

# THE INTRODUCTION OF HALOTHANE

- the introduction of halothane in the mid-1950s that simplified the induction and maintenance of anesthesia.
- Halothane was first described by the research chemist Raventos 62 after preliminary work by Fergusson and Suckling at the ICI Laboratories, in Alderley Edge, England, and was introduced into anesthetic practice by Michael Johnstone at Manchester Royal Infirmary.
- Halothane's smooth induction, combined with its relatively pleasant smell and potent action, made it the ideal agent for the next two decades.
- Halothane is only now being fully supplanted by new agents such as sevoflurane.