

*Session 4. Issues We Are Facing & Need to Overcome*

## **Environmental Impact of Anesthesia**

### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Describe the chemical properties of volatile anesthetic agents and nitrous oxide that are responsible for their detriment to the atmosphere
2. Summarize the arguments supporting use of low fresh gas flows when using volatile agents, including the science that refutes higher flow suggestions for sevoflurane.

