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- Synergistic interaction with barbiturates, opioids and propofol often allows significant dose reductions\(^1\)\(^5\)
- Provides a calm, amnestic beginning\(^6\)
- And a stable course to unconsciousness\(^4\)\(^5\)

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