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Humphry Davy: His Life, Works, and Contribution to Anesthesiology

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Nicholas Riegels and Michael J. Richards

The authors present the life and extensive scientific works of Humphry Davy and explain why his contribution demonstrates him to be a pioneer in the field of anesthesiology.

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- ◆ ◆ **Perioperative Stroke and Associated Mortality after Noncardiac, Nonneurologic Surgery** 1289
George A. Mashour, Amy M. Shanks, and Sachin Kheterpal
 The authors derived and validated a risk model for perioperative stroke after noncardiac, nonneurologic surgery. They observed that perioperative stroke is associated with an 8-fold increase in mortality.
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- ◆ ◆ ◆ **Expansion of the Surgical Apgar Score across All Surgical Subspecialties as a Means to Predict Postoperative Mortality** 1305
Paul Q. Reynolds, Neal W. Sanders, Jonathan S. Schildcrout, Nathaniel D. Mercado, and Paul J. St. Jacques
 An intraoperative surgical Apgar scoring system has been developed to assess postoperative risk. This study expanded the scoring system by collecting intraoperative and postoperative data from 123,864 procedures and many surgical subspecialties. Logistic regression models were created in which mortality within 7, 30, and 90 days were regressed on the Apgar Score. Lower surgical Apgar Scores were associated with an increased risk of death; the magnitude of this association varied by subspecialty. For most surgeries, the association between the Apgar Score and mortality decreased as the time since surgery increased, suggesting the predictive ability diminishes over time. After adjusting for the patient's American Society of Anesthesiologists classification, Apgar Scores remained associated with death among most of the subspecialties. *SUPPLEMENTAL DIGITAL CONTENT IS AVAILABLE IN THE TEXT*
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Anne K. Stæhr, Christian S. Meyhoff, Lars S. Rasmussen, the PROXI Trial Group
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- ◆ **Spinal Anesthesia in Infant Rats: Development of a Model and Assessment of Neurologic Outcomes** 1325
Barak Yahalom, Umeshkumar Athiraman, Sulpicio G. Soriano, David Zurakowski, Elizabeth A. Carpino, Gabriel Corfas, and Charles B. Berde
 An infant rat model was developed to address emerging concerns about neurodevelopmental toxicities of general anesthesia. Spinal anesthesia proved feasible in infant rats and comparatively benign in terms of neuroapoptotic, histologic, and neuromotor effects.
- ◆ ◆ ◆ **Development and Validation of a Risk Quantification Index for 30-Day Postoperative Mortality and Morbidity in Noncardiac Surgical Patients** 1336
Jarrod E. Dalton, Andrea Kurz, Alparslan Turan, Edward J. Mascha, Daniel I. Sessler, and Leif Saager
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Anesthetic Ketamine Impairs Rats' Recall of Previous Information: The Nitric Oxide Synthase Inhibitor *N*-Nitro-*L*-arginine Methyl ester Antagonizes This Ketamine-induced Recognition Memory Deficit 1345

Antonios Boultsadakis and Nikolaos Pitsikas

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Emmanuel Futier, Jean-Michel Constantin, Paolo Pelosi, Gerald Chanques, Alexandre Massone, Antoine Petit, Fabrice Kwiatkowski, Jean-Etienne Bazin, and Samir Jaber

Morbid obesity predisposes patients to lung collapse and hypoxemia during induction of anesthesia. Noninvasive positive pressure ventilation combined with early recruitment maneuver is more effective than noninvasive positive pressure ventilation alone at improving respiratory function after endotracheal intubation.

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Benjamin Drenger, Israel A. Ostrovsky, Michal Barak, Yael Nechemia-Arbely, Ehud Ziv, and Jonathan H. Axelrod

In diabetic rats, sevoflurane postconditioning cardioprotection was inhibited and not restored by insulin therapy, a defect that might be attributed to diabetes mellitus-induced signal transducer and activator of transcription 3-mediated inhibition of phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase signaling.

Myocardial Blood Flow during General Anesthesia with Xenon in Humans: A Positron Emission Tomography Study 1373

Wolfgang Schaefer, Philipp T. Meyer, Rolf Rossaint, Jan H. Baumert, Mark Coburn, Michael Fries, and Steffen Rex

In healthy volunteers, xenon anesthesia has only minimal effects on coronary flow dynamics, most probably reflecting the decrease in myocardial oxygen consumption induced by the effects of general anesthesia on cardiac work.

■ CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE

◆ **Propofol Enhances Memory Formation *via* an Interaction with the Endocannabinoid System** 1380

Daniela Hauer, Patrizia Ratano, Maria Morena, Sergio Scaccianoce, Isabel Briegel, Maura Palmery, Vincenzo Cuomo, Benno Roozendaal, Gustav Schelling, and Patrizia Campolongo

In contrast to benzodiazepines or barbiturates, propofol enhances memory consolidation when administered to rats after aversive training. This unique propofol effect is attributable to an interaction with the endocannabinoid system.

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Guy L. Weinberg, Richard Ripper, Sarah Bern, Bocheng Lin, Lucas Edelman, Guido DiGregorio, Mariann Piano, and Douglas L. Feinstein

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◇ **Moderate-dose Vasopressin Therapy May Impair Gastric Mucosal Perfusion in Severe Sepsis: A Pilot Study** 1396

Stefan Klinzing, Mark Simon, Konrad Reinhart, Andreas Meier-Hellmann, and Yasser Sakr

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Gail K. Wong and Mark W. Crawford

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Ricardo E. Rivera-Acevedo, Stephan A. Pless, Christopher A. Ahern, and Stephan K. W. Schwarz

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