

Re: Drug induced comas?

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STJensen wrote:

Can humans be safely put into a coma by way of drugs? If so, what drugs would be used and how long can be they safely kept in a coma?

Anesthetics. When you have surgery, you are basically comatose. The drugs used to put people out for surgery (I didn't say asleep because people who are under the knife are not asleep) can also be used to keep people in coma for prolonged periods of time, like after the young man who was unfortunately enough to be in a Dodge truck when the steam pipe blew last week in NYC (he is being kept in a coma so that he can't feel the pain of his repeated surgeries and wound cleanings with 80% burns). Same thing for the governor of NJ after he had his SUV crash.

If there's a time limit, how long do they need to be out of the coma before being safely put back into one?

You can stay in a come for the rest of your life.

Jeff

Thanks in advance!

Scott