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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to pharmaceutical compositions containing water-soluble prodrugs of propofol and methods of administering the prodrug. In one aspect, a method of inducing and/or maintaining a generalized anesthetic state comprises administering by parenteral infusion a prodrug of propofol in an amount sufficient to cause and/or maintain loss of consciousness. In another aspect, a prodrug of propofol is administered for producing a sedated state in a subject.