

oxygen tension in the immediate postoperative period this complication may be avoided.

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Drugs

PROPANIDID Anesthesia was induced with propanidid (5 to 7 mg/kg body weight) and maintained with methoxyflurane in 450 patients. Propanidid is a non-barbiturate which is rapidly broken down into inactive metabolites and, therefore, does not influence the postoperative period. Induction was smooth and rapid and blood pressure and pulse rate remained remarkably stable, even in hypertensive patients. (*Schulte-Steinberg, O.: Induction of Methoxyflurane Anesthesia with Propanidid, Der Anaesthetist* 18: 334 (Oct.) 1969.)