

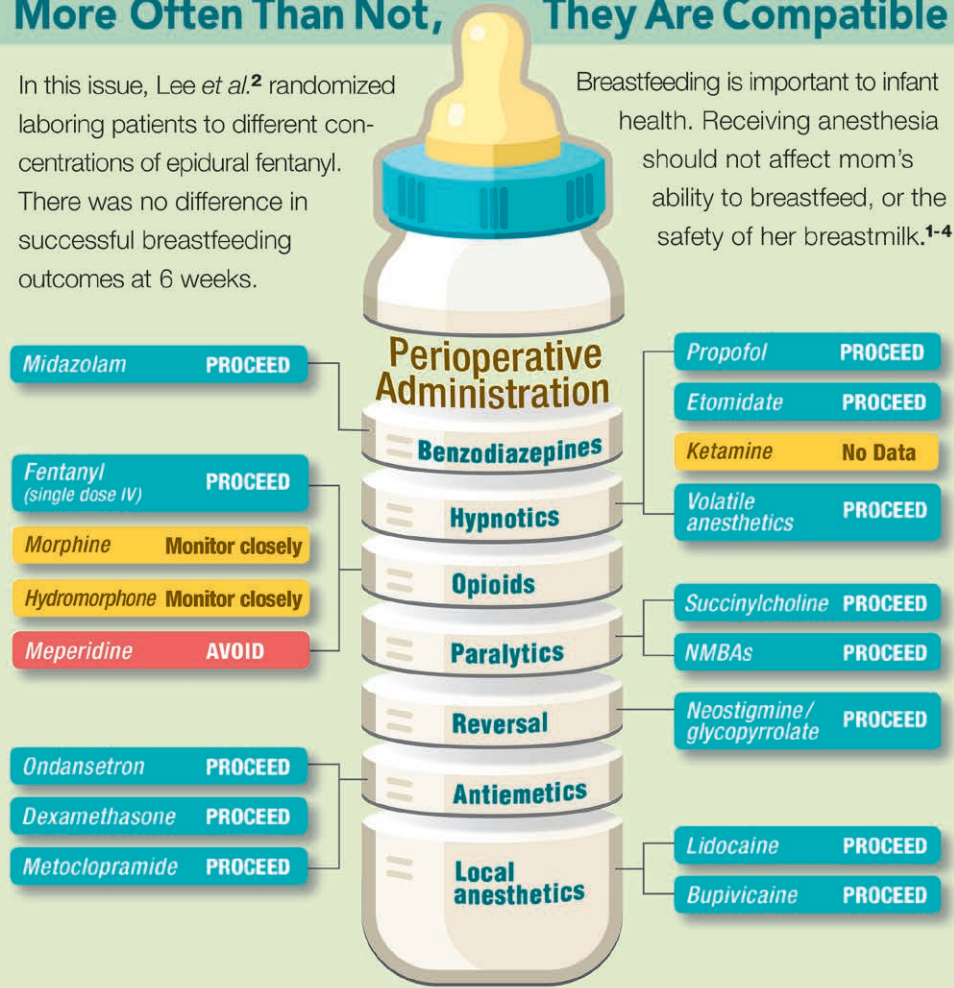
# ANESTHESIOLOGY



## Anesthesia & Breastfeeding: More Often Than Not, They Are Compatible

In this issue, Lee *et al.*<sup>2</sup> randomized laboring patients to different concentrations of epidural fentanyl. There was no difference in successful breastfeeding outcomes at 6 weeks.

Breastfeeding is important to infant health. Receiving anesthesia should not affect mom's ability to breastfeed, or the safety of her breastmilk.<sup>1-4</sup>



**“A general principal is that a mother can resume breastfeeding once she is awake, stable, and alert after anesthesia has been given.”<sup>2</sup>**

IV = intravenous; NMBAs = neuromuscular blocking agents.

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