

NINETEENTH-CENTURY BRITISH ANESTHESIA- AFTER JOHN SNOW

- Joseph Clover became the leading anesthetist in London following the death of John Snow in 1858.
- Clover had observed the effect of chloroform on animals and urged other anesthetists to monitor the pulse at all times and to discontinue the anesthetic temporarily if any irregularity or weakness in the strength of the pulse was observed.
- first anesthetist to administer chloroform in known concentrations through the Clover bag.
- After 1870, Clover favored administration of nitrous oxide and ether in sequence and designed a very complex apparatus for this purpose.
- He was the first Englishman to urge the now universal practice of thrusting the patient's jaw forward to overcome obstruction of the upper airway by the tongue.