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## **Histamine, Serotonin, , the Ergot Alkaloids**

### **. CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY OF HISTAMINE**

In pulmonary function laboratories, histamine aerosol has been used as a provocative test of **bronchial hyperreactivity**.. Histamine should not be given to patients with asthma (except as part of a carefully monitored test of pulmonary function) or to patients with active ulcer disease or gastrointestinal bleeding. **Beta hestine** is histamine analoge used in meniere-s disease

### **Histamine Antagonists**

#### **H<sub>1</sub>- H<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>3</sub>- H<sub>4</sub>-Receptor Antagonists**

(Azelastine Cetirizine Chlorpheniramine Clemastine Cyclizine

Cyproheptadine Desloratadine Dexchlorpheniramine Dimenhydrinate

Diphenhydramine Fexofenadine Hydroxyzine Ketotifen Loratadine

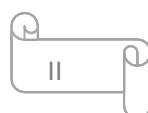
Meclizine Promethazine Triprolidine )

### **SEROTONIN (5-HYDROXYTRYPTAMINE)**

Serotonin is an important neurotransmitter, a local hormone in the gut, a component of the platelet clotting process, and is thought to play a role in migraine headache. serotonin is present in a variety of sites in the brain. Its role as a neurotransmitter and its relation to the actions of drugs acting in the central nervous system

5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptors in the gastrointestinal tract and in the vomiting center of the medulla participate in the vomiting reflex particularly important in vomiting caused by chemical such as cancer chemotherapy drugs.

5-HT<sub>1P</sub> and 5-HT<sub>4</sub> receptors play a role in nervous system function.



## MELATONIN PHARMACOLOGY

Melatonin is produced and released primarily at night and has long been suspected of playing a role in diurnal cycles of animals and the sleep-wake behavior of humans.

Melatonin receptors have been characterized in the central nervous system and several peripheral tissues.

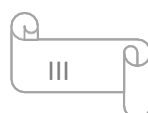
In the brain, MT<sub>1</sub> and MT<sub>2</sub> receptors are found in membranes of the hypothalamus,

MT<sub>3</sub>, is an enzyme; with a poorly defined physiologic role, possibly related to intraocular pressure.

Activation of the MT<sub>1</sub> receptor results in sleepiness, whereas the MT<sub>2</sub> receptor may be related to the light-dark synchronization of the biologic circadian clock.

**Melatonin** itself is promoted commercially as a sleep aid by the food supplement

**Ramelteon** is a selective MT<sub>1</sub> and MT<sub>2</sub> agonist that has recently been approved for the medical treatment of insomnia. This drug has no addiction liability (it is not a controlled substance), appears to be distinctly more efficacious than melatonin (but less efficacious than benzodiazepines) as a hypnotic.



## Clinical Pharmacology Of Serotonin Agonists

### 5-HT<sub>1D/1B</sub> Agonists Migraine Headache

The 5-HT<sub>1D/1B</sub> agonists (**triptans**) are used in migraine headache.

**Sumatriptan , almotriptan, sumatriptan, rizatriptan, zolmitriptan**

because of the ability of drugs to cause coronary vasospasm. They are contraindicated in patients with coronary artery disease and in angina.

**Cisapride**, used in the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux and motility disorders. Because of toxicity, it is now not used .

**Tegaserod**, partial agonist, used for irritable bowel with constipation.

**Fluoxetine and other SSRIs**, blocking reuptake of the transmitter, used for the management of depression and similar disorders.

## SEROTONIN-RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

**Cyproheptadine** potent H<sub>1</sub>-receptor-blocking , 5-HT<sub>2</sub>-blocking actions. has significant antimuscarinic effects .The major clinical applications of cyproheptadine are urticaria..

**Ketanserin** blocks 5-HT<sub>2</sub> receptors on platelets and antagonizes platelet aggregation promoted by serotonin. blocks  $\alpha_1$  adrenoceptors.

(**Ritanserin**, 5-HT<sub>2</sub> antagonist, has little or no  $\alpha$  blocking action).

**Ondansetron** is the prototypical 5-HT<sub>3</sub> antagonist. This drug and its analogs are very important in the prevention of nausea and vomiting associated with surgery and cancer chemotherapy.

**ERGOT ALKALOIDS****Clinical Uses**

**MIGRAINE** Ergot derivatives are highly specific for migraine pain; **ergotamine** effective when given during the prodrome of an attack; Ergotamine available for oral, sublingual, rectal supp., and inhaler use. . **Dihydroergotamine**, 0.5-1 mg intravenously, for treatment of intractable migraine. Intranasal dihydroergotamine also be effective.

**B. HYPERPROLACTINEMIA**

Treatment of hyperprolactinemia is **Bromocriptine Cabergoline**

**C. POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE**

**Ergonovine** maleate, 0.2 mg usually given intramuscularly, can be effective within 1-5 minutes and less toxic than other ergot derivatives

**D. DIAGNOSIS OF VARIANT ANGINA**

Ergonovine given intravenously produces prompt vasoconstriction during coronary angiography to diagnose variant angina

**Toxicity -Contraindications**

The common toxic effects of ergot derivatives are GI disturbances, including diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. A more dangerous toxic effect of overdose is prolonged vasospasm. Peripheral vascular vasospasm infusions of large doses of nitroprusside or GTN have successful in some cases.

## DRUGS AND GOUT

Gout is a metabolic disease characterized by recurrent episodes of acute arthritis due to deposits of monosodium urate in joints and cartilage.

Uric acid renal calculi, tophi, and interstitial nephritis may also occur.

Gout is usually associated with high serum levels of uric acid, a poorly soluble substance that is the major end product of purine metabolism.

The treatment of gout aims to relieve acute gouty attacks and to prevent recurrent gouty episodes and urate lithiasis.

### **Drugs used for prophylaxis and treatment of gout:**

#### **Colchicine**

Colchicine relieves the pain and inflammation of gouty arthritis in 12-24 hours without altering the metabolism or excretion of urates and without other analgesic effects.. Colchicine is now used for the prophylaxis of recurrent episodes of gouty arthritis

Colchicine often causes diarrhea and may occasionally cause nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. Colchicine may rarely cause hair loss and bone marrow depression , peripheral neuritis ,myopathy.

#### **NSAIDS IN GOUT**

In addition to inhibiting prostaglandin synthase, indomethacin and other NSAIDs also inhibit urate crystal phagocytosis. Indomethacin is commonly used as initial treatment of gout as the replacement for colchicine.

All other NSAIDs except aspirin, salicylates, and tolmetin have been successfully used to treat acute gouty episodes.

## URICOSURIC AGENTS

Probenecid and sulfinpyrazone are uricosuric drugs employed to decrease the body pool of urate in patients with tophaceous gout..

Uricosuric therapy should be initiated in gouty underexcretion of uric acid when allopurinol or febuxostat is contraindicated or when evidence of tophi appears. Therapy should not be started until 2-3 weeks after an acute attack.

Nephrotic syndrome has occurred after the use of probenecid. Both sulfinpyrazone and probenecid may rarely cause aplastic anemia.

### ALLOPURINOL

The preferred therapy for gout is allopurinol, which reduces total uric acid body burden by inhibiting xanthine oxidase resulting in a fall in the plasma urate level and a decrease in the size of the urate pool.

Treatment of gout with allopurinol, as with uricosuric agents, is begun with the expectation that it will be continued for years if not for life.

#### Adverse Effects

nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, may occur. Peripheral neuritis and necrotizing vasculitis, depression of bone marrow elements, and, rarely, aplastic anemia may also occur. Hepatic toxicity and interstitial nephritis have been reported..

### FEBUXOSTAT

Febuxostat is a potent and selective nonpurine inhibitor of xanthine oxidase, and thereby reduces the formation of xanthine and uric acid..

## Vitamins

Vitamins are required for normal body metabolism, growth, development. They are components of enzyme systems that release energy from proteins, fats, and carbohydrates. They also required for formation of red blood cells, nerve cells, hormones, genetic materials, bones, and other tissues. They are effective in small amounts and are mainly obtained from foods or supplements.

Vitamins are usually classified as fat soluble (A, D, E, K) and water soluble (B complex, C).

Fat-soluble vitamins are absorbed from the intestine with dietary fat, and absorption requires the presence of bile salts and pancreatic lipase. These vitamins are relatively stable in cooking.

Water-soluble vitamins are readily absorbed but are also readily lost by cooking and storage.

Vitamin disorders should be recognized as early as possible and appropriate treatment initiated. Early recognition treatment can prevent a mild deficiency or excess from becoming severe.



**General guidelines of vitamin therapy include the following**

- 1- For deficiency states, oral vitamin preparations are preferred when possible. They are usually effective (exception absorption syndromes), safe, convenient to administer, and relatively inexpensive. Multiple deficiencies are common, and multivitamin preparation used usually contains more than the recommended daily amount.
- 2- For excess states, the usual treatment is to stop administration of the vitamin preparation.

**Disorders of Fat-Soluble Vitamin A**

- With vitamin A deficiency, increase intake of foods containing vitamin A or beta carotene. Use a single, pure form of vitamin A rather than a multivitamin, unless multiple deficiencies are present. Give doses no larger than 25,000 U daily unless a severe deficiency is present. Give orally if not contraindicated; give intramuscularly if gastrointestinal (GI) absorption is severely impaired or ocular symptoms are severe. With vitamin A excess, immediately stop known sources of the vitamin.

**Disorders of Fat-Soluble Vitamin K**

- With vitamin K deficiency, bleeding may occur spontaneously or in response to trauma. Thus, administration of vitamin K and measures to prevent bleeding are indicated. If the deficiency is not severe, oral vitamin K may be given for a few days until serum prothrombin activity returns to a normal range.. In severe bleeding may be given intravenously

## **Disorders of B-Complex Vitamins**

Most deficiencies of B-complex vitamins are multiple rather than single. If a single deficiency seems predominant, that vitamin may be given alone or along with a multivitamin preparation. Thiamine deficiency is common in alcoholics. Reasons include inadequate dietary intake. One type occurs with pyridoxine deficiency and is relieved by administration of pyridoxine.

Megaloblastic anemia's, characterized by abnormally large, immature red blood cells, occur with deficiency of folic acid or vitamin B12. If megaloblastic anemia is severe, treatment is usually instituted with both folic acid and vitamin B12. In pernicious anemia, vitamin B12 must be given by injection because oral forms are not absorbed from the GI tract.

## **Disorders of Vitamin C**

Treatment of vitamin C deficiency involves increased intake of vitamin C from dietary or pharmaceutical sources. Vitamin C is available alone for oral, intramuscular (IM), or IV administration. It is also an ingredient in most multivitamin preparations for oral or parenteral use.

## **Use of vitamins in Older Adults**

Vitamin requirements are the same as for younger adults. However, deficiencies are common in older adults, especially of vitamins A and D, cyanocobalamin (B12), folic acid, riboflavin, and thiamine. With vitamin B12, for example, it is estimated that older adults absorb only 10% to 30% of the amount found in food.

## Minerals and Electrolytes

Minerals and electrolytes are essential constituents of bone, teeth, cell membranes, connective tissue, and many essential enzymes. They function to maintain fluid, electrolyte, and acid–base balance; maintain osmotic pressure; maintain nerve and muscle function; assist in transfer of compounds across cell membranes; and influence the growth process.

### Macronutrients

Some minerals (calcium, phosphorus, sodium, potassium, magnesium, chlorine, sulfur) are required in relatively large amounts (>100 mg) and thus are sometimes called *macronutrients*

Micronutrients or trace elements. trace elements (chromium, cobalt, copper, fluoride, iodine ,iron, selenium, and zinc)

### Principles Of Therapy

When a mineral is given to correct a deficiency state, there is a risk of producing an excess state. Because both deficiency and excess states may be harmful, the amount of mineral supplement should be titrated closely to the amount needed by the body.

### Drug Selection

Oral drug preparations are preferred, when feasible, for preventing or treating mineral disorders. They are safer, less likely to produce toxicity, more convenient to administer, and less expensive than parenteral preparation

## Pancreatic Hormones

### Antidiabetic Drugs

The endocrine of pancreas in the adult human consists of approximately 1 million islets of Langerhans. Their hormone products include **insulin**, the storage and anabolic hormone of the body; The elevated blood glucose associated with diabetes mellitus results from absent or inadequate pancreatic insulin secretion, with or without concurrent impairment of insulin action. The disease states underlying the diagnosis of diabetes mellitus are now classified into categories:

Type 1, Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.

Type 2, Non insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.

Type 3, other

Type 4 , Gestational diabetes mellitus.

Insulin is released from pancreatic B cells at a low basal rate and at a much higher stimulated rate in response to a variety of stimuli, especially glucose. The liver and kidney are the two main organs that remove insulin from the circulation.

Insulin promotes the storage of fat as well as glucose (both sources of energy) within specialized target cells) and influences cell growth and the metabolic functions of a wide variety of tissues.

**Principal Types And Duration Of Action Of Insulin Preparations:****A-Short Acting**

- 1-Regular short acting soluble crystalline zinc
- 2-Rapidly acting Insulin analogs(lispro-Humo-log)

**B-Long acting Insulin**

- 1- NPH Neutral protamine Hagedorn or Isophane Insulin
- 2- Insulin glargine
- 3- Insulin detemir
- 4- Insulin Degludec
- 5- Mixture of insulins

**Complications of Insulin Therapy:****A. Hypoglycemia**

The most common complication of insulin therapy. They may result from a delay in taking a meal, inadequate carbohydrate consumed, unusual physical exertion, or a dose of insulin that is too large . All the manifestations of hypoglycemia are relieved by glucose administration

**B. Immunopathology Of Insulin Therapy****1. Insulin Allergy****2. Immune Insulin Resistance****C. Lipodystrophy At Injection Sites****Oral Antidiabetic Agents****1-Insulin Secretagogues: Sulfonylureas-**

The major action of sulfonylurea is to increase insulin release from the pancreas . Two additional mechanisms of action have been proposed reduction of serum glucagon levels and closure of potassium channels in extra pancreatic tissues. **Glibenaclamide Glimpiride**

Mechanisms of action include

- (1) Reduced hepatic and renal gluconeogenesis.
- (2) Slowing of glucose absorption from the gastrointestinal tract, with increased glucose to lactate conversion by enterocytes.
- (3) Direct stimulation of glycolysis in tissues, with increased glucose removal from blood.
- (4) Reduction of plasma glucagon levels.

**Metformin** is useful in the prevention of type 2 diabetes 500 mg to a maximum of 2.550 g daily, The most common toxic effects of metformin are gastrointestinal (anorexia, nausea, vomiting, abdominal discomfort, diarrhea) and occur in up to 20% of patients. Biguanides are contraindicated in patients with renal disease, alcoholism, hepatic disease

### **THIAZOLIDINEDIONES**

Thiazolidinediones (Tzds) act to decrease insulin resistance. Their primary action is the regulation of genes involved in glucose and lipid metabolism **Pioglitazone** **Rosiglitazone**

### **ALPHA-GLUCOSIDASE INHIBITORS**

**Acarbose** and **miglitol** are competitive inhibitors of the intestinal  $\alpha$ -glucosidases and reduce the postprandial digestion and absorption of starch and disaccharides.

## **. Adrenocorticosteroids - Adrenocortical Antagonists**

The natural adrenocortical hormones are steroid molecules produced and released by the adrenal cortex. Both natural and synthetic corticosteroids are used for diagnosis and treatment of disorders of adrenal function. They are also used more often and in much larger doses for treatment of a variety of inflammatory and immunologic disorders.

Secretion of adrenocortical steroids is controlled by the pituitary release of corticotropin (ACTH). Secretion of the salt-retaining hormone aldosterone is primarily under the influence of angiotensin. Corticotropin has some actions that do not depend upon its effect on adrenocortical secretion.

Inhibitors of the synthesis or antagonists of the action of the adrenocortical steroids are important in the treatment of several conditions.

### **SYNTHETIC CORTICOSTEROIDS**

Glucocorticoids have become important agents for use in the treatment of many inflammatory, immunologic, hematologic, and other disorders. This has stimulated development of synthetic steroids with anti-inflammatory, immunosuppressive activity. The actions of the synthetic steroids are similar to those of cortisol. They bind to the specific intracellular receptor proteins and produce the same effects but have different ratios of glucocorticoid to mineralocorticoid potency.

#### **Clinical Pharmacology**

##### **1-. Diagnosis And Treatment Of Disturbed Adrenal Function**

##### **2- Corticosteroids Stimulation Of Lung Maturation In The Fetus**

Lung maturation in the fetus is regulated by the fetal secretion of cortisol. Treatment of the mother with large doses of glucocorticoid reduces the incidence of respiratory distress syndrome in infants delivered prematurely. When delivery is anticipated before 34 weeks of gestation, intramuscular betamethasone, 12 mg, followed by an additional dose of 12 mg 18-24 hours later, is commonly used.



**3. CORTICOSTEROIDS AND NONADRENAL DISORDERS**

<b>Disorder</b>	<b>Examples</b>
Allergic reactions	Angioneurotic edema, asthma, bee stings, contact dermatitis, drug reactions, allergic rhinitis, serum sickness, urticaria
Collagen-vascular disorders	Giant cell arteritis, lupus erythematosus, mixed connective tissue syndromes, polymyositis, polymyalgia rheumatica, rheumatoid arthritis, temporal arteritis
Eye diseases	Acute uveitis, allergic conjunctivitis, choroiditis, optic neuritis
Gastrointestinal diseases	Inflammatory bowel disease, nontropical sprue, subacute hepatic necrosis
Hematologic disorders	Acquired hemolytic anemia, acute allergic purpura, leukemia, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, multiple myeloma
Systemic inflammation	Acute respiratory distress syndrome (sustained therapy with moderate dosage accelerates recovery and decreases mortality)
Infections	Acute respiratory distress syndrome, sepsis, systemic inflammatory syndrome
Inflammatory conditions of bones and joints	Arthritis, bursitis, tenosynovitis
Neurologic disorders	Cerebral edema (large doses of dexamethasone are given to patients following brain surgery to minimize cerebral edema in the postoperative period), multiple sclerosis
Organ transplants	Prevention and treatment of rejection (immunosuppression)
Pulmonary diseases	Aspiration pneumonia, bronchial asthma, prevention of infant respiratory distress syndrome, sarcoidosis
Renal disorders	Nephrotic syndrome
Skin diseases	Atopic dermatitis, dermatoses, lichen simplex chronicus (localized neurodermatitis), mycosis fungoides, pemphigus, seborrheic dermatitis, xerosis
Thyroid diseases	Malignant exophthalmos, subacute thyroiditis
Miscellaneous	Hypercalcemia, mountain sickness



When the glucocorticoids are used for short periods (2 weeks), it is unusual to see serious adverse effects even with moderately large doses. However, insomnia, behavioral changes and acute peptic ulcers are occasionally observed even after only a few days of treatment.

Acute pancreatitis is a rare but serious acute adverse effect of high-dose glucocorticoids.

Most patients who are given daily doses of 100 mg of hydrocortisone or more (or the equivalent amount of synthetic steroid) for longer than 2 weeks undergo a series iatrogenic Cushing's syndrome.

. In the face, rounding, puffiness, fat deposition, and plethora usually appear (moon facies). . There is an increased growth of fine hair over the face, and increased appetite are noted

. . Other serious side effects peptic ulcers and their consequences. increased intraocular pressure is common, and glaucoma may be induced.

### **SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS**

Patients receiving these drugs must be monitored carefully for the development of hyperglycemia, glycosuria, sodium retention with edema or hypertension, hypokalemia, peptic ulcer, osteoporosis, and hidden infections.

### **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

These agents must be used with great caution in patients with peptic ulcer, heart disease or hypertension with heart failure, certain infectious illnesses such as varicella and tuberculosis, psychoses, diabetes, osteoporosis, or glaucoma.

Glucocorticoids For Oral □ Parenteral Use

**Betamethasone Cortisone Dexamethasone**

**Dexamethasone sodium phosphate Hydrocortisone acetate**

**Methylprednisolone Methylprednisolone acetate**

**Methylprednisolone sodium succinate ( Prednisolone**

**Triamcinolone Triamcinolone acetonide**

## **MINERALOCORTICIDS (ALDOSTERONE, DEOXYCORTICOSTERONE, FLUDROCORTISONE)**

**1. Aldosterone** Aldosterone and other steroids with mineralocorticoid properties promote the reabsorption of sodium from the distal part of the distal convoluted tubule and from the cortical collecting renal tubules, mineralocorticoids lead to hypokalemia, metabolic alkalosis, increased plasma volume, and hypertension.

**2. Deoxycorticosterone (DOC)** serves as a precursor of aldosterone

**3. Fludrocortisone** potent steroid with both glucocorticoid and mineralocorticoid activity, is the most widely used mineralocorticoid.

## **ADRENAL ANDROGENS**

The adrenal cortex secretes large amounts of DHEA and smaller amounts of androstenedione and testosterone. Although these androgens are thought to contribute to the normal maturation process,.

## **ANTAGONISTS OF ADRENOCORTICAL AGENTS**

### **Synthesis Inhibitors Glucocorticoid Antagonists**

**1. Metyrapone 2. Aminoglutethimide 3. Ketoconazole**

### **Mineralocorticoid Antagonists**

**Spirolactone Eplerenone, Drospirenone.**



## Thyroid and Antithyroid Drugs

The normal thyroid gland secretes sufficient amounts of thyroid hormones triiodothyronine ( $T_3$ ) and tetraiodothyronine ( $T_4$ , thyroxine). The thyroid hormones responsible for optimal growth, development, function, and maintenance of all body tissues. Excess or inadequate amounts result in the signs and symptoms of hyperthyroidism or hypothyroidism, respectively).

Synthetic levothyroxine is the preparation of choice for thyroid replacement and suppression therapy because of its: **Stability. Content Uniformity Low Cost. Lack Of Allergenic Foreign Protein.**

### ANTITHYROID AGENTS:

Reduction of thyroid activity and hormone effects can be accomplished by agents that: **interfere with the production of thyroid hormones, by agents that modify the tissue response to thyroid hormones, or by glandular destruction with radiation or surgery..**

#### 1. Thioamides

**carbimazole methimazole** and **propylthiouracil** are major thioamides drugs for treatment of thyrotoxicosis., ,..

**2. Iodides:** Prior to introduction of the thioamides in the 1940s, iodides were the major antithyroid agents; they are rarely used.

#### 3. Beta Adrenoceptor-Blocking Agents

Beta blockers (eg, metoprolol, propranolol, atenolol) are effective therapeutic adjuncts in the management of thyrotoxicosis. Propranolol has been the most widely used in the therapy of thyrotoxicosis. Beta blockers cause clinical improvement of hyperthyroid symptoms but do not alter thyroid hormone levels.

## **Anterior Pituitary Hormones Hypothalamic Regulators**

All of the hormones produced by the anterior pituitary except prolactin (PRL) are key participants in hormonal systems in which they regulate the production by peripheral tissues of hormones that perform the ultimate regulatory functions. In these systems, the secretion of the pituitary hormone is under the control of a hypothalamic hormone. Each hypothalamic-pituitary-endocrine gland system or axis provides multiple complex neuroendocrine regulation of growth, development, and reproductive functions.

### **GROWTH HORMONE (SOMATOTROPIN)**

Growth hormone, one of the peptide hormones produced by the anterior pituitary, is required during childhood and adolescence for attainment of normal adult size and has important effects throughout life, Growth hormone (**somatotropin**) Two types of recombinant human growth hormone. **Somatropin. Somatrem**

### **GROWTH HORMONE DEFICIENCY**

Growth hormone deficiency can have a genetic basis or can be acquired as a result of damage to the pituitary or hypothalamus by tumor, infection, surgery, or radiation therapy. In childhood, GH deficiency presents as short stature. Treatment of children with short stature by GH. Treatment is begun with 0.025 mg/kg daily and may be increased to a maximum of 0.045 mg/kg daily.

### **Other Uses of Growth Hormone**

Growth hormone affects many organ systems and also has a net anabolic effect. It has been tested in a number of conditions that are associated with a severe catabolic state and is approved for the treatment of wasting in patients with AIDS. Growth hormone is a popular component of anti-aging programs.



**GROWTH HORMONE ANTAGONISTS**

In adults, **Acromegaly**, which is characterized by abnormal growth of cartilage and bone tissue, and many organs including skin, muscle, heart, liver, and the gastrointestinal tract. Acromegaly adversely affects the skeletal, muscular, cardiovascular, respiratory, and metabolic systems. When a GH-secreting adenoma occurs before the long bone epiphyses close, it leads to the rare condition, **Gigantism**.

**Acromegaly**, **Gigantism**. can be treated with GH antagonists.

**Octreotide**, a somatostatin analog, and **Bromocriptine**.

**The Gonadotropins****(Follicle-Stimulating Hormone FSH****&Luteinizing Hormone& Human Chorionic Gonadotropin)**

These hormones serve complementary functions in the reproductive process. In women, the principal function of FSH is to direct ovarian follicle development., LH stimulates androgen production. In the luteal phase of the menstrual cycle.

Estrogen and Progesterone production is primarily under the control first of LH and then, if pregnancy occurs, under the control of human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG)of placenta.

In men, FSH is the primary regulator of spermatogenesis, whereas LH is the main stimulus for the production of testosterone by Leydig cells. FSH helps to maintain high local androgen concentrations in the developing sperm.

## **Clinical Pharmacology of Gonadotropin**

### **A. Ovulation Induction**

The gonadotropins are used to induce ovulation in women with anovulation due to hypogonadism **Clomiphene "clomid"**

### **B. Male Infertility**

Most of the signs and symptoms of hypogonadism in males (eg, delayed puberty, maintenance of secondary sex characteristics after puberty) can be adequately treated with exogenous androgen therapy has consisted of initial treatment for 8-12 weeks with injections of 1000-2500 IU HCG several times per week.

### **C. Female infertility**

Gonadotropin can be used to precipitate an LH surge and ovulation in women with infertility who are undergoing ovulation induction

## **SUPPRESSION OF GONADOTROPIN PRODUCTION**

### **1. Controlled ovarian hyperstimulation**

**2. Endometriosis** is cyclical abdominal pain in premenopausal women due to the presence of endometrium-like tissue outside the uterus.

**3 Prostate cancer** Antiandrogen therapy is the primary medical therapy for prostate cancer. such as **Flutamide..**

**4. Central precocious puberty** (onset of secondary sex characteristics before 8 years in girls or 9 years in boys). Continuous administration of a GnRIH agonist is indicated.

## PROLACTIN

. Prolactin is the principal hormone responsible for lactation. Milk production is stimulated by prolactin. A deficiency of prolactin which can be manifested by failure to lactate,. Prolactin levels may be elevated as a result of impaired transport of dopamine (prolactin-inhibiting hormone) to the pituitary. Hyperprolactinemia produces a syndrome of amenorrhea and galactorrhea in women, and loss of libido and infertility in men. No preparation of prolactin is available for use in prolactin-deficient patients. For patients with symptomatic hyperprolactinemia, inhibition of prolactin secretion can be achieved with dopamine agonists, which act in the pituitary to inhibit prolactin release.

**Bromocriptine,**

**cabergoline,**

**Used in**

- 1- Hyperprolactinemia
- 2- Suppress lactation when breast feeding was not desired
- 3- Acromegaly.

## POSTERIOR PITUITARY HORMONES

The two posterior pituitary hormones vasopressin and oxytocin are synthesized in neuronal cell bodies in the hypothalamus and then transported via their axons to the posterior pituitary, where they are stored and then released into the circulation.

### OXYTOCIN

Oxytocin is a peptide hormone secreted by the posterior pituitary that participates in labor and delivery and elicits milk ejection in lactating women.. usually administered intravenously via an infusion

### VASOPRESSIN (ANTIDIURETIC HORMONE, ADH)

Vasopressin is a peptide hormone released by the posterior pituitary in response to rising plasma tonicity or falling blood pressure.

Vasopressin possesses antidiuretic and vasopressor properties.

A deficiency of this hormone results in diabetes insipidus

**Desmopressin acetate** is a long-acting synthetic analog of vasopressin can be administered intravenously, subcutaneously, intranasally, or orally. Vasopressin and desmopressin are treatments of choice for pituitary diabetes insipidus.



## **The Ovary (Estrogens, Progestins, Ovarian Hormones, Inhibitors & Antagonists, & Ovulation-Inducing Agents ,Oral Contraceptives,)**

The ovary has important functions that are integrated with its hormonal activity. In the human female, the gonad is relatively quiescent during childhood, the period of rapid growth and maturation. At puberty, the ovary begins a 30- to 35-year period of cyclic function called the **menstrual cycle** because of the regular episodes of bleeding that are its most obvious manifestation. It then fails to respond to gonadotropins secreted by the anterior pituitary gland, and the cessation of cyclic bleeding that occurs is called the **menopause**.

At the beginning of each cycle, a variable number of follicles (vesicular follicles), each containing an ovum, begin to enlarge in response to FSH. After 5 or 6 days, one follicle, called the dominant follicle, begins to develop more rapidly. The outer theca and inner granulosa cells of this follicle multiply and, under the influence of LH, synthesize and release estrogens at an increasing rate. The estrogens appear to inhibit FSH release and may lead to regression of the smaller, less mature follicles. The mature dominant ovarian follicle consists of an ovum surrounded by a fluid-filled antrum lined by granulosa and theca cells.

The estrogen secretion reaches a peak just before midcycle, and the granulosa cells begin to secrete progesterone. These changes stimulate the brief surge in LH and FSH release that precedes and causes ovulation. When the follicle ruptures, the ovum is released into the abdominal cavity near the opening of the uterine tube. Following the above events, the cavity of the ruptured follicle fills with blood and the luteinized theca and granulosa cells proliferate and replace the blood to form the corpus luteum. The cells of this structure produce estrogens and progesterone for the remainder of the cycle, or longer if pregnancy occurs.

If pregnancy does not occur, the corpus luteum begins to degenerate and ceases hormone production, eventually becoming a corpus albicans. The endometrium,

which proliferated during the follicular phase and developed its glandular function during the luteal phase, process of menstruation occur .

## **ESTROGENS**

### **FEMALE MATURATION**

Estrogens are required for the normal sexual maturation and growth of the female. They stimulate the development of the vagina, uterus, and uterine tubes as well as the secondary sex characteristics. They stimulate stromal development and ductal growth in the breast and are responsible for the accelerated growth phase and the closing of the epiphyses of the long bones that occur at puberty. They contribute to the growth of axillary and pubic hair and alter the distribution of body fat to produce typical female body contours. Larger quantities also stimulate development of pigmentation in the skin, most prominent in the region of the nipples and areolae and in the genital region .

### **Clinical Uses**

Estrogens have been used extensively for replacement therapy in estrogen-deficient patients. Post menopausal hormonal therapy

### **Adverse Effects**

Nausea and breast tenderness are common and can be minimized by using the smallest effective dose of estrogen. Hyperpigmentation also occurs. Estrogen therapy is associated with an increase in frequency of migraine headaches as well as cholestasis, gallbladder disease, and hypertension ,**Uterine bleeding . Cancer**

**THE PROGESTINS**

Progesterone is the most important progestin in humans. It is synthesized in the ovary, from circulating cholesterol. Large amounts are also synthesized and released by the placenta during pregnancy .

**Therapeutic Applications**

The major uses of progestin hormones are for hormone replacement therapy and hormonal contraception. In addition, they are useful in producing long-term ovarian suppression for other purposes..

**Medroxyprogesterone acetate**, 10-20 mg orally twice weekly or intramuscularly in doses of 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> every 1-2 weeks will prevent menstruation.

**HORMONAL CONTRACEPTION**

A large number of oral contraceptives containing estrogens or progestins (or both) are now available for clinical use.

Two types of preparations are used for oral contraception:

- (1) combinations of estrogens and progestins and
- (2) continuous progestin therapy without estrogens.

Several hormonal contraceptives are available as vaginal rings or intrauterine devices. Intramuscular injection of large doses of **Medroxyprogesterone** also provides contraception of long duration.

The combinations of estrogens and progestins exert their contraceptive effect largely through selective inhibition of pituitary function that results in inhibition of ovulation.

**EFFECTS ON THE OVARY**

Chronic use of combination agents depresses ovarian function.

Follicular development is minimal,. The ovaries usually become smaller even when enlarged before therapy.

The great majority of patients return to normal menstrual patterns when these drugs are discontinued. About 75% will ovulate in the first post treatment cycle and 97% by the third post treatment cycle. About 2% of patients remain amenorrheic for periods of up to several years after administration is stopped.

**EFFECTS ON THE BREAST**

Stimulation of the breasts occurs in most patients receiving estrogen-containing agents administration of estrogens and combinations of estrogens ,progestins suppress lactation.( type for lactating mother )



**OTHER EFFECTS OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES****1. Effects on the central nervous system**

Estrogens tend to increase excitability in the brain, whereas progesterone tends to decrease it.

**2. Effects on endocrine function** ,The inhibition of pituitary gonadotropin secretion has been mentioned.

**3. Effects on blood** Serious thromboembolic phenomena occurring in women taking oral contraceptives

**4. Effects on the liver** These hormones also have profound effects on the function of the liver.

**5. Effects on lipid metabolism**

**6. Effects on carbohydrate metabolism**

**7. Effects on the cardiovascular system** These agents cause small increases in cardiac output associated with higher systolic and diastolic blood pressure and heart rate.

**8. Effects on the skin** The oral contraceptives have been increase pigmentation of the skin (chloasma). This effect seems to be enhanced in women with dark complexions and by exposure to ultraviolet light. Some of the androgen-like progestins might increase the production of sebum, causing acne in some patients.

### **Contraception with Progestins Alone**

Small doses of progestins administered orally or by implantation under the skin can be used for contraception.

Effective contraception can also be achieved by injecting 150 mg of **Depot medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA)** every 3 months

### **Postcoital Contraceptives**

Pregnancy can be prevented following coitus by the administration of estrogens alone or in combination with progestins ("**morning after coitus**" contraception). When treatment is begun within 72 hours,(2,2) it is effective 99% of the time..

### **Beneficial Effects of Oral Contraceptives**

These include a reduced risk of ovarian cysts, ovarian and endometrial cancer, and benign breast disease. There is a lower incidence of ectopic pregnancy. Iron deficiency and rheumatoid arthritis are less common, and premenstrual symptoms, dysmenorrhea, endometriosis,

### **Clinical Uses**

The most important use of combined estrogens and progestins is for oral contraception. Progestins and estrogens are also useful in the treatment of endometriosis. the suppression of ovulation

## **Adverse Effects of oral contraceptives**

### **A. MILD ADVERSE EFFECTS**

Nausea, Headache is mild and often transient. However, migraine is often made worse

### **B. MODERATE ADVERSE EFFECTS**

May require discontinuance of oral contraceptives:

1. Bleeding in using progestin agents alone for contraception.
2. Weight gain is more common with the combination agents
3. Increased skin pigmentation may occur,
4. Hirsutism "combinations containing nonandrogenic progestins are preferred in these patients".
5. Ureteral dilation
7. Vaginal infections
8. Amenorrhea occurs in some patients

### **C. SEVERE ADVERSE EFFECTS**

Require discontinuance of oral contraceptives and treat condition

1. **Vascular disorders Thromboembolism**
  - a. **Venous thromboembolic disease**
  - b. **Myocardial infarction**
  - c. **Cerebrovascular disease strokes is in women over age 35.**
2. **Gastrointestinal disorders Many cases of cholestatic jaundice have been reported in patients taking progestin-containing drugs.**
3. **Depression**
4. **Cancer**

# Estrogen & Progesterone Inhibitors & Antagonists

## TAMOXIFEN

**Tamoxifen**, a competitive partial agonist inhibitor of estradiol at the estrogen receptor,. It is extensively used in the treatment of breast cancer in postmenopausal women and is for chemoprevention of breast cancer in high-risk women.

## CLOMIPHENE

**Clomiphene** is an older partial agonist, a weak estrogen that also acts as a competitive inhibitor of endogenous estrogens. It has found use as an ovulation-inducing agent

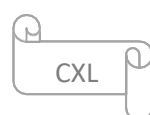


## **THE TESTIS (ANDROGENS & ANABOLIC STEROIDS, ANTIANDROGENS, & MALE CONTRACEPTION)**

The testis, like the ovary, is controlled largely by the secretion of FSH. High concentrations of testosterone locally are also required for continuing sperm production in the seminiferous tubules. With LH stimulation, testosterone is produced by the interstitial or Leydig cells found in the spaces between the seminiferous tubules.

### **Androgens & Anabolic Steroids**

In humans, the most important androgen secreted by the testis is testosterone. In the normal male, testosterone or its active metabolite 5 $\alpha$ -dihydrotestosterone is responsible for the many changes that occur in puberty. In addition to the general growth-promoting properties of androgens on body tissues, these hormones are responsible for penile growth. Changes in the skin include the appearance of pubic, axillary, and beard hair. The sebaceous glands become more active, The larynx grows and the vocal cords become thicker, leading to a lower-pitched voice. Skeletal growth stimulated and epiphysial closure accelerated. Other effects include growth of the prostate and seminal vesicles. Androgens play an important role in stimulating and maintaining sexual function in men. Androgens increase lean body mass and stimulate body hair growth and sebum secretion.



**Clinical Uses****A. Androgen Replacement Therapy In Men****B. Gynecologic Disorders.****C. Use As Protein Anabolic Agents****D. Anemia****E. Osteoporosis****F. Use As Growth Stimulators****G. Androgen Abuse In Sports****H. Aging****ANDROGEN SUPPRESSION & ANTIANDROGENS**

**Ketoconazole**, used primarily in the treatment of fungal disease, is an inhibitor of adrenal and gonadal steroid synthesis.

**Spirolactone**, a competitive inhibitor of aldosterone competes with dihydrotestosterone for the androgen receptors in target tissues.

**Finasteride.**

**Cyproterone .**

**cyproterone acetate.**

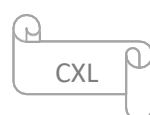
**Flutamide.**

**CHEMICAL CONTRACEPTION IN MEN**

**Tosterone** and **Testosterone enanthate**, in a dosage of 400 mg per month, produced azoospermia in less than half the men treated.

**Cyproterone acetate**, produces oligospermia; however, it does not cause reliable contraception.

**GOSSYPOL** The drug has also been tried as an intravaginal spermicide contraceptive.



## Chemotherapy Of Infections

Infection is a major category of human disease and skilled management of antimicrobial drugs is of the first importance.

The term chemotherapy is used for the drug treatment of infections in which the microorganism (viruses, bacteria, protozoa, fungi, worms) are destroyed or removed without injuring the host

### Classification of antimicrobial drugs

Antimicrobial agents may be classified according to organism against which they are active

Antibacterial drugs

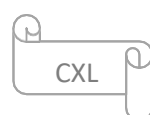
Antiviral drugs

Antifungal drugs

Antiprotozoal drugs

Anthelmintic drugs.

A few antimicrobials have useful activity across several of these groups. For example, metronidazole inhibits obligate anaerobic bacteria as well as some protozoa.)



Antimicrobial drugs have also been classified broadly into:

- **Bacteriostatic**

. those that act primarily by arresting bacterial multiplication, such as sulphonamides, tetracyclines and chloramphenicol

- **Bactericidal,**

those which act primarily by killing bacteria, such as penicillins, cephalosporins, aminoglycosides, isoniazid and rifampicin.

most bacteriostatic drugs can be shown to be bactericidal at high conc.

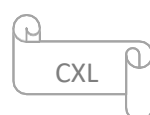
Bactericidal drugs act most effectively on rapidly dividing organisms. Thus a bacteriostatic drug, by reducing multiplication, may protect the organism from the killing effect of a bactericidal drug.

### **How antimicrobials act**

Antimicrobials act at different sites in the target organism as follows:

**The cell wall.** This gives the bacterium its characteristic shape and provides protection against the much lower osmotic pressure of the environment.

Bacterial multiplication involves breakdown of the wall; interference with these processes prevents the organism from resisting osmotic pressures, so that it bursts. the drugs are effective only against growing cells. They include: penicillins, cephalosporins, vancomycin.



**The cytoplasmic membrane inside the cell wall** is the site of most of the microbial cell's biochemical activity. Drugs that interfere with its function include: polyenes (nystatin, amphotericin), azoles (fluconazole, itraconazole, miconazole), polymyxins

**Protein synthesis.** Drugs that interfere at various points with the build-up of peptide chains on the ribosomes of the organism include: chloramphenicol, erythromycin, fusidic acid, tetracyclines, aminoglycosides,

**Nucleic acid metabolism** Drugs may interfere• directly with microbial DNA or its replication or repair, e.g. quinolones, metronidazole, RNA, e.g. rifampicin indirectly on nucleic acid synthesis e.g. sulphonamides, rimethoprim.

### **Principles of antimicrobial chemotherapy**

The following principles, many of which apply to drug therapy:

**Make a diagnosis as precisely as is possible**

**Define the site of infection, the.**

**Decide whether chemotherapy is really necessary.**

**Select the best drug.**

**Administer drug in optimum dose, frequency, appropriate routes**

**Continue therapy until apparent cure has been achieved**

**Test for cure.**

## COMBINATIONS

Treatment with a single antimicrobial is sufficient for most infections. The indications for use of two or more antimicrobials are:

- To avoid the development of drug resistance,
- To broaden the spectrum of antibacterial activity:
- To obtain potentiation (or 'synergy'),

### Problems with antimicrobial drugs

#### 1-RESISTANCE

Mechanisms of resistance act as follows:

- Naturally resistant strains.
- Spontaneous mutation
- Transmission of genes from other organisms

Limitation of resistance to antimicrobials may be achieved by:

- ensuring that the indication, dose and duration of treatment are appropriate
- Using antimicrobial combinations in appropriate circumstances,
- Constant monitoring of resistance patterns in a hospital or community
- Restricting the use of the newest member of a group of antimicrobials so long as the currently-used drugs are effective; restricting use of a drug may become necessary where it promotes the proliferation of resistant strains.

When any antimicrobial drug is used, there is usually suppression of part of the normal bacterial flora of the patient which is susceptible to the drug. Often, this causes no ill effects, but sometimes a drug-resistant organism, freed from competition, proliferates to an extent which allows an infection to be established.

Antibiotic-associated (or Clostridium difficile-associated) colitis is an example of a superinfection. It is caused by alteration of the normal bowel flora, which allows multiplication of Clostridium difficile which releases several toxins which damage the mucosa of the bowel and promote excretion of fluid. Mild cases usually respond to discontinuation of the offending antimicrobial allowing re-establishment of the patient's normal bowel flora. More severe cases treatment with oral metronidazole.

3-Opportunistic infection arises in patients whose immune systems are compromised. Such infections involve organisms that rarely or never cause clinical disease in normal hosts.

#### 4- Masking of infection

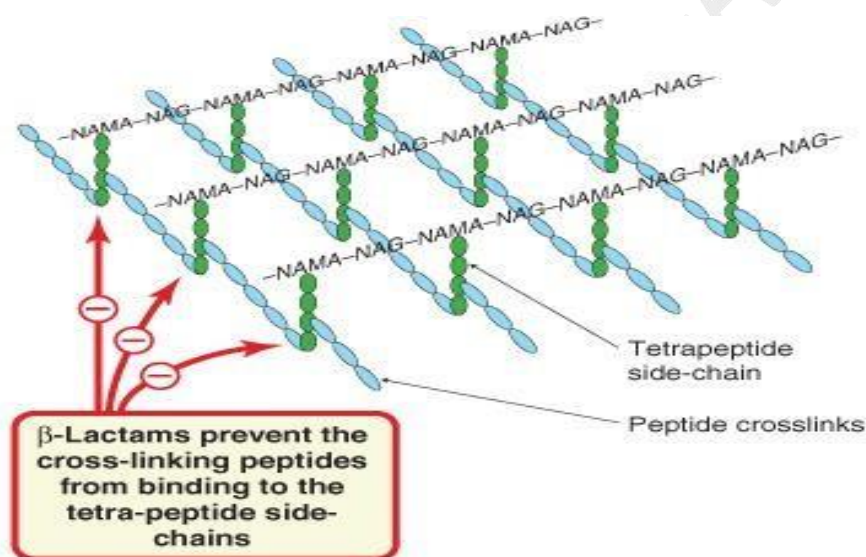
Masking of infections by chemotherapy is an important possibility. For example, a course of penicillin adequate to cure gonorrhoea may prevent simultaneously contracted syphilis from showing primary and secondary stages without effecting a cure.

## Inhibition of cell wall synthesis

### Inhibition of cell wall synthesis $\beta$ -lactams

#### PENICILLINS

Penicillin act by inhibiting the enzymes (Penicillin Binding Proteins, PBPs) involved in the cross linking of the peptide glycan layer of the cell wall which protects the bacterium from its environment; Penicillin are thus bactericidal and are effective only against multiplying organisms because resting organisms are not making new cell wall.



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#### Adverse effects.

The main hazard with the penicillins is *allergic reactions*. These include itching, rashes fever and Rarely (about 1 in 10 000) there is anaphylactic shock which can be fatal Other (nonallergic) adverse effects include diarrhea due to alteration in normal intestinal flora



## **Penicillins**

are presented as their sodium or potassium, Physicians should be aware of this unexpected source of sodium or potassium, especially in patients with renal or cardiac disease. Extremely high plasma penicillin concentrations cause convulsions.

### **Narrow Spectrum Penicillins**

#### **Benzylopenicillin (penicillin G)**

Benzylopenicillin is highly active against *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and the Lancefield group A( $\beta$ -haemolytic streptococcus (*Streptococcus pyogenes*))., Viridans streptococci are usually sensitive unless the patient has recently received penicillin. for endocarditis Penicillin should be combined with an aminoglycoside,. This combination is synergistic.

. Benzylopenicillin is the drug of choice for infections

**(Anthrax),**

**(Gas Gangrene)**

**(Tetanus)**

**(Diphtheria)**

**(Syphilis),**

**(Actinomycosis).**

## **Preparations and dosage for injection.**

### **Benzympenicillin**

may be given i.m. or i.v. in divided doses. When an infection is controlled, a change may be made to the oral route using Preparations for oral use.

### **Phenoxymethylpenicillin**

(penicillin V), is resistant to gastric acid and so reaches the small intestine intact

### ***Procaine penicillin,***

given i.m. only, is a stable salt and liberates benzympenicillin over 12-24 h, according to the dose administered.

### ***Benzathine penicillin***

is liberates benzympenicillin over 21 day

### **Antistaphylococcal penicillins**

Certain bacteria produce ( $\beta$  lactamases which open the ( $\beta$  lactama ring thus terminate the antibacterial activity.

### ***Cloxacillin flucloxacillin***

(resists  $\beta$  lactamases and resists degradation by gastric acid and is absorbed from the gut, but food markedly interferes with absorption..

## **Broad Spectrum Penicillins**

The activity of these semi synthetic penicillins extends beyond Gram +ve and Gram- ve. As a general rule these agents less active than benzylpenicillin against Gram +ve cocci, but more active Gram - ve

### **Ampicillin**

is moderately well absorbed when swallowed. The oral dose is 250 mg- 1 g 6-8-hourly; or i.m. or i.v. 500 mg -6-hourly.. The drug is concentrated in the bile. Adverse effects. Ampicillin may cause diarrhoea but the incidence is less with amoxicillin.

### **Amoxicillin**

is a better absorbed from the gut (especially after food), and for the same dose achieves double the plasma concentration. Diarrhoea is less frequent with amoxicillin than with ampicillin.

The oral dose is 250-500 mg 8-hourly; a parenteral form i.m. or i.v. 500 mg 6-8 hourly., however, amoxicillin is preferred because of its greater bioavailability and fewer adverse effects.

### **Co-amoxiclav (Augmentin).**

*Clavulanic acid* is a  $\beta$  -lactam molecule which has little antibacterial activity but binds irreversibly to ( $\beta$  lactamases. Thereby it competitively protects the penicillin,

so potentiating it against bacteria which owe their resistance to production of  $\beta$  -lactamases, i.e. clavulanic acid acts as a 'suicide' inhibitor. It is formulated in tablets in combination with amoxicillin as co-amoxiclav.

## **Antipseudomonal Penicillins**

### **Carboxypenicillins**

have the capacity to destroy *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ,*Proteus* spp.

### **Ticarcillin**

(carboxypenicillins inactivate aminoglycosides)

if both drugs are administered in the same syringe or i.v infusion.

### **Ureidopenicillins**

Their major advantages over the Carboxypenicillins are higher efficacy against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* They are degraded by  $\beta$  lactamases.

**Piperacillin.** It is also available as a combination with the  $\beta$  -lactamase inhibitor tazobactam.

## Cephalosporins

**Mode of action** is that of the ( $\beta$  -lactams, i.e Cephalosporins impair bacterial cell wall synthesis

**Classification and uses.** The Cephalosporins are categorised

Drug	$t_{1/2}$ (h)	Excretion in urine (%)	Comment
<b>First generation</b>			
<i>Parenteral</i>			
Cefazolin	2	90	May be used for staphylococcal infections but generally have been replaced by the newer cephalosporins.
<i>Oral</i>			
Cefradine (also oral)	1	86	All very similar. Effective against the common respiratory pathogens <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> and <i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i> but (excepting cefaclor) have poor activity against <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> . Also active against <i>Escherichia coli</i> which, increasingly, is demonstrating resistance to amoxicillin and trimethoprim. May be used for uncomplicated upper and lower respiratory tract, urinary tract and soft tissue infections, and also as follow-on treatment once parenteral drugs have brought an infection under control.
Cefaclor	1	86	
Cefadroxil	2	88	
Cefalexin	1	88	
<b>Second generation</b>			
<i>Parenteral</i>			
Cefoxitin (a cephamycin) (Cefotetan is similar)	1	90	More resistant to $\beta$ -lactamases than the first-generation drugs and active against <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> , <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , <i>Neisseria</i> spp., <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> and many <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> . Cefoxitin also kills <i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> and is effective in abdominal and pelvic infections.  Cefuroxime may be given for community-acquired pneumonia, commonly due to <i>Strep pneumoniae</i> (not when causal organism is <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> , <i>Legionella</i> or <i>Chlamydia</i> ). The oral form, cefuroxime axetil, is also used for the range of infections listed for the first-generation oral cephalosporins (above)
Cefuroxime (also oral)	1	80	
Cefamandole	1	75	
<b>Third generation</b>			
<i>Parenteral</i>			
Cefodizime	3	80	More effective than the second-generation drugs against Gram-negative organisms whilst retaining useful activity against Gram-positive bacteria. Cefotaxime, ceftizoxime and ceftriaxone are used for serious infections such as septicaemia, pneumonia, and for meningitis. Ceftriaxone also used for gonorrhoea and Lyme disease.
Cefotaxime	1	60	
Ceftazidime	2	88	
Ceftizoxime	1	90	
Ceftriaxone	8	56 (44 bile)	Active against a range of Gram-positive and Gram-negative organisms including <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (excepting cefixime), <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> , <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , <i>Neisseria</i> spp., <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> and (excepting cefpodoxime) many <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> . Used to treat urinary, upper and lower respiratory tract infections.
<i>Oral</i>			
Cefixime	4	23 (77 bile)	
Ceftibuten	2	65	
Cefpodoxime proxetil	2	80	

**Adverse effects..**

The most usual unwanted effects are allergic reactions of the penicillin type. There is cross-allergy between penicillins and Cephalosporins involving about 7-10 % of patients; .Pain at the sites of i.v. or i.m. injection .

If Cephalosporins are continued for more than 2 weeks, , haemolytic anaemia interstitial nephritis or abnormal liver function tests may occur especially at high dosage; these reverse on stopping the drug.

**CARBAPENEMS**

Members of this group have the widest spectrum of all currently available antimicrobials, being bactericidal against most Gram-positive and Gramnegative aerobic and anaerobic pathogenic bacteria.

They are resistant to hydrolysis by most P-lactamases.

**Imipenem****Imipenem****Meropenem**

## Other inhibitors of cell wall synthesis

### Vancomycin

acts on multiplying organisms by inhibiting cell wall formation at a site different from the ( $\beta$ - lactam antibacterials. It is bactericidal against most strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* (coagulase-negative staphylococci ,viridans group streptococci and enterococci, i.e. several organisms that cause endocarditis.

Vancomycin is poorly absorbed from the gut given i.v. for systemic infections, as there is no satisfactory i.m. preparation. It distributes effectively into body tissues and is eliminated by the kidney.

Uses. Vancomycin is effective in cases of antibiotic associated pseudomembranous colitis ((although oral metronidazole is preferred, being as effective and less costly)

Endocarditis in patients who are allergic to benzylpenicillin.

Adverse effects. The main disadvantage to vancomycin is auditory damage. Tinnitus and deafness may improve if the drug is stopped. Nephrotoxicity and allergic reactions also occur.

**Teicoplanin** is structurally related to vancomycin

It is used for serious infection including endocarditis, and for peritonitis t is less likely to cause oto- or nephrotoxicity than vancomycin,.

## **Inhibition of protein synthesis**

### **Aminoglycosides**

Mode of action. The aminoglycosides act inside the cell by binding to the ribosomes in such a way that incorrect amino acid sequences are entered into peptide chains. The abnormal proteins which result are fatal to the microbe.

**Pharmacokinetics.** are water soluble, Poor absorption from the GIT necessitates their administration i.v. or i.m. for systemic use.

**Uses include:**

**Septicemia. Renal, Pelvic Abdominal Sepsis. Tuberculosis.**  
**Plague Bacterial Endocarditis . Brucellosis. Topical uses**

**Adverse effects.**

toxicity is a risk when dose administered is high or of long duration,:

1- Ototoxicity.

2- Nephrotoxicity.

3- Neuromuscular blockade. Aminoglycosides may impair neuromuscular transmission

4- Other reactions include rashes, and hematological abnormalities.

### **INDIVIDUAL AMINOGLYCOSIDES**

#### **Gentamicin**

**Dose** is 3-5 mg/kg body weight per day (the highest dose for more serious infections) as a single dose or in three equally divided doses.

**Tobramycin Amikacin Netilmicin Framycetin Streptomycin**

**Spectinomycin**



## Tetracyclines

### Mode of action.

Tetracyclines interfere with protein synthesis by binding to bacterial ribosome's and They are bacteriostatic.

**Uses:** Tetracyclines drugs of first choice for

**Chlamydia                      rickettsiae,                      mycoplasma pneumonia,**  
**, Vibrio cholera                      use in acne.**

**Adverse reactions.** Heartburn, nausea and vomiting due to gastric irritation are common, dizziness and other neurological reactions.

Tetracyclines are selectively taken up in the teeth and growing bones of the fetus and of children, due to their chelating properties with calcium phosphate. This causes malformation, yellow or brown pigmentation and increased susceptibility to caries or fracture . the tetracyclines be avoided in pregnancy to 12years of age

**Interactions.** Dairy products reduce absorption but antacids and iron preparations do much more, by chelating to calcium, and iron.

### INDIVIDUAL TETRACYCLINES

**Tetracycline** may be taken as representative of most tetracyclines

The dose is 250-500 mg 6-hourly by mouth.

**Doxycycline                      Minocycline.                      Demeclocycline.                      Oxytetracycline.**



## Macrolides

### Erythromycin

binds to bacterial ribosome and interferes with protein synthesis; it is bacteriostatic and exhibits time-dependent bacterial killing.

**Uses.** Erythromycin is the drug of choice for:

- Mycoplasma pneumoniae in children, although in adults a tetracycline may be preferred
- Diphtheria (including carriers), pertussis and for some chlamydial infections

Dose is 250 mg 6-hourly or twice this in serious infection

**Clarithromycin** Clarithromycin is used for respiratory tract infections including atypical pneumonias and soft tissue infections.

### Azithromycin

### Sodium fusidate

A steroid antimicrobial which is used almost exclusively against ( $\beta$ -lactamase producing staphylococci; it has little useful activity against Gram-negative bacteria.

**Uses.**

avaluable drug for treating severe staphylococcal infections, including osteomyelitis and is available as i.v. and oral , an ointment or gel.

**Adverse effects.** It is well tolerated, but mild gastrointestinal upset is frequent. Jaundice may develop particularly with high doses



## Chloramphenicol

Uses. The decision to use chloramphenicol for systemic infection is influenced by its rare but serious toxic effects. Its role in meningitis and brain abscess has largely been superseded by cephalosporins, but it is a second-line agent for these indications, and for **haemophilus epiglottitis** in children. Topical administration is effective for bacterial conjunctivitis.

### Adverse effects

include gastrointestinal upset, optic and peripheral neuritis occur with prolonged use. The 'grey baby' syndrome occurs in neonates as circulatory collapse in which the skin develops a cyanotic grey color.

1. a dose-dependent, reversible depression of erythrocyte, platelet and leucocyte formation that occurs early in treatment (type A adverse drug reaction).
2. an idiosyncratic (probably genetically determined), non-dose-related, and usually fatal aplastic anaemia which tends to develop during, or even weeks after, prolonged treatment, and this has also occurred, rarely, with eye drops.

## Clindamycin

(restricted in uses due to side effect of antibiotic associated pseudo membranous colitis)

## Inhibition of nucleic acid synthesis

### **Sulphonamides and sulphonamide combinations**

the successful chemotherapeutic agents Because of the risks of adverse drug reactions associated with their use, this is generally restricted to specific indications

### **MOA of sulphonamide combinations**

The enzyme dihydrofolic acid (DHF) synthase converts (PABA) p- aminobenzoic acid to DHF which is subsequently converted to tetrahydric folic acid (THF), . purines and DNA.

The sulphonamides are structurally similar to PABA, successfully compete with it for DHF synthase and impair DNA formation.

. Trimethoprim acts at the subsequent step by inhibiting DHF reductase, which converts DHF to THF. The drug is relatively safe because bacterial DHF reductase is much more sensitive to trimethoprim than is the human form of the enzyme. Both Sulphonamides and trimethoprim are bacteriostatic.

### **CLASSIFICATION AND USES**

#### **Systemic use Sulphonamide-trimethoprim combination.**

*Cotrimoxazole* (sulfamethoxazole plus trimethoprim);

the optimum synergistic in vitro effect against most susceptible bacteria is achieved with 5:1 ratio of sulfamethoxazole to trimethoprim,

The combination is, however, retained for:

- Prevention and treatment of pneumonia due to *Pneumocystis carinii*, a life-threatening infection in immunosuppressed patients
- Prevention and treatment of toxoplasmosis.

**Topical application**

Silver sulfadiazine is used for prophylaxis and treatment of infected burns, leg ulcers and pressure sores because of its wide antibacterial spectrum (which includes pseudomonads).

**Adverse effects**

include malaise, diarrhea,. Crystalluria may occur. Allergic reactions include: rash, fever, hepatitis, peripheral neuritis and Rarely, severe skin reactions including erythema multiforme (Stevens-Johnson syndrome) .Haemolysis may occur in G-6- deficient subjects.

**Trimethoprim**

The drug is rapidly and completely absorbed from the GIT is largely excreted unchanged in the urine. Trimethoprim is effective in treating urinary and respiratory tract infections due to susceptible organisms and for prophylaxis of urinary tract infections.

Adverse effects are fewer than with co-trimoxazole and include: skin rash, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhoea.

## **Quinolones**(4-quinolones, fluoroquinolones)

The first widely used quinolone, **Nalidixic acid**, was effective for urinary tract infections because it concentrated in the urine, but had little systemic activity. Fluorination of the quinolone structure was subsequently found to produce compounds that were up to 60 times more active than Nalidixic acid and killed a wider range of organisms.

### **MOA of quinolones**

They act principally by inhibiting bacterial (but not human) DNA gyrase, so preventing the super coiling of DNA, a process that is necessary for compacting chromosomes into the bacterial cell; they are bactericidal and exhibit conc-dependent bacterial killing.

### **Adverse effects**

include gastrointestinal upset and allergic reactions (rash, pruritus, arthralgia, photosensitivity and anaphylaxis). CNS effects may develop with dizziness, headache and confusion,(contraindicated in pregnancy ,lactation ,child hood

**Nalidixic acid**

is now used principally for the prevention of urinary tract infection. It may cause haemolysis in glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficient subjects

**Ciprofloxacin**

is effective against a range of bacteria. Ciprofloxacin is indicated for use in infections of the urinary, gastrointestinal and respiratory tracts, tissue infections, gonorrhoea and septicaemia caused by sensitive organisms. The dose is 250-750 mg 12-hourly by mouth, 200-400 mg 12-hourly i.v infusion .

**Norfloxacin**

is used for acute or chronic recurrent UTI.

**Ofloxacin**

has modestly greater Gram positive activity,. It is indicated for urinary and respiratory tract infections and gonorrhoea.

**Levofloxacin**

has greater activity against *Streptococcus pneumoniae* than Ciprofloxacin and is used for respiratory and urinary infection.

**Moxifloxacin** has strong anti-Gram-positive activity, and may prove useful for respiratory tract infections including those caused by 'atypical pathogens *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.



## Azoles

This group includes:

- Metronidazole and tinidazole (antibacterial and antiprotozoal)
- Fluconazole, itraconazole, clotrimazole, econazole, ketoconazole, isoconazole and miconazole
- Albendazole, mebendazole and thiabendazole

### **Metronidazole**

In obligate anaerobic microorganisms metronidazole is converted into an active form by reduction of its nitro group: this binds to DNA and prevent nucleic acid formation; it is bacteriostatic. Metronidazole is active against a wide range of anaerobic bacteria and also protozoa.

: **Dose.** by mouth 400 mg 8-hourly; ; or by i.v. infusion 500 mg 8-hourly. A topical gel preparation is present

### **Clinical indications are**

- 1- Treatment of sepsis to which anaerobic organisms, postsurgical infection, intra-abdominal infection and septicaemia, wound and pelvic infection, osteomyelitis and abscesses of brain or lung
- 2- Antibiotic-associated pseudomembranous colitis
- 3- Trichomoniasis of the urogenital tract in both sexes
- 4- Amoebiasis (*Entameba histolytica*), including both intestinal and extra-intestinal infection
- 5- Giardiasis (*Giardia lamblia*)
- 6- Acute ulcerative gingivitis and dental infections
- 7- Anaerobic vaginosis



**Adverse effects**

include headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, and an unpleasant metallic taste in the mouth; also, dizziness and ataxia.

**Tinidazole**

is similar to metronidazole but has a longer  $t_{1/2}$  The longer duration of action of tinidazole may be an advantage, e.g. in giardiasis, trichomoniasis and acute ulcerative gingivitis, in which tinidazole 2 g by mouth in a single dose is as effective as a course of metronidazole.

**Antifungal Agents**

Systemic Antifungal Agents for systemic infection

**Amphotericin B, Flucytosine,, Griseofulvin,,Azoles (ketoconazole, miconazole, clotrimazole, itraconazole, fluconazole)**

Topical Antifungal Agents

**Nystatin,,Topical Azoles (Clotrimazole and Miconazole)**

**Helminthic infections**

A. Ascariasis ,,Hookworm,, Pineworm infections

B. Hydatid disease.

**Mebendazoles , Albendazoles , Niclosamide ,Piperazine**



## Drugs of Tuberculosis

--First –line Drugs of Tuberculosis:

**Isoniazid (INH)** The usual adult dose is 300 mg given once daily.

**Rifampin**, usually 600 mg/d orally, must be administered with isoniazid or other antituberculous drugs to patients with active tuberculosis to prevent emergence of drug-resistant mycobacteria.

**Ethambutol ,Pyrazinamide , Streptomycin**

--Alternative second line Drugs of Tuberculosis

- (1) in case of resistance to first-line agents;
- (2) in case of failure of clinical response to conventional therapy;
- (3) in case of serious treatment-limiting adverse drug reactions;
- (4) when expert guidance is available to deal with the toxic effects.

**Cycloserine Amikacin Fluoroquinolones Azithromycin  
Carithromycin.**

Drugs of Leprosy     **Dapsone**     **Rifampin**

Antiviral Agents     **Acyclovir**     **Zidovudine**     **Lamivudine**

Anti – Influenza Agents     **Amantadine**

Urinary Antiseptics. **Nitrofurantoin**



**Antiparasitic Chemotherapy**

Treatment of Malaria **Chloroquine , Primaquine Pyrimethamine**

Pyrimethamine, in combination with sulfadiazine, is first-line therapy in the treatment of toxoplasmosis.

Treatment of Amebiasis

**Metronidazole ,Tinidazole ,Diloxanide furoate**

**Disinfectant Antiseptics**

Alcohol

Chlorhexidine

Halogens 1. Iodine 2. Chlorine

Phenolics

Aldehydes

Quaternary Ammonium compounds

Superoxidized Water

Peroxygen compounds hydrogen peroxide

Heavy Metals ,mercury and silver, are now rarely used disinfectants.

## **CANCER**

Cancer is characterized by a shift in the control mechanisms that govern cell survival, proliferation, and differentiation..

### **CAUSES OF CANCER**

The incidence, geographic distribution, and behavior of specific types of cancer are related to multiple factors, including sex, age, race, genetic predisposition, and exposure to environmental carcinogens.. Exposure to ionizing radiation has a significant risk factor for a number of cancers, Chemical carcinogens (particularly those in tobacco smoke) Viruses have implicated as etiologic agents of several cancers..

#### **The Leukemias**

##### **1. Acute Leukemia Childhood Leukemia ALL**

**Adult Leukemia** Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML)

##### **2. Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia**

##### **3. Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia**

#### **The Lymphomas**

##### **1. Hodgkin's Disease      2. Non-Hodgkin's Lymphomas**

#### **Multiple Myeloma**

#### **Breast Cancer**

#### **Prostate Cancer    Gastrointestinal Cancers**

#### **Lung Cancer    Ovarian Cancer Testicular Cancer**

#### **Malignant Melanoma    Brain Cancer**

## **Clinical Pharmacology Of Cancer Chemotherapeutic Drugs**

Cancer chemotherapy, as currently employed, can be curative in certain disseminated neoplasms.

In patients with widespread disseminated disease, chemotherapy provides only palliative rather than curative therapy at present

### **POLYFUNCTIONAL ALKYLATING AGENTS**

**Cyclophosphamide, melphalan, chlorambucil, busulfan, and, more recently, temozolomide**

#### **Nitrosoureas.**

**1. Procarbazine**

**2. Dacarbazine**

**3. Altretamine**

**4. Platinum Analogs**

Cisplatin (cis-diamminedichloroplatinum [II])

Carboplatin is a second-generation platinum analog that exerts

.

### **ANTIMETABOLITES**

**Methotrexate**

**Pemetrexed**

**Purine Antagonists 6-Thiopurines.. Fludarabine . Cladribine**

#### **Pyrimidine Antagonists**

**5-Fluorouracil**

**Capecitabine**

**Cytarabine**

**Gemcitabine**

**Plant Alkaloids**

**Vinblastine**

**Vincristine**

## Epipodophyllotoxins

Two compounds, (**etoposide**) and a related drug, (**teniposide**),

**TAXANES**      **Paclitaxel**      **Docetaxel**

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## ANTITUMOR ANTIBIOTICS

**Anthracyclines**      **doxorubicin** and **daunorubicin**, **Idarubicin**

**Mitoxantrone**

**Dactinomycin**

**Mitomycin**

**Bleomycin**

## HORMONAL AGENTS

### Estrogen , Androgen Inhibitors

The antiestrogen **tamoxifen** has proved to be useful for the treatment of both early-stage , metastatic breast cancer **Flutamide** and **bicalutamide** used in combination with radiation therapy for the treatment of early-stage prostate cancer and in the setting of metastatic prostate cancer.

### Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone Agonists

**Leuprolide** and **goserelin** are synthetic peptide analogs of naturally occurring gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH, LHRH)..

## **Aromatase Inhibitors**

**Aminoglutethimide.**

**Anastrozole**

. **Letrozole** It is also indicated for first-line treatment of postmenopausal women with hormone receptor-positive metastatic breast cancer and for second-line treatment of postmenopausal women with advanced breast cancer after progression on tamoxifen therapy.

## **Miscellaneous Anticancer Drugs**

**Imatinib**

Imatinib It is indicated for the treatment of (CML),

**Dasatinib** (approved for use in CML and Philadelphia chromosome-positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL)).

## **Growth Factor Receptor Inhibitors**

1. **Cetuximab**

2. **Gefitinib - Erlotinib**

3. **Bevacizumab**

**Asparaginase** used to treat childhood acute lymphocytic leukemia.

**Hydroxyurea** used in chronic myelogenous leukemia and treatment of the blast crisis of acute myeloid leukemia

.**Retinoic Acid Derivatives** All-trans-retinoic acid (tretinoin)

## Immunopharmacology

Agents that suppress immune system play an important role in preventing the rejection of organ or tissue grafts and in the treatment of certain diseases that arise from dysregulation of the immune response.

. Agents that augment the immune response or selectively alter the balance of various components of the immune system are important in the management of certain diseases such as cancer, AIDS, and autoimmune or inflammatory diseases.

**The innate immune system** is the first line of defense against an invading pathogen (antigen) and includes physical (eg, skin), biochemical (eg, complement, lysozyme, interferons), and cellular components (neutrophils, monocytes, macrophages, natural killer [NK], and natural killer-T [NKT] cells).

During the inflammatory response triggered by infection, neutrophils and monocytes enter the tissue sites from the peripheral circulation. This cellular influx is mediated by the release and action of **chemoattractant cytokines** from activated endothelial cells and immune cells (mostly tissue macrophages) at the inflammatory site. It is triggered by the adhesion of cell surface receptors on the immune cells to ligands on the activated endothelial cell surface. If these events occur successfully, the invading pathogen is ingested, degraded, and eliminated, and disease is either prevented or is of short duration.



## **The Adaptive Immune System**

The adaptive immune system is mobilized from the innate response when the innate processes are incapable of coping with an infection.

These include the ability to

- (1) respond to a variety of antigens, each in a specific manner;
- (2) discriminate between foreign ("non-self") antigens (pathogens) and self antigens of the host; and
- (3) respond to a previously encountered antigen in a learned way by initiating a vigorous memory response.

This adaptive response culminates in the production of **antibodies**, which are the effectors of **humoral immunity**; and the activation of **T lymphocytes**, which are the effectors of **cell-mediated immunity**.

## **ABNORMAL IMMUNE RESPONSES**

### **Hypersensitivity.**

#### **A. IMMEDIATE HYPERSENSITIVITY**

##### **1. Type I—**

Type I hypersensitivity results from cross-linking of membrane-bound IgE on blood basophils or tissue mast cells by antigen. This cross-linking causes cells to degranulate, releasing substances such as histamine, leukotrienes, and eosinophil chemotactic factor, which induce anaphylaxis, asthma, hay fever, or urticaria (hives) in affected individuals (ingestion of certain foods, or drug hypersensitivity) requires immediate medical intervention.

## 2. Type II—

Hypersensitivity results from the formation of antigen-antibody complexes between foreign antigen and IgM or IgG immunoglobulins. example is a blood transfusion reaction that can occur if blood is not cross-matched properly. The disease is prevented in subsequent pregnancies by the administration of anti-Rh antibodies to the mother 24-48 hours after delivery .

## 3. Type III—

Type III hypersensitivity is due to the presence of elevated levels of antigen-antibody complexes that deposit on basement membranes in tissues and vessels

## **B. TYPE IV: DELAYED-TYPE HYPERSENSITIVITY**

Unlike type I, II, and III hypersensitivities, delayed-type hypersensitivity (DTH) is cell-mediated, and responses occur 2-3 days after exposure to the sensitizing antigen.

### **Autoimmunity**

Autoimmune disease arises when body mounts an immune response against itself due to failure to distinguish self tissues and cells from foreign (nonself) antigens Examples rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, multiple sclerosis.

## **Immunodeficiency Diseases**

inadequate function in immune system; consequences include increased susceptibility to infections and prolonged duration and severity of disease. Immunodeficiency diseases are congenitally acquired or arise from extrinsic factors such as bacterial or viral infections or drug treatment. Affected individuals frequently succumb to infections caused by opportunistic organisms of low pathogenicity of immunocompetent host.

## **IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS**

### **GLUCOCORTICOIDS.**

### **IMMUNOPHILIN LIGANDS**

1. Cyclosporine 2. Tacrolimus. 3. Sirolimus 4-Thalidomide

### **CYTOTOXIC AGENTS**

1. Azathioprine 2. Cyclophosphamide 3. Leflunomide

4. Hydroxychloroquine is an antimalarial agent with immunosuppressant properties.

5. Other Cytotoxic Agents (**vincristine, methotrexate, and cytarabine**)

## **CLINICAL USES OF IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE DRUGS**

### **Solid Organ And Bone Marrow Transplantation**

### **Autoimmune Disorders**

**IMMUNOMODULATION THERAPY**

The development of agents that modulate the immune response rather than suppress it has become an important area of pharmacology. The rationale underlying this approach is that such drugs may increase the immune responsiveness of patients who have either selective or generalized immunodeficiency. The major potential uses are in immunodeficiency disorders, chronic infectious diseases, and cancer. The AIDS epidemic has greatly increased interest in developing more effective immunomodulating drugs.

**Cytokines****Interferons****Cytokine Inhibitors**

A more recent application of immunomodulation therapy involves the use of cytokine inhibitors for inflammatory diseases and septic shock.

## **Toxicology**

### **Toxicology**

the science that deals with the study of the adverse effects (toxicities) may produce in living organisms under specific conditions of exposure to chemicals or physical agents.

### **HOW DOES THE POISONED PATIENT DIE?**

Many toxins depress **CNS** resulting in coma. Comatose patients frequently lose their airway protective reflexes and respiratory drive. Thus, they may die as a result of airway obstruction, respiratory arrest.

These are the most common causes of death due to overdoses of narcotics and sedative-hypnotic drugs. Seizures, muscular hyperactivity, and rigidity may result in death.

**Cardiovascular** toxicity is also frequently. Hypotension may be due to depression of cardiac contractility.

**hypovolemia** resulting from vomiting, diarrhea.

**Lethal arrhythmias** can occur with overdoses of cardioactive drugs such as ephedrine, amphetamines, cocaine, digitalis, and theophylline;

Other organ system damage may occur after poisoning and is sometimes delayed in onset.

lung tissue, resulting in **pulmonary fibrosis**, beginning several days after ingestion.

**Massive hepatic necrosis** due to poisoning by acetaminophen or certain mushrooms results in hepatic encephalopathy and death 48-72 hours or longer after ingestion.

## Management of the Poisoned Patient

Over a million cases of acute poisoning occur in the world each year, although only a small fraction are fatal. Most deaths are due to suicidal overdose by an adolescent or adult. Childhood deaths are due to accidental ingestion of a drug or toxic household product. Even with a serious exposure, poisoning is rarely fatal if the victim receives prompt medical attention and good supportive care.

Attempting to the application of supportive measures that form the basis ("ABCDs") of poisoning treatment.

**Airway** should be cleared of vomitus or any other obstruction and an oral airway or endotracheal tube inserted if needed.

**Breathing.** Patients with respiratory insufficiency should be intubated and mechanically ventilated.

**Circulation** continuous monitoring of pulse rate, blood pressure, urinary output, and evaluation of peripheral perfusion. An intravenous line should be placed and blood drawn for serum glucose and other routine determinations

.Every patient with altered mental status should receive a **Dextrose**, unless blood glucose test demonstrates that the patient is not hypoglycemic.

## **. HISTORY**

Family members, police, and fire department or paramedical personnel should be asked to describe the environment in which the toxic emergency occurred and should bring to the emergency department any syringes, empty bottles, household products, or over-the-counter medications in the possibly poisoned patient

## **. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

- 1. Vital signs** Careful evaluation of vital signs (blood pressure, pulse, respirations, and temperature)
- 2. Eyes** Constriction of the pupils (miosis) is typical of opioids, cholinesterase inhibitors (eg, organophosphate insecticides),  
. Dilation of the pupils (mydriasis) is common with amphetamines, cocaine and atropine and other anticholinergic drugs..
- 3. Mouth** The mouth may show signs of burns due to corrosive substances,. Typical odors of alcohol, hydrocarbon solvents, or ammonia may be noted..
- 4. Skin** The skin often appears flushed, hot, and dry in poisoning with atropine and other antimuscarinics. Excessive sweating occurs with organophosphates, nicotine.
- 5. Abdomen** abdominal cramping, and diarrhea are common in poisoning with organophosphates, iron, arsenic, theophylline,.
- 6. Nervous system** A careful neurologic examination is essential.

## **Decontamination**

involves removing toxins from the skin or gastrointestinal tract.

**Skin :** Contaminated clothing should be completely removed and double-bagged to prevent illness in health care providers and for laboratory analysis. Wash contaminated skin with soap and water.

## **GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT**

**1. Emesis**

**2. Gastric lavage**

**3. Activated charcoal."**

**4. Cathartics**

## **SPECIFIC ANTIDOTES**

Specific antidotes reduce or abolish the effects of poisons through a variety of mechanisms, which may be categorised as follows:

- receptors, which may be activated, blocked or by passed
- enzymes, which may be inhibited or reactivated
- displacement from tissue binding sites
- exchanging with the poison
- replenishment of an essential substance
- binding to the poison (including chelating).

## **Methods of Enhancing Elimination of Toxins**

it is important to consider whether measures for enhancing elimination, such as hemodialysis, Peritoneal dialysis or urinary alkalinization, forced diuretics can improve clinical outcome



**TABLE 9.1** Some specific antidotes, indications and modes of action (see Index for a fuller account of individual drugs)

Antidote	Indication	Mode of action
acetylcysteine	paracetamol, chloroform, carbon tetrachloride	Replenishes depleted glutathione stores
atropine	cholinesterase inhibitors, e.g. organophosphorus insecticides	Blocks muscarinic cholinceptors
benzotropine	$\beta$ -blocker poisoning	Vagal block accelerates heart rate
calcium gluconate	drug-induced movement disorders	Blocks muscarinic cholinceptors
desferrioxamine	hydrofluoric acid, fluorides	Binds or precipitates fluoride ions
dicolbalt edetate	iron	Chelates ferrous ions
	cyanide and derivatives, e.g. acrylonitrile	Chelates to form nontoxic cobalti- and cobalto-cyanides
digoxin-specific antibody fragments (FAB)	digitalis glycosides	Binds free glycoside in plasma, complex excreted in urine
dimercaprol (BAL)	arsenic, copper, gold, lead, inorganic mercury	Chelates metal ions
ethanol	ethylene glycol, methanol	Competes for alcohol and acetaldehyde dehydrogenases, preventing formation of toxic metabolites
flumazenil	benzodiazepines	Competes for benzodiazepine receptors
folinic acid	folic acid antagonists e.g. methotrexate, trimethoprim	Bypasses block in folate metabolism
glucagon	$\beta$ -adrenoceptor antagonists	Bypasses blockade of the $\beta$ -adrenoceptor; stimulates cyclic AMP formation with positive cardiac inotropic effect
isoprenaline	$\beta$ -adrenoceptor antagonists	Competes for $\beta$ -adrenoceptors
methionine	paracetamol	Replenishes depleted glutathione stores
naloxone	opioids	Competes for opioid receptors
neostigmine	antimuscarinic drugs	Inhibits acetylcholinesterase, causing acetylcholine to accumulate at cholinceptors
oxygen	carbon monoxide	Competitively displaces carbonmonoxide from binding sites on haemoglobin
penicillamine	copper, gold, lead, elemental mercury (vapour), zinc	Chelates metal ions
phenoxybenzamine	hypertension due to $\alpha$ -adrenoceptor agonists, e.g. with MAOI, clonidine, ergotamine	Competes for $\alpha$ -adrenoceptors (long-acting)
phentolamine	as above	Competes for $\alpha$ -adrenoceptors (short-acting)
phytomenadione (vitamine K <sub>1</sub> )	coumarin (warfarin) and indandione anticoagulants	Replenishes vitamin K
pralidoxime	cholinesterase inhibitors, e.g. organophosphorus insecticides	Competitively reactivates cholinesterase
propranolol	$\beta$ -adrenoceptor agonists, ephedrine, theophylline, thyroxine	Blocks $\beta$ -adrenoceptors
protamine	heparin	Binds ionically to neutralise
Prussian blue (potassium ferric hexacyanoferrate)	thallium (in rodenticides)	Potassium exchanges for thallium
sodium calciumedetate	lead	Chelates lead ions
unithiol	lead, elemental and organic mercury	Chelates metal ions

## Nicotine Poisoning

There are more than 4,000 chemicals in tobacco smoke Nicotine is the addictive drug that keeps you coming back for more.

Some of the other chemicals found in cigarettes

- Tar Carbon monoxide
- ammonia (household cleaning agent)
- acetone (nail polish remover)
- naphthalene (mothballs)
- methanol (rocket fuel)
- formaldehyde (which preserves the dead)
- phenol (disinfectant)
- hydrogen cyanide
- metals (76 metals including arsenic, cadmium, nickel)
- radioactive compounds (polonium-210)
- acetic acid (vinegar)
- toluene (industrial solvent)

From the moment that inhale tobacco smoke, it takes four seconds for the nicotine to reach blood stream and about ten seconds to reach the brain. Once the nicotine has attached itself to special sites in the brain, many relaxing chemicals are released. But this effect only lasts for a short time and then the addicted smoker needs to top up their nicotine. One of the reasons people continue to smoke is because they enjoy the effect of these relaxing chemicals being released by the brain.

The worst problem for tobacco smoke on health caused is that it is so addictive. include increased heart rate and blood pressure and constriction of blood vessels. Over time, ingestion of nicotine damage the lining of blood vessels and make blood platelets stickier. In combination these effects contribute to the development of heart disease.

Before developing a tolerance to nicotine, the smoker may experience mild effects of nicotine toxicity..

The average dose of nicotine from Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT is about one third to one half of that obtained from smoking. A person who is dependent on nicotine is extremely unlikely to experience any toxic effect from using NRT.

Most of the nicotine (80 per cent) is broken down in the liver.

Nicotine is also filtered from the blood by the kidneys and removed in urine.

The nicotine in NRT) products, such as the patch, gum, lozenge, sublingual tablet or inhaler is safe if used according to the product directions.

## Drug Interaction

There are several mechanisms by which drugs may interact, but most can be categorized as pharmacokinetic (absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion), pharmacodynamic, or combined interactions.

### Pharmacokinetic Mechanisms

The GIT **absorption** of drugs may be affected by concurrent use of other agents that

- (1) have a large surface area upon which the drug can be adsorbed,
- (2) bind or chelate,
- (3) alter gastric pH,
- (4) alter gastrointestinal motility, or
- (5) affect transport proteins such as P-glycoprotein.

The drug interactions alter drug **distribution** include

- (1) competition for plasma protein binding,
- (2) displacement from tissue binding sites,
- (3) alterations in local tissue barriers, eg, P-glycoprotein

The **metabolism** of drugs can be stimulated or inhibited by concurrent therapy.

**Induction (stimulation)** of cytochrome P450 in the liver and small intestine can be caused by drugs barbiturates, Carbamazepine, , phenytoin, rifampin,. Enzyme inducers can increase the activity of phase II metabolism such as Glucuronidation.

**Inhibition of metabolism** generally takes place more quickly than enzyme induction and may begin as soon as sufficient tissue concentration of the inhibitor is achieved. Drugs that may inhibit cytochrome P450 metabolism of other drugs include cimetidine, ciprofloxacin, clarithromycin, erythromycin, fluconazole, isoniazid, itraconazole, ketoconazole, metronidazole, , omeprazole.

The **renal excretion** of active drug can also be affected by concurrent drug therapy. The renal excretion of certain drugs that are weak acids or weak bases may be influenced by other drugs that affect urinary pH

### **Pharmacodynamic Mechanisms**

When drugs with similar pharmacologic effects are administered concurrently, an additive or synergistic response is usually seen. The two drugs may or may not act on the same receptor to produce such effects. Conversely, drugs with opposing pharmacologic effects may reduce the response to one or both drugs. Pharmacodynamic drug interactions are relatively common in clinical practice.

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 المستخدمه ودواعي وموانع الاستخدام

Week	Theoretical subject	Practical
1	General aspects of Drugs Pharmacology – Dose –Routes of Administration – Name and classification	Routes of administration Drugs
2	Pharmacodynamics -Drugs-receptors	Discusstion
3	Pharmacokinetics --Absorption – Distribution –Metabolism-Excretion	Seminar
4	Drugs , Autonomic –N S - Neurotransmitters ,receptors	Absorption ,Excretion (Iodines ,Salicylates )
5	Cholinergic drugs Anticholinergic drugs , Ganglionic blocking drugs Neuromuscular blocking drugs	Discusstion
6	Adrenergic drugs Adrenergic $\alpha$ , $\beta$ blocking drugs	Seminar
7	C N S Depressant : Alcohol - Sedative hypnotics Benzodiazepine Barbiturate, Anticonvulsant,Antidepressant	Drugs antagonism Morphine and Nalorphine Curare –Physostigmine
8	C N S Stimulant drugs.	Discusstion
9	Anlgesic : Narcotin or Opioid -NSAIDs	Seminar
10	Anesthetics , General ,Local	Effect of parasympathetic drugs on glandular secretion
11	Drugs act on Respiratory system Bronchodilators ,Expectorants Anti-tussive ,Cold prepration	Discusstion
12	Drugs act on GIT , Anti ulcer Antaacid Antidiarrheal , Anti-emetic ,Laxative	Seminar
13	Diuretics ,classification ,mode of action	Evaution of analgesics
14	Cardio Vascular Drugs-Cardiac Glycosides ,Vasodilators-Antianginal ,Antiarrhrthmic drugs	Discusstion
15	Antihypertensive drugs ,-Drugs affect heamostasis ,Anticoagulant	Seminar

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<b>Week</b>	<b>Theoretical subject</b>	<b>Practical</b>
<b>1</b>	Autocoids Prostaglandine , Histamine and Antihistamine ,Serotonine, Drugs used in gout treatment	Dose-Response Relationship
<b>2</b>	Vitamines : Water soluble vitamine- Fat soluble vitamine	Discusstion
<b>3</b>	Drugs influence metabolic,hormones Insulin and Antidiabetic agent	Seminar
<b>4</b>	Adrenal steroids ,Thyroid and antithyroid	Volatile aneesthetic
<b>5</b>	Anterior Pituitary ,Growth hormonrs ,gonadotrophine ,sex hormones Posterior Pituitary hormones ,oxytocin Vasopressin	Discusstion
<b>6</b>	Contraception	Seminar
<b>7</b>	Introduction to Chemotherapy Antibiotic :Mechanism of action	Responce of human skin to Histamine and Antihistamine
<b>8</b>	Antibiotic: Inhibition of cell wall ,cell membrane	Discusstion
<b>9</b>	Antibiotic: Inhibition of proteins,nucleic acid synthesis	Seminar
<b>10</b>	Antiviral ,Antifungal, Antiamebiasis Antiparasitic , Anthelmintic, Antituberculosis and Disinfectant	Nicotine
<b>11</b>	Chemotherapy of neaplastic diseases	Discusstion
<b>12</b>	Principle of immunopharmacology	Seminar
<b>13</b>	Poison and antidotes Metal poisoning Plant poisoning	Heavy metal poisoning Mercury poisoning
<b>14</b>	General principle of poisoning treatment	Discusstion
<b>15</b>	Drugs interaction	Seminar

# **Routes of drugs administration**

## **Pharmacokinetics is what the body does to drugs**

### **The individual processes**

**( Absorption, Distribution , (Metabolism (biotransformation),  
Excretion ) Elimination.**

### **Absorption**

Considerations of anatomy, physiology, pathology, pharmacology, therapeutics and convenience determine the routes by which drugs are administered. Usually these are:

1-• *Interal* : by mouth (swallowed) or by sublingual or by rectum

2• *Parenteral*: by injection to intravenous or, intramuscular, subcutaneous or infusion.

3• *Other routes*, e.g. inhalation, topical application for local (skin, eye, lung) or for systemic (trans dermal) effect intrathecal, intradermal, intranasal, intratracheal, intrapleural, are used when appropriate.

### **Presystemic (first-pass) elimination.**



drugs are metabolized in a single passage through the gut wall and (principally) the liver.

## **ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF ENTERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **Swallowing**

*-Advantages* are convenience, acceptability and economic

*.Disadvantages* are that absorption may be delayed, reduced or even enhanced after food or slow or irregular after drugs that inhibit gut motility.. Some drugs are not absorbed and some drugs are destroyed in the gut

### **Sublingual or buccal administration**

*Advantages* are that quick effect is obtained, e.g. with glyceryl trinitrate.

*Disadvantages* are the inconvenience if use has to be frequent, irritation of the mucous membrane and excessive salivation which promotes swallowing, so losing the advantages of by passing pre systemic elimination.

### **Rectal administration**

*.Advantages* are that a drug that is irritant to the stomach can be given by suppository ( indomethacin); the route is suitable in vomiting, motion sickness, migraine or when a patient cannot swallow, and when cooperation is lacking (sedation in children).

*Disadvantages* psychological in that the patient may be refused this route, rectal inflammation may occur with repeated use and absorption can be unreliable, especially if the rectum is full of faeces

## **ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF PARENTERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **Intravenous (bolus or infusion)**

#### *Advantages*

Fast, effective and highly predictable blood concentration and allows rapid modification of dose. The route is suitable for administration of drugs that are not absorbed from the gut or are too irritant to be given by other routes.

#### *Disadvantages*

are the hazard if a drug is given too quickly, as plasma concentration may rise. Local venous thrombosis is liable to occur with irritant formulations, especially if small veins are used. Infection of the intravenous catheter and the small thrombi on its tip are also a risk during prolonged infusions.

### **Intramuscular injection**

#### *Advantages*

are that the route is reliable, suitable for irritant drugs, and depot preparations (hormonal contraceptives). Absorption is more rapid than following subcutaneous injection (soluble preparations are absorbed within 10-30 min).

#### *Disadvantages*

are that the route is not acceptable for self-administration, it may be painful, and if any adverse effects occur to a depot formulation, it cannot be removed.

### **Subcutaneous injection**

*Advantages* is reliable and is acceptable for self-administration.

*Disadvantages* are poor absorption. Repeated injections at one site can cause lipoatrophy

### **By inhalation**

*Advantages* are that drugs as gases can be rapidly taken up or eliminated, that has marked the use of this route in general anesthesia from its earliest days. Self-administration is practicable. provide high local concentration minimizing systemic effects.

*Disadvantages* special apparatus is needed (patients difficult use) drug must be nonirritant if the patient is conscious. Obstructed bronchi

### **Topical application**

**For local effect**, e.g. to skin, eye, lung, anal canal, rectum, vagina.

*Advantage* high local concentration without systemic effect .

*Disadvantage* is that absorption can occur, especially when there is tissue destruction so that systemic effects result, e.g. adrenal steroids and neomycin to the skin, atropine to the eye. Ocular administration may cause systemic effects

**For systemic effect.** Transdermal delivery systems (TDS) release drug through a rate-controlling membrane into the skin and so into the systemic circulation. Fluctuations in plasma concentration associated with other routes of administration are largely avoided, as

is first-pass elimination in the liver. Glyceryl trinitrate stmenopausal hormone replacement therapy may be given by this way.

## **Distribution**

If a drug is required to act throughout the body or to reach an organ , it must be go into the blood and into other body compartments. Most drugs distribute widely, part dissolved in body water, part bound to plasma proteins, in part to tissues. drugs bind selectively to plasma or tissue proteins or localised within ogans.; **the extent (amount) and strength (tenacity) of protein or tissue binding (stored drug) will affect its duration of action**

## **Metabolism**

Metabolism is a general term for chemical transformations occur within the body and its processes change drugs by reducing lipid solubility to enhance elimination and alter a biological activity.

1. Conversion of a pharmacologically *active* to an *inactive*
2. Conversion of one pharmacologically *active* to another *active*
- 3 Conversion of a pharmacologically *inactive* to *active* sub *prodrugs*

### **THE METABOLIC PROCESSES**

The liver is by far the most important drug metabolising organ, although a number of tissues, including the kidney, gut mucosa, lung and skin also contribute

**Phase 1** metabolism a change in the drug molecule by oxidation, reduction or hydrolysis

**Phase II** water-soluble conjugate which is readily eliminated by the kidney . almost invariably terminates biological activity.

## **Dose:**

Sub Therapeutic dose:

Therapeutic dose:

Minimum dose:

Maximum dose:

Toxic dose :

Fatal dose:

**Median effective dose (ED50):** the dose at which 50% of individuals exhibit the specified effect.

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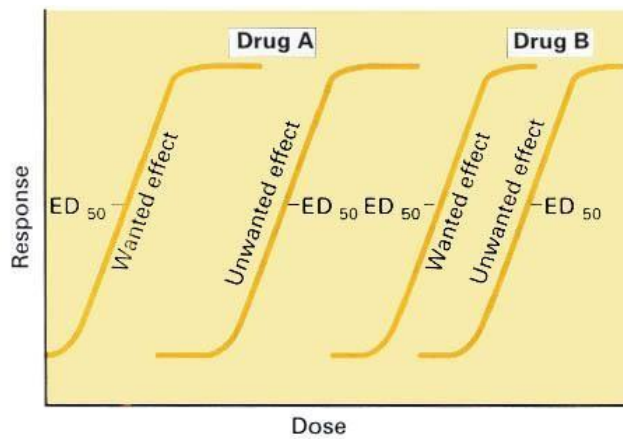
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**Duration of action :**Time from beginning of drug action to end

**Onset of drug action :**Time from drug administration to appearance of action

**T<sub>1/2</sub>** Time required to decrease drug amount in blood to half

**Bioavailability:**Fraction of unchanged drug in blood to dose administered .



## ABSORPTION FROM THE GIT

The *small intestine* is the principal site for absorption of nutrients and it is also where most orally administered drugs enter the body.

The *small intestine* has attributes due to enormous surface area due to the intestinal villi, epithelium through which fluid readily filters in response to osmotic differences caused by the presence of food.

Absorption of drugs from the stomach does not play a major role in absorbing drugs, even those acidic and thus unionized and lipid-soluble at gastric pH, because its surface area is much smaller than that of the small intestine and gastric emptying is speedy (30 min).

## FACTORS AFFECTING RATE OF ABSORPTION

### Physicochemical Properties of Drugs and the Influence of pH

The ability of a drug to diffuse across membranes is frequently expressed in terms of its lipid–water partition coefficient .

This coefficient is defined as the ratio of the concentration of the drug in two immiscible phases: a nonpolar liquid representing the membrane and an aqueous buffer, usually at pH 7.4, representing the plasma .

The partition coefficient is a measure of the relative affinity of a drug for the lipid and aqueous phases.

Increasing the polarity of a drug, either by increasing its degree of ionization or by adding a carboxyl, hydroxyl, or amino group to the molecule, decreases the lipid–water partition coefficient.

The relationship between pH and degree of drug ionization is not linear that is, small changes in pH may greatly influence the degree of drug ionization, especially when pH and pKa values are initially similar.

### **Gastric Emptying Time**

The rate of gastric emptying markedly influences the rate at which drugs are absorbed.(why)

### **Intestinal Motility**

Increased gastrointestinal motility may reduce contact time in the upper portion of the intestine where most of drug absorption occurs.

Conversely, a decrease in gastrointestinal motility may promote absorption by increasing contact time. Thus, the effect depends on the drug and change in motility

### **Food**

Absorption of most drugs from the gastrointestinal tract is reduced or delayed by the presence of food in the gut. Drugs such as the tetracyclines, which are highly ionized, can complex with Ca<sup>++</sup> ions in membranes, food, or milk, leading to a reduction in their rate of absorption.

### **Formulation Factors**

The ability of solid drug forms to dissolve and the solubility of the individual drug in the highly acidic gastric juice must be considered.

Drugs administered in aqueous solution are absorbed faster and more completely than tablet or suspension forms. Suspensions of fine particles (microcrystalline) are better absorbed than are those of larger particles.

### **ENTEROHEPATIC CIRCULATION**

This system is illustrated by the bile salts, which are conserved by circulating through liver, intestine and portal blood about eight times a day. Enterohepatic recycling appears to help sustain the plasma concentration (in many oral contraceptives)

### **The presystemic metabolism**

Drugs may be inactivated in the gastrointestinal tract, liver before they are absorbed. Drug metabolizing enzymes, such as the cytochrome P450 enzymes, play a major role in determining the extent of drug absorption of some drugs. Significant expression of cytochrome P450



3A4 and 3A5 occurs in the enterocytes lining the small intestine. These drug-metabolizing enzymes are responsible for approximately 50% of the cytochrome P450-mediated drug metabolism and thus can be expected to play a major role in the presystemic metabolism of a number of drugs.

### **ABSORPTION OF DRUGS FROM THE LUNG**

The lungs serve as a major site of administration for a number of agents given for both local and systemic effects. Such drugs can be inhaled as gases (e.g., volatile anesthetics) or as aerosols (suspended liquid droplets or solid particles).

Absorption of agents from the lung is facilitated by the **large surface area of the pulmonary alveolar membranes (50–100 m<sup>2</sup>), the limited thickness of these membranes and the high blood flow to the alveolar region.**

Pulmonary absorption of volatile anesthetics across the alveolar–capillary barrier is very rapid because of the relatively high lipid–water partition coefficients

### **ABSORPTION OF DRUGS THROUGH THE SKIN**

Most drugs that have been incorporated into creams or ointments are applied to the skin for their local effect.

The diffusion rate of a drug through the skin is largely determined by the compound's lipid–water partition coefficient. However, the stratum corneum, or outer layer of the epidermis, forms a barrier against the rapid penetration of most drugs. This is due in large part to the

relatively close-packed cellular arrangement and decreased amount of lipid in these cells. Thus, even highly lipid-soluble compounds will be absorbed much more slowly through the skin than from other sites.

The dermis, on the other hand, is well supplied with blood and lymph capillaries and therefore is permeable to both lipid-soluble and water-soluble compounds. If penetration of the skin by lipid-insoluble compounds does occur, it is probably accomplished by diffusion through the hair follicles, sweat glands, or sebaceous glands.

### **Distribution**

If a drug is required to act throughout the body or to reach an organ, it must be got into the blood and into other body compartments. Most drugs distribute widely, in part dissolved in body water, in part bound to plasma proteins, in part to tissues. Distribution for drugs may bind selectively to plasma or tissue proteins or be localized within particular organs. Clearly, the site of localization of a drug is likely to influence its action, e.g. whether it crosses the blood-brain barrier to enter the brain; **the extent (amount) and strength (tenacity) of protein or tissue binding (stored drug) will affect the time it spends in the body and thereby its duration of action.**

### **Metabolism**

Metabolism is a general term for chemical transformations that processes change drugs in two major ways:

1-REDUCING LIPID SOLUBILITY

Metabolic reactions tend to make a drug molecule progressively more water-soluble and so favors its elimination in the urine.

## 2-ALTERING BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

The end result of metabolism usually is the abolition of biological activity but various steps in the following consequences:

1. Conversion of a pharmacologically *active* to an *inactive* substance: this applies to most drugs.
2. Conversion of one pharmacologically *active* to another *active* substance: this has the effect of prolonging drug action.
3. Conversion of a pharmacologically *inactive* to an *active* substance, i.e. *prodrugs*; the effect may confer advantage or disadvantage.

## THE METABOLIC PROCESSES

The liver is by far the most important drug metabolizing organ, although a number of tissues, including the kidney, gut mucosa, lung and skin also contribute. It is useful to think of drug metabolism in two broad phase

### **Phase 1** metabolism

brings about a change in the drug molecule by oxidation, reduction or hydrolysis The most important single group of reactions is the oxidations, in particular those undertaken by the so-called *mixed-function* (microsomal) *oxidases* which as the name indicates, are capable of metabolizing a wide variety of compounds.

The most important enzyme is a haem protein, *cytochrome P450*. The many forms of cytochrome P450 enzymes (called isoenzymes) are grouped into families CYP1, 2 and 3. The family CYP3A is the most important, being involved in the biotransformation of the majority of all drugs; indeed CYP3A4 is expressed outside the liver and may be an important factor that explains poor oral availability of many drugs.

**Phase II** metabolism involves union of the drug with one of several polar (water-soluble) endogenous molecules that are products of intermediary metabolism, to form a water-soluble conjugate with glucuronide, acetylated, sulphates. Conjugation Phase II metabolism almost invariably terminates biological activity

## **Elimination**

**RENAL ELIMINATIONs** . These processes normally maintain the fluid volume, electrolyte concentration, and pH of body fluids within a relatively narrow range. They remove waste products of cellular metabolism. A minimum daily urine output of approximately 400 mL is required to remove normal amounts of metabolic end products.

### **Glomerular Filtration**

Arterial blood enters the glomerulus by the afferent arteriole at the relatively high pressure of approximately 70 mm Hg. This pressure pushes water, electrolytes, and other solutes out of the capillaries into Bowman's capsule and then to the proximal tubule. This fluid, called glomerular filtrate, contains the same components as blood except for

blood cells, fats, and proteins that are too large to be filtered. The glomerular filtration rate (GFR) is about 180 L/day, or 125 mL/minute.

**Tubular Reabsorption** The term reabsorption, in relation to renal function, indicates movement of substances from the tubule (glomerular filtrate) to the blood in the peritubular capillaries.

Most reabsorption occurs in the proximal tubule, The remaining water and solutes are now called urine

**Antidiuretic hormone from the posterior pituitary gland promotes reabsorption of water from the distal tubules and the collecting ducts of the kidneys. This conserves water needed by the body and produces more concentrated urine. Aldosterone, a hormone from the adrenal cortex, promotes sodium–potassium exchange mainly in the distal tubule and collecting ducts. Thus, aldosterone promotes sodium reabsorption and potassium loss.**

### **Tubular Secretion**

movement of substances from blood in the peritubular capillaries to glomerular filtrate flowing through the renal tubules

Secretion occurs in the proximal and distal tubules, across the epithelial cells that line the tubules. In the proximal tubule, uric acid, creatinine, hydrogen ions, and ammonia are secreted; in the distal tubule, potassium ions, hydrogen ions, and ammonia are secreted. Secretion of hydrogen ions is important in maintaining acid–base balance in body fluids.

**FAECAL ELIMINATION** When a drug intended for systemic effect is taken by mouth, a proportion may remain in the bowel and be excreted in the faeces.

**Biliary excretion.**

In the liver there is one active transport system for acids and one for bases, similar to those in the proximal renal tubule and there is a system that transports molecules, into the bile. that excreted in bile.

**PULMONARY ELIMINATION**

The lungs are the main route of elimination (and of uptake) of volatile anaesthetics

Drugs antagonism  
Morphine and Nalorphine  
Curare –Physostigmine

**Cholinergic and anticholinergic Drugs**

Stimulation of cholinceptors in autonomic ganglia and at the postganglionic endings affects chiefly the following organs:

**Eye:** meiosis and spasm of the ciliary muscle occur so that the eye is accommodated for near vision. Intraocular pressure falls

**Exocrine glands:** there is increased secretion of the salivary, lachrymal, bronchial and sweat glands. The last are cholinergic, although anatomically part of the sympathetic system; some sweat glands, e.g. auxiliary, may be adrenergic.

**Heart:** bradycardia occurs with atrioventricular block and eventually cardiac arrest.

**Bronchi:** there is bronchoconstriction and mucosal hyper-secretion that may be clinically serious in asthmatic subjects, in whom cholinergic drugs should be avoided, as far as possible.

**Gut:** motor activity is increased and may cause colicky pain. Exocrine secretion is also increased. Tone in anal sphincters falls which may cause defecation

**Bladder and ureters** contract and the drugs promote micturition.

## **ALKALOIDS WITH CHOLINERGIC EFFECTS**

**Pilocarpine** acts directly on end-organs innervated by postganglionic nerves (parasympathetic system plus sweat glands).

The chief clinical use of pilocarpine is to lower intraocular pressure in chronic simple glaucoma,; it produces miosis, opens drainage channels improves the outflow of aqueous humour. Oral pilocarpine is available for the treatment of xerostomia (dry mouth) in Sjogren's syndrome, or following irradiation of head and neck tumours. The commonest adverse effect is sweating.

## **ANTICHOLINESTERASES**

**Physostigmine** is an alkaloid, acts for a few hours. Physostigmine is used synergistically with pilocarpine to reduce intraocular pressure. It has been shown to have some efficacy in improving cognitive function in Alzheimer-type dementia

### **Antimuscarinic drugs**

#### **Atropine**

Atropine is an alkaloid from the plant (*Atropa belladonna*). In general, the effects of atropine are inhibitory but in large doses it stimulates the CNS. Atropine also blocks the muscarinic effects of cholinergic drugs both peripherally and on the central nervous system. The clinically important actions of atropine at parasympathetic postganglionic nerve endings are mostly the opposite of the activating effects on the parasympathetic system produced by acetylcholine and cholinergic drug It does not oppose cholinergic effects at the neuromuscular junction or significantly at the autonomic ganglia,.

Exocrine glands. All secretions except milk are diminished. Dry mouth and dry eye are common. Gastric acid secretion is reduced, Bronchial secretions are reduced



Smooth muscle is relaxed. In the gastrointestinal tract there is reduction of tone and peristalsis. Atropine relaxes bronchial muscle, an effect that is useful in some asthmatics. Micturition is slowed and urinary retention may be induced.

Ocular effects. Mydriasis occurs with a rise in intraocular pressure in eyes. An attack of glaucoma may be induced. The ciliary muscle is paralysed and so the eye is accommodated for distant vision.

### **Other antimuscarinic drugs**

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**Homatropine** is used for its ocular effects (1% and 2% solutions as eye drops). Its action is shorter than atropine

### **Therapeutic Applications**

**OPHTHALMOLOGIC DISORDERS**, antimuscarinic agents, administered topically as eye drops or ointment, are very helpful in doing a complete examination. Antimuscarinic drugs should never be used for mydriasis unless cycloplegia or prolonged action is required

### **Pain**

Pain is an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with actual or potential tissue damage, also can occur without tissue

injury or evident disease and can persist after injury has healed.( Mild pain ,Moderate pain Severe pain, Over whelming acute pain)

## **TYPES OF PAIN**

Acute pain ,Transient pain,Neuropathic,Chronic pain

**Analgesic drug:** a drug that relieves pain due to multiple causes, e.g. paracetamol, morphine., Analgesics are chosen according to the cause of pain and its severity..

- **Analgesics** are classed as **narcotic** (which act in the central nervous system and cause drowsiness, i.e. opioids) and **non-narcotic**(which act chiefly peripherally, e.g. diclofenac).

### **Narcotic or opioid analgesics**

## **PRINCIPAL USES OF MORPHINE AND ITS ANALOGUES**

- Relief of moderate to severe acute pain
- Premedication ,postoperative analgesia for surgery
- Symptomatic control of acute diarrhea, e.g. travelers" diarrhea (codeine)
- Suppression of cough (codeine)
- Production of euphoria as well as pain relief in the dying.

## Classification of opioids by analgesic efficacy

Opioid efficacy	
Low efficacy for mild and moderate pain	High efficacy for severe pain
codeine dihydrocodeine dextropropoxyphene *nalbuphine *pentazocine	*buprenorphine dexromoramide diamorphine (heroin) dipipanone *meptazinol methadone morphine papaveretum pethidine (meperidine) phenazocine tramadol
*Partial agonist	

### Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)

#### MODE OF ACTION

The members of this class of drug, although structurally heterogeneous, possess a mode of action which is to *block prostaglandin synthesis* ,, their key action of inhibiting prostaglandin formation is reflected in the range of effects, beneficial and adverse, which the members exhibit. NSAIDs may be categorized according to their COX specificity as:

- COX-2 *selective* compounds, whose selectivity for inhibiting COX-2 is at least 5 times that for COX-1. The group includes *rofecoxib*, *celecoxib*, *meloxicam*, and *nabumetone*.
- *Non-COX-2 selective* compounds, which comprise all other NSAIDs. These drugs inhibit COX-1 as much as, or even more than, COX-2.

## **USES OF NSAIDs**

.1- Analgesia: NSAIDs are effective for pain of mild to moderate intensity including musculoskeletal and postoperative pain, and inflammatory arthritis; they have the advantage of not causing dependence, unlike opioids

2-Anti-inflammatory action: this is utilized in all types of arthritis, musculoskeletal conditions.

3-Antipyretic action: PG synthesis in the hypothalamus is blocked, thus reducing fever.

4-Antiplatelet function: aspirin is indicated for the treatment and/or prevention of myocardial infarction, transient ischemic attacks and embolic strokes.

5-Prolongation of gestation and labour: inhibition of PG synthesis by the uterus during labour by indomethacin will prolong labour.

6-Primary dysmenorrhoea: mefenamic acid is used to reduce the production of PGs by the uterus which cause uterine hyper contractility and pain.

7-Further areas of potential benefit from NSAIDs are being explored, including the prevention of Alzheimer's dementia and colorectal carcinoma

**TABLE 15.2** Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs licenced in the UK

Chemical class	Generic name	Compound	Half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ )	Usual adult dose
<b>Para-amino phenol Salicylic acids</b>	paracetamol	acetaminophen	2 h	1 g qid
	aspirin	acetylsalicylic acid	15 min	300–900 mg q.d.s. maximum 4 g daily
	diflusal	salicylate	7–15 h	500–1000 mg daily in 1 or 2 doses
<b>Acetic acids</b>	benorilate	salicylate-paracetamol ester		1.5 g q.d.s.
	indometacin	indole	4 h	initially 50–75 mg daily as 1 or 2 doses, maximum 200 mg daily
	acemetacin	indole	3 h	60 mg b.d. or t.d.s.
	sulindac	indene	8 h	200 mg b.d.
	diclofenac sodium	phenylacetic acid	2 h	75–150 mg daily in 2 divided doses
	etodolac	pyranocarboxyate	7 h	600 mg o.d.
	ketorolac	ketorolac trometerol	5h	
<b>Fenamic acid Propionic acids</b>	mefanamic acid	fenamate	3 h	500 mg t.i.d.
	ibuprofen	propionic acid	2 h	1.6–2.4 g daily in divided doses
	fenbufen	propionic acid	10 h	300 mg in a.m. and 600 mg nocte, or 450 mg b.d.
	fenoprofen	propionic acid	3 h	300–600 mg t.d.s. or q.d.s., maximum 3 g daily
	flurbiprofen	propionic acid	4 h	150–200 mg daily in divided doses, maximum 300 mg daily
	ketoprofen	propionic acid	1 h	100–200 mg in 2–4 divided doses
	naproxen	propionic acid	14 h	250–500 mg b.d.
	tiaprofenic acid	propionic acid	2 h	600 mg in 2–3 divided doses
<b>Enolic acids</b>	piroxicam	oxicam	45 h	20 mg o.d.
	meloxicam	oxicam	20 h	7.5–15 mg o.d.
	tenoxicam	oxicam	72 h	20 mg o.d.
	azapropazone	benzotriazine	18 h	1.2 g daily in 2 or 4 divided doses
	phenylbutazone	pyrazone	72 h	
<b>Non-acid drugs</b>	nabumetone	naphthylalkanone	22 h	1 g nocte, additional 500 mg — 1 g o.d. if necessary
	celecoxib	coxib	10 h	200–400 mg daily in divided doses
	aceclofenac	phenylacetoxycetic acid	4 h	100 mg b.d.
	rofecoxib	coxib	17 h	12.5–25 mg o.d.

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Week	Theoretical subject	Practical
1	Autocoids Prostaglandine , Histamine and Antihistamine ,Serotonine, Drugs used in gout treatment	Dose-Response Relationship
2	Vitamines : Water soluble vitamine- Fat soluble vitamine	Discusstion
3	Drugs influence metabolic,hormones Insulin and Antidiabetic agent	Seminar
4	Adrenal steroids ,Thyroid and antithyroid	Volatile aneesthetic
5	Anterior Pituitary ,Growth hormonrs ,gonadotrophine ,sex hormones Posterior Pituitary hormones ,oxytocin Vasopressin	Discusstion
6	Contraception	Seminar
7	Introduction to Chemotherapy Antibiotic :Mechanism of action	Responce of human skin to Histamine and Antihistamine
8	Antibiotic: Inhibition of cell wall ,cell membrane	Discusstion
9	Antibiotic: Inhibition of proteins,nucleic acid synthesis	Seminar
10	Antiviral ,Antifungal, Antiamebiasis Antiparasitic , Anthelmintic, Antituberculosis and Disinfectant	Nicotine
11	Chemotherapy of neaplastic diseases	Discusstion
12	Principle of immunopharmacology	Seminar
13	Poison and antidotes Metal poisoning Plant poisoning	Heavy metal poisoning Mercury poisoning

14	General principle of poisoning treatment	Discussion
15	Drugs interaction	Seminar

# Dose-Response Relationship

## DOSE RESPONSE RELATIONSHIP

it's the relation between the degree of response of biological system and the amount of toxicant or drugs (dose) administration . is related to

- 1- the dose
- 2- there is a receptor site with which the chemical interacts
- 3-the concentration at the site (related to dose administered)

### **Dose:**

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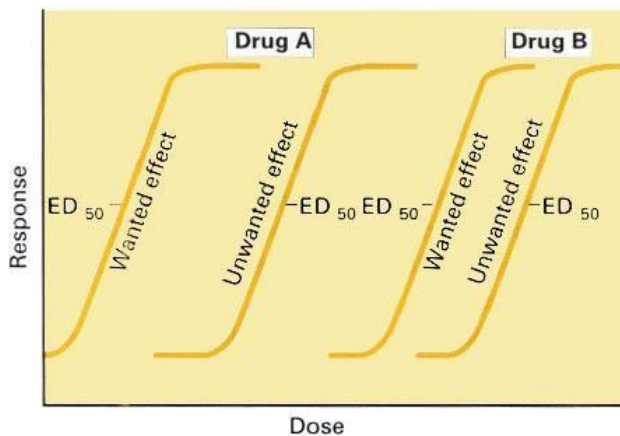
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**Bioavailability:**Fraction of unchanged drug in blood to dose administered .



When the dose of a drug is increased progressively, the desired response in the patient usually rises to a maximum beyond which further increases in dose elicit no greater benefit but induce only unwanted effects. This is because a drug does not have a single dose-response curve, but a different curve for *each action*, wanted as well as unwanted. unwanted actions are recruited if dose is increased after the maximum therapeutic effect. the concept of the therapeutic index



or ratio as the maximum tolerated dose divided by the minimum curative dose

### **Different responses**

Individuals may vary considerably in their responsiveness to Drug; a single individual may respond differently to the same drug at different times during the course of treatment.

**The idiosyncratic** are usually caused by genetic differences in metabolism of the drug or by immunologic mechanisms, including allergic reactions. An individual patient is **hypo reactive** or **hyperactive** to a drug in that the intensity of effect of a given dose of drug is diminished or increased in comparison to the effect seen in most individuals.

### **Inhalation anaesthetics**

The preferred inhalation agents are that are minimally irritant and non flammable, **nitrous oxide** and the fluorinated hydrocarbonse **Halothane, Isoflurane , Sevoflurane, Enflurane ,. Desflurane)**

## **HISTAMINE**

Histamine exerts its biologic actions by combining with specific cellular receptors located on the surface membrane. The four different histamine receptors thus far characterized are designated H<sub>1</sub>-H<sub>4</sub>

H<sub>1</sub> Smooth muscle, Endothelium, Brain

H<sub>2</sub> Gastric mucosa, cardiac muscle, mast cells, brain

H<sub>3</sub> Presynaptic: brain, myenteric plexus, other neurons

H<sub>4</sub> Eosinophils, neutrophils, CD4 T cells

## **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY OF HISTAMINE**

In pulmonary function laboratories, histamine aerosol has been used as a provocative test of **bronchial hyperreactivity**..

Histamine should not be given to patients with asthma (except as part of a carefully monitored test of pulmonary function) or to patients with active ulcer disease or gastrointestinal bleeding.

**Beta hestine** is histamine analoge used in meniere-s disease

## **Histamine Antagonists**

### **H<sub>1</sub>-Receptor Antagonists**

## **A. Allergic Reactions.**

## **B. Motion Sickness And Vestibular Disturbances**

## **C. Nausea And Vomiting Of Pregnancy**

### **H<sub>2</sub>-Receptor Antagonists**

### **H<sub>3</sub>- H<sub>4</sub>-Receptor Antagonists**

Although no selective H<sub>3</sub> or H<sub>4</sub> Antagonists are presently available for clinical use,. H<sub>3</sub>-selective ligands may be of value in sleep disorders, obesity, and cognitive and psychiatric disorders. H<sub>4</sub> blockers have potential in chronic inflammatory conditions such as asthma

### **Nicotine Poisoning**

There are more than 4,000 chemicals in tobacco smoke Nicotine is the addictive drug that keeps you coming back for more.

Some of the other chemicals found in cigarettes

- Tar Carbon monoxide
- ammonia (household cleaning agent)
- acetone (nail polish remover)
- naphthalene (mothballs)
- methanol (rocket fuel)
- formaldehyde (which preserves the dead)
- phenol (disinfectant)
- hydrogen cyanide
- metals (76 metals including arsenic, cadmium, nickel)

- radioactive compounds (polonium-210)
- acetic acid (vinegar)
- toluene (industrial solvent)

From the moment that inhale tobacco smoke, it takes four seconds for the nicotine to reach blood stream and about ten seconds to reach the brain. Once the nicotine has attached itself to special sites in the brain, many relaxing chemicals are released. But this effect only lasts for a short time and then the addicted smoker needs to 'top up' their nicotine. One of the reasons people continue to smoke is because they enjoy the effect of these relaxing chemicals being released by the brain.

The worst problem for tobacco smoke on health caused is that it is so addictive. include increased heart rate and blood pressure and constriction of blood vessels. Over time, ingestion of nicotine damage the lining of blood vessels and make blood platelets stickier. In combination these effects contribute to the development of heart disease.

Before developing a tolerance to nicotine, the smoker may experience mild effects of nicotine toxicity..

The average dose of nicotine from Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) is about one third to one half of that obtained from smoking. A person who is dependent on nicotine is extremely unlikely to experience any toxic effect from using NRT.

Most of the nicotine (80 per cent) is broken down in the liver. Nicotine is also filtered from the blood by the kidneys and removed in urine.

The nicotine in NRT) products, such as the patch, gum, lozenge, sublingual tablet or inhaler is safe if used according to the product directions.

## **Heavy Metal Intoxication and Chelators**

Some metals such as iron are essential for life, while others such as lead are present in all organisms but serve no useful biologic purpose. When intoxication occurs, chelator molecules may be used to bind the metal and facilitate its excretion from the body.

### **MERCURY**

Metallic mercury the only metal that is liquid under ordinary conditions. industrial and commercial applications found in the electrolytic production of chlorine and caustic soda; the

manufacture of electrical equipment, **thermometers**, fluorescent lamps; **dental amalgam**; and gold production. Use in pharmaceuticals and in biocides has declined, but occasional use in **antiseptics** is still encountered..

Mercury **interacts with sulfhydryl groups in vivo, inhibiting enzymes and altering cell membranes..**

## **Treatment**

### **A. ACUTE EXPOSURE**

In addition to intensive supportive care, prompt chelation with oral or intravenous unithiol, intramuscular dimercaprol, or oral succimer may be of value in diminishing nephrotoxicity after acute exposure to inorganic mercury salts.

### **B. CHRONIC EXPOSURE**

. Dimercaprol has been shown to redistribute mercury to the central nervous system from other tissue sites, and since the brain is a key target organ, dimercaprol should not be used in treatment of exposure to elemental or organic mercury. Limited data suggest that succimer, unithiol, and N-acetyl-L-cysteine (NAC) may enhance body clearance of methylmercury.

## **PHARMACOLOGY OF CHELATORS**

Chelating agents are drugs used to prevent or reverse the toxic effects of a heavy metal on an enzyme or other cellular target, to accelerate the elimination of the metal from the body.

**SUCCIMER**

**EDETATE CALCIUM DISODIUM**

**PENICILLAMINE**

**DIMERCAPROL**

**DEFEROXAMINE**

**UNITHIOL**