Anaesthesia and muscle relaxant sections: propofol, thiopental, midazolam, atracurium, alcuronium

MSF strongly supports the addition of propofol in the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines. As thiopental is still used as standard anaesthetic in many countries, MSF recommends keeping thiopental in the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines.

With a short duration of action and amnesic properties, midazolam is a medicine of choice for pre-operative sedation. Therefore, MSF strongly supports midazolam to replace diazepam as a representative of the benzodiazepines in section 1.3 of the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines.

MSF strongly supports the addition of atracurium as it is a safe neuromuscular blocker, particularly for renal or hepatic impaired patients.

Finally, MSF supports the removal of alcuronium from the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines.

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