

Table showing Anæsthetics administered in Public Hospitals of the Dominion during the Quinquennial Period 1924-29, and Deaths in Relation to Anæsthetics used (Years ended 31st March).

Anæsthetics.		1924-25.		1925-26.		1926-27.		1927-28.		1928-29.		Total.	
Induction.	Maintenance.	Number.	Deaths.	Number.	Deaths.	Number.	Deaths.	Number.	Deaths.	Number.	Deaths.	Number.	Deaths.
Chloroform ..	Chloroform ..	479	..	527	..	670	..	560	..	389	..	2,625	..
Chloroform ..	Ether ..	1,897	1	2,220	1	2,582	..	1,379	..	1,008	1	9,086	3
Chloroform ..	Chloroform a n d ether	256	..	69	..	163	..	43	..	21	1	552	1
Ether ..	Ether ..	5,916	4	4,005	3	4,610	7	5,800	5	5,593	1	25,924	20
Ether ..	Chloroform a n d ether	1	..	23	..	23	..	..	..	2	..	49	..
Ether ..	Chloroform ..	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	10	..
Ether (rectal) ..	..	..	..	17	..	11	..	12	..	20	..	60	..
Ether and oxygen ..	Ether and oxygen	1	..	1	..	..	..	77	..	42	1	121	1
Chloroform and ether	Ether ..	7,400	2	12,227	5	11,050	2	12,757	8	13,555	2	56,989	19
Chloroform and ether	Chloroform a n d ether	1,664	1	2,750	2	1,868	1	2,123	..	1,458	..	9,863	4
Chloroform and ether	Ether and oxygen	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	168	..	168	..
Chloroform and ether	Nitrous oxide and oxygen	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Alcohol and chloroform	Chloroform a n d ether	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	34	..
Chloroform and ether	Chloroform ..	180	..	192	..	47	1	108	..	3	..	530	1
Chloroform and oxygen	Oxygen ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	9	..
Ethylchloride ..	Ether ..	1,463	..	3,257	2	3,197	..	4,296	1	4,917	2	17,130	5
Ethylchloride (general)	Ethylchloride ..	55	..	131	..	160	..	160	..	109	..	615	..
Nitrous oxide and oxygen	Nitrous oxide and oxygen	370	..	1,086	1	1,333	..	1,951	..	2,249	2	6,989	3
Nitrous oxide and oxygen	Ether ..	..	..	72	..	16	..	19	..	36	..	143	..
Nitrous oxide and oxygen	Ether and oxygen	..	..	8	..	..	..	101	..	248	..	357	..
Nitrous oxide ..	Ether ..	16	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	19	..
Nitrous oxide ..	Nitrous oxide ..	229	1	526	..	78	..	31	..	..	..	914	1
Nitrous oxide, oxygen, and ether	Nitrous oxide, oxygen, and ether	..	..	26	..	16	..	16	..	7	..	65	..
Nitrous oxide ..	Chloroform a n d ether	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Spinal (anæsthetic not given)	..	81	..	98	..	338	..	68	..	154	..	739	..
Stovaine (spinal) ..	..	..	..	90	1	6	1	63	..	98	..	257	2
Stovaine ..	Ether ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	13	..
Spinal ..	Nitrous oxide and oxygen	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	11	..
Spinal ..	Ether ..	12	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	53	..
Local ..	Nitrous oxide and oxygen	15	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	26	..
Local ..	Ether ..	38	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	26	..	72	..
Local ..	..	587	..	1,749	..	2,225	1*	2,245	1†	2,577	1‡	9,383	3
Totals ..	..	20,718	9	29,075	15	28,393	13	31,925	15	32,697	11	142,808	63

* Novocaine. † Nitrous oxide and oxygen and novocaine. ‡ Novocaine.

Yearly fatality-rate per 10,000: 1924-25, 4.34; 1925-26, 5.16; 1926-27, 4.57; 1927-28, 4.69; 1928-29, 3.36.

Quinquennial fatality-rate per 10,000: 4.41.