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New techniques in functional brain imaging are adding to our understanding of the mechanisms by which general anesthetics produce loss of consciousness. In this issue of ANESTHESIOLOGY, three original research articles suggest common themes across a variety of states (sleep, anesthesia), anesthetics (sevoflurane, propofol, ketamine), and species (rats and humans): a loss of the functional connectivity among specific regions of the brain. Three accompanying Editorial Views place these new findings in the broader context of our evolving understanding of the mechanisms of general anesthetics.

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Anesthetic concentrations of sevoflurane disrupted connectivity in higher order frontal and thalamic networks, but not in primary sensory networks, and reduced cortical information processing, similar to the effects observed for propofol. Intraoperative measurements of frontal electroencephalography might provide real-time intraoperative assessment of neurophysiologic correlates of anesthetic-induced unconsciousness.

- ◆◆◆ **Resting-state Network-specific Breakdown of Functional Connectivity during Ketamine Alteration of Consciousness in Volunteers** 873
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In human volunteers, ketamine alters connectivity within and between resting-state consciousness networks, notably by disrupting frontoparietal connectivity while sensory and sensorimotor networks are preserved. While ketamine has certain distinct effects on connectivity within and between resting-state consciousness networks, its functional disruption of frontoparietal cortical communication is shared by several other general anesthetics with distinct pharmacologic profiles.

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- ◆◆ **Neural Correlates of Wakefulness, Sleep, and General Anesthesia: An Experimental Study in Rat** 929
D. Pal, B. H. Silverstein, H. Lee, and G. A. Mashour

Disruption of cortical connectivity in the high γ band correlated with anesthetic- and sleep-induced unconsciousness, while θ connectivity correlated with cholinergic tone and an activated cortex. Functional fragmentation of high-frequency activity in the cortex may be a common network-level mechanism of unconsciousness during general anesthesia and sleep.

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