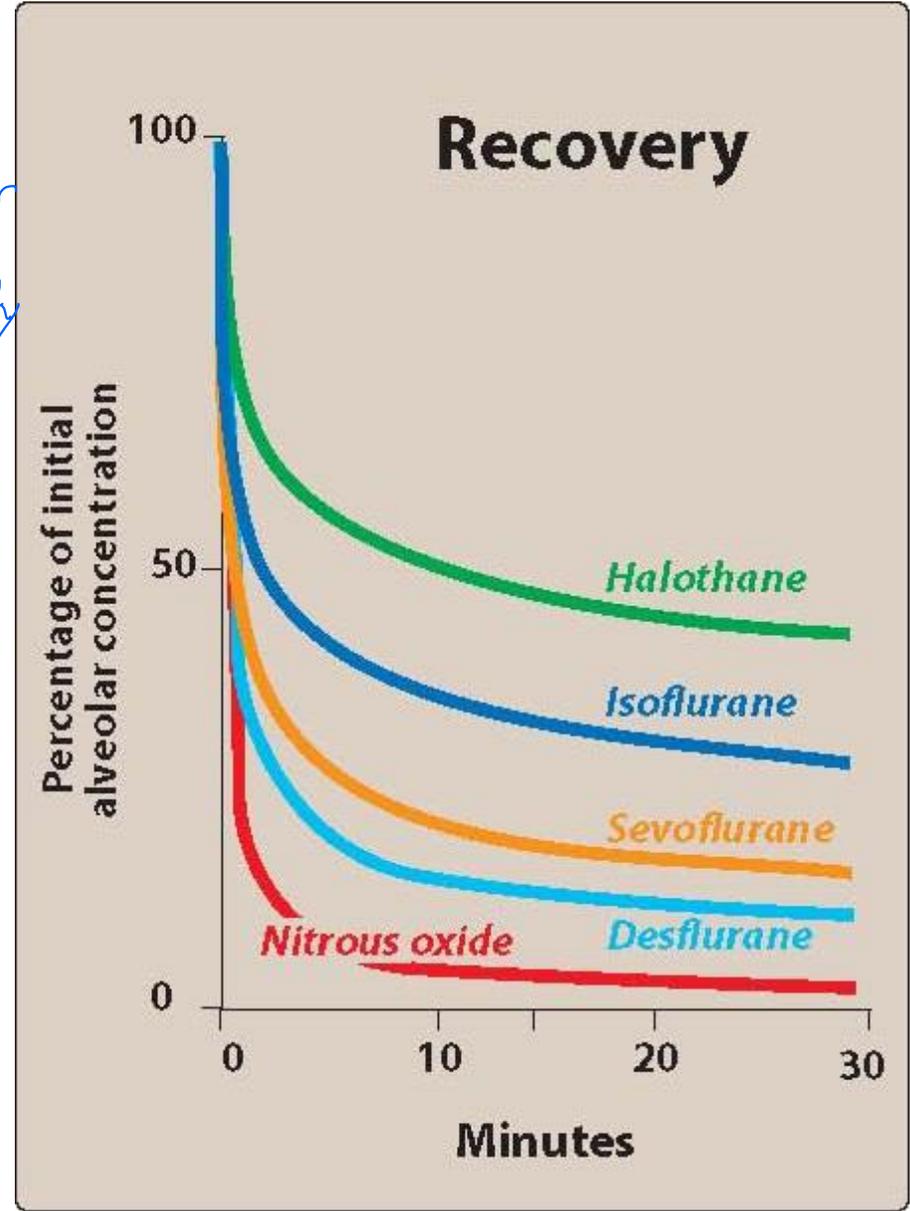
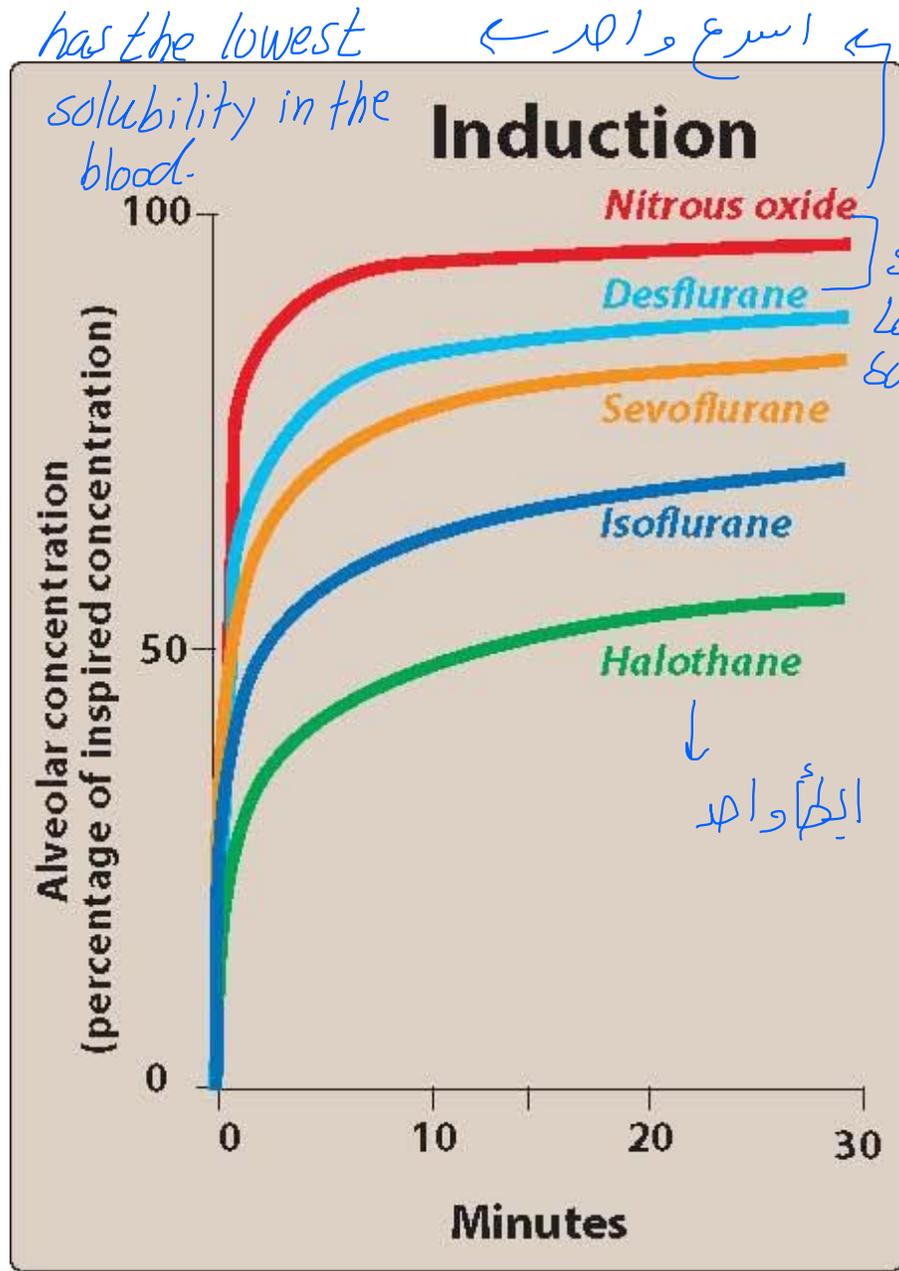


↳ its metabolite excreted through the kidney.



# Recovery

- The duration of exposure to the anesthetic can have a marked effect on the time of recovery. If exposure to the anesthetic is short, recovery may be rapid.
- Clearance of inhaled anesthetics by the lungs into the expired air is the major route of their elimination from the body



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اسرع

# Isoflurane

- Has a **pungent smell** → stimulates the respiratory reflexes → **NOT** used for inhalational induction *ONLY for maintainance.*
- Causes **hypotension**
- Solubility? Induction time?
- **Low cost**
- **Longer surgeries**



# Desflurane

*ONLY for maintenance as isoflurane*

- Respiratory irritant → **NOT** used for inhalational induction
- Causes **hypotention**
- Low blood solubility → *very fast induction and recovery*
- **Higher cost**
- **Better for short surgeries**



Sevoflurane → used to induce anesthesia  
in pediatric age population

- Low pungency and respiratory irritation → can be used for inhalational induction
- Low solubility

# Nitrous Oxide

*Least potent  
one.*





# Nitrous Oxide

- Gas *(inorganic)*.
- Very rapid induction and recovery.
  - Why? *very low blood solubility.*
- least potent, highest MAC value.
- Poor anesthetic, good analgesic
- Administered with O<sub>2</sub> to avoid diffusion hypoxia (to produce sedation - dentistry)
- Administered with other inhalational agents for general anesthesia

	<i>Halothane</i>	<i>Isoflurane</i>	<i>Desflurane</i>	<i>Sevoflurane</i>
<p>Arrhythmias</p>	<p>Increased</p>	—	—	—
<p>Sensitivity to catecholamines</p>	<p>Increased</p>	—	—	—
<p>Cardiac output</p>	<p>Decreased</p>	<p>Decreased to a lesser extent than <i>halothane</i></p>	<p>Decreased to a lesser extent than <i>halothane</i></p>	<p>Decreased to a lesser extent than <i>halothane</i></p>
<p>Blood pressure</p>	<p>Dose dependent decreased</p>	<p>Dose dependent decreased</p>	<p>Dose dependent decreased</p>	<p>Dose dependent decreased</p>
<p>Respiratory reflexes</p>	<p>Inhibited</p>	<p>Initial stimulation</p>	<p>Initial stimulation</p>	<p>Inhibited</p>
<p>Hepatic toxicity</p>	<p>Some risk</p>	<p>Low risk</p>	<p>Low risk</p>	<p>Low risk</p>
<p>Renal toxicity</p>	<p>Low risk</p>	<p>Low risk</p>	<p>Low risk</p>	<p>Some risk</p>

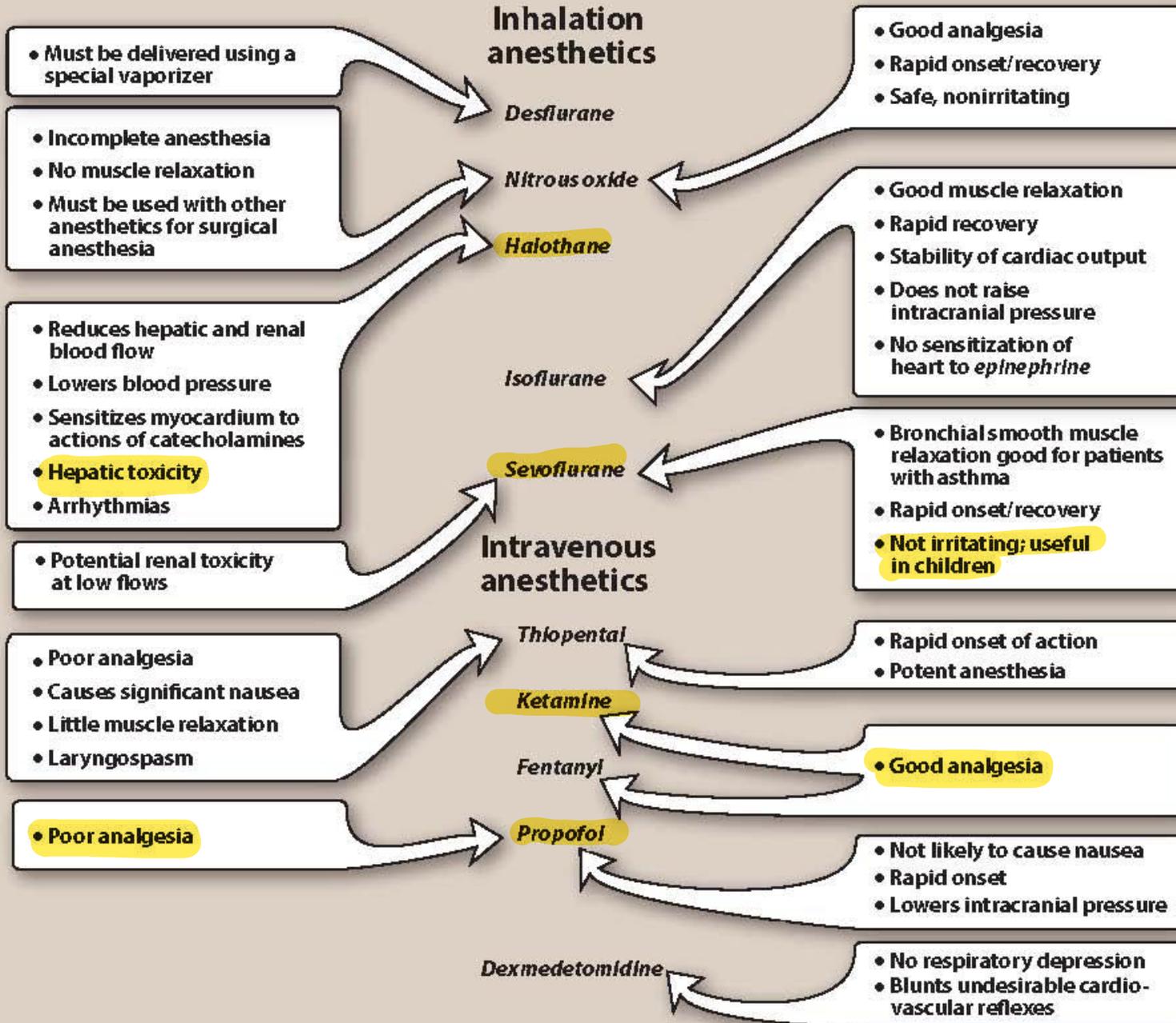


# Malignant Hyperthermia

- Rare anesthesia complication (only in susceptible patients; autosomal dominant)
- Exposure to: halogenated anesthetics, succinylcholine
- Life threatening
- Due to uncontrolled, excessive increase in skeletal muscle oxidative metabolism
- Treatment: **dantrolene**

## Therapeutic Disadvantages

## Therapeutic Advantages





# Anesthetic Adjuncts



## Anxiolytics

- Benzodiazepines
- midazolam

## Facilitation of intubation

- Neuromuscular blocking agents

## Anticholinergics

- WHY?

↳ ↓ Secretion in the air way tract (congestion)

# Anesthetics Adjuncts

## ↓ gastric acid secretion

- H<sub>2</sub> antagonists
- famotidine
- ranitidine

## Analgesics

- NSAIDS
- Paracetamol
- Opioids (fentanyl)

## Prevent allergic reactions

- antihistamines
- diphenhydramine

## Antiemetics

- ondansetron

↳ except propofol

↳ serotonin antagonist

# Stages of Anesthesia

## INDUCTION



## MAINTENANCE



## RECOVERY

- Mostly using intravenous anesthetics
  - propofol → *most commonly used*
- Produce unconsciousness in 30-40 seconds *very fast*
- Could use an inhalational agent e.g., pediatric

↳ like sevoflurane

- Mostly using inhalational agents
- Combined with fentanyl *opioid* to produce analgesia

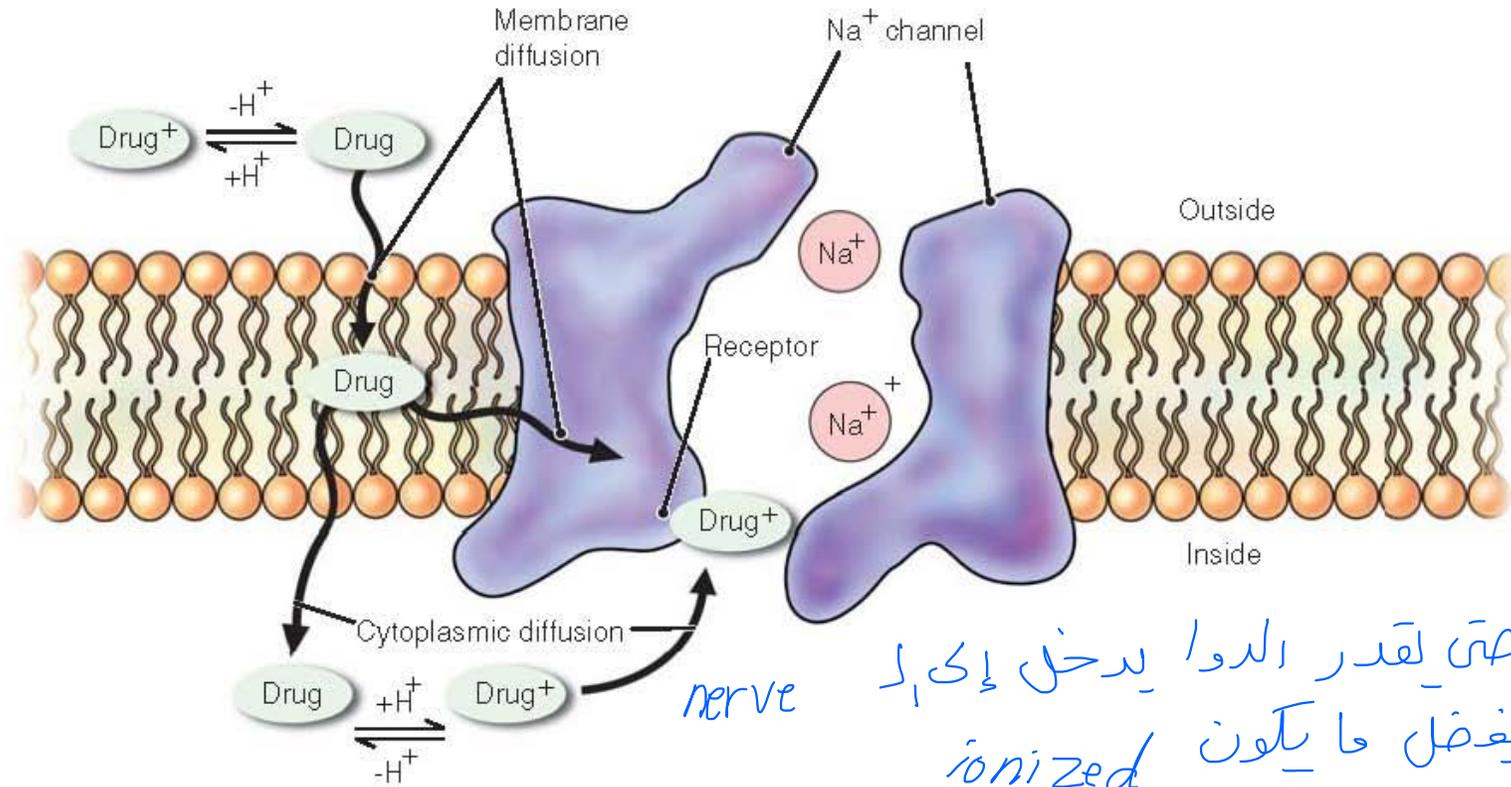
- Recovery happens due to the redistribution rather than metabolism



# Local Anesthetics

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- Low doses: block sensory conduction
- High doses: block motor impulses (*paralysis*)
- **Mechanism of action:** “Sodium channels blockade”



\* حتى لقدر الدواء يدخل إلى ionized nerve يُفضل ما يكون

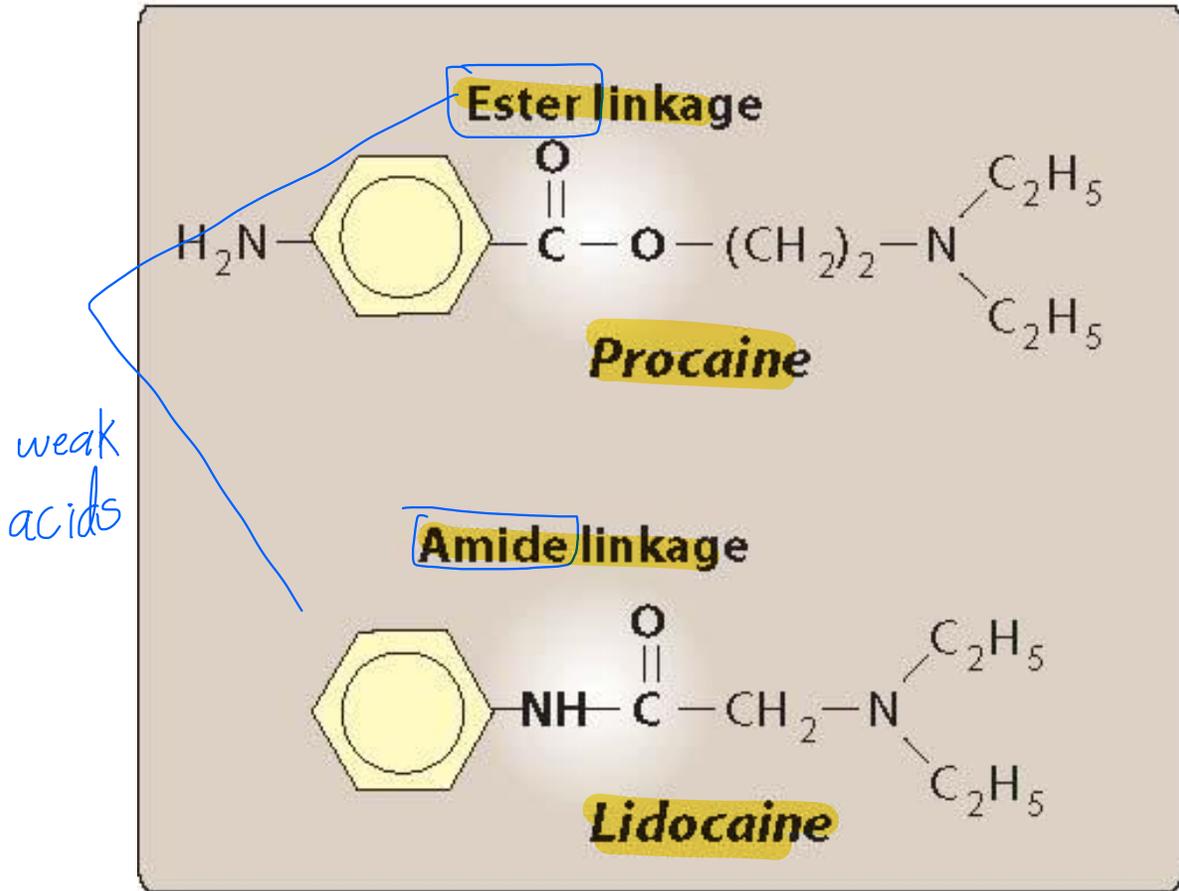
\* حتى يدخل على Na+ channel ويستهدفها يُفضل يكون (Charged/ionized)

**GAs appear to act by depressing synaptic transmission (unlike local anesthetics which act primarily by blocking axonal conduction)**



# Delivery Options

- Topical
- Infiltration *(dentist)*
- Perineural
- Neuraxial
  - Spinal
  - Epidural
  - Caudal



### LOCAL ANESTHETICS: AMIDES

*Bupivacaine* MARCAINE

*Lidocaine* XYLOCAINE

*Mepivacaine* CARBOCAINE

*Ropivacaine* NAROPIN

### LOCAL ANESTHETICS: ESTERS

*Chlorprocaine* NESACAINE

*Procaine* NOVOCAINE

*Tetracaine* PONTOCAINE

# Local Anesthetics

## Actions:

- **Vasodilation** + sensory block
  - leads to rapid diffusion → short duration of action
  - overcome by adding a vasoconstrictor e.g., *epinephrine*  
to increase the duration of action
- **Antiarrhythmic**
  - e.g., lidocaine

# Local Anesthetics

## Duration of actions:

### • Factors affecting the duration of action:

1. Tissue pH

2. Nerve morphology

*myelinated*  
*unmyelinated*

3. Concentration

4. Lipid solubility → *تفكي الدواء يدخل أسرع*

5. pKa (most important)

*to block Na<sup>+</sup> channel"*

- **lower pKa** → **more ionized** at physiologic pH → **faster**

- What happens if the tissue is **infected**?

*↳ pH → more acidic → less drug available in ionized form.*

Hepatic metabolism does NOT affect duration of action of local anesthetics



# Systemic Toxicity

- What if a local anesthetic was administered frequently or inadvertently in the vein (IV)?



## Local Anesthetic Systemic Toxicity (LAST)

1. Altered mental status
2. Seizures
3. Cardiovascular instability

**Treatment:** Lipid Rescue Therapy (20% lipid emulsion infusion)



CHARACTERISTIC	ESTERS	AMIDES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Procaine</i></li> <li>• <i>Chloroprocaine</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Tetracaine</i></li> <li>• <i>Cocaine</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Lidocaine</i></li> <li>• <i>Bupivacaine</i></li> <li>• <i>Ropivacaine</i></li> </ul>
Metabolism	Rapid by plasma cholinesterase	Slow, hepatic	
Systemic toxicity	Less likely	More likely	
Allergic reaction	Possible- PABA derivatives form	Very rare	
Stability in solution	Breaks down in ampules (heat, sun)	Very stable chemically	
Onset of action	Slow as a general rule	Moderate to fast	
pK <sub>a</sub> 's	Higher than physiologic pH (8.5–8.9)	Close to physiologic pH (7.6–8.1)	

DRUG	POTENCY	ONSET	DURATION
<i>Procaine</i>	Low	Rapid	Short
<i>Chloroprocaine</i>	Low	Rapid	Short
<i>Tetracaine</i>	High	Slow	Long (spinal)
<i>Lidocaine</i>	Low	Rapid	Intermediate
<i>Mepivacaine</i>	Low	Moderate	Intermediate
<i>Bupivacaine</i>	High	Slow	Long
<i>Ropivacaine</i>	High	Moderate	Long



- Thank you
- Questions?