

Narco Analysis

- Narco = anaesthesia / torpor
- Horseley coined this term
- Robert Ernest House
 - Father of truth serum

PRINCIPLE

- By using imagination a person is able to lie.
- In this test, subject's imagination is neutralised by making him/her semi-conscious.
- In this state, it becomes difficult to lie and answers would be restricted to facts he is already aware of.
- Efforts are made to obtain probative truth about the crime

Staff Required

- Physician
- Anaesthetist
- Forensic Psychologist
- Videographer
- Supporting nursing staff

PROCEDURE OF NARCO-ANALYSIS

It includes following

- Pre Test Interview
- Pre-Narcotic State
- Semi-Narcotic State
- Post Test Interview

Pre Test Interview:

- Individual is explained regarding the whole procedure and informed consent is taken

Pre Narcotic State:

- Anaesthetist induces narco and maintain the pre-narcotic state throughout the interview
- Drug is injected till the person appears relaxed and in a state of good contact.

Drug and Dosage

- 5% Amytal (sodium amobarbital)
- 5% Pentothal (thiopental sodium)
- <1cc/min
- 150-350mg
- 75mg in organic brain disease

Semi Narcotic State:

- After establishing the semi narcotic state and the individual's appears to be:
- Flushed
- Slowing and slurred speech
- Nystagmus observing by testing examinee's eye muscle with finger
- Forensic Psychologist or Psychiatrist facilitate the interview

- Individual is allowed to sleep off and allowed to wake up on his/her off
- Once s/he wake up, anaesthetist checks him/her and allow to drink coffee or tea
- Complete narco interview is audio-video recoded and also written

- Post Test Interview:
- Memory is Checked
- Individual is allowed to know what s/he has spoken during interview
- Individual experience more relax and anxiety free state

Argument in Favouring

- In the state induced by the drug, the individual will reply to questions with childlike simplicity and with childlike honesty, without evasiveness, guile, deceit or fraud, as the answer to a query that is stored in his mind as memory.
"Dr. Robert Ernest House"

Argument Against

- It is not hundred per cent accurate. It has been found that certain subjects made totally false statements.
- It is often unsuccessful in eliciting truth as such it should not be used to compare the statement already given to the police before use of drug.
- It has been found that a person has given false information even after administration of drug.

- It is not much help in case of malingers or evasive, untruthful person.
- It is very difficult to suggest a correct dose of drug for a particular person.
- The dose of drug will differ according to will power, mental attitude and physique of the subject.
- Successful narco-analysis test is not dependent on injection.

Situation in india

- ? Violation of Article 20(3).
- No person accused of any offence shall be compelled to be a witness against himself.
- ? Violation of Article 21.
- No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to the procedure established by law.

- ? Section 161(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure
- Such person shall be bound to answer truly all questions relating to such case put to him by such officer, other than questions the answers to which would have a tendency to expose him to a criminal charge or to a penalty or forfeiture.

