

Poltava State Medical University

Lecture

**Pharmacology of drugs that
influence efferent
innervation. Adrenergic
drugs**

AUTONOMIC NERVOUS SYSTEM

Autonomic nervous system
regulates the function of internal
organs.

It is divided into two sections:

- ***sympathetic system***
- ***parasympathetic system***

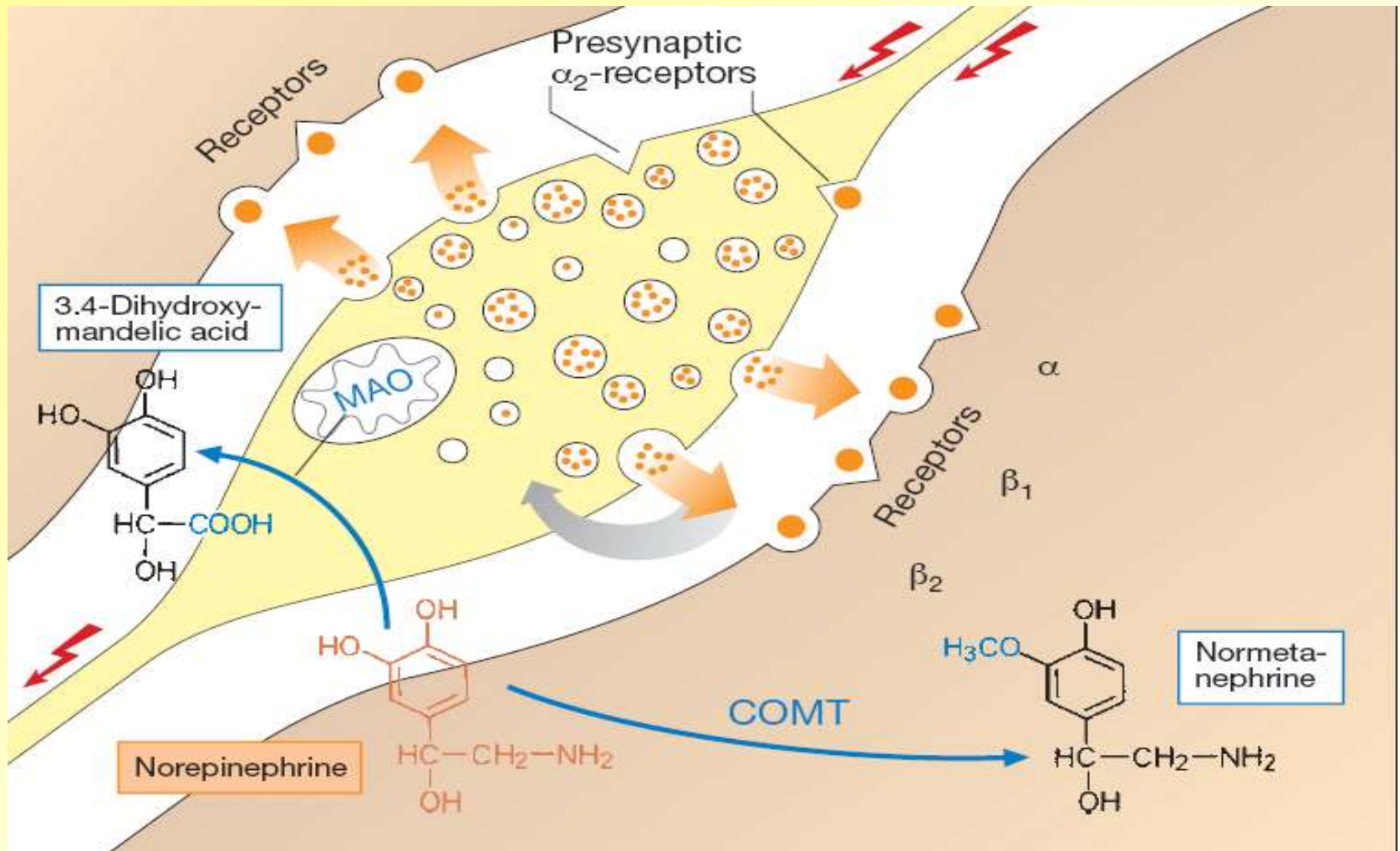
They exert opposite actions.

SYMPATHETIC SYSTEM (SANS)

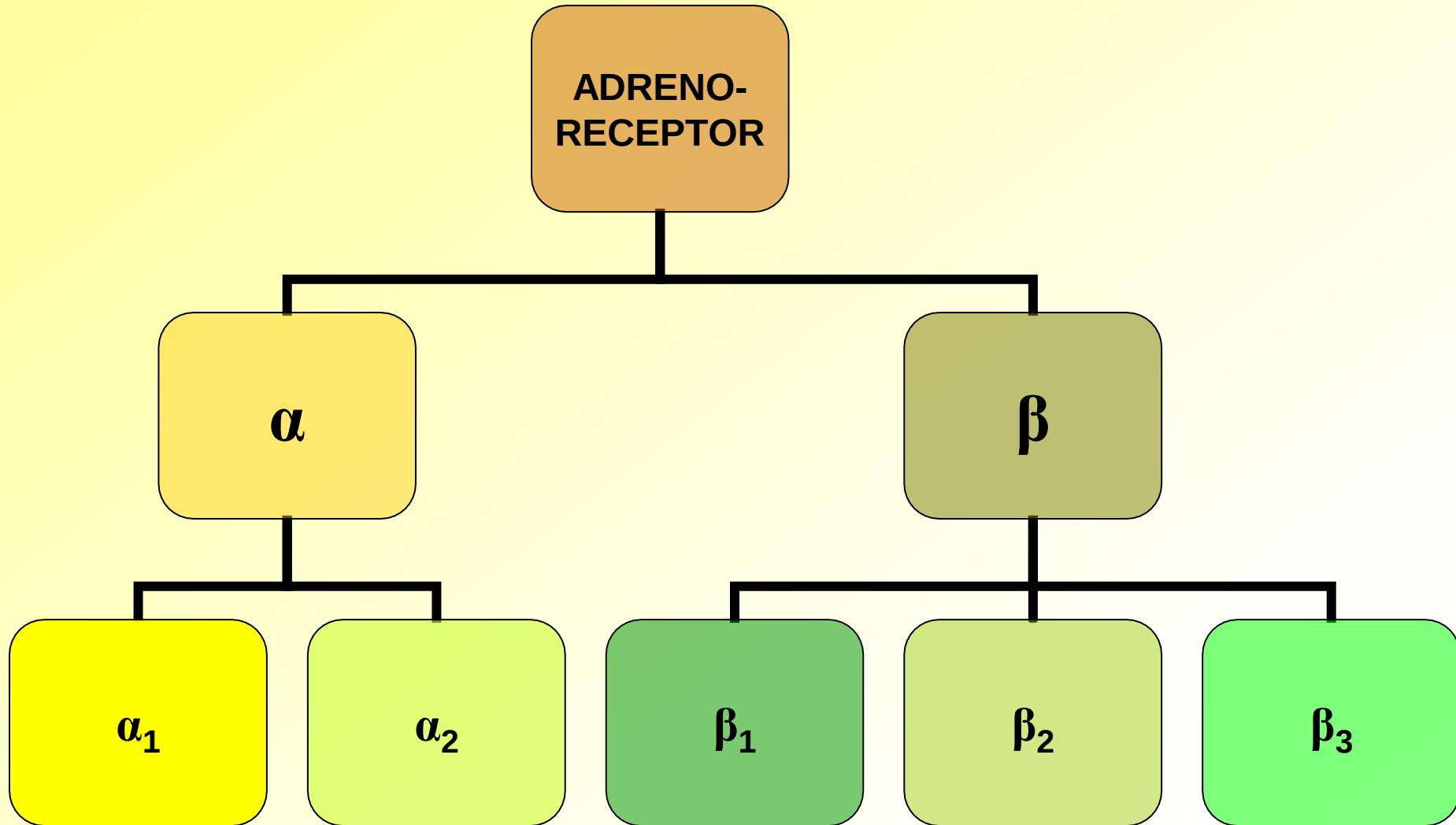
Centers (the 1st neuron):
thoraco-lumbal region of the spinal
cord

Ganglia (the 2nd neuron):
near the spinal cord (Truncus
sympaticus)

ADRENERGIC SYNAPSE



TYPES OF ADRENOCEPTORS



LOCATION AND EFFECTS OF α -ADRENOCEPTORS

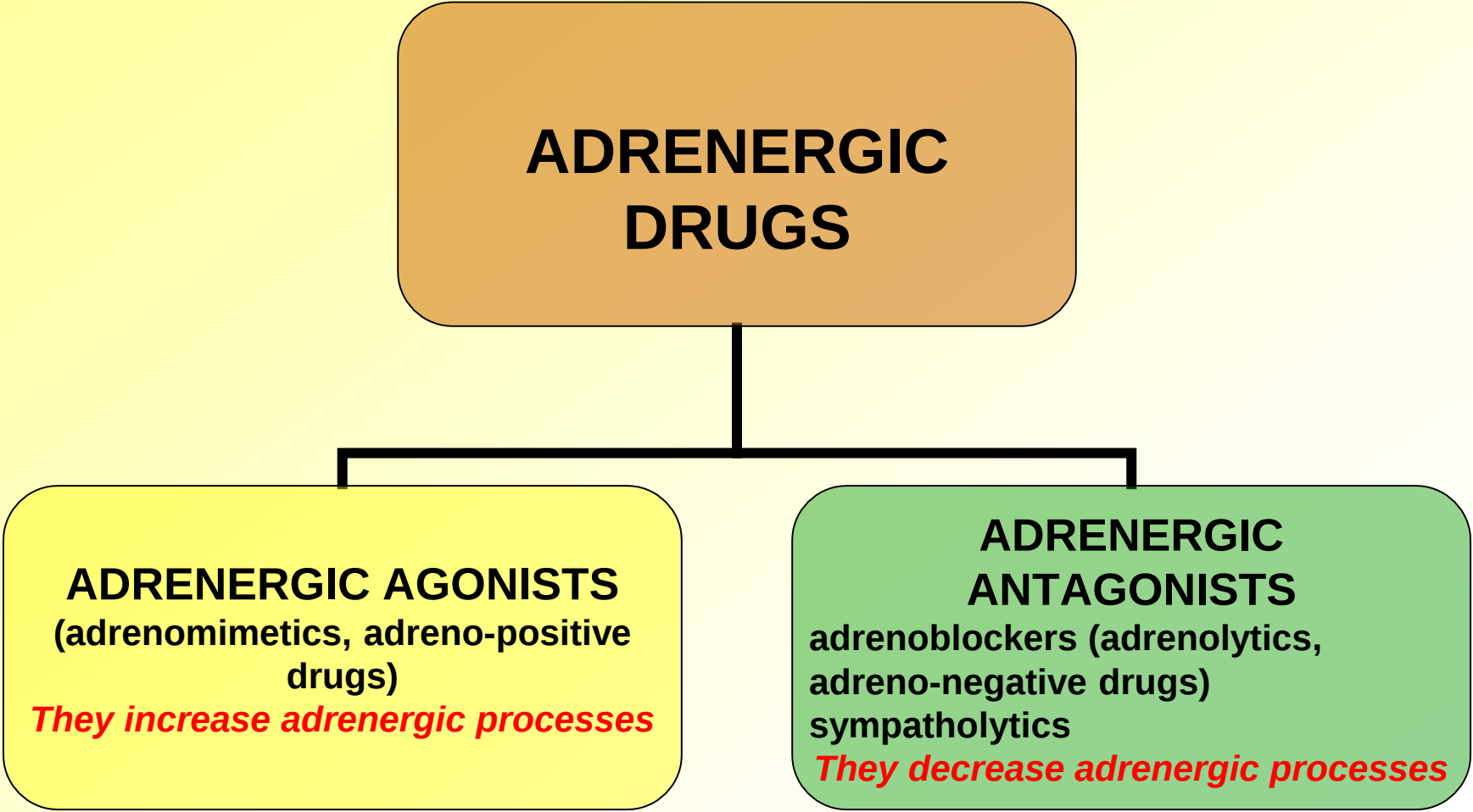
Receptor	Location	Effect
α_1	Blood vessels Spleen Eye Urinary bladder	Constriction, $\uparrow$ of BP Constriction Mydriasis $\uparrow$ of sphincter closure
α_2	Blood vessels Pancreas All adrenergic synapses	Constriction $\downarrow$ of insulin release $\downarrow$ of norepinephrine release

LOCATION AND EFFECTS OF β -ADRENOCEPTORS

Receptor	Location	Effect
β_1	Heart Fat tissue	$\uparrow$ of rate and contractility $\uparrow$ of lipolysis
β_2	Blood vessels Bronchi Uterus Pancreas Liver Skeletal muscles	Vasodilation Dilation Relaxation $\uparrow$ of glucagon's release $\uparrow$ of glycogenolysis $\uparrow$ of glycogenolysis
β_3	Pancreas Fat tissue Mast cells	$\uparrow$ of insulin secretion $\uparrow$ of lipolysis $\downarrow$ of degranulation, $\downarrow$ of release of allergy mediators

DRUGS INFLUENCING ADRENERGIC SYNAPSES

ADRENERGIC DRUGS



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graph TD; A[ADRENERGIC DRUGS] --> B[ADRENERGIC AGONISTS  
(adrenomimetics, adreno-positive drugs)  
They increase adrenergic processes]; A --> C[ADRENERGIC ANTAGONISTS  
adrenoblockers (adrenolytics, adreno-negative drugs)  
sympatholytics  
They decrease adrenergic processes];
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The diagram is a hierarchical flowchart. At the top is a light orange rounded rectangle labeled 'ADRENERGIC DRUGS'. A vertical line descends from this box and splits into two horizontal lines, each leading to a separate box below. The left box is light yellow and labeled 'ADRENERGIC AGONISTS' with subtext '(adrenomimetics, adreno-positive drugs)' and a red italicized line '*They increase adrenergic processes*'. The right box is light green and labeled 'ADRENERGIC ANTAGONISTS' with subtext 'adrenoblockers (adrenolytics, adreno-negative drugs) sympatholytics' and a red italicized line '*They decrease adrenergic processes*'.

ADRENERGIC AGONISTS
(adrenomimetics, adreno-positive
drugs)

They increase adrenergic processes

**ADRENERGIC
ANTAGONISTS**

adrenoblockers (adrenolytics,
adreno-negative drugs)
sympatholytics

They decrease adrenergic processes

ADRENERGIC AGONISTS (ADRENOMIMETICS)

ADRENOMIMETICS

CLASSIFICATION

A. α -, β -adrenomimetics

1. Direct-acting

- Adrenaline hydrochloride (Epinephrine)

2. Indirect-acting (sympathomimetics)

- Ephedrine hydrochloride

B. α -adrenomimetics

1. Non-selective

- Noradrenaline hydrotartrate (α_1 , $\alpha_2 > \beta$)

2. Selective

- Phenylephrine (Mesatonum) (α_1)
- Naphazoline (Naphthyzinum) (α_2)
- Halazolin (Xylometazoline) (α_2)

C. β -adrenomimetics

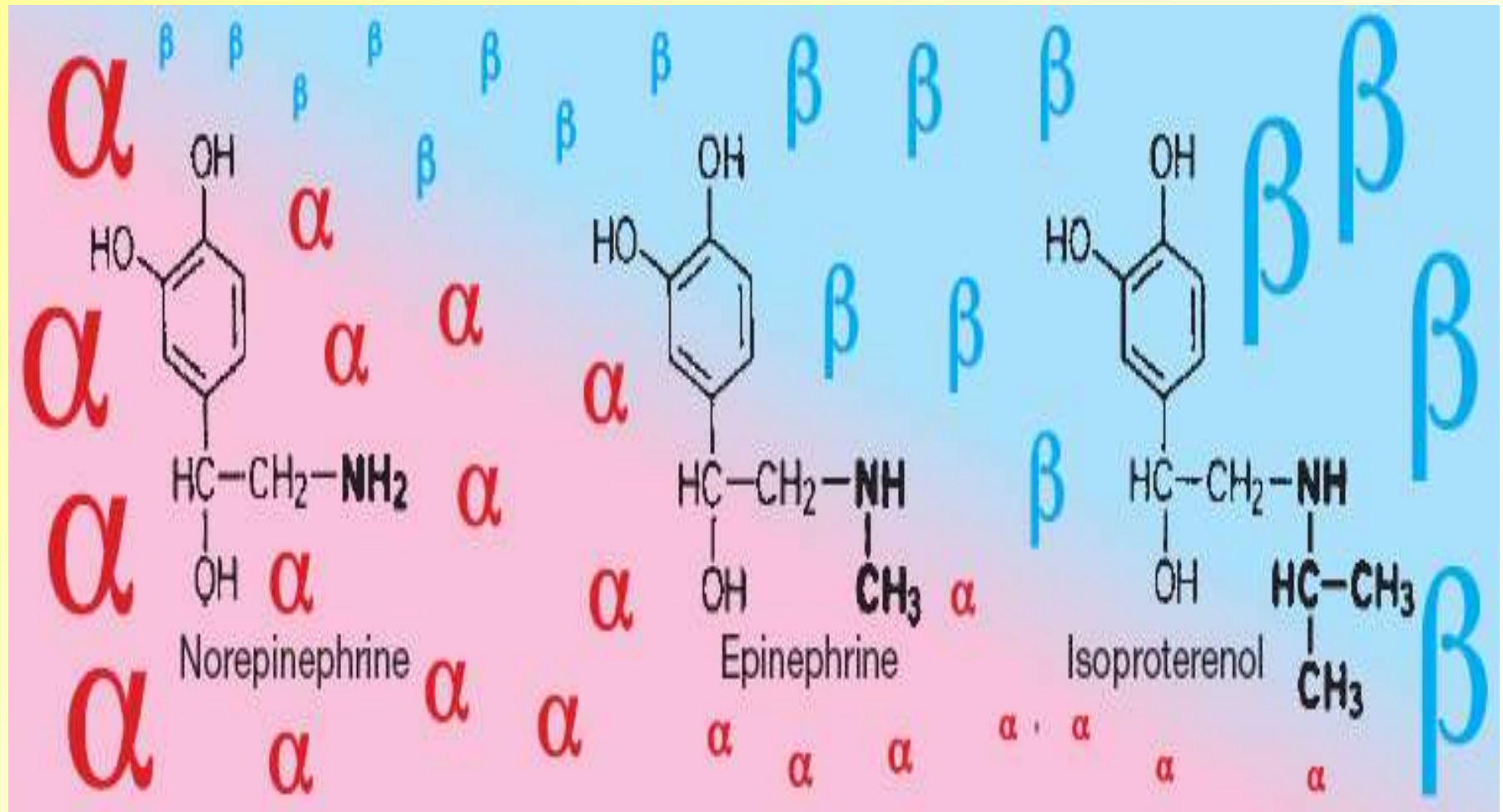
1. Non-selective

- Isoprenaline (Isadrinum) (β_1 , β_2)

2. Selective

- Dobutamine (β_1)
- Salbutamol (Albuterol) (β_2)
- Fenoterol (β_2)

COMPARISON OF ADRENOMIMETICS- CATECHOLAMINES



ADRENALINE

PHARMACOKINETICS

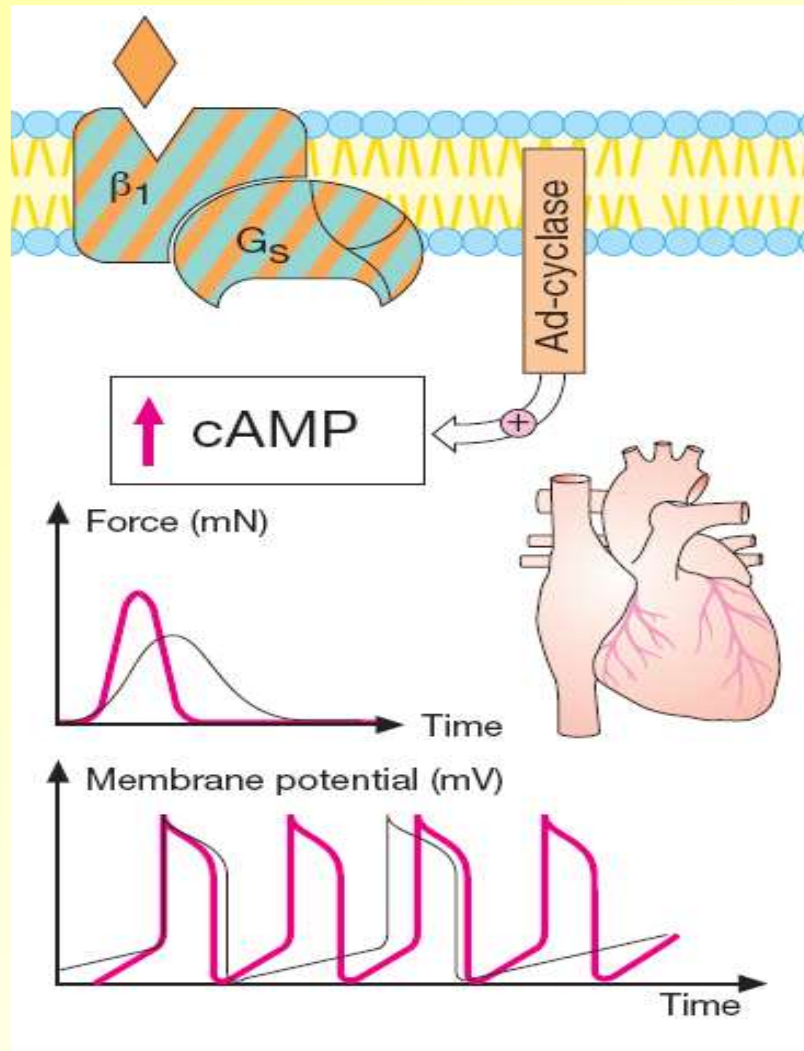
- ❖ is administered SC or topically**
- ❖ is destroyed in the GI tract**
- ❖ is not administered orally**
- ❖ does not penetrate CNS**
- ❖ is biotransformed by enzymes in blood**
- ❖ acts during 15 min on the intern organs and during 30 min on metabolic processes**

ADRENALINE

PHARMACODYNAMICS AND INDICATIONS

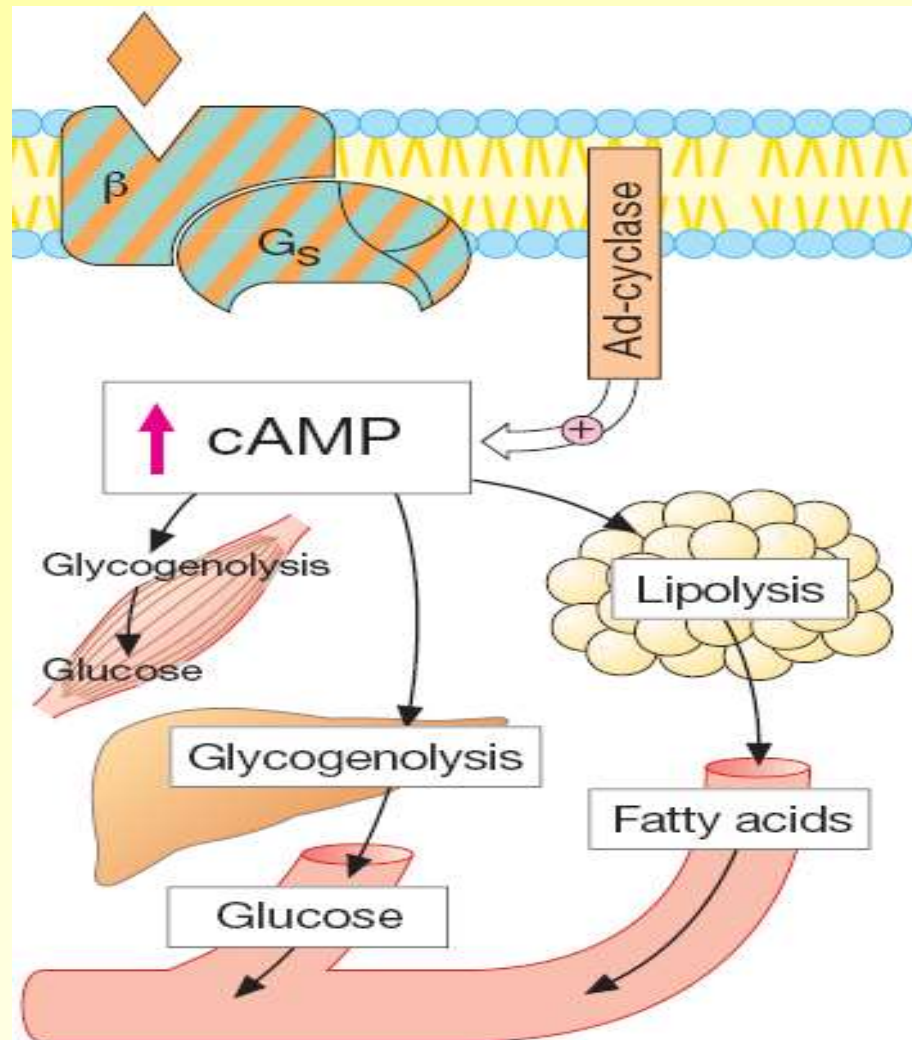
Pharmacodynamics	Indications
- An increase in automaticity, conductivity, and contractility of the heart - Constriction of blood vessels - Elevation of BP - Bronchodilation - An increase in glucose concentration in the blood - Inhibition of allergy - Mydriasis - A decrease in intra-eye pressure	- Heart arrest - Shock, collapse - Bronchial asthma attack - Hypoglycemic coma - Anaphylactic shock - Prolongation of local anesthesia - Capillary bleeding - Acute inflammation of mucosa of the nose or eye - Pupil dilation - Open-angle glaucoma

ADRENALINE CARDIAC EFFECTS



ADRENALINE

METABOLIC EFFECTS



ADRENALINE

SIDE-EFFECTS AND CONTRAINDICATIONS

Side-effects

- ❖ **Excitement, tremor**
- ❖ **Hypertension**
- ❖ **Arrhythmia**
- ❖ **Hyperglycemia**

Contraindications

Hypertension, severe atherosclerosis, heart arrhythmia, diabetes mellitus, hyperthyroidism

EPHEDRINE

EPHEDRA EQUSETICA CONTAINING EPHEDRINE



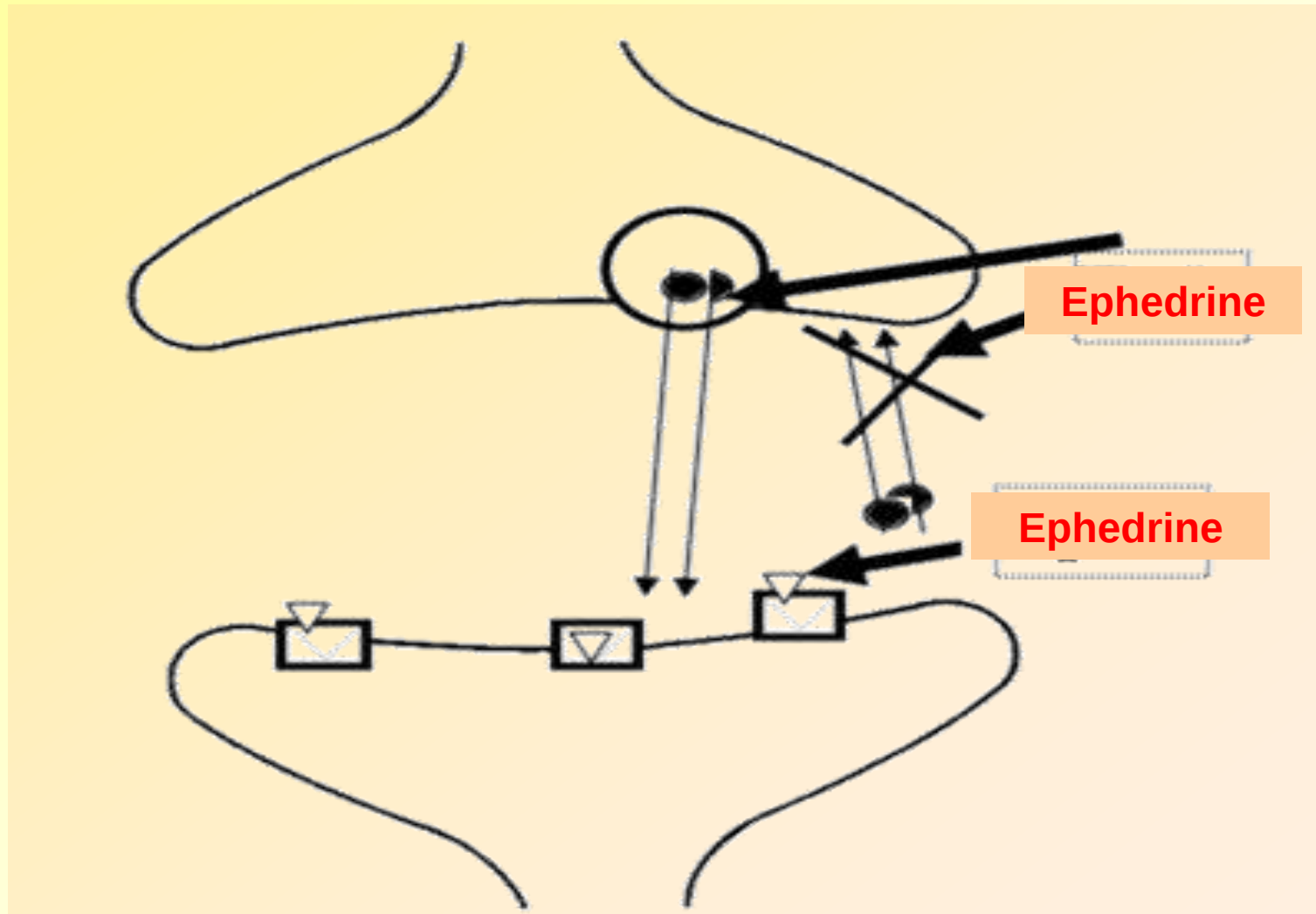
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PHARMACOKINETICS

- ❖ is administered orally, SC, IM, IV, or topically**
- ❖ is absorbed in the GI tract**
- ❖ penetrates CNS**
- ❖ is metabolized in the liver**
- ❖ is excreted by kidney**
- ❖ acts during 4-6 hrs**

EPHEDRINE

MECHANISM OF ACTION



EPHEDRINE

PHARMACODYNAMICS AND INDICATIONS

Pharmacodynamics	Indications
Stimulation of CNS, an increase in ability to mental work, euphoria Stimulation of cardiovascular system Vasoconstriction Increase in BP Dilation of bronchi A decrease of GI tract motility Retention of urine Mydriasis	Shock, collapse Anaphylactic shock Bronchial asthma Bronchospasm Bradycardia, A-V block Acute rhinitis Acute conjunctivitis For pupil dilation Narcolepsia Myasthenia Enuresis

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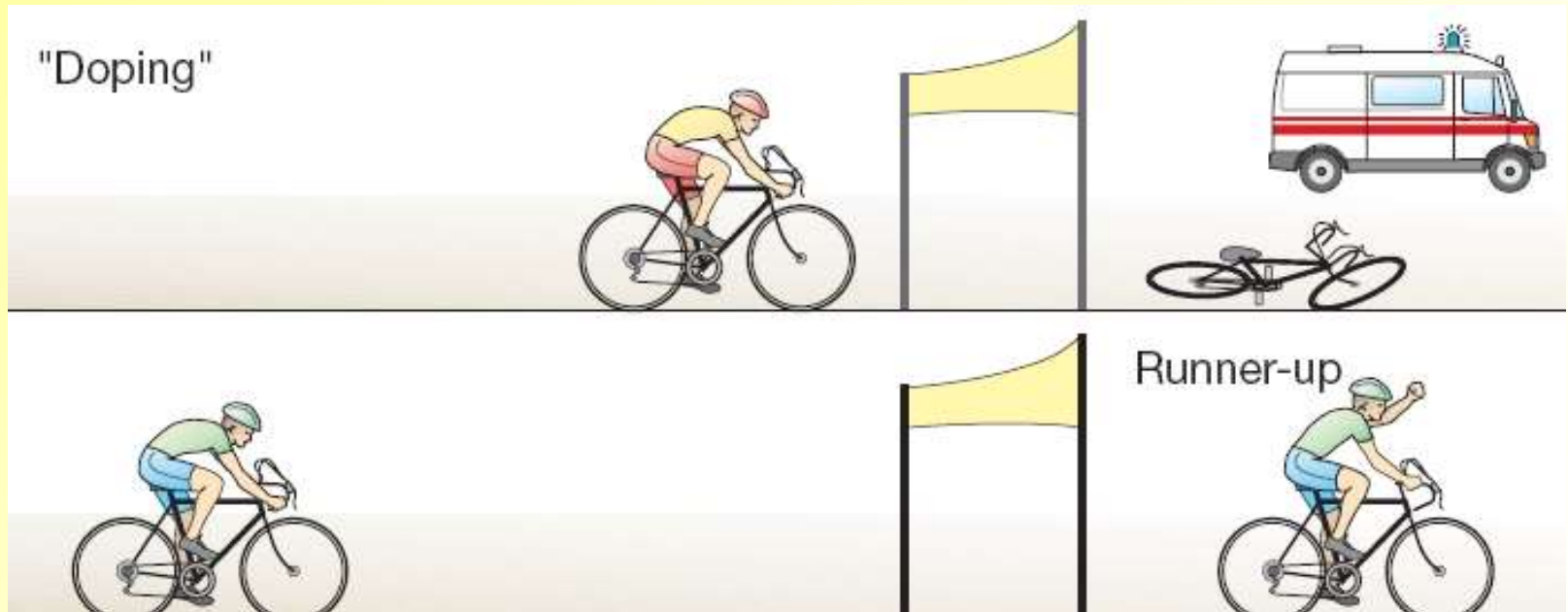
SIDE-EFFECTS

- ❖ Wakefulness
- ❖ Anxiety, restlessness, insomnia
- ❖ Tachycardia
- ❖ Palpitation
- ❖ Hypertension
- ❖ Rash on the skin
- ❖ Tolerance and tachyphylaxis
- ❖ Drug dependence

**** It should not be used in sportsmen (as doping)!***

EPHEDRINE

DOPING-EFFECT AND ABUSE POTENTIAL



α – ADRENOMIMETICS

Pharmacodynamics	Indications
Vasoconstriction An increase in BP Mydriasis (without cycloplegia)	Shock, collapse Prolongation of local anesthesia Capillary bleeding Rhinitis, conjunctivitis Glaucoma Diagnostics of eye diseases

α – ADRENOMIMETICS

PECULIARITIES OF PREPARATIONS

- ***Noradrenaline*** is catecholamine; has non-selective action on adrenoceptors, especially on α -adrenoceptors; has short-durative action, is administered only by IV infusion for collapse and acute hypotension.
- ***Phenylephrine (Mesatonum)*** is non-catecholamine; has selective action on α_1 -adrenoceptors; may be taken orally, administered SC, IM, IV, or topically, duration of action is 4-6 hrs.
- ***Naphazoline and halazolin*** are non-catecholamines; have selective action on α_2 -adrenoceptors, are used as nasal drops for acute rhinitis, nasal bleeding, and rhinoscopia; cause tolerance and tachyphylaxis.

β – ADRENOMIMETICS

Pharmacodynamics	Indications
An increase in the heart contractions	Acute heart failure (<i>Dobutamine</i>)
An increase in the heart rate	Heart block, bradycardia (<i>Isoprenaline</i>)
Dilation of bronchi	Bronchial asthma, spasm of bronchi (<i>Isoprenaline, salbutamol, fenoterol</i>)
A decrease in myometrium tone	Danger of pregnancy interruption (<i>Fenoterol</i>)

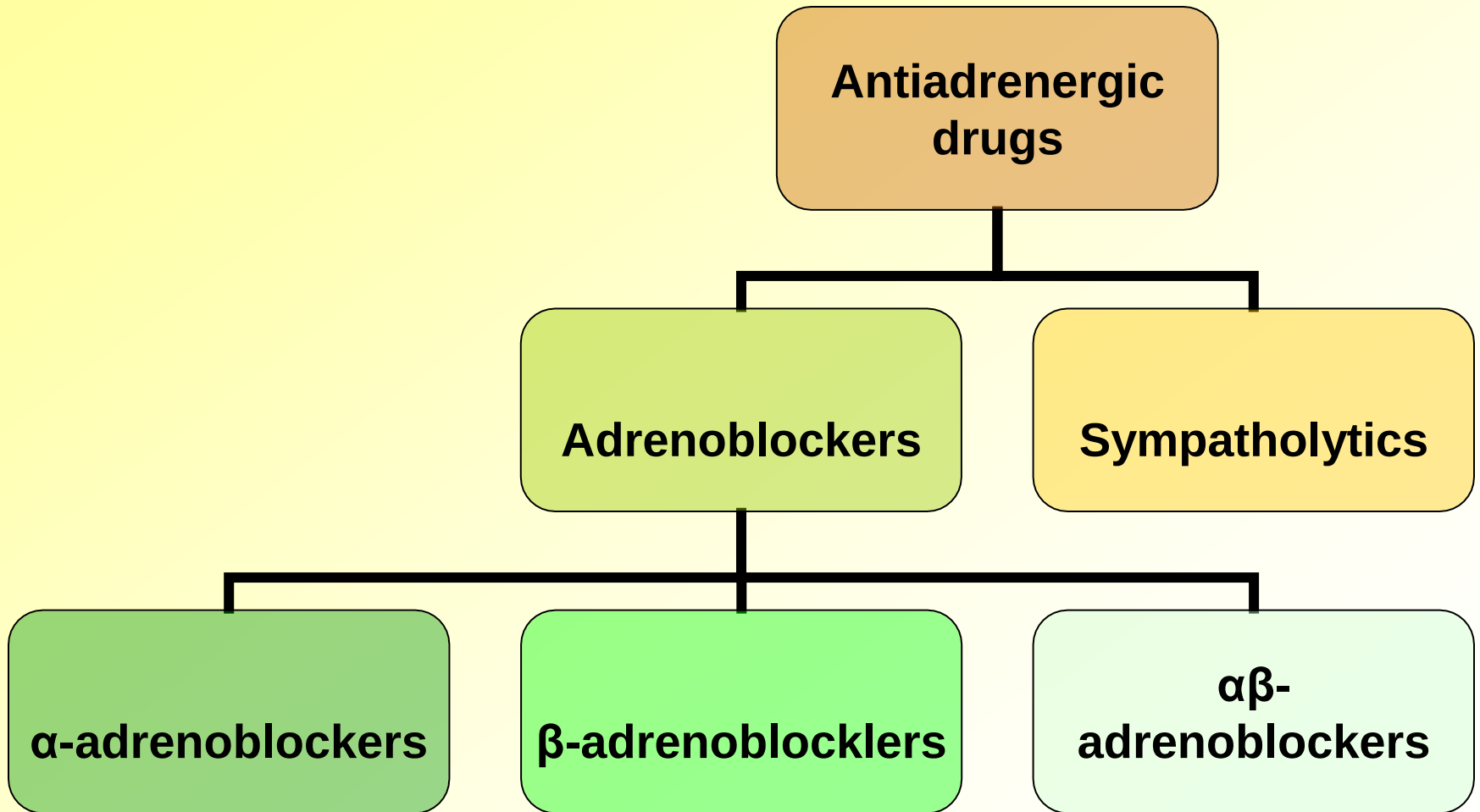
β – ADRENOMIMETICS

PECULIARITIES OF PREPARATIONS

- ***Isoprenaline (Isadrinum)*** is catecholamine; has non-selective action on β_1 - and β_2 -adrenoceptors; is administered sublingually, by inhalation, or IV; is used for bronchial asthma attack, heart block, some types of cardiogenous shock.
- ***Salbutamol*** is non-catecholamine; has selective action on β_2 -adrenoceptors, acts longer than isoprenaline; does not act on the heart; is used for bronchial asthma, bronchospasm and before bronchoscopy.
- ***Fenoterol (Partusisten)*** is non-catecholamine; has selective action on β_2 -adrenoceptors, acts during 4-6 hrs; does not act on the heart; is used for bronchial asthma and in danger of pregnancy interruption.
- ***Dobutamine*** has selective action on β_1 -adrenoceptors; increases cardiac output; is administered by IV infusion for emergency treatment of acute heart insufficiency and cardiogenous shock.

ADREGERGIC ANTAGONISTS

GROUPS OF ADRENERGIC ANTAGONISTS



ADRENERGIC ANTAGONISTS

CLASSIFICATION

A. α -adrenoblockers:

1. Non-selective

- Phentolamine
- Tropaphenum

2. Selective

- Prazosin
- Doxazasin

B. β -adrenoblockers:

1. Non-selective

- Propranolol (Anaprilinum)

2. Selective

- Metoprolol
- Talinolol
- Atenolol

C. α -, β -adrenoblockers:

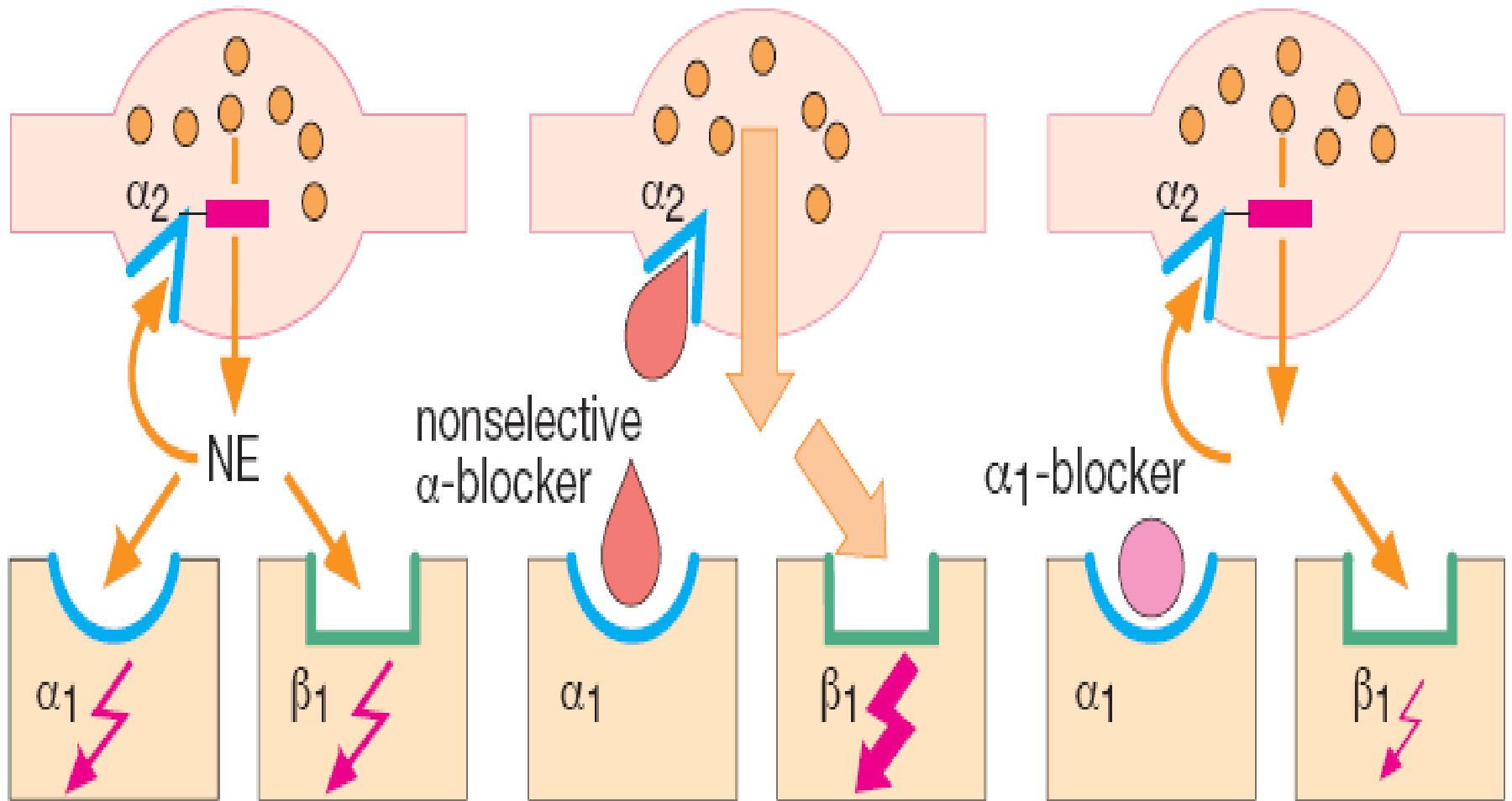
- Labetalol

D. Sympatholytics:

- Guanetidine (Octadinum)
- Reserpine

α -ADRENOBLOCKERS

MECHANISM OF ACTION

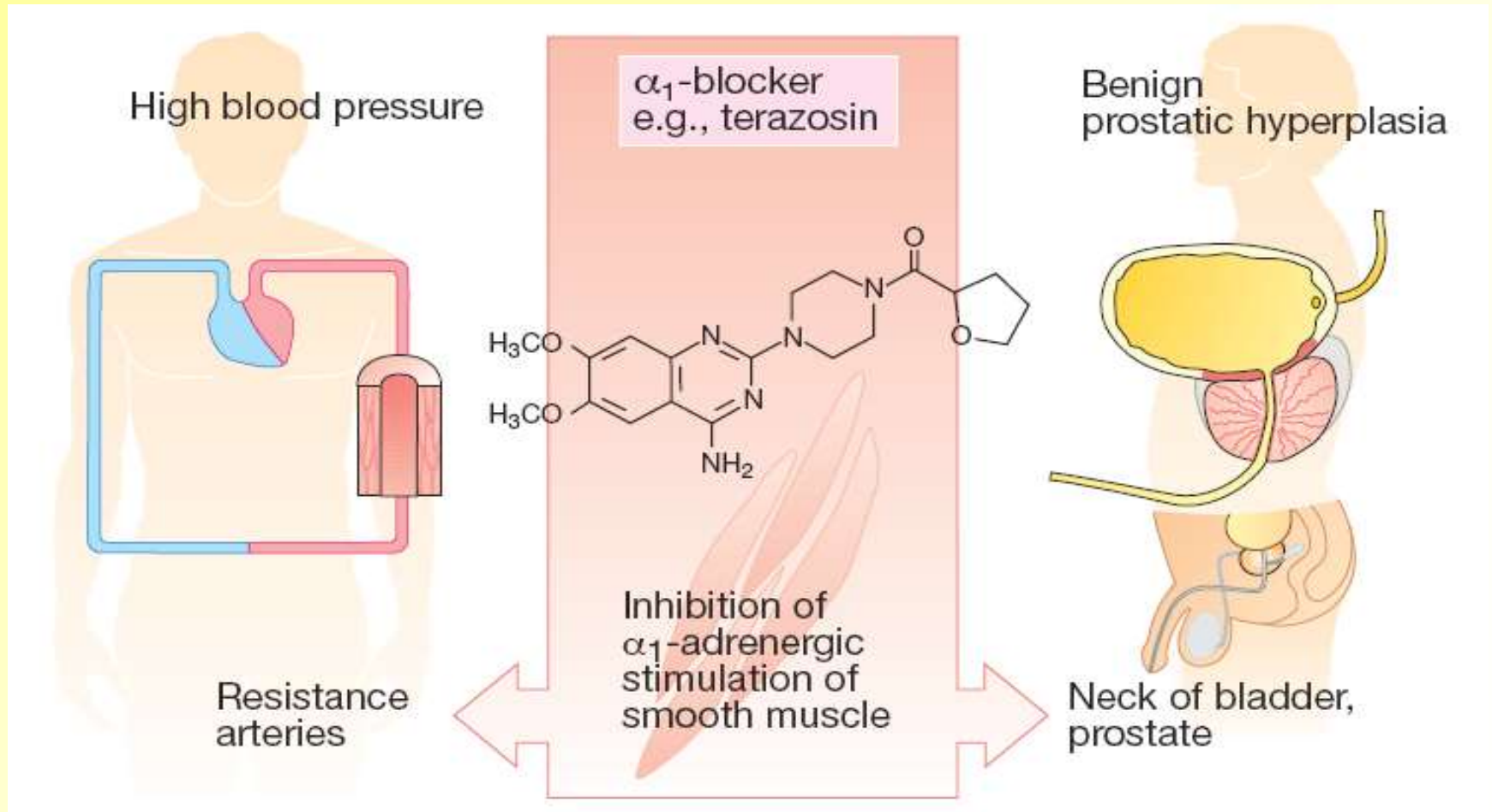


α - ADRENOBLOCKERS

Pharmacodynamics	Indications
Dilation of peripheral blood vessels A decrease in BP Improvement of trophic of peripheral tissues Stimulation of motility in the gut Stimulation of exocrine secretion A decrease in retention of urine in patients with prostate hyperplasia.	Hypertension Spasms of peripheral blood vessels (Raynaud's disease) Frostbites, trophic ulcers Pheochromocytoma (diagnostics and treatment) Prostate hyperplasia

α - ADRENOBLOCKERS

MAIN CLINICAL USES



α - ADRENOBLOCKERS

SIDE-EFFECTS

- ❖ **Headache, vertigo**
- ❖ **Hypotension**
- ❖ **Weakness**
- ❖ **Insomnia**
- ❖ **Orthostatic collapse**
- ❖ **Tachycardia (for non-selective drugs)**
- ❖ **Vomiting, nausea, diarrhea**
- ❖ **Rhinitis**

α - ADRENOBLOCKERS

PECULIARITIES OF PREPARATIONS

- **Phentolamine hydrochloride** has non-selective action (blocks α_1 and α_2 -adrenoceptors); is administered orally or IV; has short duration of action; has many side-effects; causes tachycardia due to the blockage of α_2 -adrenoceptors and disorders in back-cross regulation of norepinephrine liberation in synapses.
- **Prazosin** has selective action (blocks α_1 -adrenoceptors); is taken orally; acts during 4-6 hrs; is used for treatment of hypertension; has less side-effects.
- **Doxazosin** has selective action (blocks α_1 -adrenoceptors); is taken orally; has more durative and strong action than prazosin; decreases urine retention in patients with adenoma of prostate; is used for treatment of hypertension and adenoma of prostate.

β- ADRENOBLOCKERS

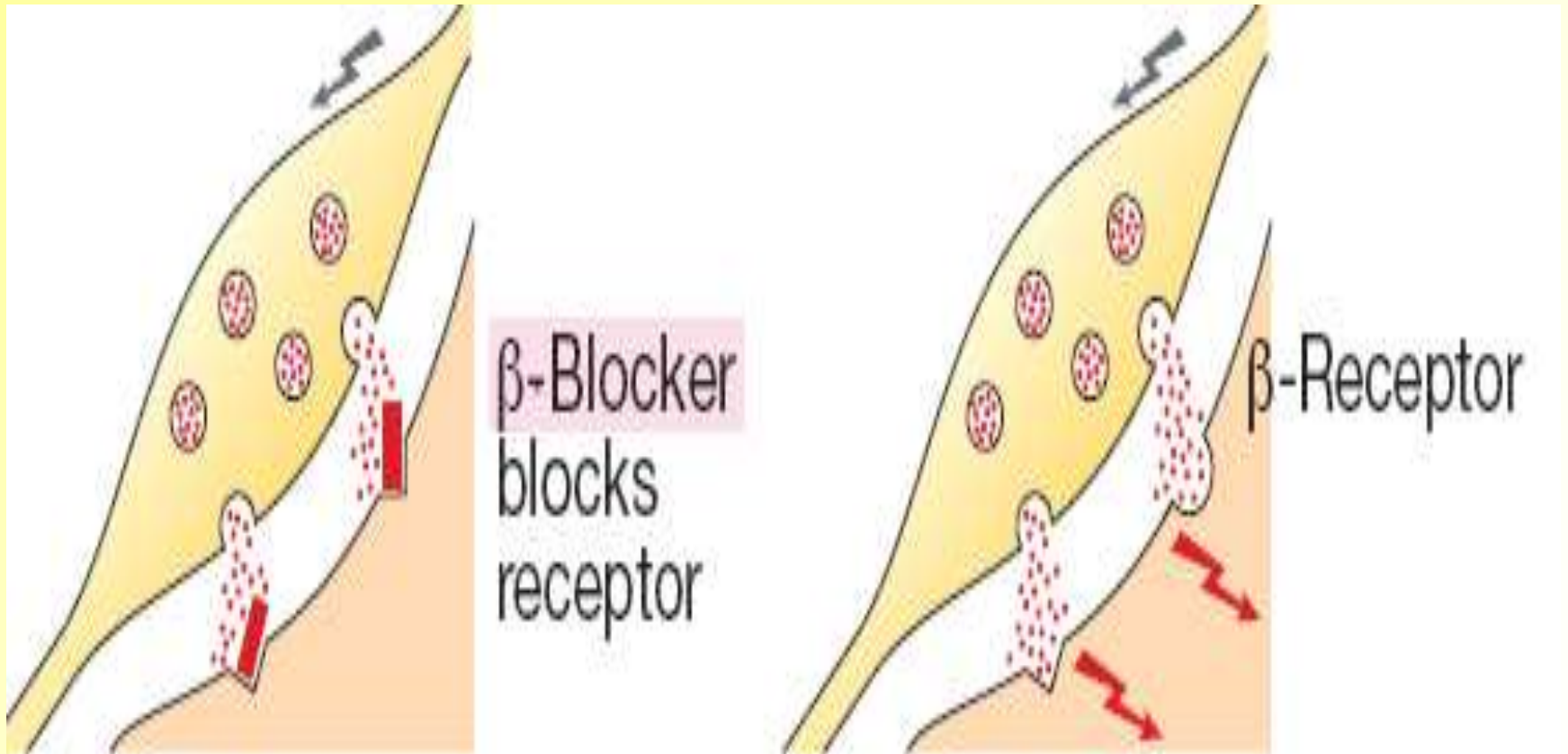
PROPRANOLOL (ANAPRILINUM)

PHARMACOKINETICS

- ❖ is administered orally, IV, topically (eye drops)**
- ❖ is absorbed in the GI tract**
- ❖ is bound with proteins in blood serum**
- ❖ penetrates CNS**
- ❖ is metabolized in the liver**
- ❖ is excreted by urine**
- ❖ acts during 3-4 hrs**

PROPRANOLOL

MECHANISM OF ACTION



PROPRANOLOL (ANAPRILINUM)

PHARMACODYNAMICS AND INDICATIONS

Pharmacodynamics	Indications
A decrease in automaticity, excitability, and conductivity of myocardium A decrease of the heart rate (<i>anti-arrhythmic effect</i>) A decrease in the heart contractility, striking and minute volume A decrease in consumption of oxygen by myocardium (<i>antianginal effect</i>) A decrease in renin secretion in the kidney A decrease in BP (<i>antihypertensive effect</i>) A decrease in intraocular pressure Sedative action	Hypertension Ischemic heart disease (angina pectoris, myocardial infarction) Tachyarrhythmia Hyperthyroidism Migraine Glaucoma

PROPRANOLOL (ANAPRILINUM)

SIDE-EFFECTS AND CONTRAINDICATIONS

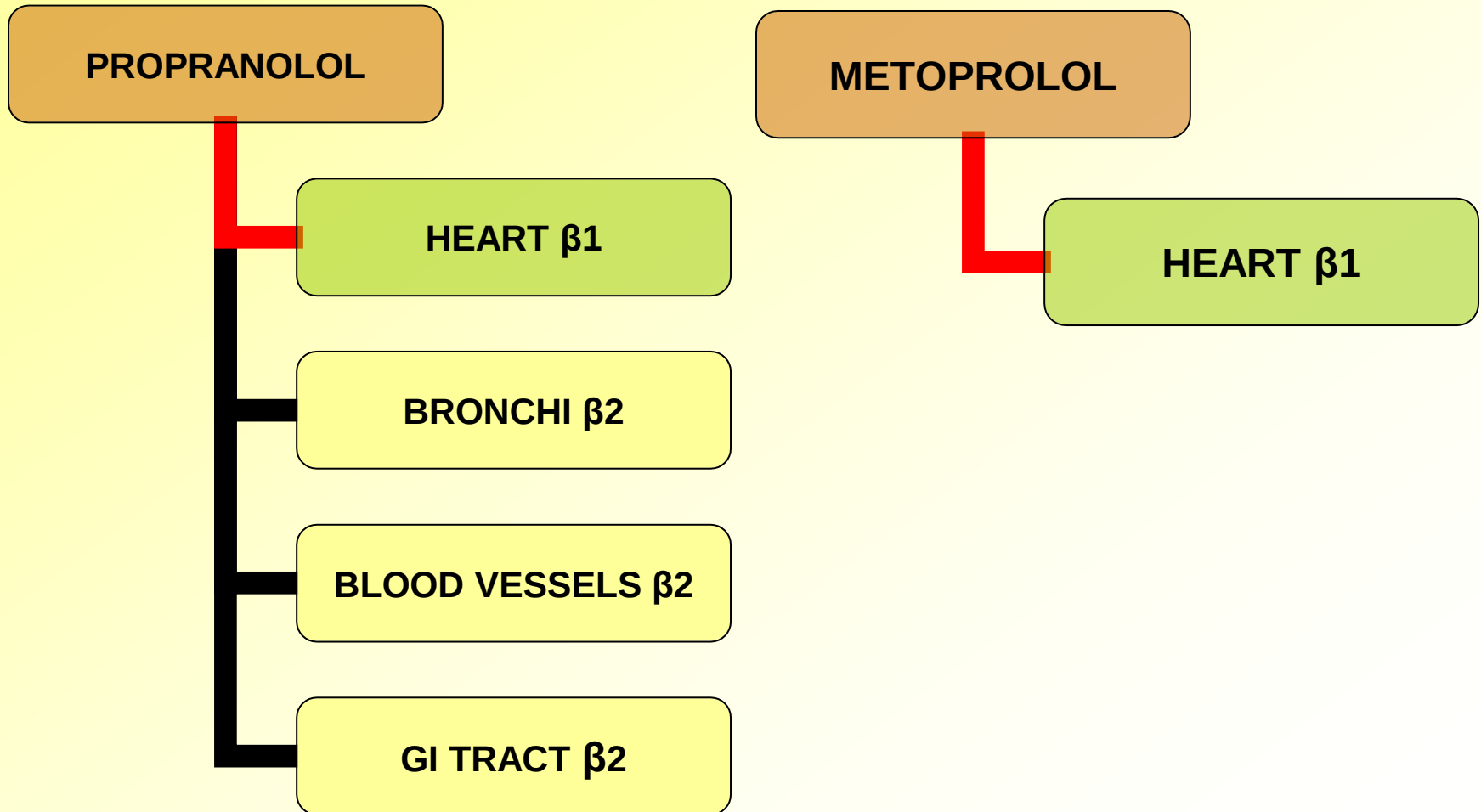
Side-effects

- ❖ **Bradycardia**
- ❖ **Hypotension**
- ❖ **Increasing of heart incompetence**
- ❖ **Heart block**
- ❖ **Spasm of bronchi**
- ❖ **Hypoglycemia when insulin is given together**
- ❖ **Fatigue, drowsiness, vertigo, depression**
- ❖ **Disturbances of sexual function in men**

Contraindications

Bradycardia, hypotension, severe heart failure, heart block, bronchial asthma, ulcerative disease, diabetes mellitus, disturbances of peripheral blood circulation, pregnancy

COMPARISON OF PROPRANOLOL AND CARDIOSELECTIVE β -ADRENOBLOCKERS



β -ADRENOBLOCKERS

PECULIARITIES OF PREPARATIONS

- ***Metoprolol*** has cardioselective action (on β_1 -receptors); is taken orally for treatment of hypertension, angina pectoris and arrhythmia; less side-effects: does not cause spasm of bronchi and increase of gastric secretion; may be used in patients with bronchial asthma, ulcerative disease, and diabetes mellitus.
- ***Talinolol*** has cardioselective action (on β_1 -receptors); has *inner sympathomimetic activity* and membrane stabilizing effect (does not decrease heart contractility and conductivity); less side-effects; less contraindications connected with influence on β_1 -adrenoceptors.
- ***Atenolol*** has cardioselective action (on β_1 -receptors); is similar to metoprolol.

α -, β -ADRENOBLOCKERS

LABETALOL

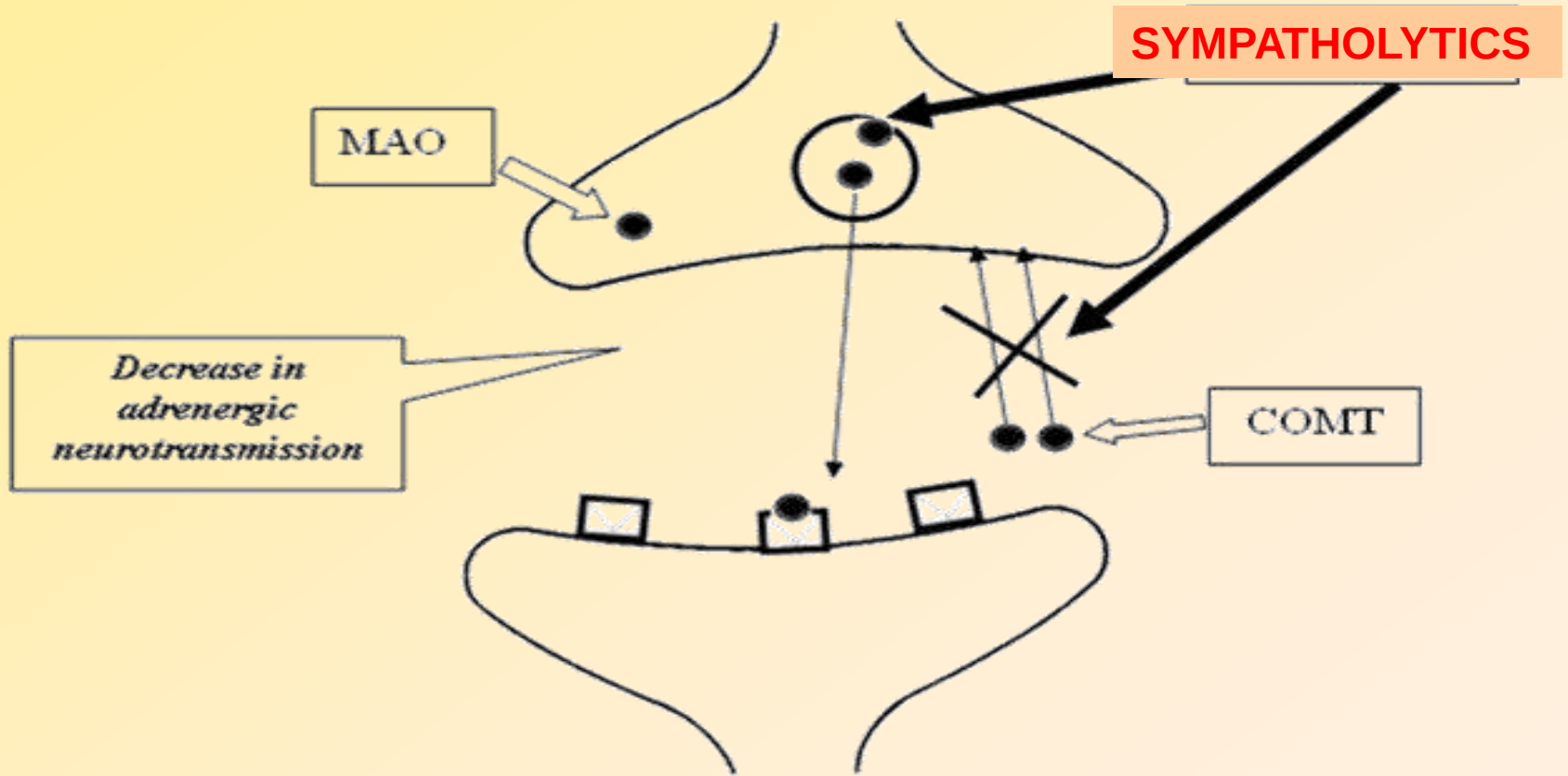
- ☐ blocks both α - and β -adrenoceptors
- ☐ action on β -receptors is 3 times more intensive than the action on α -receptors
- ☐ less active than propranolol
- ☐ less active than phentolamine
- ☐ is taken orally or IV
- ☐ is indicated for control of hypertension
- ☐ is contraindicated in heart block, spasm of bronchi, pregnancy

SYMPATHOLYTICS

Sympatholytics are presynaptically acting anti-adrenergic drugs.

SYMPATHOLYTICS

MECHANISM OF ACTION

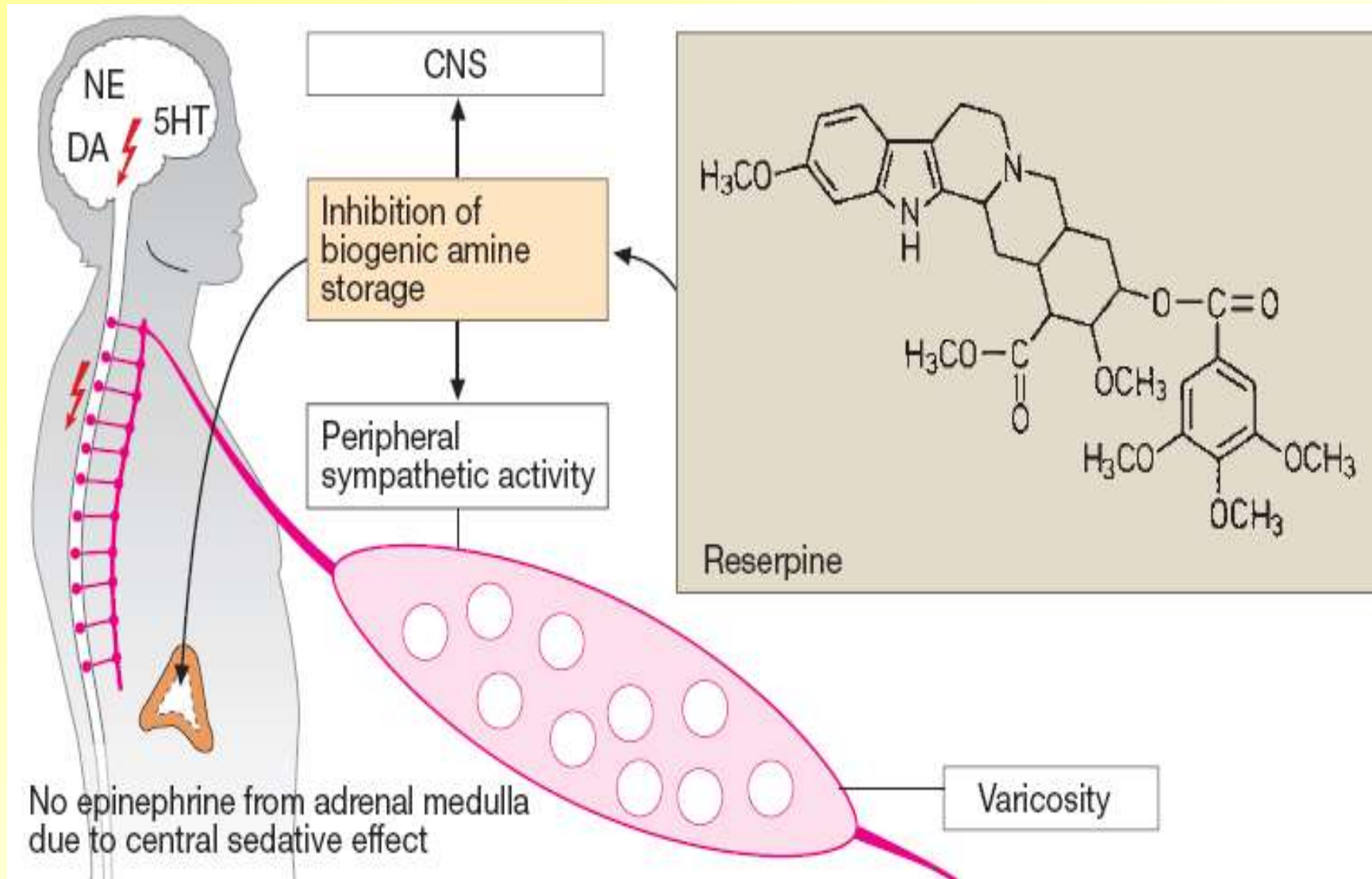


RESERPINE

- ☐ decreases the storage of norepinephrine
- ☐ penetrates CNS, has central and peripheral action
- ☐ has antihypertensive, sedative, and antipsychotic action
- ☐ is administered orally, IM or IV
- ☐ acts 8-12 hrs
- ☐ is indicated for hypertension
- ☐ may cause disturbances of sleep, depression, bradycardia, spasm of bronchi, stimulation of gastric secretion, diarrhea

RESERPINE

CENTRAL AND PERIPHERAL ACTION

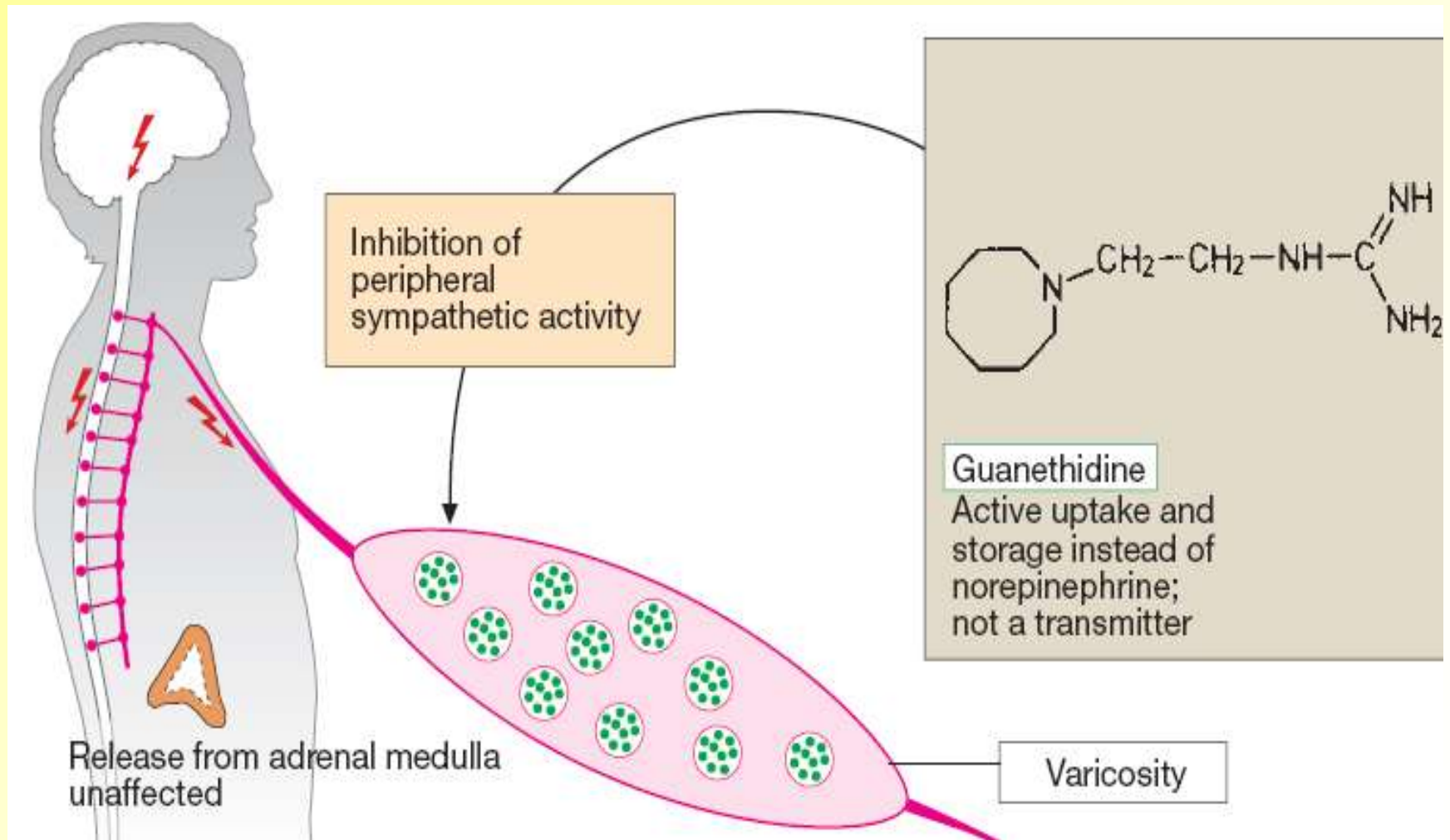


GUANETIDINE (OCTADINUM)

- ☐ decreases the storage of norepinephrine, decreases mediator release and re-uptake
- ☐ does not penetrate CNS, has only peripheral action
- ☐ has antihypertensive action, decreases intraocular pressure
- ☐ is taken orally or in the form of eye drops
- ☐ action is slow and long (it starts to act in 2-4 days after the beginning of treatment and continues to act during 10-14 days after the ending of treatment)
- ☐ is indicated for hypertension, glaucoma, some arrhythmias
- ☐ may cause orthostatic hypotension

GUANETHIDINE

PERIPHERAL ACTION ONLY



THE END

Thank you for attention!