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# **Anti-neoplastic Drugs II**

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# **Anti-neoplastic Drugs**

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# 4. Microtubule inhibitors

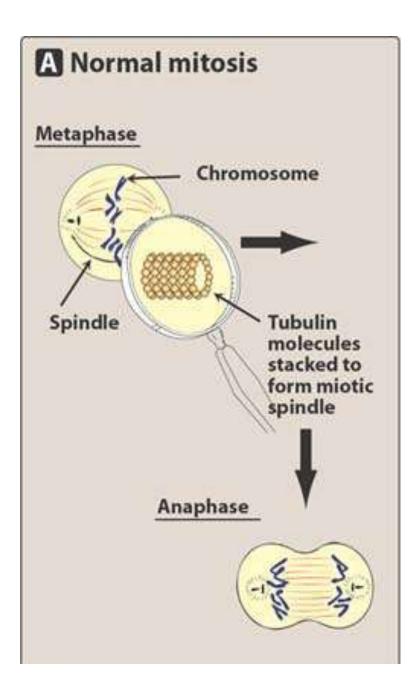
### A. Vinca alkaloids:

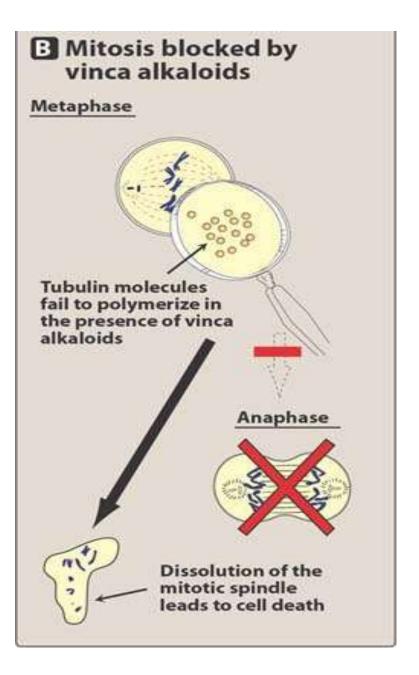
- They include mainly Vincristine (Oncovin) and Molecular Vinblastin (Velban).
- These are obtained from the Periwinkle plant
- ر دواا-cycle <u>specific</u> & phase specific, because they block mitosis in metaphase (M phase).

### Mechanism of action

They bind to tubular protein (Tubulin) to cause its depolymerization, thus prevent assembly of tubulin diamers into micro-tubules which would prevent the formation of mitotic spindle; they act mainly in mitosis phase of cell cycle leading to arrest of mitosis in metaphase stage.

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### Vincristine is used IV for:

- Acute lymphoblastic leukemia in children
- · Wilms' tumor of the
- Ewing soft-tissue sarcoma
- Hodgkin & non-Hodgkin lymphomas

### Vinblastin is used IV for:

- With bleomycin & cisplatin for metastatic testicular carcinoma
- Hodgkin & non-Hodgkin lymphomas

### Adverse effects:

- Vincristine is relatively not myelotoxic, but is neurotoxic and thus may cause peripheral neuropathy and also autonomic neuropathy;
- Vinblastine is mainly toxic to bone marrow but least neurotoxic; both may cause local thrombophlebitis and alopecia.

### B. Taxanes:

- Paclitaxel and Docetaxel
- These plant alkaloids are obtained from Western or European yaws (Taxus).
- > They are cell-cycle specific

### Mechanism of action

In comparison to Vinca alkaloids, these drugs <u>enhance</u> <u>polymerization of tubulin</u> and this would prevent microtubule dis-assembly into tubulin monomers, thus preventing separation of chromosomes and also causing arrest of mitosis in metaphase stage.

### <u>Uses</u>

They are useful IV for wide variety of cancers such as advanced breast or ovarian cancer;

### **Adverse effects**

They may cause myelosuppression, peripheral neuropathy and, with paclitaxel, anaphylactic reaction (due to vehicle)

# 5. Topoisomerase (Top) inhibitors

- Tops are essential enzymes involved in maintaining DNA structure during replication and transcription
- They cleave DNA strands and form intermediates with the strands, producing a gap through which DNA strands can pass, then reseal the strand breaks.
- Top I produces single-strand breaks; Top II produces double-strand breaks. Top II produces double-strand breaks.

# Mechanism of action

- These drugs bind Topisomerases to inhibit its function, and thus cause DNA strand breaks.
- > They are cell cycle specific

### 1. Epipodophylotoxins:

- Etoposide and teniposide the blesh —
- This is semisynthetic and is derived from podophylotoxin that is obtained from the mayapple (mandrake) root.
- > They inhibits Top II.
- They are given orally and sometimes IV for small cell lung cancer, lymphoma, testicular cancer, and acute monocytic leukemia.
- They cause bone marrow toxicity, stomatitis and vomiting.

## 2. Camptothecin:

- Dobtained from a Chinese tree.
- Irinotecan and topotecan
- > They inhibits Top I.

## **Uses:**

A. Irinotecan

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- Colon cancer; NSCLC; SCLC; cervical and ovarian cancers; gastric cancer and pancreatic cancer
- B. Topotecan
- Ovarian cancer and SCLC

# **Adverse effects**

diarrhea and bone marrow depression

# 6. Steroid hormones & their antagonists

# A. Tamoxifen

- > Is an estrogen antagonist
- > Is a selective estrogen-receptor modulator (SERM)
- > Has weak estrogenic activity

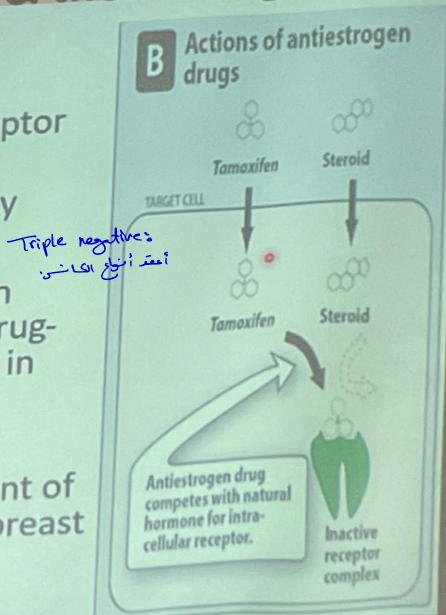
# Mechanism of action - for types.

> Tamoxifen binds to estrogen receptor forming inactive drugreceptor complex, resulting in inhibition of umor growth

### Uses

> First-line therapy in treatment of estrogen-receptor-positive breast To avoid seculonce.

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➤ Is given orally

### **Adverse effects:**

➤ Hot flashes, nausea, vomiting, skin rash, vaginal bleeding & discharge, hypercalcemia, endometrial cancer, thromboembolism

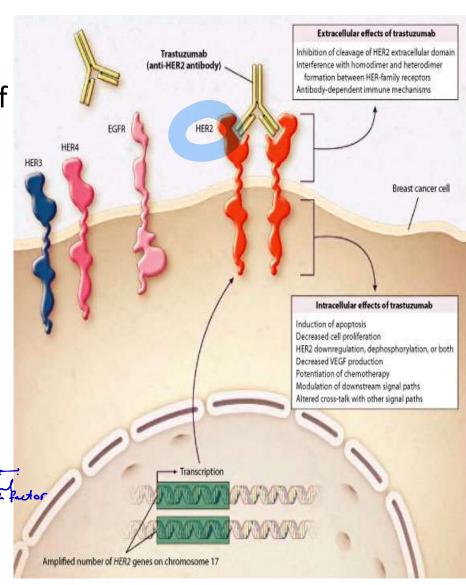
## 7. Monoclonal antibodies

> They are directed against specific tumour-associated antigens

Have fewer side effects

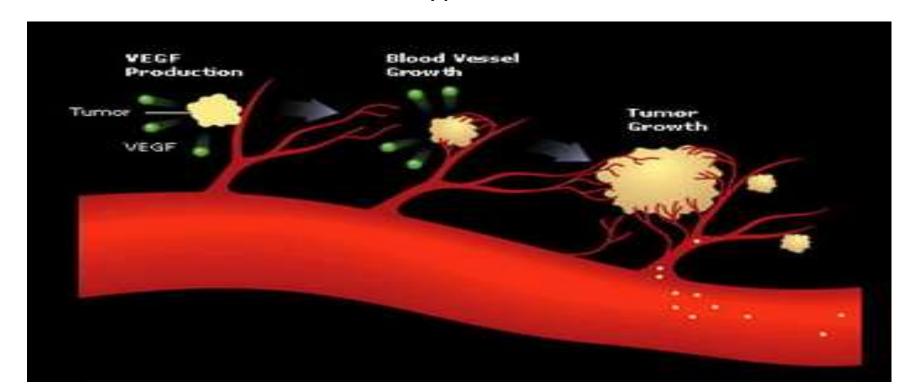
#### A. Trastuzumab

- It binds to extracellular domain of the human epidermal growth factor receptor HER-2/neu.
- It blocks the natural ligand from binding and down-regulates the receptor.
- It is approved IV for the treatment of metastatic breast cancer in patients whose tumors overexpress HER-2/neu
- Adverse effects include congestive heart failure, fever, chills



### **B.** Bevacizumab

- > first in a new class of anticancer drugs called antiangiogenesis agents.
- ➤ It attaches to and stops vascular endothelial growth factor(VEGF) from stimulating the formation of new blood vessels leading to tumor shrinkage and death
- It is approved IV for use as a first-line drug against metastatic colorectal cancer. المراب ق
- > Common adverse effects are hypertension, stomatitis, and diarrhea.



### C. Rituximab

- ➤ It binds to the CD20 molecule on malignant B lymphocytes
- ➤ is approved for the therapy of patients with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- The mechanism of action includes complementmediated lysis, antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity, and induction of apoptosis in the malignant lymphoma cells.
- Adverse effects include Hypotension, bronchospasm, angioedema, chills and fever.

Most common side effects of all drugs.

# 8. Others

# A. Platinum coordination complexes

- Cisplatin, carboplatin, and oxaliplatin: platinum derivatives
- They act similarly to alkylating agents.
- ➤ Platinum binds to DNA and forms cross-links between neighboring guanines causing a major bending of the DNA leading to cellular damage.

### Uses: IV

non-small cell and small cell lung cancer, esophageal and gastric cancer, head and neck cancer, and genitourinary cancers, particularly testicular, ovarian, and bladder cancer

### Adverse effects:

vomiting, nephrotoxicity, ototoxicity, neurotoxicity

# **B.** Tyrosine kinase inhibitors

### 1. Imatinib:

- ➤ It acts as a signal transduction inhibitor, used specifically to inhibit bcr-abl tyrosine kinase
- It prevents the phosphorylation of tyrosine on the substrate molecule and, hence, inhibits subsequent steps that lead to cell proliferation
- It is used orally for of chronic myelogenous leukemia
- > Adverse effects
- fluid retention and edema, hepatotoxicity, and neutropenia as well as nausea and vomiting

### 2. Gefitinib

- > It targets the epidermal growth factor receptor.
- ➤ It is approved for the treatment of non—small cell lung cancer
- ➤ It is administered orally
- The most common adverse effects are diarrhoea, nausea, and acne-like skin rashes

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