



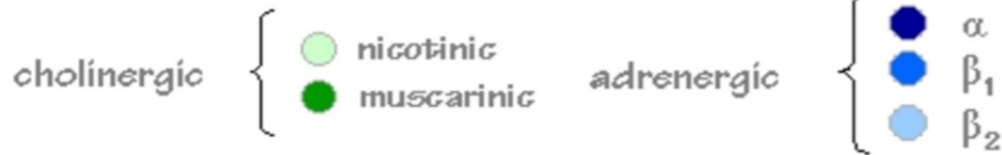
# الطبيب والجراحة لجنة



Remember:

Parasymp.  $\Rightarrow$  CranioSacral Nerve Roots

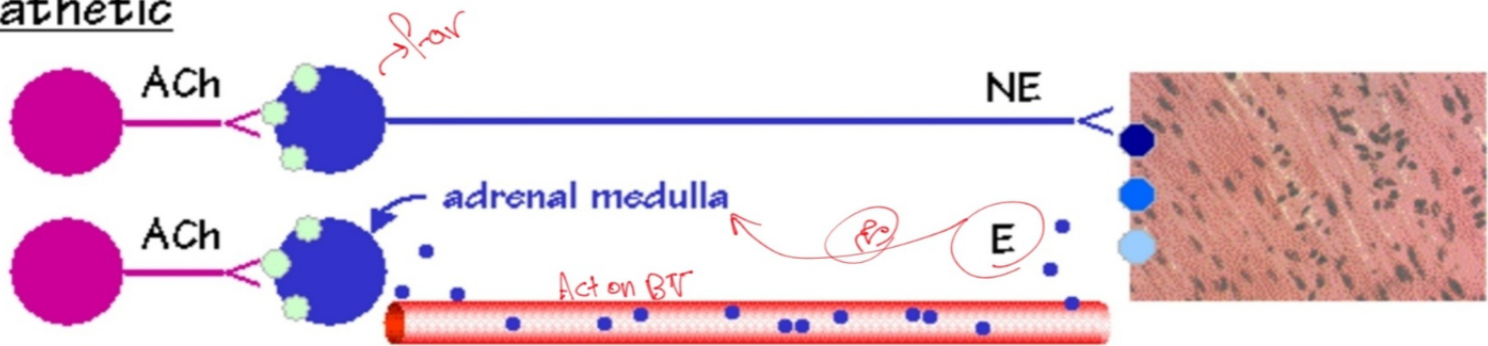
symp.  $\Rightarrow$  Thoracolumbar Nerve Roots.



### Parasympathetic



### Sympathetic



### Somatic motor



# Responses to Adrenergic Stimulation

(continued)

- Has both **excitatory** and **inhibitory** effects.
- Responses due to different membrane receptor proteins. *⊗ Major Mechanisms ⊗*
  - **α<sub>1</sub>** : constricts (visceral) smooth muscles. *⇒ Mainly BV*
  - **α<sub>2</sub>** : contraction of smooth muscle. *⇒ Mainly GIT, and bladder.*
  - **β<sub>1</sub>** : increases HR and force of contraction. *→ Mainly in heart*
  - **β<sub>2</sub>** : relaxes bronchial (smooth muscles).
  - **β<sub>3</sub>** : adipose tissue, function unknown

# Drugs acting on autonomic ganglia

## Increases activity

- Direct effect
  - Acetylcholine
  - Nicotine (Low doses)
- Indirect effect  
(ACE inhibitors) *→ chE*
  - Physostigmine
  - Neostigmine
  - Parathion
  - DFP

## Decreases activity

- Ganglion blockers-
  - Hexamethonium
  - Mecamylamine
  - Pentolinum
  - Trimethaphan



# Drugs acting on Postganglionic sympathetic nerve endings

## Increases activity

↑ Release NE (TEA) <sup>شای</sup>

- Tyramine
- Ephedrine
- Amphetamine

*in vivo*  
CNS stimulant

## Decreases activity

- ❖ Block NE Synthesis
  - Metyrosine
- ❖ Block Storage
  - Reserpine
  - Guanethidine
- ❖ Prevent Release
  - Bretylium
- ❖ False transmitters
- ❖ Methyldopa

# Drugs acting on Muscarinic receptors

## Increases activity

- Acetylcholine

## Decreases activity

- Atropine ⇒ *Parasympathetic*
- scopolamine

# Drugs acting on Beta adrenergic receptor

## Increases activity

- **$\beta$  stimulators**
  - Isoproterenol
- **$\beta_2$  stimulators**
  - Salbutamol
  - Terbutaline

## Decreases activity

- **$\beta$  blockers**
  - Propranolol *⇒ Regulates HR*
  - Metoprolol
- **$\beta_1$  blockers**
  - Atenolol
- **$\beta_2$  blockers**
  - Butoxamine

# Drugs acting on Alpha adrenergic receptors

## Increases activity

( $\alpha_1$  stimulators)

- Methoxamine
- Phenylephrine

## Decreases activity

( $\alpha$  blockers)

- Phenoxybenzamine
- Phentolamine
- Prazocin ( $\alpha_1$  blockers)
- Yohimbine ( $\alpha_2$  blockers)

Red = sympathetic actions  
Blue = parasympathetic actions

## EYE

Contraction of iris radial muscle (pupil dilates)

Contraction of iris sphincter muscle (pupil contracts)  
Contraction of ciliary muscle (lens accommodates for near vision)

## TRACHEA AND BRONCHIOLES

Dilates  
Constricts, increases secretions

## ADRENAL MEDULLA

Epinephrine and norepinephrine secreted

## KIDNEY

Secretion of renin ( $\beta_1$  increases;  
 $\alpha_1$  decreases)

## URETERS AND BLADDER

Relaxes detrusor; contraction of trigone and sphincter

Contraction of detrusor; relaxation of trigone and sphincter

## GENITALIA (male)

Stimulates ejaculation  
Stimulates erection

## LACRIMAL GLANDS

Stimulates tears

## SALIVARY GLANDS

Thick, viscous secretion  
Copious, watery secretion

## HEART

Increased rate; increased contractility  
Decreased rate; decreased contractility

## GASTROINTESTINAL

Decrease in muscle motility and tone;  
contraction of sphincters  
Increased muscle motility and tone

## GENITALIA (female)

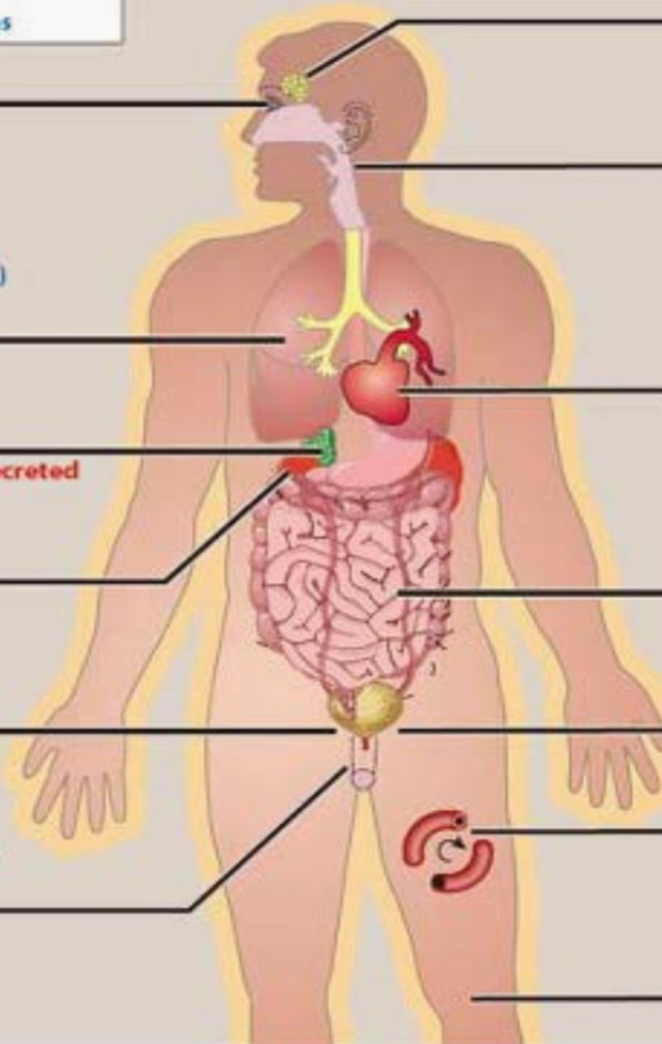
Relaxation of uterus

## BLOOD VESSELS (skeletal muscle)

Dilation

## BLOOD VESSELS (skin, mucous membranes, and splanchnic area)

Constriction





# Autonomic drugs

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1. Parasympathomimetics.
2. Parasympatholytics.
3. Sympathomimetics.
4. Sympatholytic.
5. Ganglion stimulants & ganglion blockers.

## Parasympathomimetics [Cholinomimetic drugs]

Acetylcholine (ACh) receptor stimulants and cholinesterase inhibitors together comprise a large group of drugs that **mimic** Ach (cholinomimetics or parasympathomimetics).  
*یمنیخ ایجاب*

Cholinoceptor stimulants: they are either:

**1-Direct-acting cholinomimetic agents** bind to and activate muscarinic and/or nicotinic receptors:

1- Choline esters: *⇒ اصنا من جوا*

*الدائریکته و جوا کولین ایستور*

\* Ach

\* Methacholine

\* Carbachol

\* Bethanechol

## 2- Cholinomimetic alkaloids: \* Pilocarpine

Q) What is pilocarpine?

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**II-Indirect-acting agents** inhibit cholinesterases → increase the endogenous

Ach in synaptic clefts and neuroeffector junction → stimulate cholinceptors.

The are classified into:

Reversible	Irreversible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Physostigmine &amp; neostigmine.</li><li>Neostigmine substitutes: (<u>edrophonium</u>, <u>pyridostigmine</u>, ambenonium, benzpyrinium and demecarium)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Organophosphorus compounds:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <u>Echothiophate</u> -Isoflurophate</li><li>- Ware gases e.g. sarin &amp; soman.</li><li>- Thiophosphate insecticides e.g. <u>parathion</u> &amp; <u>malathion</u>.</li></ul></li></ul>

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Atropine  $\Rightarrow$  Muscarinic receptor blocker

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## Carbachol's

$\Rightarrow$  Work on the Nicotinic & Muscarinic Receptors.

$\Rightarrow$  Causes  $\Rightarrow$  Lid twitching + Miosis

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- Small dose of Ach  $\Rightarrow$  Hypotension

- Atropin Then large dose of Ach  $\Rightarrow$  Hypertension.

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## Bethanecol's-

$\Rightarrow$  used in post-operative urinary retention and paralytic ileus.

$\Rightarrow$  has a little effect on the heart

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## Pilocarpine's

$\Rightarrow$  cholinomimetic Alkaloid

$\Rightarrow$  Tertiary amine

$\Rightarrow$  Well absorbed, crosses BBB, long duration, excreted in urine.

$\Rightarrow$  only Muscarinic Actions.

## (1) Reversible cholinesterase Inhibitors

	<b>Physostigmine</b>	<b>neostigmine</b>
<b>Source &amp; chemistry</b>	Natural plant alkaloid Tertiary amine	Synthetic Quaternary ammonium compound
<b>Absorption &amp; distribution</b>	Complete oral absorption Passes BBB	Partial oral absorption . Cannot pass BBB
<b>Metabolism</b>	Both are metabolized by cholinesterase	
<b>Actions</b>	<p><b>1-Muscarinic</b> (eye): Miosis, accommodation for near vision, ↓↓ IOP, lid twitches, lacrimation]</p> <p><b>2- Nicotinic</b> → Muscle twitches (Indirect action only)</p> <p><b>3- CNS:</b> Stimulation (convulsions in high doses)</p>	<p><b>1-Muscarinic</b> (mainly GIT &amp; urinary tract)</p> <p><b>2- Nicotinic</b> → Muscle twitches (direct &amp; Indirect action)</p> <p><b>3- CNS:</b> no action</p>

According to the binding with Ch.E. enzymes: <sup>⇒ For the ch.E Inhibitor</sup>

→ Negative charge

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1- Bind reversible by electrostatic bond with **anionic** site → Edrophonium

2- Bind reversibly with both **anionic & esteratic** sites

Physostigmine, neostigmine.

3- Phosphorylation of the esteratic site → Organophosphorus compounds

إمهامة  
الفسفور



## Clinical uses:

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### *Physostigmine :*

#### A) Eye drops:

1- Glaucoma.

2- Counteracts action of mydriatics after fundus examination.

لا دكارة لعيونه بيحاولها لعل  
بؤبؤ العين أوسع ليعرّفون يفتقر العين  
بأحد منيح.

3- To cut recent adhesion between iris and lens [alternatively with mydriatics].

B) Alzheimer dementia **but** newer drugs are better.

C) Atropine toxicity: It antagonizes central and peripheral action **but** not preferred due to CNS toxicity

## Neostigmine : Uses to cure

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- 1- Reversal of paralysis induced by non-depolarizing neuromuscular blockers during surgical operations.
- 2- Postoperative retention of urine (Catheterization is better alternative).
- 3- Postoperative paralytic ileus.
- 4- Myasthenia gravis.  $\Rightarrow$  Severe Weakness of the muscle
- 5- Antidote to atropine toxicity.
- 6- Glaucoma.

⊗ Remember  $\Rightarrow$  Neostigmine is used to Inhibit the ChE. Aims for More Ach.

# Treatment of Myasthenia gravis

⇒ Neostigmine OR pyridostigmine + Atropine

⇒ Adjuvant treatment ⇒ ephedrine + caffeine (Potentiates + Facilitate NM transmission)

⇒ To decrease Antibodies:

① Steroids ⇒ Prednisolone , ② Immunosuppressant ⇒ azathioprine.

## Alzheimer's disease (AD)

⇒ Mild to Moderate:

① Old drug ⇒ Tacrine , but causes hepatotoxicity.

② New drugs ⇒ Donepezil , galantamine , Rivastigmine ⇒ More Selective drugs.  
⇒ No Hepatotoxicity!

⇒ Moderate to Severe:

① Memantine

- ⊗ Inhibits glutamate induced excitotoxicity
- ⊗ Inhibits Neuronal damage.
- ⊗ Improves Cognitive function.

## Atropine

⇒ To treat Organophosphate poisoning.

⇒ 1mg every 10 minutes for 24 hours.

## (2) Irreversible cholinesterase Inhibitors

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- Echothiophate & Isoflurophate → eye drops for glaucoma.
- Ware gases [e.g. sarin & soman].
- Thiophosphate insecticides [e.g. Parathion & Malathion]

### Pharmacokinetics:

- All organophosphates (<sup>Q1</sup> except for echothiophate) are well absorbed from the skin, lung, gut, and conjunctiva and distributed to all parts of the body, including CNS.
- The thiophosphate insecticides (parathion & malathion) are <sup>غير نشطة</sup> prodrugs. They are rapidly activated in insects and vertebrates. **Malathion** (not parathion) is rapidly metabolized by other pathways to **inactive products** in **birds** and **mammals** but not in insects (considered to be relatively safe).

N.B. Fish cannot detoxify malathion

## 5. Cholinesterase reactivators [ oximes]: *in cases of Ach toxicity.*

❖ Pralidoxime (PAM): [30mg/kg bolus dose then 8mg/kg/hr IV infusion until clinical improvement] can break the bond between organophosphates and the enzyme, so the enzyme becomes free and hydrolyzes Ach at the receptors.

❖ Diacetylmonoxime (DAM): like pralidoxime but can cross BBB and reactivate central cholinesterase.

6. Diazepam for convulsions, and artificial ventilation for respiratory failure.

### Note:

- Early after intoxication and formation of organophosphate-enzyme complex  $\longrightarrow$  spontaneous reactivation of the enzyme can occur that can be hastened by oximes.  *$\rightarrow$  ionic bond*
- Within a few hours, the organophosphate-enzyme complex loses one alkyl group and renders it no longer susceptible to reactivation  $\longrightarrow$  ageing. So cholinesterase reactivators should be administered as early as possible.



# Cholinergic Antagonists.

## Anti-Muscarinic Agents

### Atropine &

- ⇒ obtained from belladonna Alkaloid
- ⇒ binds competitively and prevents Ach from binding to Muscarinic receptors.

### Scopolamine &

- ⇒ Prevention of motion sickness
- ⇒ Antispasmodic Agent

### Ipratropium + tiotropium &

- ⇒ bronchodilators in cases of (COPD), both chronic bronchitis and emphysema

### Tropicamide + cyclopentolate &

- ⇒ Ophthalmic Solutions for Mydriasis and Cycloplegia
- ⇒ shorter duration than atropine

## Ganglionic blockers

### Mecamylamine &

- ⇒ produces a competitive Nicotinic blockade of the ganglia and is primarily used to **LOWER BLOOD PRESSURE** in Emergency situations.

## NeuroMuscular blockers

### ① Non-Depolarizing Competitive blockers. (Antagonists) &

- Ⓐ Pancuronium
- Ⓑ Atracurium
- Ⓒ Cisatracurium

- ⇒ Used to Facilitate orthopaedic surgery.

### ② Depolarizing Agents Agonists &

### ⇒ Succinylcholine

- ↳ used when rapid endotracheal intubation is required.
- ↳ used during electroconvulsive shock treatment.

#### Actions and therapeutic uses:

- Atropine: Eye → 6 hours of Mydriasis's Cyclo → 24 hrs
- a. Eye:**
- > Topical atropine causes mydriasis (dilation of the pupil), unresponsiveness to light, and cycloplegia (inability to focus for near vision)
  - > It is used in eye examinations
- b. Gastrointestinal (GI):**
- > Atropine and scopolamine reduce motility of GIT and therefore these drugs are used as antispasmodic.
- c. Urinary system:**
- > Atropine-like drugs are used to reduce hypermotility states of the urinary bladder. It is used in enuresis (involuntary voiding of urine) among children
- d. Cardiovascular:**
- > Atropine blocks vagus nerve
  - > Increasing heart rate
  - > Useful in bradycardia after acute Myocardial infarction
- e. Secretions:**
- > Atropine blocks the salivary glands (producing dry mouth), Sweat and lacrimal glands
- f. Respiratory:**
- > It is used as an antisecretory agent to block secretions in the upper and lower respiratory tracts prior to surgery.

# Classification of Sympathomimetics

- **Direct-acting:**
  - **Selective:** salbutamol (B2), dobutamine (B1)
    - Works on adrenergic Receptor directly
    - selective → Mainly in Bronchias
    - increase cardiac contractility → use in acute Heart Failure
    - in Heart
  - **Non-selective:** adrenaline, noradrenaline (B & alpha receptors)
    - Both  $\beta + \alpha$
- **Indirect-acting**
  - Releasing agents (amphetamine)
    - Enhance the release of NE.
  - Uptake inhibitors (cocaine, tricyclic antidepressants TCAs)
    - inhibit pre take from synaptic. Keep it in the system.
  - MAO Inhibitors
    - Metabolism of NE and E.
    - so Inhibition means No Metabolism and keep it in the system.
- **Mixed-acting** (ephedrine, pseudoephedrine)

# Sympathomimetics

*in emergency situations  
Adrenaline in amply beta sheet.*

They are also classified into:

- **Catecholamines:** (adrenaline, NA, dopamine, dobutamine, isoprenaline)
- **Non-catecholamines:** *Not given during emergency!*  
(synthetic alpha-agonists & beta-agonists, e.g. phenylephrine, ephedrine, amphetamine)

# Alpha-stimulants

## ➤ Pressor agents:

- **Phenylephrine** ⇒ ↑ tension, Vascular constriction.

## ➤ Mucosal decongestants:

- **Pseudoephedrine, Oxymetazoline**

## ➤ Alpha 2-agonists:

- **Clonidine & alpha-methyldopa**

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→ Treatment of Pregnancy induced Hypertension.  
→ Caused Rebound Hypertension

# Alpha-stimulants

## 1- Pressor agents

- These are **non-catecholamines** that *For Severe Hypotension* increase **peripheral vascular resistance (PVR)** & arterial blood pressure (**both SBP & DBP**)
- They **reduce renal blood flow (RBF)** & **splanchnic blood flow** due to  **$\alpha 1$ -vasoconstriction**



# Phenylephrine

- Is **a direct acting**, synthetic adrenergic drug
- It has predominantly direct  **$\alpha$ 1-agonist effect**, a **vasoconstrictor** & It is used as:
  - **Pressor** agent <sup>→ Pressure</sup>
  - **Nasal decongestant** agent (**vasoconstriction**)
  - **Mydriatic** agent (ophthalmic solutions)
  - **Vasoconstrictor** agent with local anesthetics (LA)

↓  
increase  
the duration

## 2. Mucosal decongestants: Pseudoephedrine, Oxymetazoline



- Oxymetazoline (**Otrivin<sup>x</sup>**)
- Useful in **allergic rhinitis, common cold & sinusitis**
- **Oxymetazoline** is used in **Ophthalmic drops** for relief of **redness of eye** associated with swimming, colds or contact lens



⇒ Vasoconstriction in sinuses

- Relieve sinus congestion and pressure ⇒ Reduce the pain.

## Alpha 2-agonists (Clonidine & methyldopa)

- **Centrally acting antihypertensive drugs: clonidine & methyldopa (Aldomet)**
- These act centrally to produce inhibition of sympathetic vasomotor centers, decreasing sympathetic outflow to the periphery
- **Methyldopa** is used in hypertension during pregnancy
- They are **rarely used** because of risk of **rebound hypertension** on withdrawal of therapy

# Beta-adrenoceptors (receptors)

Two subgroups  $\beta_1, \beta_2$

## $\beta_1$ -adrenoceptors:

➤ **Heart**



Increase HR, contractility & conductivity

↗ Chronotropic effect

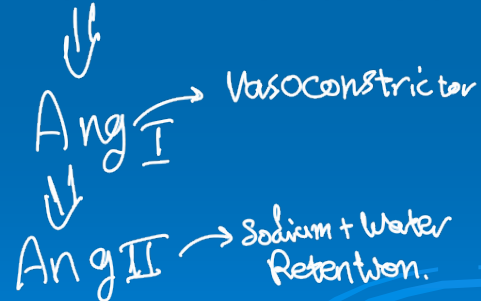
↗ Inotropic

↗ Dromotropic effect.

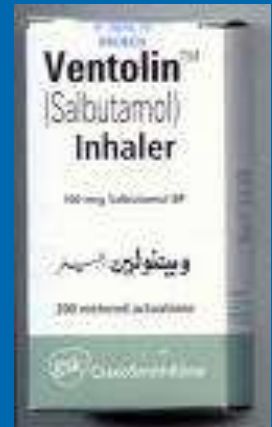
➤ **Kidneys**



Increase renin release



# $\beta$ -Stimulants



## 1. Selective $\beta_2$ agonists:

### **Salbutamol (Albuterol) (Ventolin)**

USA x tradename x

- non-catecholamine
- can be given by inhalation, orally & injection

### ➤ Short acting bronchodilator

- Its  $t_{1/2}$  is about **4 hours** short duration

- Has a rapid onset of action (**acute asthmatic attacks**) → very effective why?

⇒ used in treatment of ⇒

- ① Acute bronchial asthma attacks.
- ② Premature labour or threatened abortion



# Salmeterol & Formoterol



- is a **long acting bronchodilator** similar to salbutamol with longer  $t_{1/2}$  (12 hr)
- Have a delay onset of action
- It is useful in **prophylaxis of bronchial asthma**  
*↳ Repeated attacks in a short specific time. ex → cold weather in winter.*
- **Not useful for acute attacks** ⇒ because of the delay onset
- Not recommended as monotherapy & highly efficacious when combine with **corticosteroid**  
*↳ Mucus + contraction of Smooth.M may cause an Inflammation.*

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Anti-infection

## 2. Selective $\beta_1$ -agonist



### Dobutamine

- Is a synthetic, direct acting catecholamine
- Inotropic sympathomimetic  $\Rightarrow \uparrow\uparrow$  contractility.
- is used in congestive heart failure (CHF) to increase cardiac output
- Inotropic support after cardiac surgery
- Septic and cardiogenic shock



### 3. Non-selective $\beta$ -stimulants:

#### Isoprenaline (Isoproterenol)

- A synthetic, direct acting drug
- It is a catecholamine with **non-selective  $\beta_1$  &  $\beta_2$**  agonistic activities
- It increases **SBP & HR** ( $\beta_1$  effect) & decreases **DBP** ( $\beta_2$  effect)  $\Rightarrow$  Vasodilatation effects
- It is **rarely** used to increase heart rate in **heart block** & to stimulate heart in **cardiac arrest**

Main choice of therapy  $\uparrow$   
is Adrenaline

# Mixed Alpha & Beta agonists

## Adrenaline (Epinephrine)

- It is an **endogenous catecholamine** synthesized in adrenal medulla & certain areas in brain
- **Commonly used therapy (drug of choice in emergency situations)**

↳ why? Because of the Rapid onset.

# Pharmacodynamic effects

## ➤ On blood vessels: <sup>→ Vasoconstriction</sup>

Response differs according to site of vessels:

- **Skin, mucous membrane & viscera arterioles** contain  $\alpha_1$  receptors & show **vasoconstriction**
- **Skeletal muscle vessels** contain mainly  $\beta_2$ -receptors that show **vasodilatation**

Remember:-

- $\alpha_1 \Rightarrow$  Smooth.M constriction ✓
- $\beta_2 \Rightarrow$  Smooth.M + skeletal.M arterioles dilatation ✓

For Adrenaline:

- $\Rightarrow$  Veins shows ( $\alpha_1$ ) Vasoconstrictors
- $\Rightarrow$  Heart  $\Rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  contractility  
 $\uparrow$  HR.

# Therapeutic uses

"Adrenaline"

1 shot of Adrenaline is give directly in the chest towards the Heart.

➤ **Cardiac arrest** (cardiopulmonary resuscitation-CPR)

➤ **Severe allergic reactions** (anaphylactic shock & **angioedema**):

Severe shortness of Breath due to Accumulation of Mucus in the Airway.

- Physiological antagonist to histamine & stabilizer of mast cells

➤ **Vasoconstrictor with LA**

Bluish in the eye due to ↑ IOP

➤ **Chronic open angle glaucoma (topically):**

vasoconstriction; reduces aqueous humor production & IOP

Relieve the pressure of the Abnormal Aqueous humor amount in the eye which leads to IOP↓

# Noradrenaline (Norepinephrine)

- It has **alpha agonist**,  **$\beta_1$ -agonist** & **weak  $\beta_2$  agonist** effects
- It increases both **SBP & DBP (potent  $\alpha_1$  effect)**
- It is **mainly used to treat shock** as a **vasoconstrictor**

↓  
low HR  
Hypoxia  
So?

# Dopamine

- It is an **alpha, beta & dopaminergic** agonist ⇒ Mixed
- Increases renal blood flow due to D1 vasodilatory effect on renal circulation
- **At low dose**, activates B1 receptors on heart, increases cardiac output, heart rate & BP
- **At very high doses**, activates **alpha receptors**, causes vasoconstriction حبيب الشعب
- Is the drug of choice for **shock (cardiogenic & septic)** and is given by **continuous infusion** to improve renal blood flow  
هو الوحيد الذي يهيك



# Indirect-acting sympathomimetics



## Amphetamines

- Are important because can be **misused** as a **central psychostimulants** that **improve mood & alertness** <sup>منشط</sup>
- Acts by <sup>Enhance</sup> **releasing endogenous NA** from adrenergic neurons after being taken up into neurons



# Therapeutic uses of amphetamines

- **Narcolepsy** (excessive abnormal sleep in adults- daytime )
- **Attention deficit hyperkinetic disorder (ADHD) in children** (abnormal pathological hyperactivity):  
amphetamines improve attention, reduce hyperkinesia)

*loss of concentration*

# Direct & indirect sympathomimetics

## Ephedrine

- **Mixed-action drugs induce release of NA from pre-synaptic terminals and they activate adrenergic receptor on postsynaptic membrane**
- **Non-catecholamine**

# Ephedrine

- It is **non-selective agonist**, stimulate **both alpha & beta receptors** & its effects are **similar to that of adrenaline**
- **Ephedrine** raises systolic & diastolic blood pressure by **vasoconstriction** & cardiac stimulation
- It causes bronchodilation
- Is give **orally**

# Therapeutic uses

- **Bronchial asthma** *But NOT the Primary choice!*
- **Mydriatic agent & nasal mucosal decongestant**
- **Pressor agent in chronic orthostatic hypotension**
- **Heart block to increase heart rate**

# Adrenergic Antagonists

## 1. PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTIONS OF ALPHA BLOCKERS

### 1. CVS:

Blockade of  $\alpha_1$  vasoconstrictor receptors produces **vasodilatation** & **decrease** in **arterial blood pressure**. This is associated with **stimulation** of the heart rate.

### 2. Eye:

Blockade of  $\alpha_1$  receptors in the **radial muscle** of the iris leads to **miosis**.

### 3. Headache, nasal congestion (vasodilatation of the cranial & nasal vessels)

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## THERAPEUTIC USES

1. Hypertension
2. Hypertensive crisis  $\Rightarrow$  *أزمة ارتفاع الضغط*
3. Pheochromocytoma hypertension  $\Rightarrow$  *tumor in adrenal gland*
4. Benign prostatic hypertrophy to relax bladder sphincter muscle & reduces urine retention
5. Peripheral vascular disease e.g. Raynaud's syndrome (spasm of the upper limb blood vessels on exposure to cold weather).  
*Raynaud's*

## PHARMACODYNAMICS OF BETA BLOCKERS

1. **CVS:** These agents decrease heart rate, myocardial contractility, cardiac output &  $O_2$  consumption. They decrease renin release by kidneys.
2. **Bronchi:** producing bronchoconstriction & may precipitate in asthmatic attack.
3. **Eye:** producing a reduction in intraocular pressure (IOP)

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## THERAPEUTIC USES OF BETA BLOCKERS

### 1. CVS indications:

- **Essential hypertension**
  - **Angina pectoris:** Beta-blockers are cardioprotective by reducing cardiac work & myocardial  $O_2$  demand.
  - **Acute myocardial infarction (AMI)** to reduce infarction size & to prevent new infarction.
  - **Arrhythmias** like ectopic beats & tachycardia
2. **Glaucoma:** **timolol** eye drops reduces production of aqueous humour & the high IOP
  3. **Hyperthyroidism** to reduce manifestations of sympathetic over-activity in the disease.
- ### 5. CNS indications:
- **Migraine prophylaxis**
  - **Chronic anxiety** to control excessive sympathetic manifestations of anxiety

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## Alpha blockers &

### ① Doxazosin &

- $\Rightarrow$  Selective  $\alpha_1$  blocker, suitable for once daily administration
- $\Rightarrow$  Useful in Hypertension, benign prostatic hypertrophy.

### ② Phenoxybenzamine &

- $\Rightarrow$  Irreversible, non-selective oral long acting  $\alpha$ -blocker.
- $\Rightarrow$  Useful in treatment of pheochromocytoma

### ③ Phentolamine &

- $\Rightarrow$  non-selective, reversible, injectable  $\alpha$ -blocker
- $\Rightarrow$  Useful in Hypertensive crisis associated w/ high catecholamine levels in blood as in pheochromocytoma.

## Beta blockers &

### ① Cardioselective &

- $\Rightarrow$  Atenolol, Metoprolol, Carvedilol
- $\hookrightarrow$  water soluble drug.

### ② Non-selective $\beta$ -blockers &

- $\Rightarrow$  Propranolol  $\Rightarrow$  lipid soluble drug.

### ③ Mixed $\alpha + \beta$ blockers &

- $\Rightarrow$  Labetalol

## $\beta$ -blockers &

① Atenolol  $\Rightarrow$  selective

④ Metoprolol  $\Rightarrow$  selective

② Propranolol  $\Rightarrow$  Non-Selective

⑤ Pindolol  $\Rightarrow$  Non-Selective

③ Timolol  $\Rightarrow$  Non-Selective  
 $\hookrightarrow$  Eye drops