Halothane

MOA: Halothane causes anesthesia due to its actions on multiple ion channels, which ultimately depresses nerve conduction, breathing, cardiac contractility. Its effects have been attributed to its binding to potassium channels in cholinergic neurons. Halothane's effect are also likely due to binding to NMDA receptor and calcium channels, causing hyperpolarization.

Uses: Halothane is a modern and widely used inhalation anesthetic. It is used in both short and long-lasting surgical operations. It acts very quickly, which is pleasing to patients, and it is very safe.

Enflurane

MOA: Enflurane acts as a positive allosteric modulator of the $GABA_A$ receptor. It also inhibits receptor activity in the NMDA glutamate receptor subtypes. These yield a decreased depolarization and therefore, tissue excitability which results in anesthesia.

Uses: Used for the induction and maintenance of general anaesthesia during surgery and as analgesia during child delivery.

Isoflurane



MOA: Similar to enflurane. Uses: Used for the induction and maintenance of general anaesthesia during surgery and cesarean section and also used for analgesia during child delivery.

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Methoxyflurane

$$\begin{array}{ccc} CI & F & H \\ I & I & I \\ H - C - C - O - C - H \\ CI & F & H \end{array}$$

MOA: Similar to enflurane. **Uses:** Used for the induction and maintenance of general anaesthesia during surgery and for analgesia during child delivery.

Desflurane



MOA: Similar to enflurane. Uses: Used for the induction and maintenance of general anaesthesia during surgery and cesarean section and also used for analgesia during child delivery.

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Sevoflurane

$$\begin{array}{c}
\mathsf{CF}_{3}\\\mathsf{H}-\mathsf{C}-\mathsf{O}-\mathsf{CH}_{2}\,\mathsf{F}\\\mathsf{CF}_{3}\end{array}$$

MOA: Similar to enflurane. Uses: Used for the induction and maintenance of general anesthesia during surgery and also as analgesia during child delivery.

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