

THE INTRODUCTION OF MUSCLE RELAXANTS

- In 1940 scientists discovered the active ingredient in South American amazon Indian arrow poison, it's Curare.
- The introduction of curare by Harold Griffith and Enid Johnson in 1942 was a milestone in anesthesia.
- Succinylcholine was synthesized by Bovet in 1949 and released in 1951.
- gallamine, decamethonium, metocurine, alcuronium, and pancuronium—were subsequently introduced.
- Recently introduced agents that more closely resemble an ideal NMB include vecuronium, atracurium, rocuronium, and cis-atracurium.