Narco Analysis

- Narko = anaesthesia / torpor
- Horroy 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 narko 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
  - Slowly 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 narc interview is audio-video recorded 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, guilt, 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 percent 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.
Situation in India
- ? Violation of Article 20(3).
- No person accused of any offence shall be compelled to be a witness against himself.
- No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to the procedure established by law.

It is not much help in case of malingerers 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.

- ? 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.