

- Henry's law describes the solubility of a gas in a liquid phase. What methods are possible to ensure a patient receives enough oxygen during surgery? Which method is the most practical? Explain.

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Henry's law states that the higher the pressure of gas above a liquid, the greater the solubility of the gas in that liquid:

$$c = kP$$

Normal air is 21% O₂. Anaesthetists can ensure a patient receives enough O₂ during surgery by increasing the % (i.e. partial pressure) of O₂ in the gas the patient breathes. This is the most practical and easy approach.

The alternative would be to get the patient to breathe a mixture of air at a pressure greater than 1 atm, but this would be more difficult to control and could lead to other problems (e.g. "the bends").

- A saline solution used to administer drugs intravenously is prepared by dissolving 0.90 g NaCl in 100.0 mL water. What mass of glucose (C₆H₁₂O₆) is required to prepare a 100.0 mL solution with the same osmotic pressure?

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The formula mass of NaCl is (22.99 (Na) + 35.45 (Cl)) g mol⁻¹ = 58.55 g mol⁻¹. The number of moles in 0.90 g is therefore:

$$\text{number of moles} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{formula mass}} = \frac{0.90 \text{ g}}{58.55 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} = 0.015 \text{ mol}$$

Dissolution of NaCl(s) produces Na⁺(aq) and Cl⁻(aq) so the total number of moles of ions present is 2 × 0.015 mol = 0.030 mol. The concentration of ions in a solution with volume 100.0 mL is thus:

$$\text{concentration} = \frac{\text{number of moles}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{0.030 \text{ mol}}{0.1000 \text{ L}} = 0.30 \text{ mol L}^{-1} = 0.30 \text{ M}$$

The osmotic pressure is related to the concentration by $\Pi = cRT$. As glucose does not dissociate in solution, to produce the same concentration of particles in solution requires 0.030 mol of glucose.

The molar mass of glucose, C₆H₁₂O₆ is (6 × 12.01 (C) + 12 × 1.008 (H) + 6 × 16.00 (O)) g mol⁻¹ = 180.156 g mol⁻¹.

The mass of 0.030 mol of glucose is therefore:

$$\text{mass} = \text{number of moles} \times \text{molar mass} = (0.030 \text{ mol}) \times (180.156 \text{ g mol}^{-1}) = 5.4 \text{ g}$$

Answer: 5.4 g