

pEEG – More than a number

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Declarations

Honoraria for educational work from Medtronic (BIS) & MSD (Bridion).

NarcoTrend on long term loan.

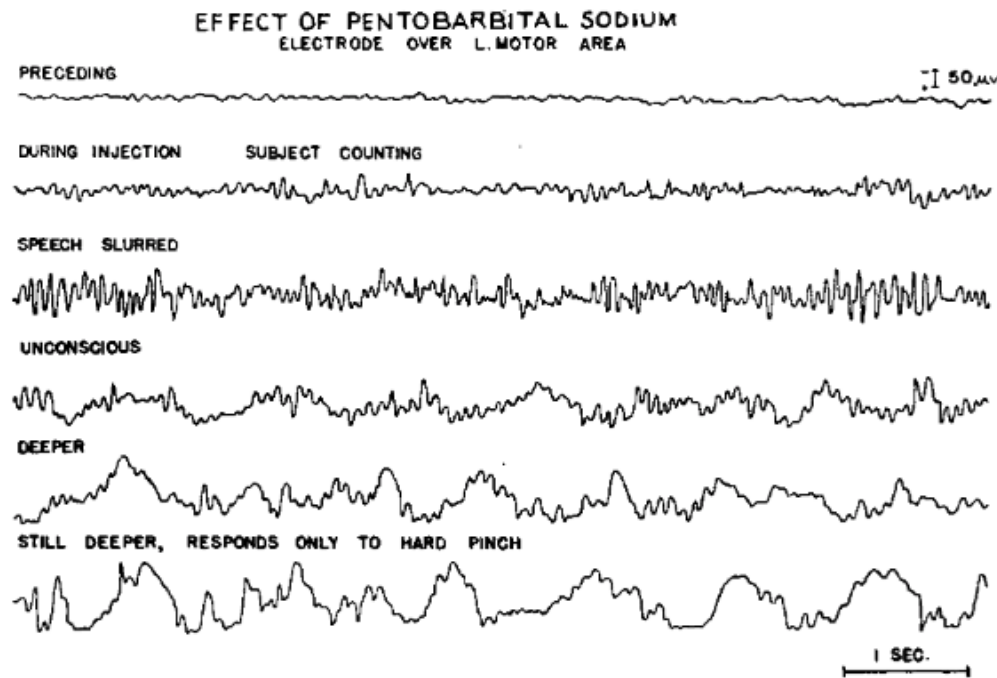
Objectives

- Appreciate the range of real time and processed parameters pEEG monitors display.
- Define, and appreciate the use of the pEEG in identifying burst suppression.
- Consider the association between “deep” anaesthesia and patient outcome.
- Recognise the effects of the extremes of age on the EEG and how these may impact the pEEG index.



Historical perspectives

“The anesthetist and surgeon could have before them on tape or screen a continuous record of the electric activity of both heart and brain.”



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Historical perspectives

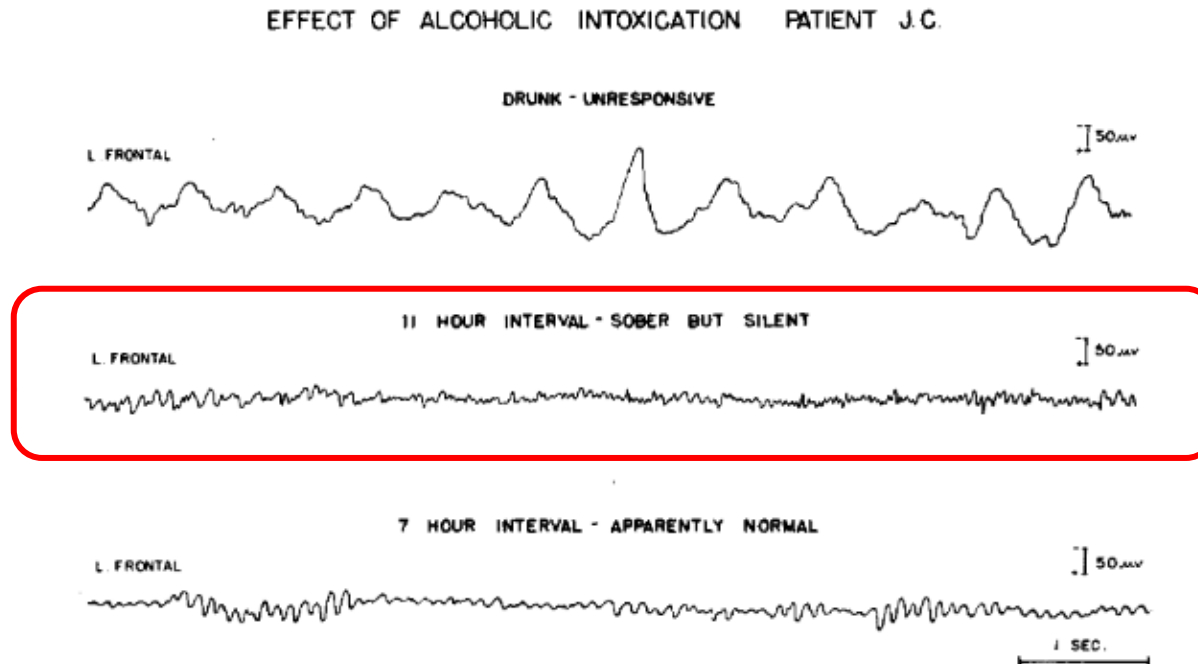
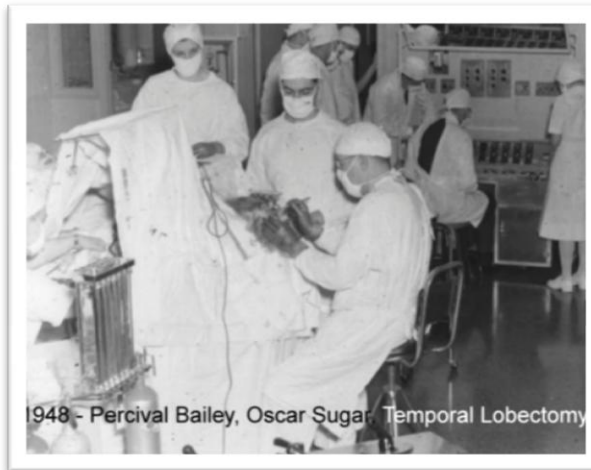


Fig. 6.—The effect of alcohol intoxication. In this instance the first strip was taken from a record made when the patient was drunk and unresponsive to any but painful stimuli. The middle strip is from a record taken eleven hours later, when he could be called sober but when he was unnaturally silent and morose. The bottom strip shows the change that had occurred seven hours later, when the patient was normal.



Historical perspectives



Very distracting
Complex equipment
Artifacts
Specialist knowledge

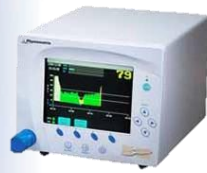


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Vannemreddy, P., Stone, J., Slavin, K.(2012). Frederic Gibbs and His Contributions to Epilepsy Surgery and Electroencephalography <https://dx.doi.org/10.1227/neu.0b013e3182351699>



1996



2000



2003



NeuroWAVE



qCon



BARM



PSI/SedLine
[PSI - 2002]



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What number...?

Proprietary indices (qEEG)

BIS Value



NarcoTrend Index



Response Entropy
State Entropy



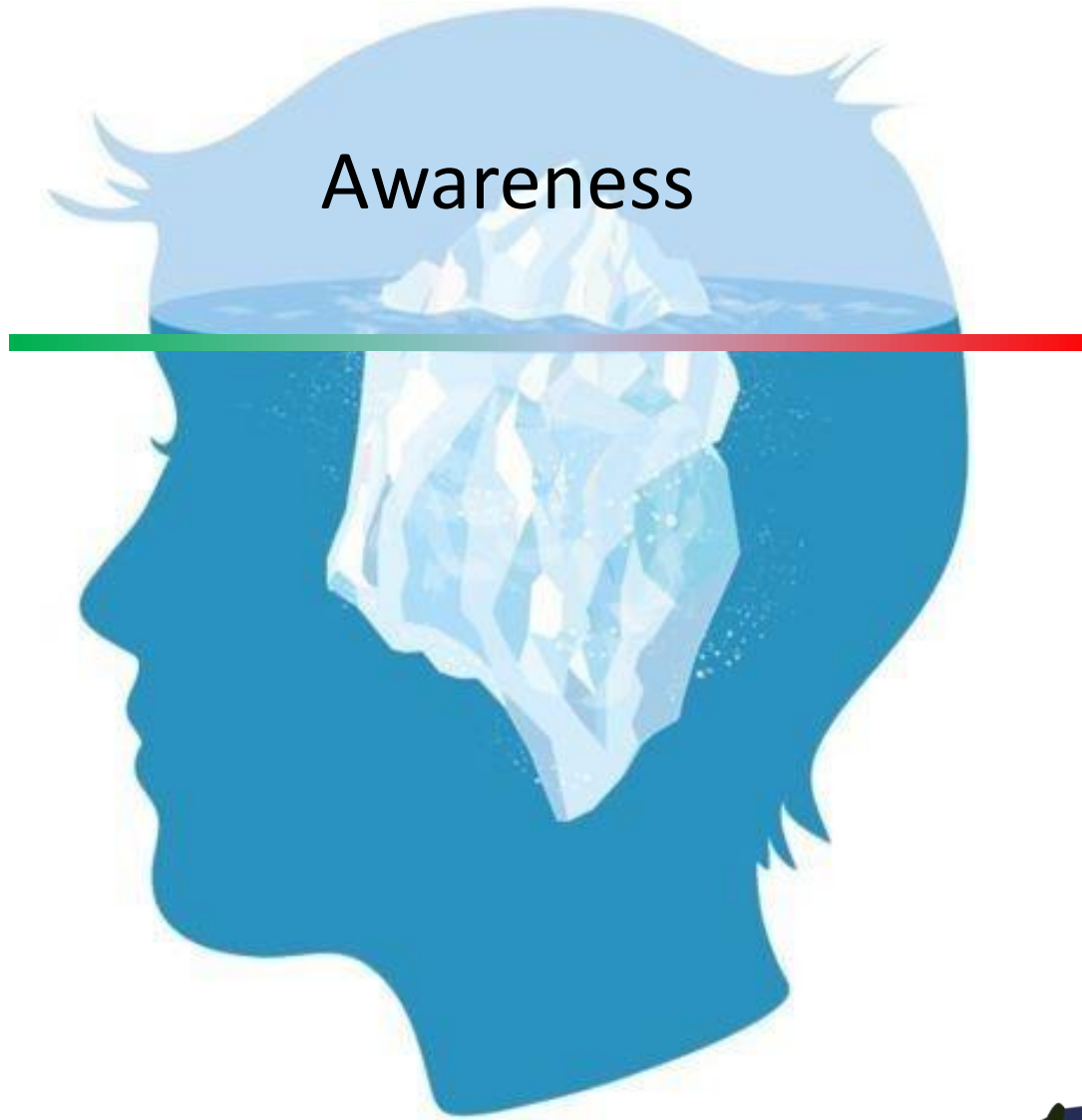
EMG
Power
REAL TIME

EEG
REAL TIME

Suppression
Ratio
Delay

Core non-proprietary indices
(pEEG)

Awareness



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“Awareness Trials”

“B-aware” 2004

- BIS vs “routine care”.
- High risk patients.
- Paralysed.
- BIS kept **55-70** during closure(!).
- Brave MAC and [TCI].
- Some patients BIS>60.
- 13 cases definite awareness (Brice)
 - 2 BIS
 - 11 ETAG

“B-Unaware” 2008

- BIS vs ETAG >0.7 – 1.3 (alarm).
- Vapour only.
- 6 cases definite awareness (Brice)
 - 4 BIS
 - 2 ETAG
- 50% patients BIS >60.
- “Control” group 75% outside range



“Awareness Trials”

“BAG-Recall” 2011

- Same protocol as B-unaware.
- ETAC 0.7-1.3
- Larger cohort, multicenter, international.
- 6000 patients.
- 9 cases definite awareness (Brice)
 - 2 ETAG
 - 7 BIS

“MACS” 2012

- Randomised 21,000.
- Similar protocol, recruited low risk patients. ETAC > 0.5 MAC
- ETAC alarm **AND PAGING ALERTS**
Study abandoned due to futility.

BUT

Post hoc analysis

Against a Control group

BIS monitoring was associated with a
4.7-fold reduction in awareness



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“Awareness” and TIVA

Chinese multicentre study.

5228 Patients

1% incidence AAGA (vs. 0.1% US).

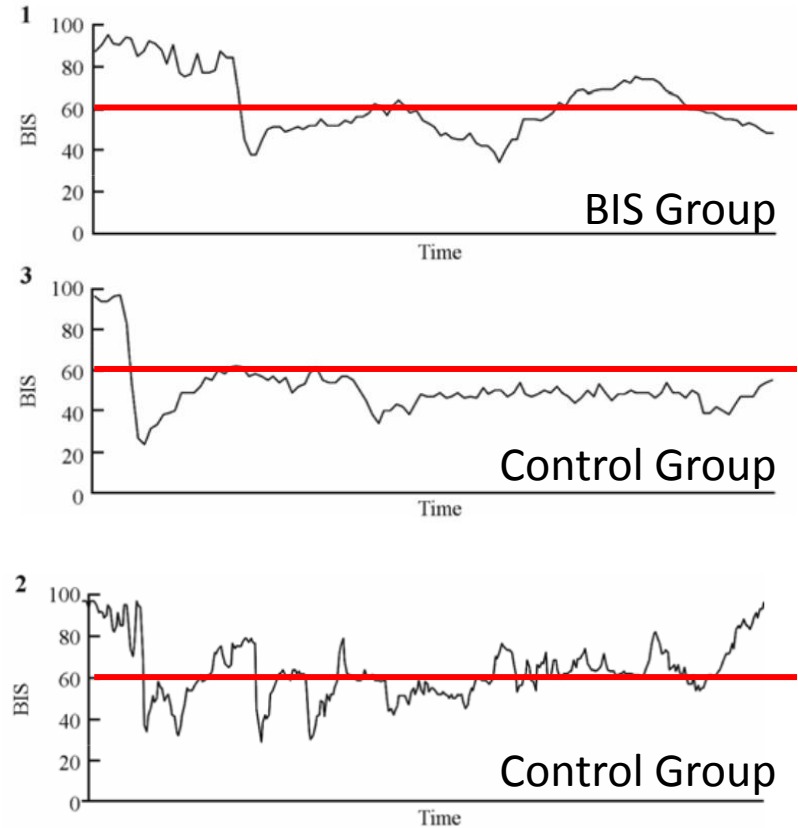
Propofol + Anaesthetists choice of analgesia.

BIS vs “clinical signs”.

16 cases of AAGA:

4 BIS
12 Control

78% reduction in AAGA



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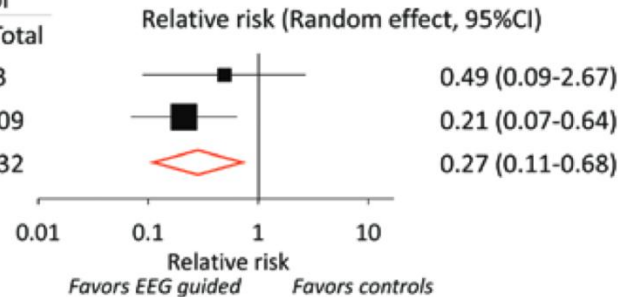
Zhang, C., Xu, L., Ma, Y., et al. (2011). Bispectral index monitoring prevent awareness during total intravenous anesthesia: a prospective, randomized, double-blinded, multi-center controlled trial. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22340221>

“Awareness” – Pooled Data

Total intravenous anesthesia

Trials (year)	EEG-guided	Control
	Events/Total	Events/Total
B-Aware, 2004	2 / 532	4 / 523
Zhang, <i>et al</i> , 2011	4 / 2,919	15 / 2,309
Overall effect	6 / 3,451	19 / 2,832

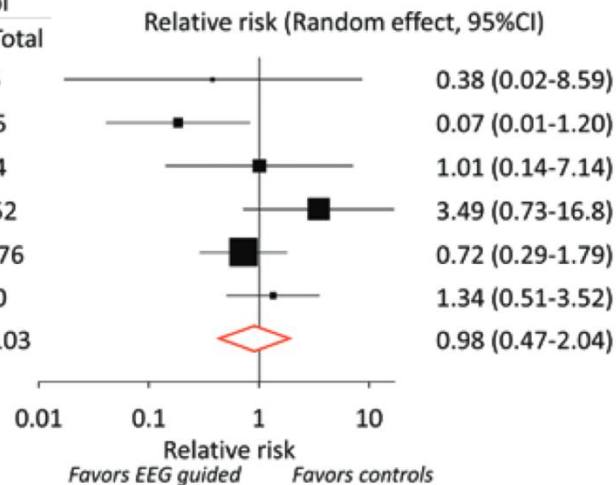
(z value=-2.772, p=0.006;
p=0.413 for heterogeneity; I²=0.00%)



Volatile-based anesthesia

Trials (year)	EEG-guided	Control
	Events/Total	Events/Total
Puri, <i>et al</i> , 2003	0 / 14	1 / 16
B-Aware, 2004	0 / 693	7 / 715
B-Unaware, 2008	2 / 967	2 / 974
BAG-RECALL, 2011	7 / 2,861	2 / 2,852
MACS, 2012	8 / 9,640	11 / 9,376
Mozafari, 2014	9 / 163	7 / 170
Overall effect	26 / 14,158	30 / 14,103

(p = 0.051 for heterogeneity; I² =38.3%)



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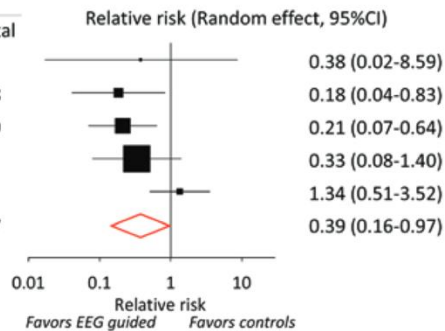
“Awareness” – Pooled Data

Set ETAG alarms to 0.7 aaMAC

EEG-guided vs Routine care anesthesia

Trials (year)	EEG-guided Events/Total	Control Events/Total
Puri, <i>et al</i> , 2003	0 / 14	1 / 16
B-Aware, 2004	2 / 1,225	11 / 1,238
Zhang, <i>et al</i> , 2011	4 / 2,919	15 / 2,309
MACS, 2012	3 / 6,076	5 / 3,384
Mozafari, 2014	9 / 163	7 / 170
Overall effect	18 / 10,397	39 / 7,117

(z value=-2.018, p=0.044;
p=0.082 for heterogeneity; I²=51.72%)

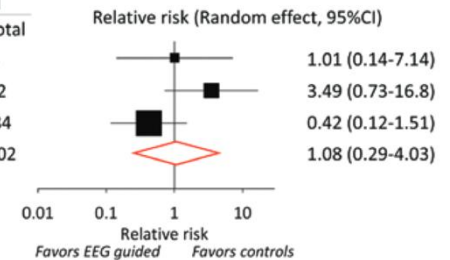


“Routine care”
(no ETAG Alarms)

EEG-guided vs ETAG-guided anesthesia

Trials (year)	EEG-guided Events/Total	Control Events/Total
B-Unaware, 2004	2 / 967	2 / 974
BAG-RECALL, 2011	7 / 2,861	2 / 2,852
MACS, 2012	3 / 6,076	11 / 3,384
Overall effect	12 / 9,904	15 / 13,202

(z value=0.111, p=0.911;
p=0.123 for heterogeneity; I²=52.37%)



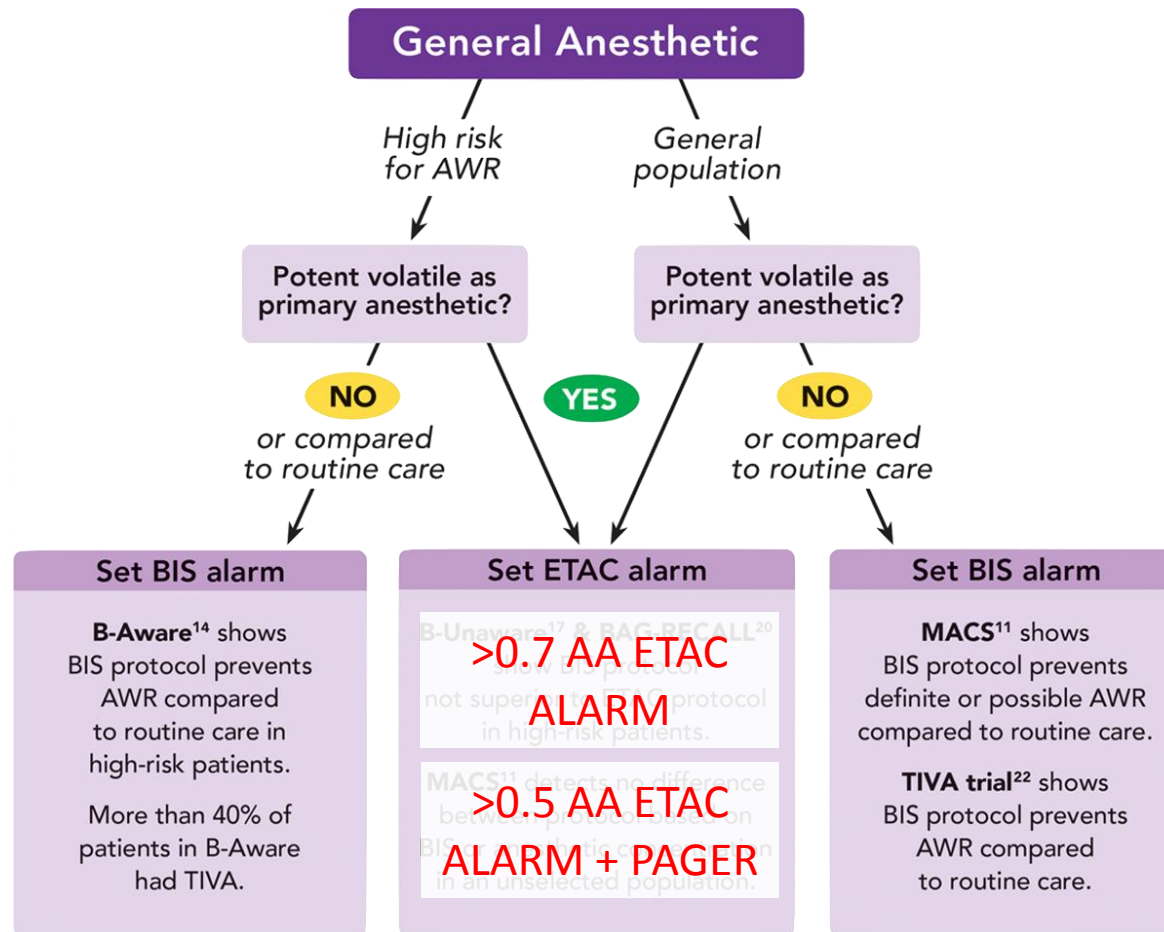
With ETAG Alarms

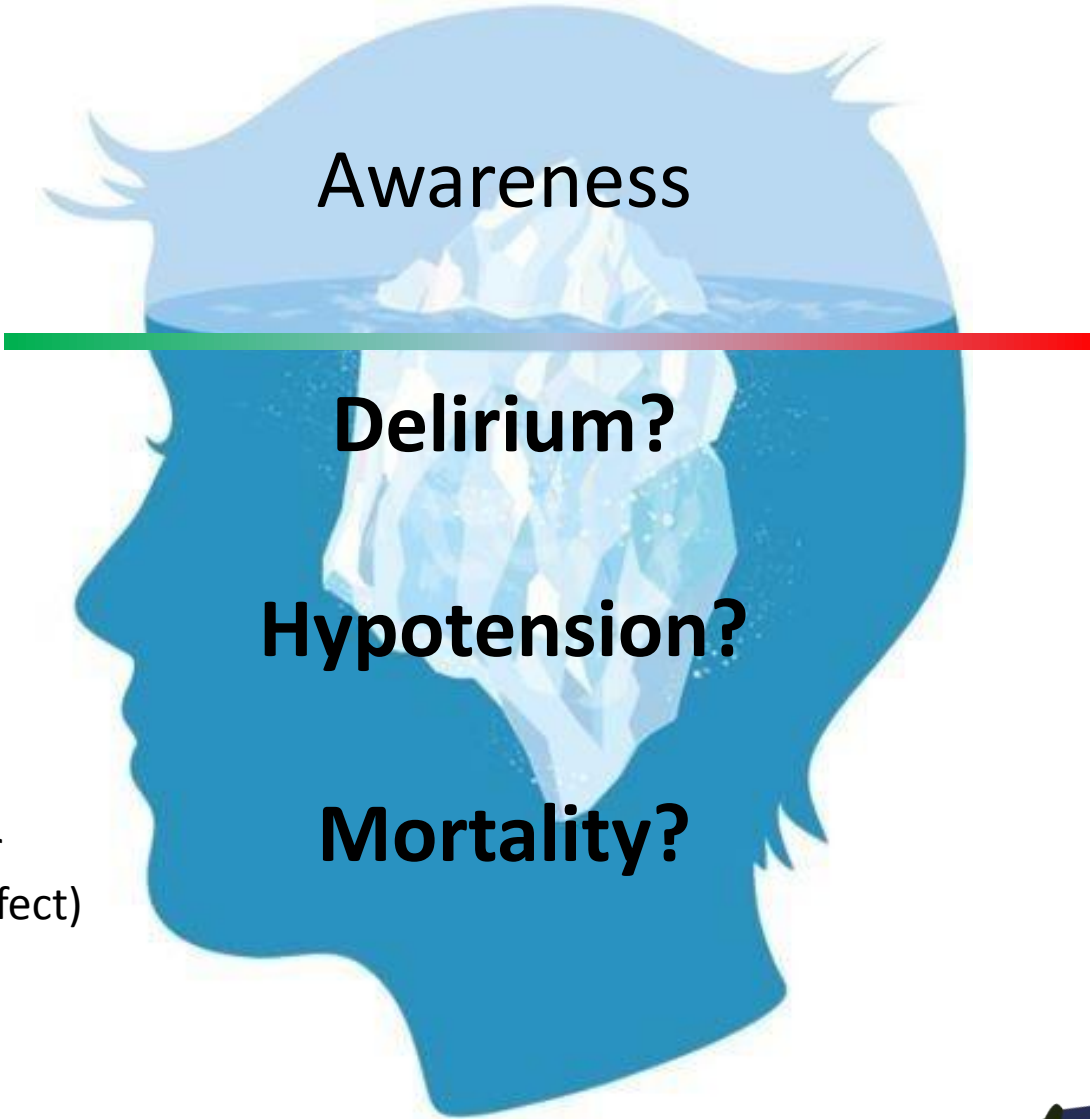


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Pragmatic approach to AAGA





Awareness

ALARMS
>0.7 MAC
ETAC

No TIVA
equivalent

Delirium?

Hypotension?

Mortality?

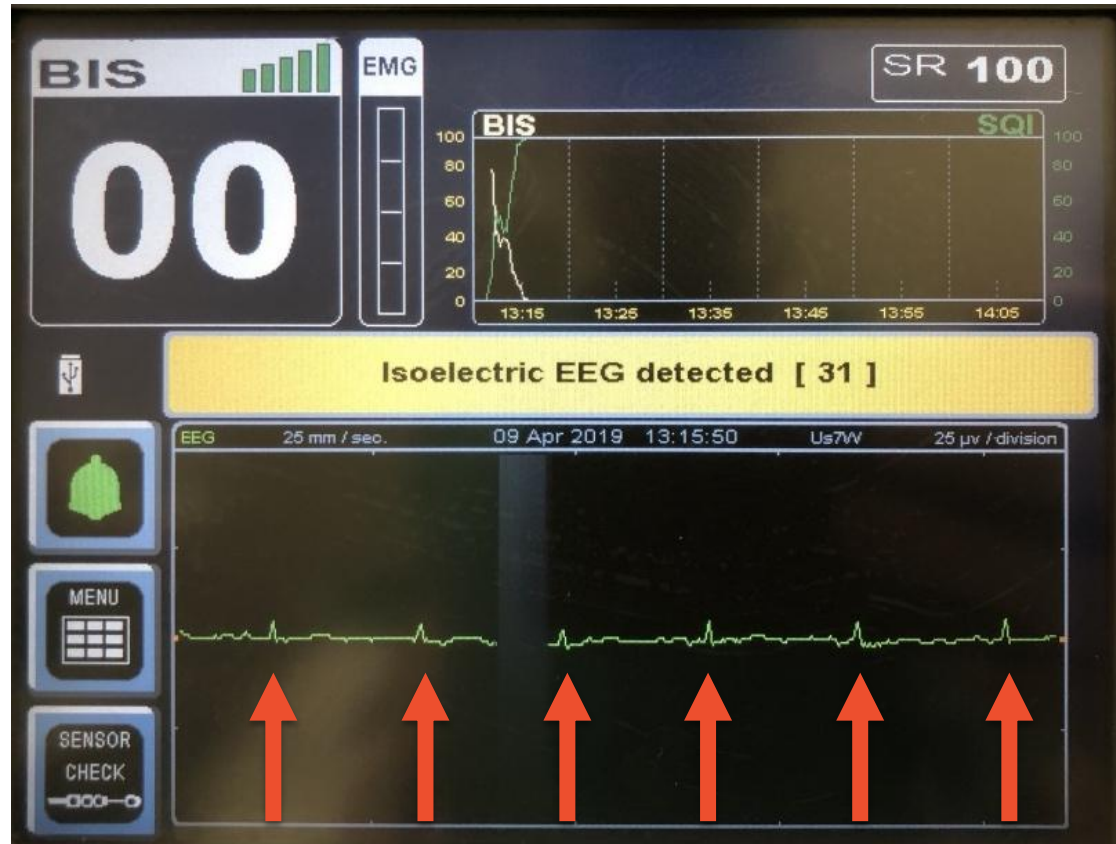
pEEG is modality for
measuring PKPD (effect)



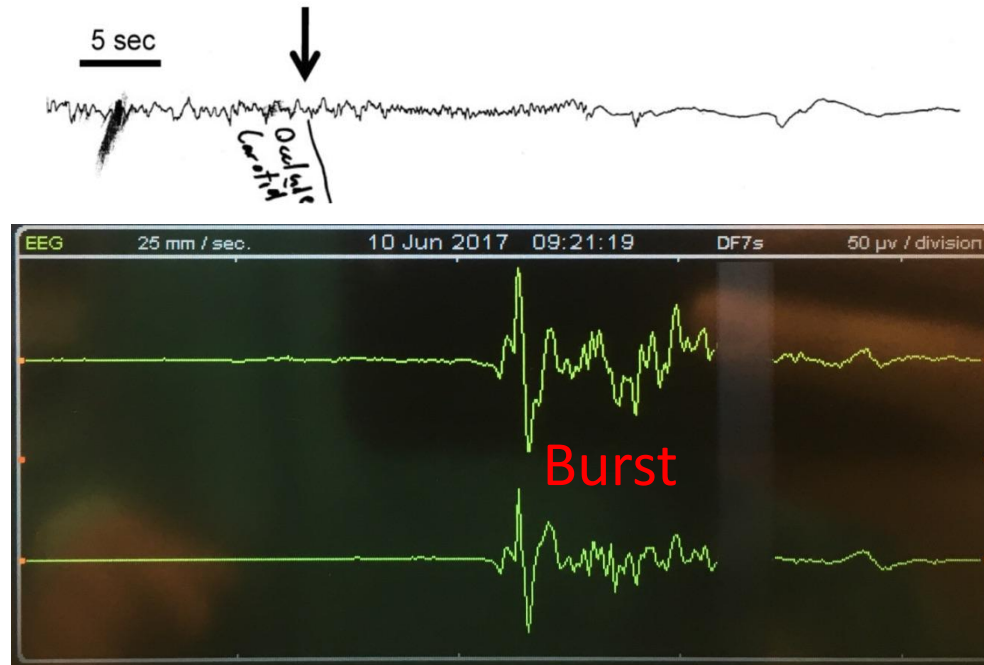
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Burst Suppression



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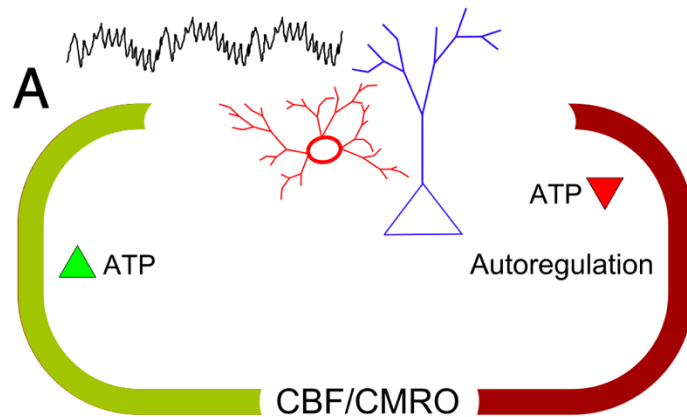


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same as

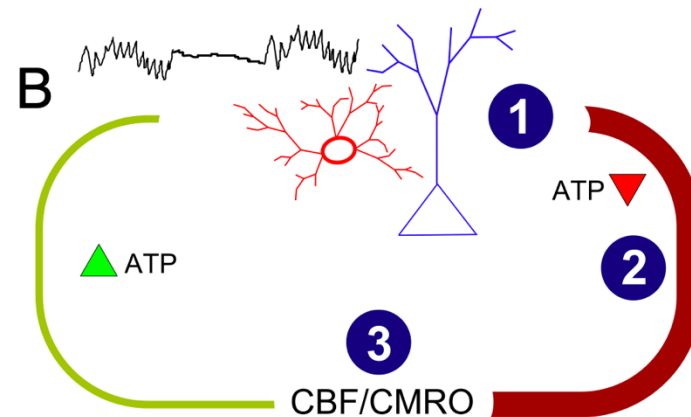
Burst suppression Ratio : % 63 second epoch with voltage $< \pm 5\mu$ V

Cause? Metabolic theory

Optimal Anaesthesia



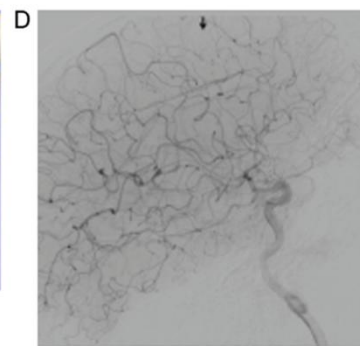
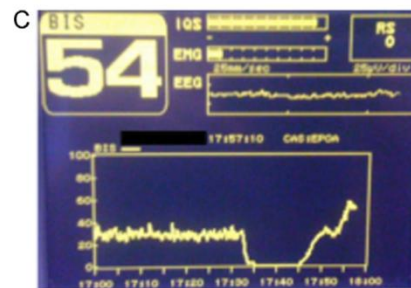
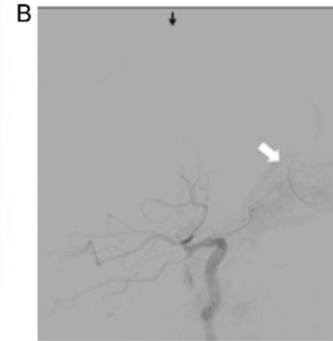
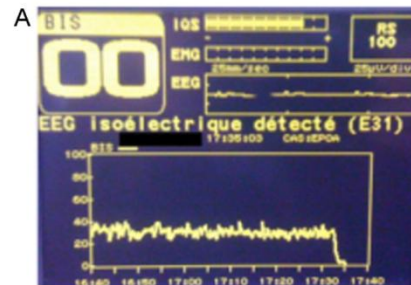
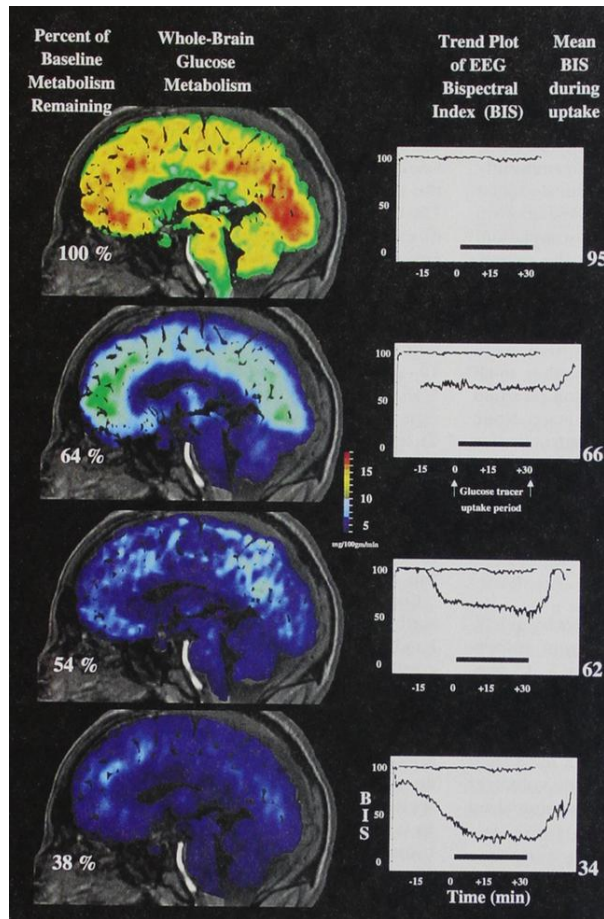
Burst Suppression



Aetiologies:

- 1: Anaesthetics reduce neuronal activity
- 2: Autoregulatory mechanisms
- 3: Reduction in CBF/CMRO

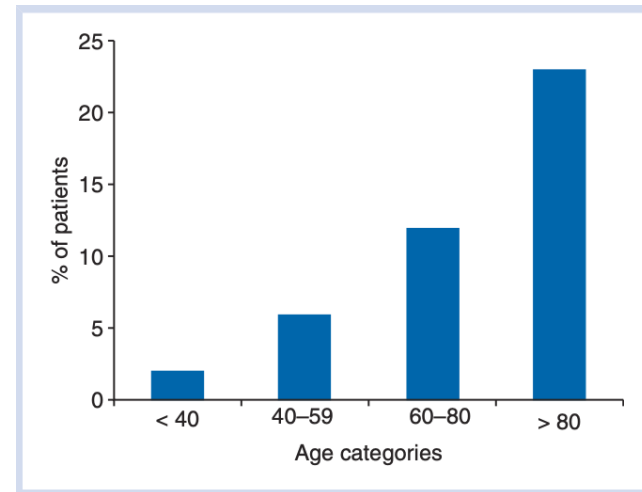
pEEG = cerebral metabolism



Incidence & risk

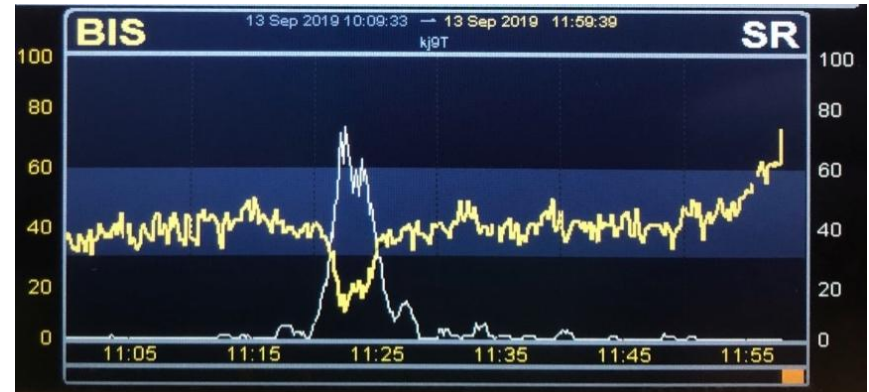
Older males with coronary artery disease.

Risk factors	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P-value
Age		
<40 yr	1.00	
40–59 yr	2.16 (0.81–5.75)	0.068
60–80 yr	4.80 (1.85–12.43)	0.027
>80 yr	10.59 (3.76–29.81)	<0.0001
T_{BIS} 40–60	0.97 (0.96–0.98)	<0.0001
Coronary artery disease		
No	1.00	
Yes	2.53 (1.47–4.37)	0.001
Gender		
Female	1.00	
Male	1.57 (1.03–2.40)	0.03



Sensitive but non-specific

Major clinical events cause burst suppression



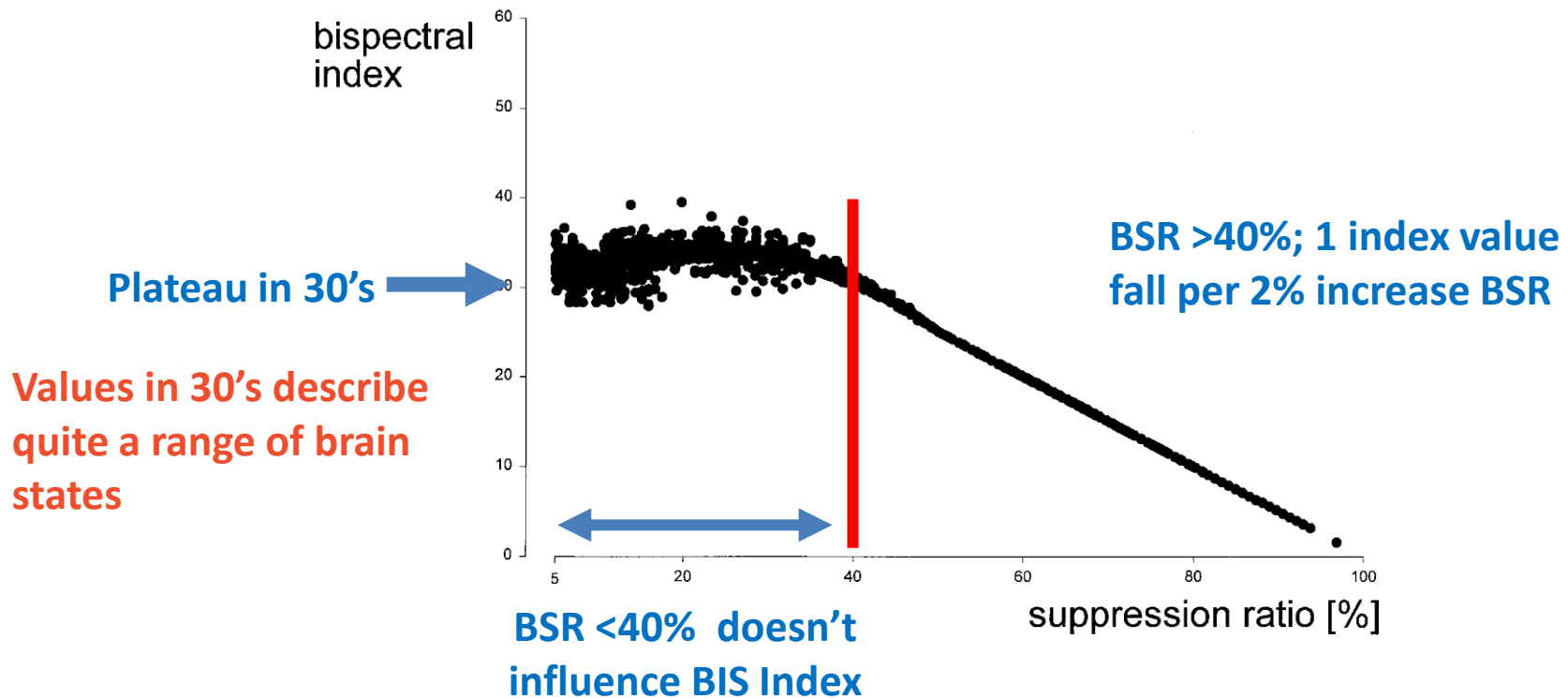
Hypothermia
Hypoxia
Hypotension
Hypoglycaemia
Vascular brain injury
Brain death



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BIS and the BSR Algorithm

Suppression \neq low BIS value



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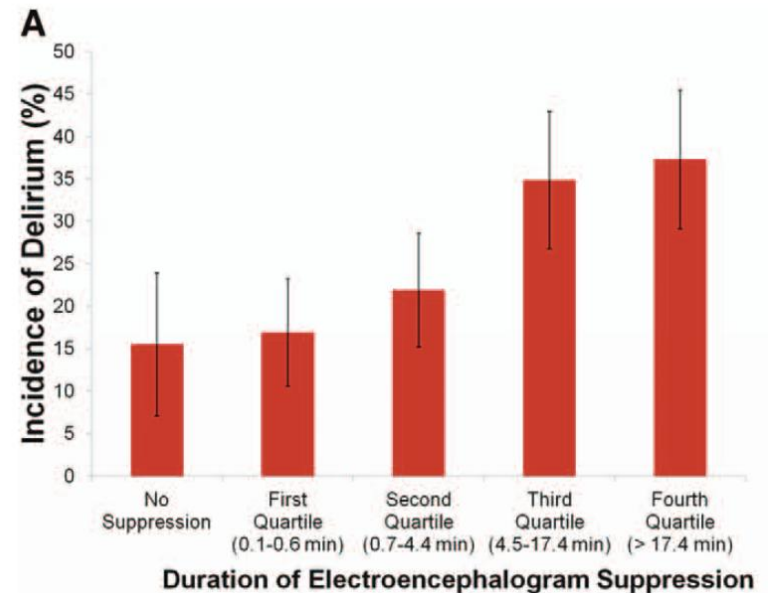
Delirium

Delirium affects >20% of post surgical adults.

Associated with “deep” or burst suppressed EEG:

Unmasks subclinical underlying disease?
Susceptibility to anaesthesia?
“Overdose” of anaesthesia?

Cochrane Meta-analysis – 32% reduction in delirium with pEEG monitoring.

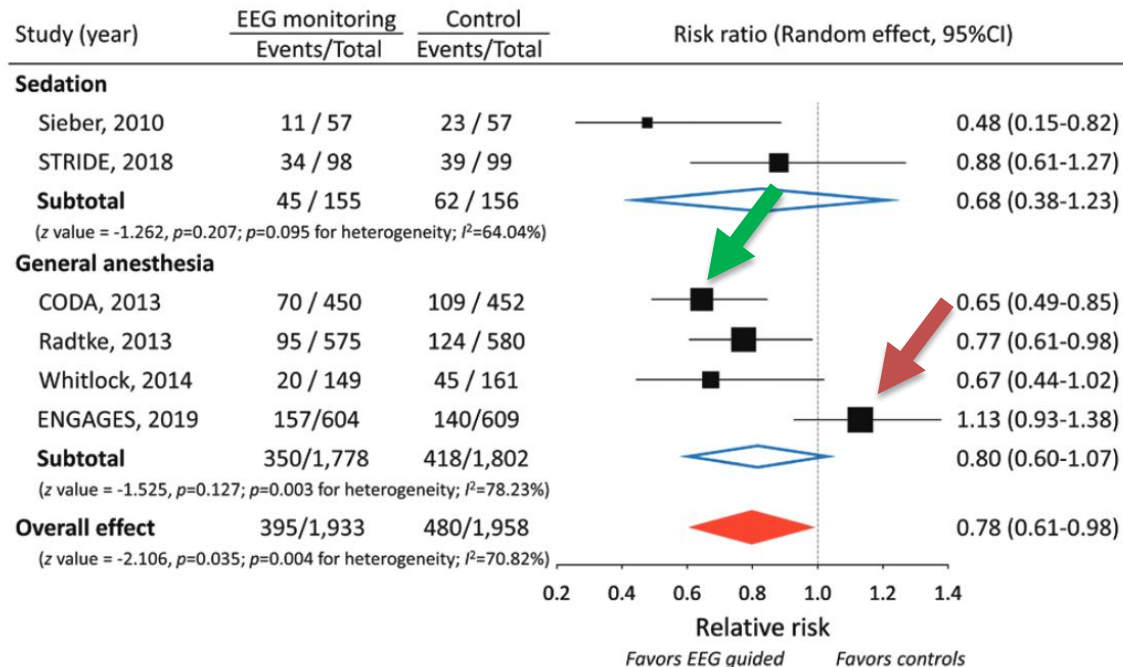


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Delirium

pEEG monitoring reduces delirium risk



Delerium - Engages

- 1232 Adults >60, major surgery.
- “Expert assisted” BIS vs aaETAC.
- NO difference in delirium rate (26 vs. 23%)
- **BUT BIS Group:**
 - Mean **7 mins** of burst suppression.
 - Mean 32 mins with BIS <40.
 - Lower MORTALITY
 - Lower ETAC (0.69 vs 0.8)
 - Less hypotension

	BIS guided	Usual care	
End-tidal volatile agent concentration, MAC ^d	0.69 (0.62 to 0.77)	0.80 (0.71 to 0.86)	-0.11 (-0.13 to -0.10)
Duration of BIS <40, min ^e	32 (9 to 81)	60 (19 to 132)	-28 (-38.0 to -18.0)
Time with SR >1%, min ^f	7 (1 to 23)	13 (2 to 58)	-6 (-9.9 to -2.1)
MAP, mean (SD), mm Hg	81.2 (8.26)	79.6 (7.68)	1.5 (0.63 to 2.42)
Duration of MAP <60 mm Hg, min	7 (2 to 19)	7 (1 to 19)	0 (-1.7 to 1.7)



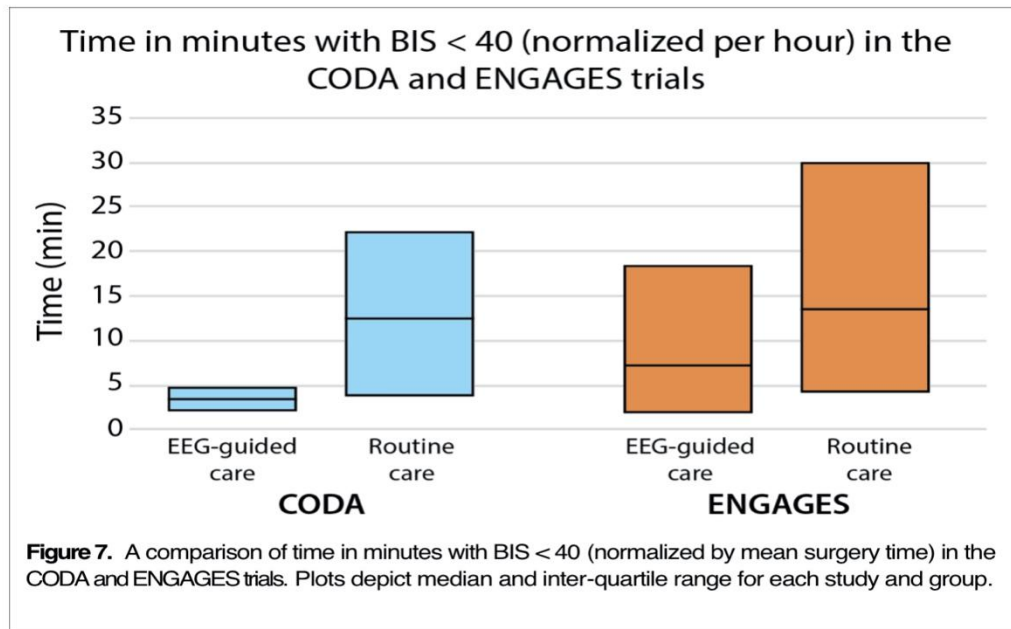
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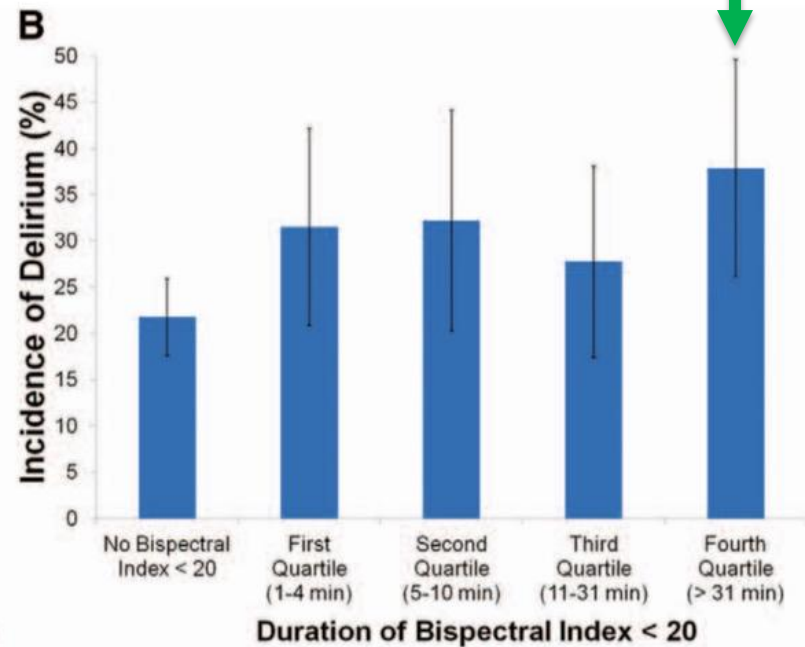
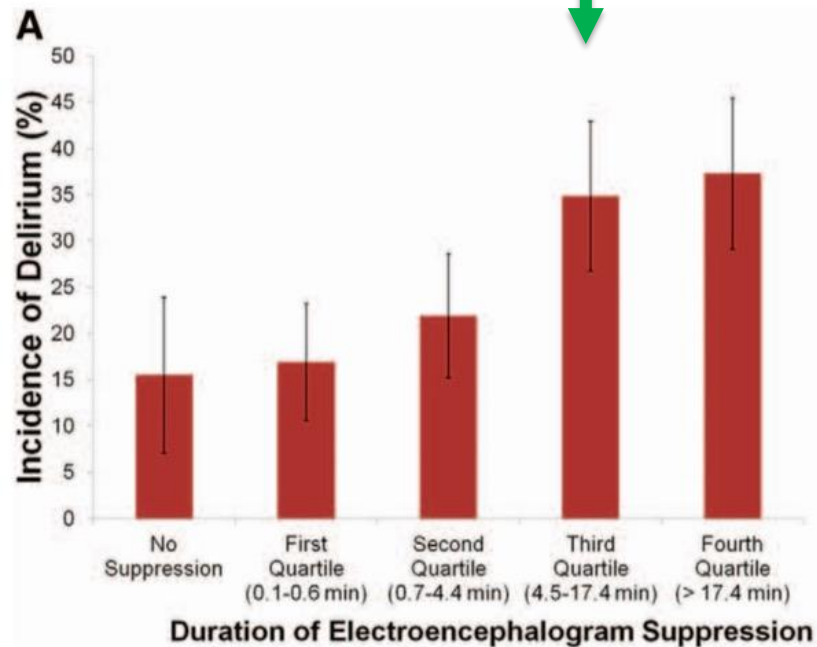
Delerium - Engages

Figure S5. Difference in time (min) with BIS < 40 (normalized by surgical duration) in the CODA⁵³ and the ENGAGES trials⁴⁵.



The box plots indicate median and interquartile range.

Delirium - Engages

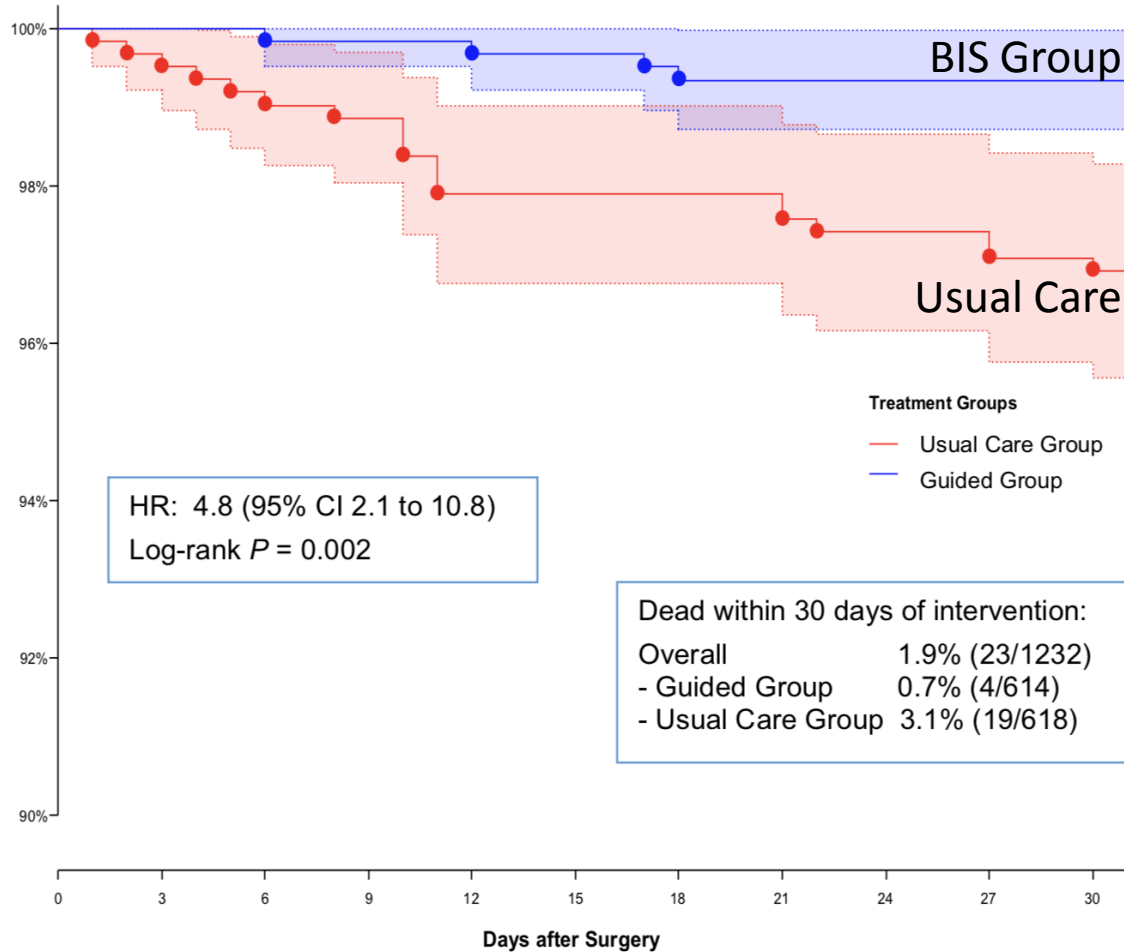


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eFigure4: Kaplan-Meier Curve: 30 Day Survival

Kaplan-Meier curves of 30-day survival with 95% confidence intervals (CI), by treatment groups.



Balanced - outcome

International RCT – BIS 35 vs 50 (+/-5)
Higher risk patients (>60, >2hr surgery)
6449 patients

Difficulty tracking the study BIS ranges.
2489 *excluded for protocol violations!*

39% of patients <0.7 MAC = 1 case AAGA.

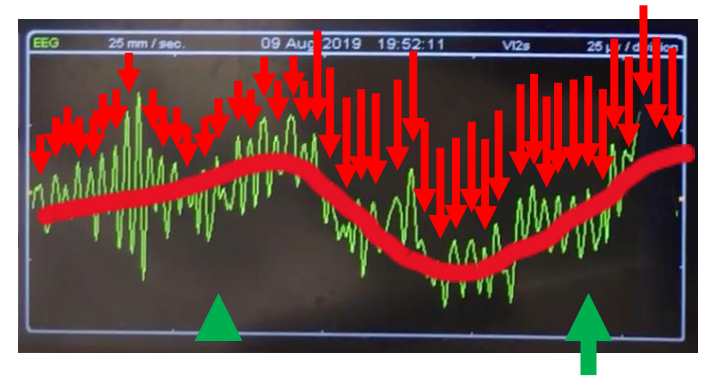
No mortality difference at 1 yr.

Broadens the range of “safe” anaesthesia.

Burst suppressed subgroup outcomes awaited!



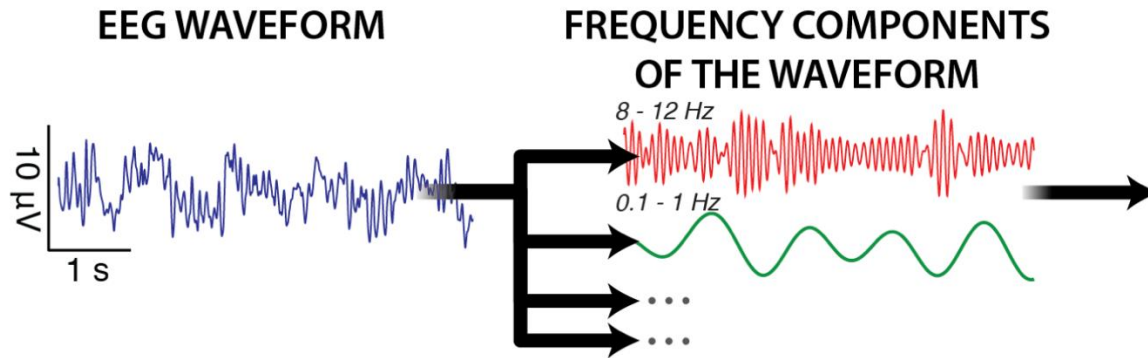
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Slow Waves: 0.5 Hz [Delta / SW]
Faster Waves: 10.5 Hz [Alpha]

Maybe we don't need numbers?

Spectrogram

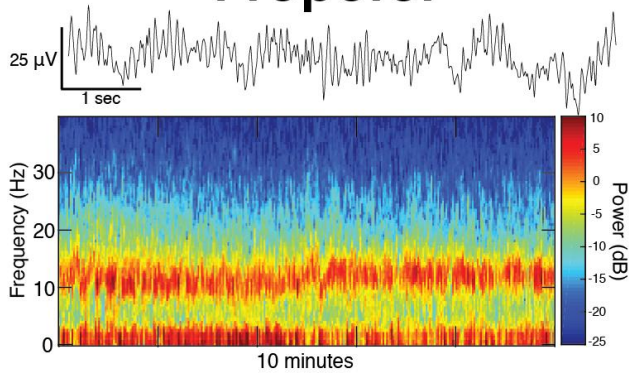


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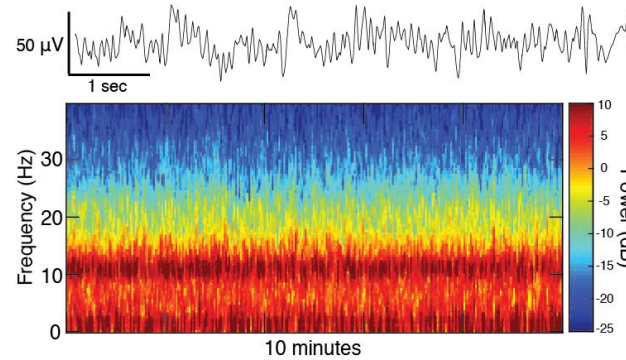
Electroencephalo-pharmacology

Propofol



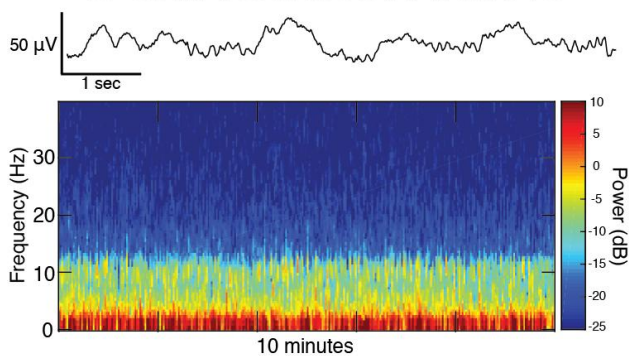
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Sevoflurane

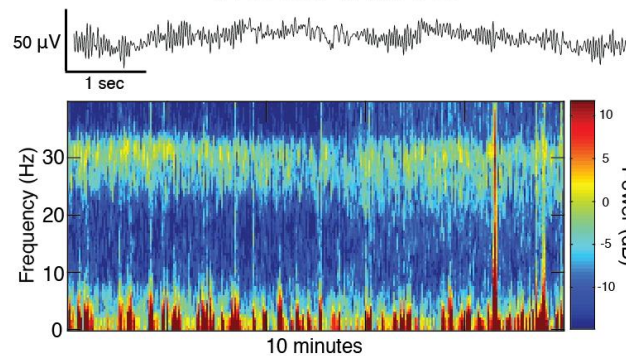


'fill in'

Dexmedetomidine



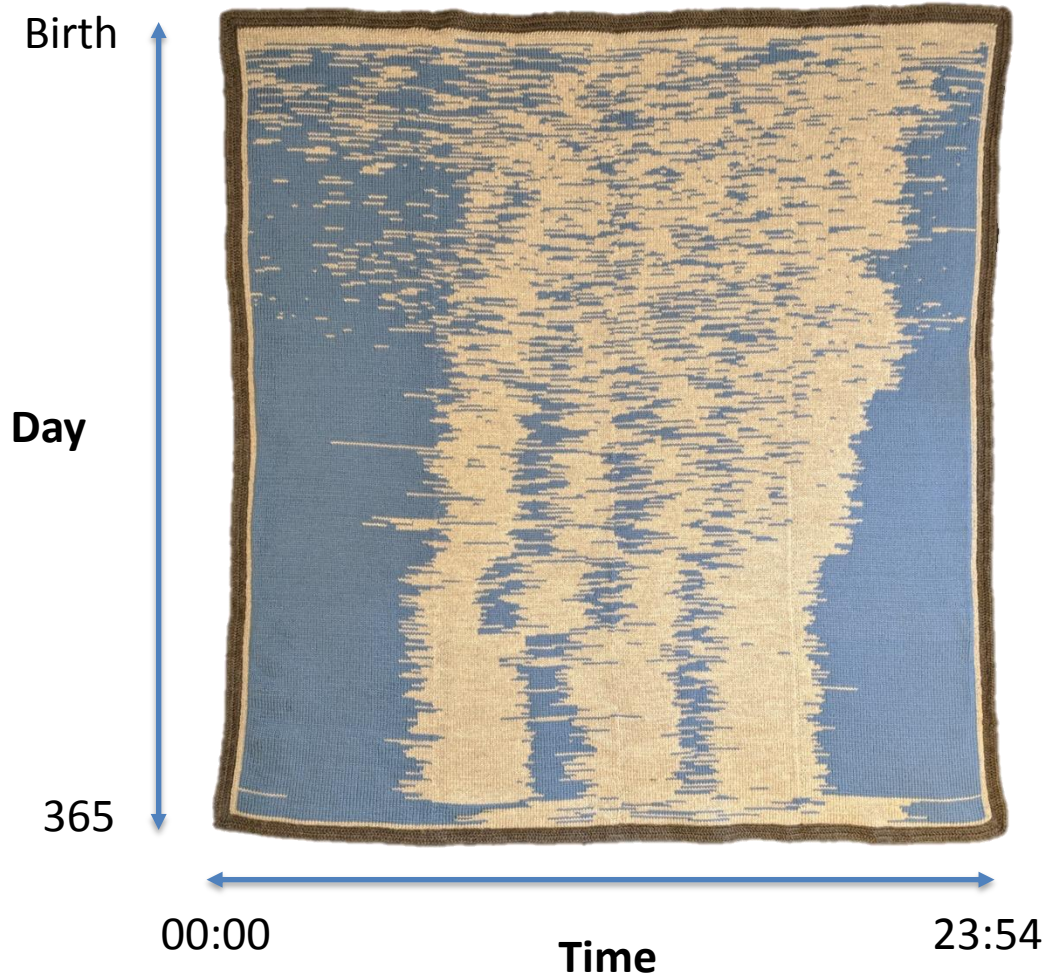
Ketamine



γ



The sleep blanket

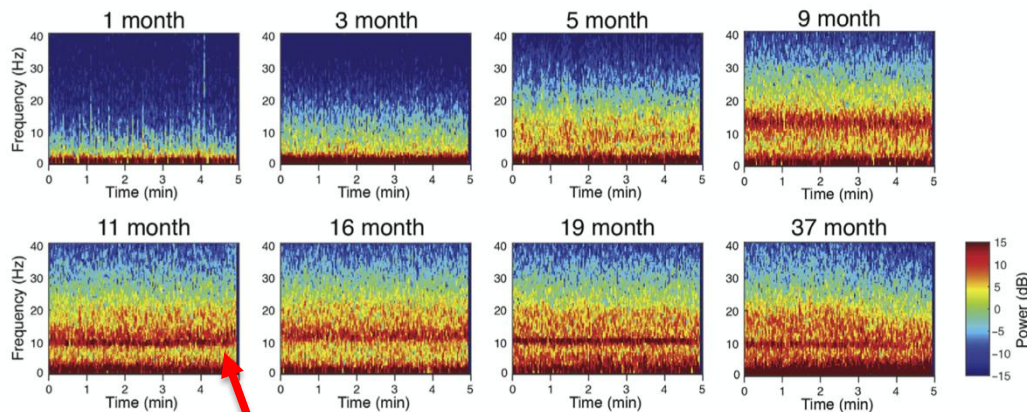


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Paediatric Brain

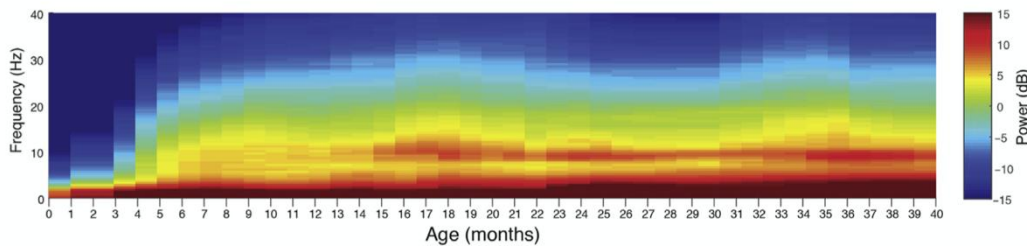
Brain development continues during early years of life...

A



Adult like pattern

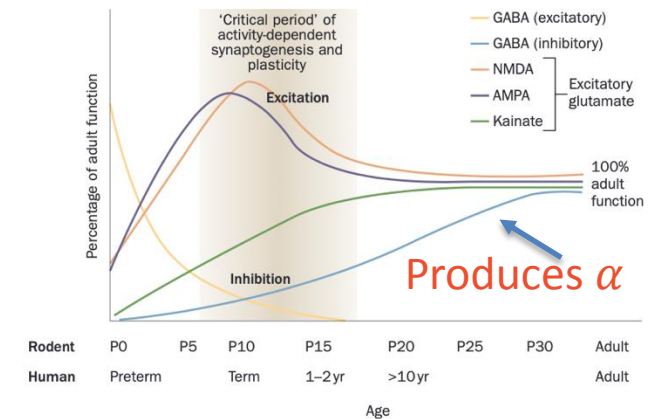
B



Delta / slow waves from birth
Theta / alpha from 4/12

Frontal alpha from 7-9/12

Frontal coherence from 10/12



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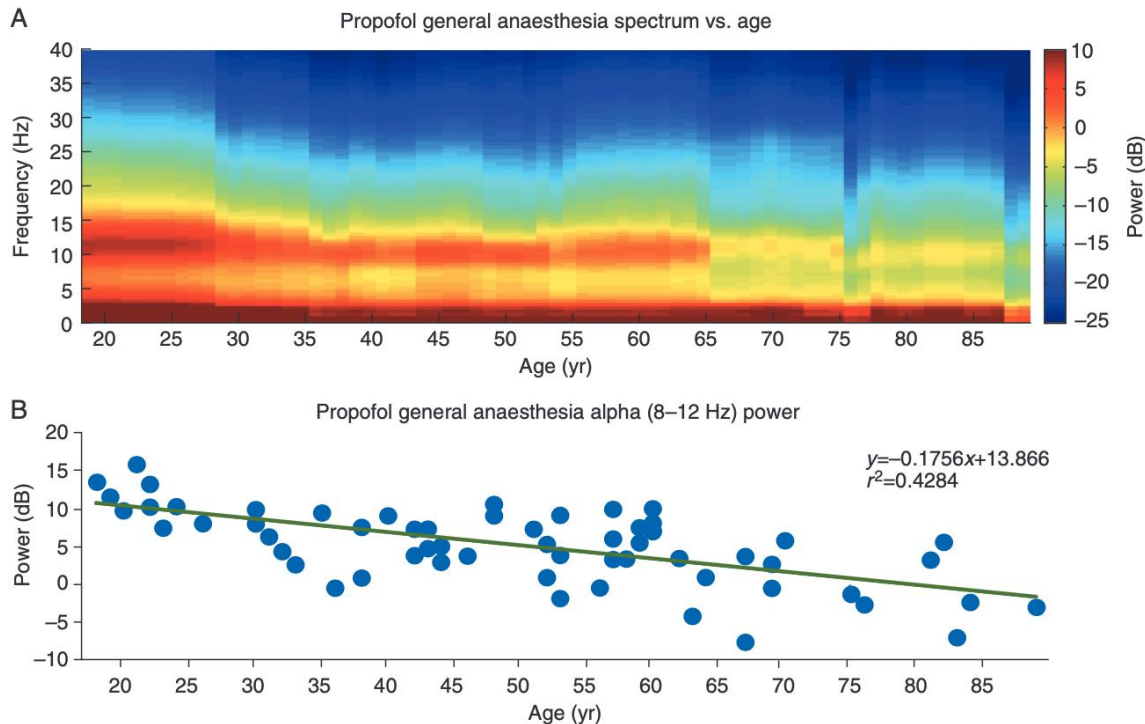
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Aging brain

Alpha oscillations diminish with age



Mechanisms

- Reduction in brain volume
- Cortical thinning
- Decrease neurone size and number
- Decrease mitochondrial function
- Susceptible to oxidative stress
- Loss of white matter
- Reduced neurotransmitter release



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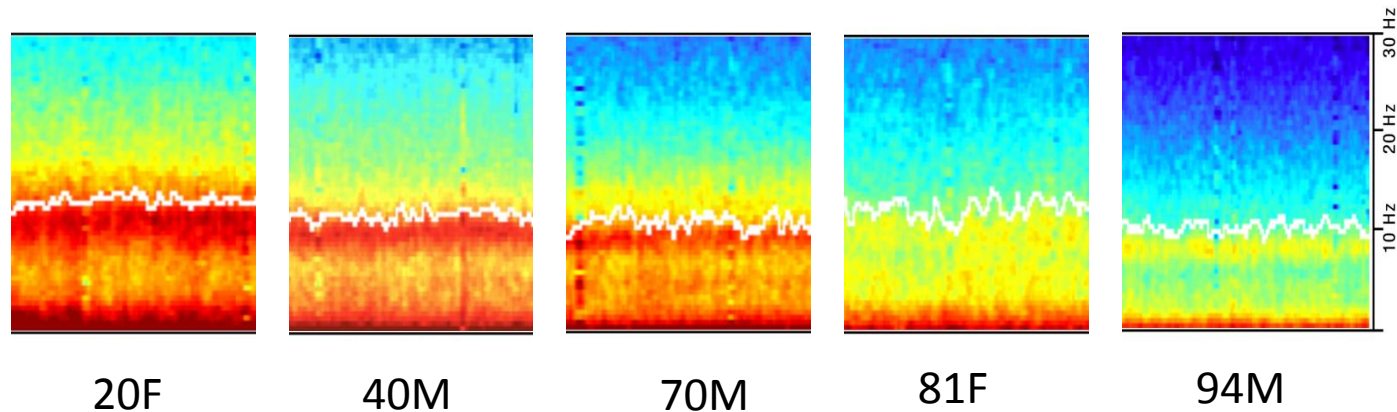
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A tale of five brains



Note reduction in power of the alpha oscillations with age.

Lower power alpha band correlates with POCD / delirium risk

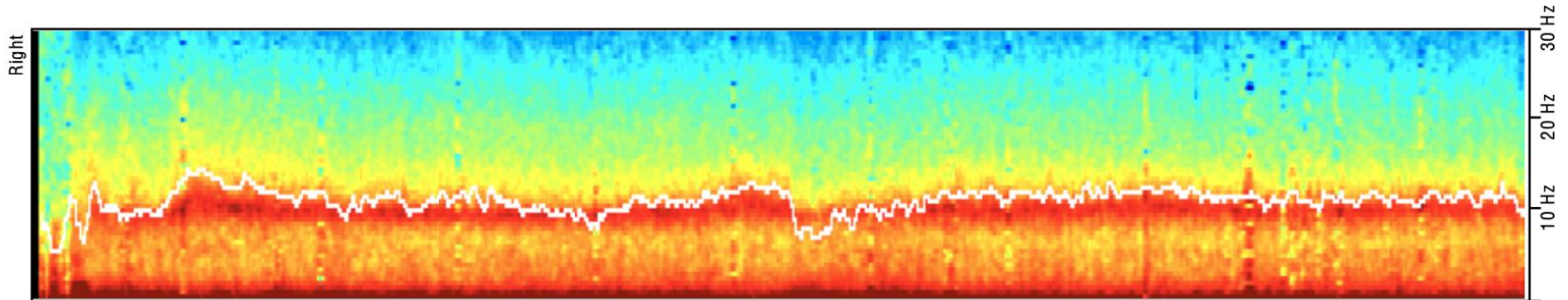


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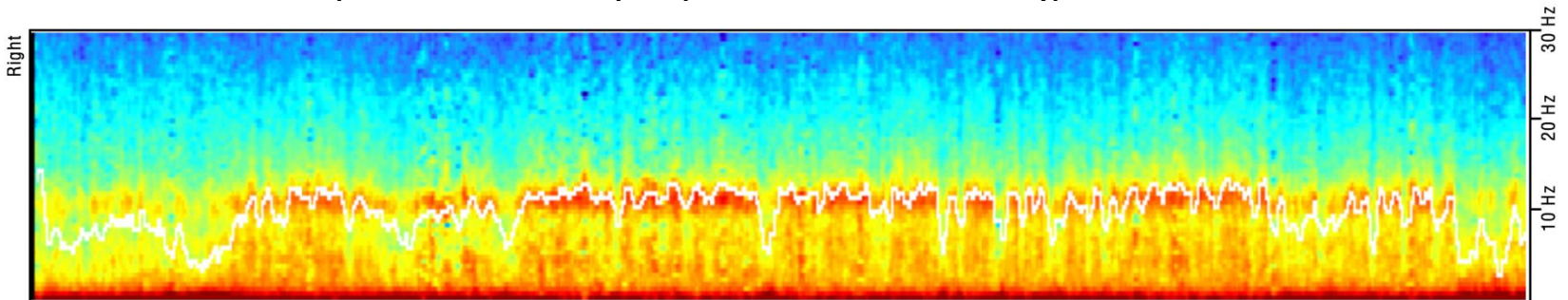
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A tale of two brains



Both 40, Robotic HH repair, TIVA TCI. Same day, same monitor.

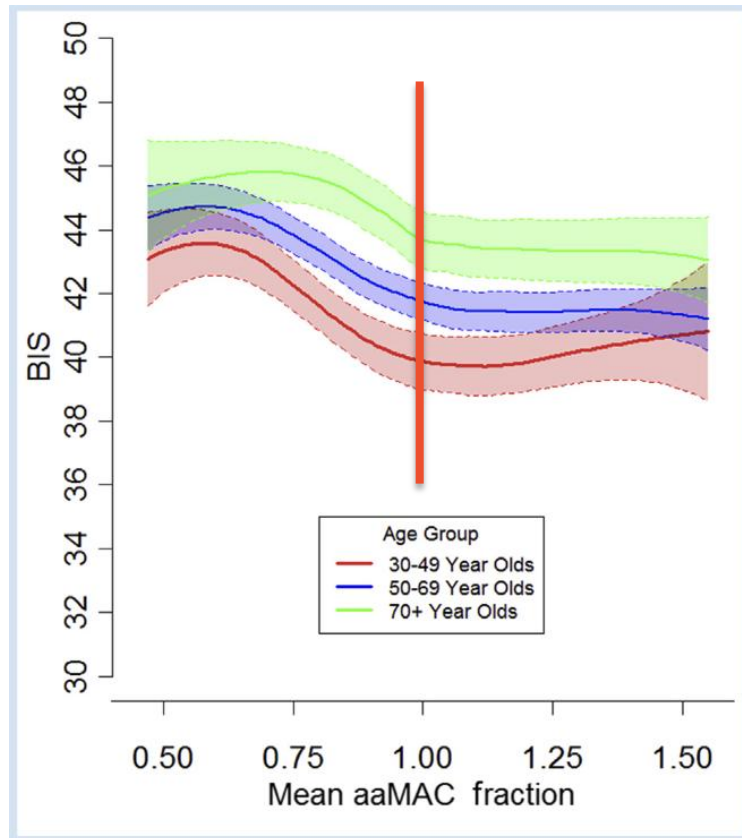


Brain age is physiological, not just chronological



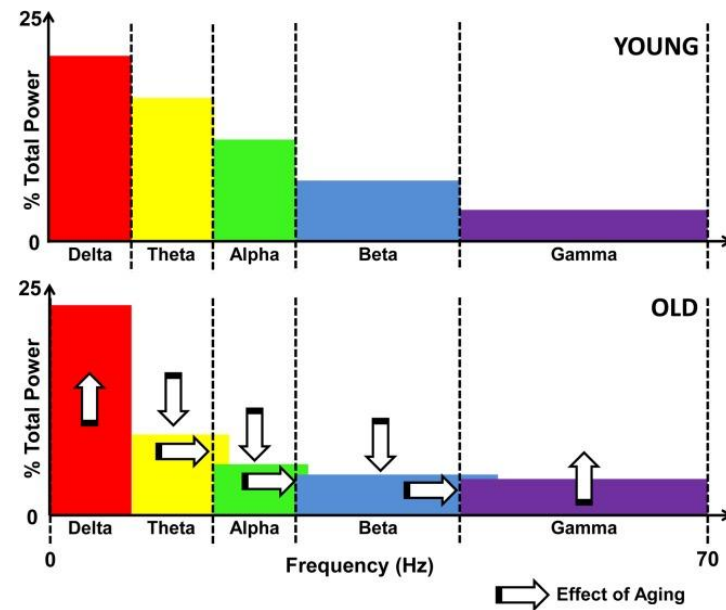
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Ageing brain



BIS values **3.44** points higher between 30-49 year old and 70+ at aaMAC.

BIS may over read a little in older patients.
-potential for increased volatile dosing.



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Ni, K., Cooter, M., Gupta, D., et al (2019). Paradox of age: older patients receive higher age-adjusted minimum alveolar concentration fractions of volatile anaesthetics yet display higher bispectral index values. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bja.2019.05.040>

A vision of the future...



A “one size fits all” pEEG monitor, which works for any anaesthetic agent, and across all ages, including EEG measures of nociception.

Ramaswamy, S., Kuizenga, M., Weerink, M., Vereecke, H., Struys, M., & Nagaraj, S. (2019). Novel drug-independent sedation level estimation based on machine learning of quantitative frontal electroencephalogram features in healthy volunteers.

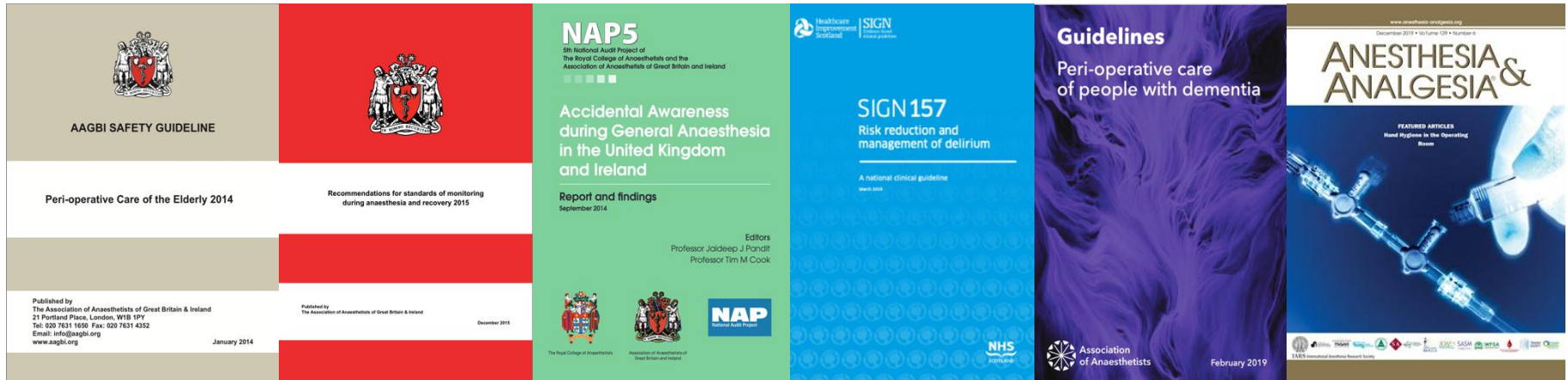
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Jensen, E., Valencia, J., López, A., Anglada, T., Agustí, M., Ramos, Y., Serra, R., Jospin, M., Pineda, P., & Gambus, P. (2014). Monitoring hypnotic effect and nociception with two EEG-derived indices, qCON and qNOX, during general anaesthesia <https://doi.org/10.1111/aas.12359>



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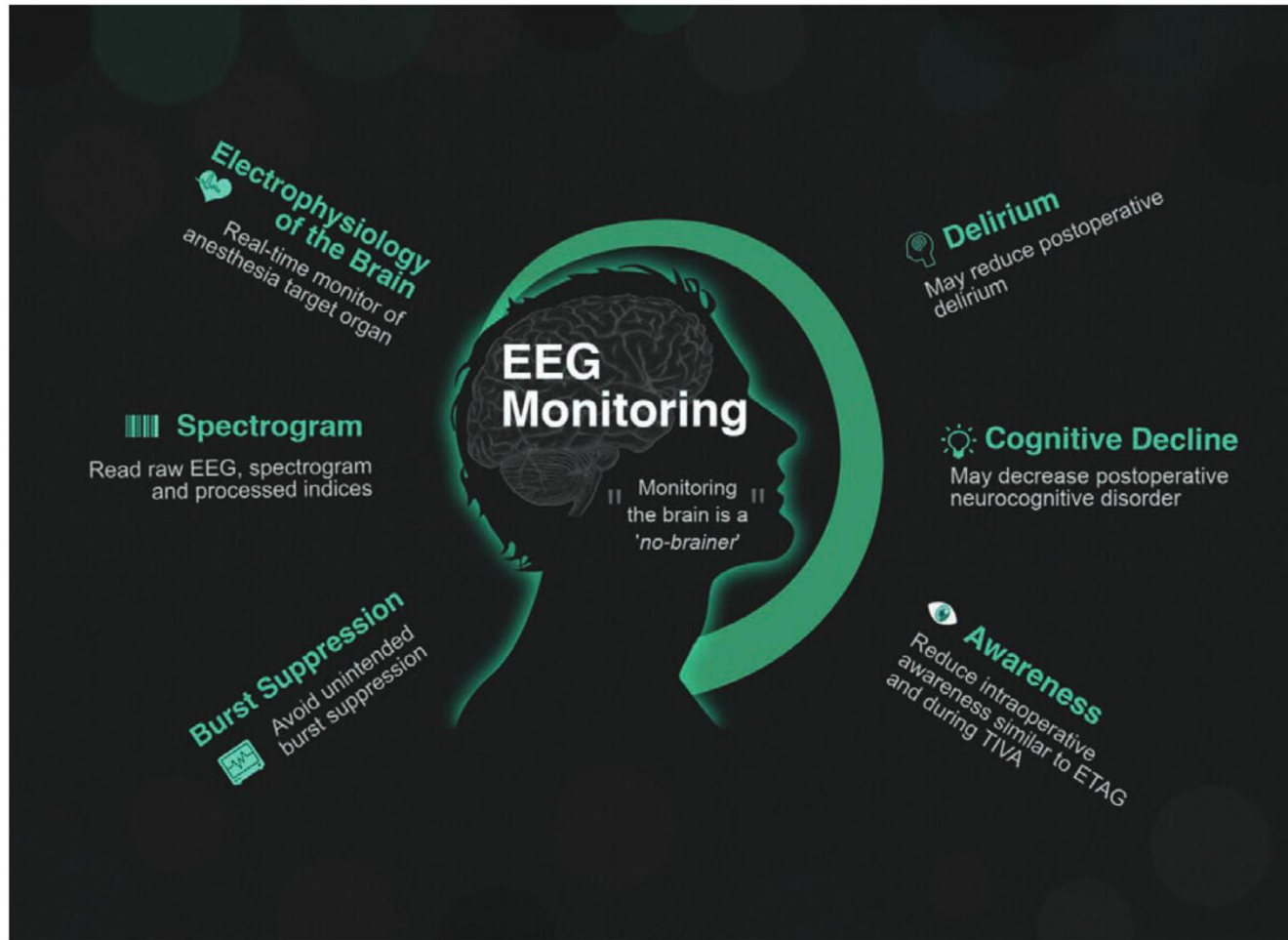
All those in favour...



R | **Depth of anaesthesia should be monitored in all patients aged over 60 years under general anaesthesia for surgery expected to last for more than one hour, with the aim of avoiding excessively deep anaesthesia.**

“EEG monitoring should be considered as part of the vital organ monitors to guide anesthetic management”.

Conclusions



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Chan, M., Hedrick, T., Egan, T., et al (2019). American Society for Enhanced Recovery and Perioperative Quality Initiative Joint Consensus Statement on the Role of Neuromonitoring in Perioperative Outcomes <https://dx.doi.org/10.1213/ane.0000000000004502>

Questions



Figure 1. Photograph showing the montage of the bispectral index (BIS) monitor leads on a dolphin. Right BIS = 97, left BIS = 86. Narrow, tall spikes seen on the electroencephalogram displays are an electrocardiogram effect.



Further learning

eLearning

<https://icetap.org>

<http://eristest2.partners.org/education/>

<http://eegforanesthesia.iars.org/> [CPD Certificate]

[Avoiding too deep anaesthesia](#) (ESA) [CPD Certificate]

Review papers

Purdon, P., Sampson, A., Pavone, K., Brown, E. (2015). Clinical Electroencephalography for Anesthesiologists Part 1: Background and Basic Signatures <https://dx.doi.org/10.1097/aln.0000000000000841>

Bennett, C., Voss, L., Barnard, J., Sleight, J. (2009). Practical Use of the Raw Electroencephalogram Waveform During General Anesthesia; The Art and Science <https://dx.doi.org/10.1213/ane.0b013e3181a9fc38>

Hagihira, S. (2015). Changes in the electroencephalogram during anaesthesia and their physiological basis. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1093/bja/aev212>



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