The first English anesthetist to be knighted, Sir Frederick Hewitt.

- designed the first anesthetic apparatus to deliver oxygen and nitrous oxide in variable proportions.
- He was also influential in ensuring that anesthesia was taught in all British medical schools.
- His book, Anaesthetics and Their Administration, in 1893 is considered the first true modern textbook of anesthesia.
- 1908, Hewitt developed an important appliance that would assist all anesthesiologists in managing an obstructed upper airway. He called his oral device an "airway restorer,"



Frederic William Hewitt.