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**Lecture**

**CHOLINERGIC DRUGS.  
ADRENERGIC DRUGS**

# AUTONOMIC NERVOUS SYSTEM

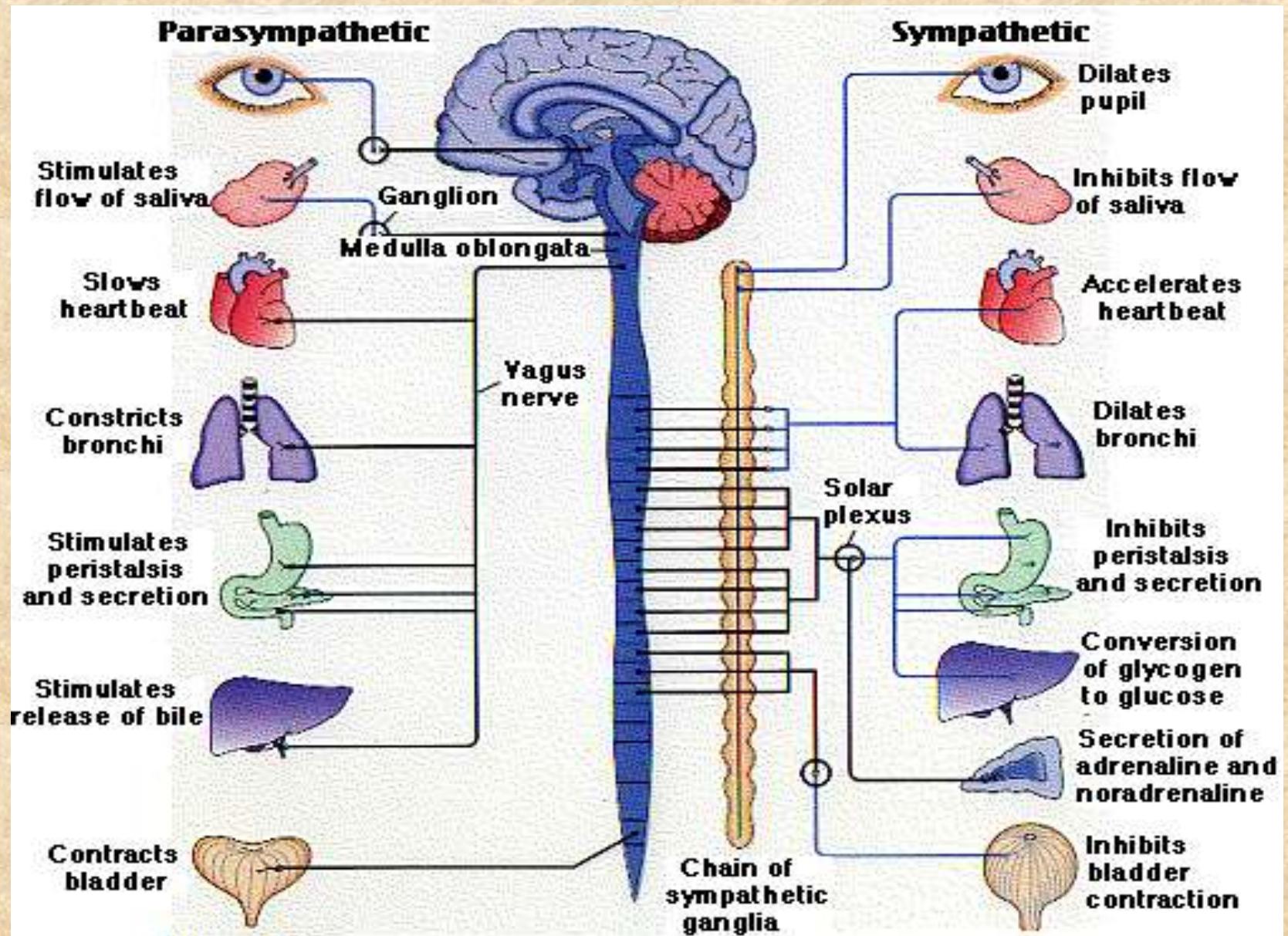
***Autonomic nervous*** system  
regulates the function of internal  
organs.

It is divided into two sections:

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

**They exert opposite actions.**

# ANS: ANATOMY AND FUNCTION





# SYMPATHETIC SYSTEM (SANS)

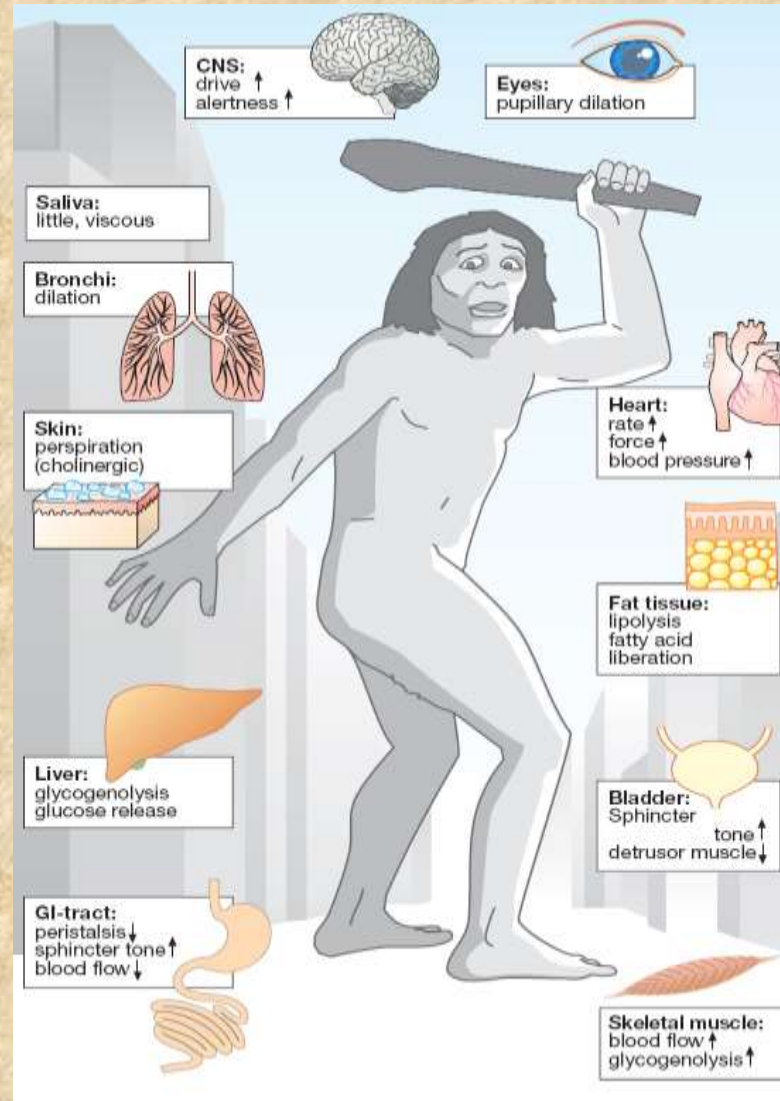
***Centers*** (the 1<sup>st</sup> neuron):

thoraco-lumbal region of the spinal cord.

***Ganglia*** (the 2<sup>nd</sup> neuron):

near the spinal cord ( Truncus sympathicus)

# RESPONSES TO SYMPATHETIC ACTIVATION



# PARASYMPATHETIC SYSTEM (PANS)

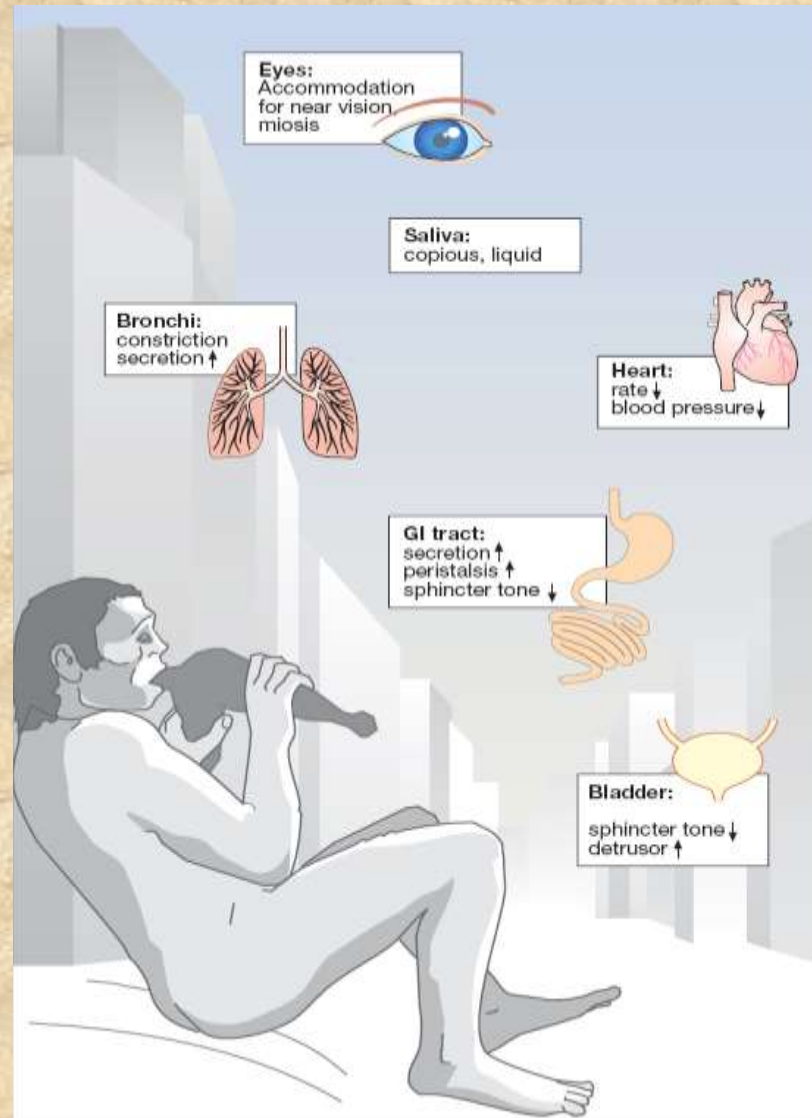
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medulla of brain, sacral region of the spinal cord.

***Ganglia*** (the 2<sup>nd</sup> neuron):

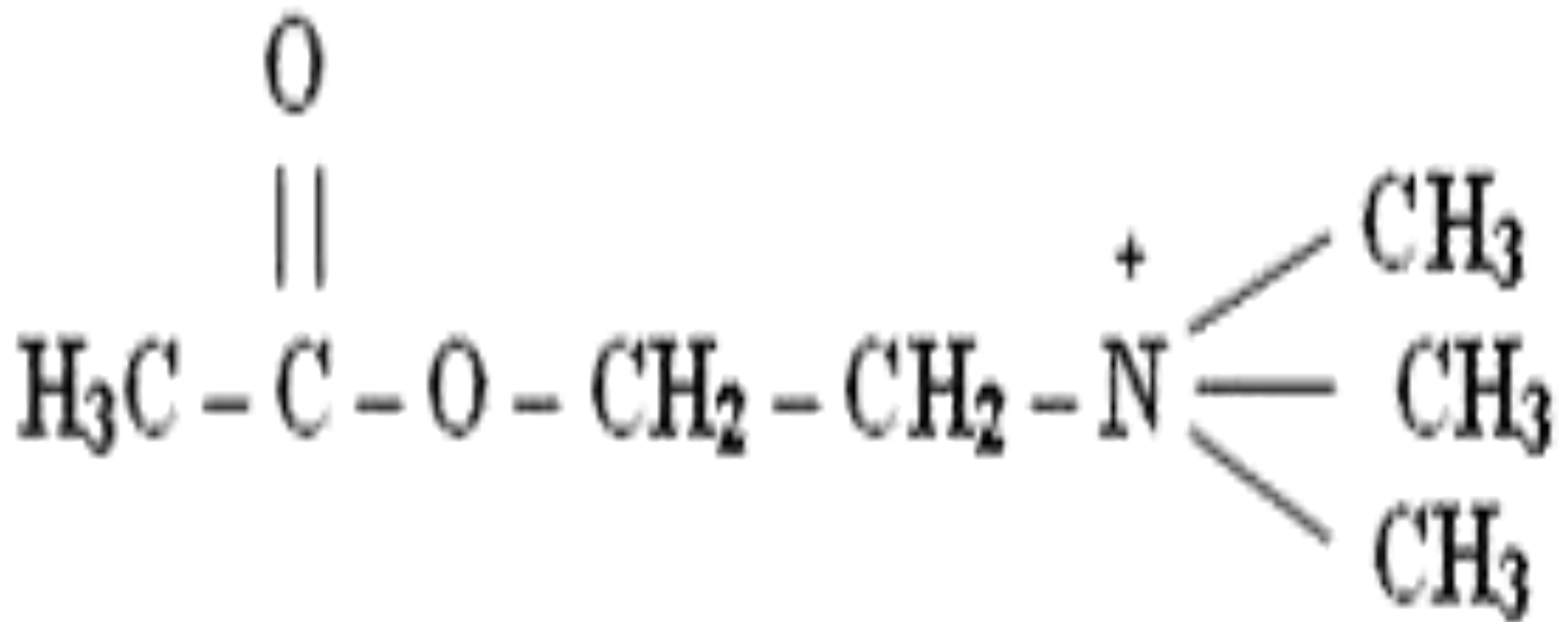
in the tissues of effector organs or near them.

# RESPONSES TO PARA-SYMPATHETIC ACTIVATION



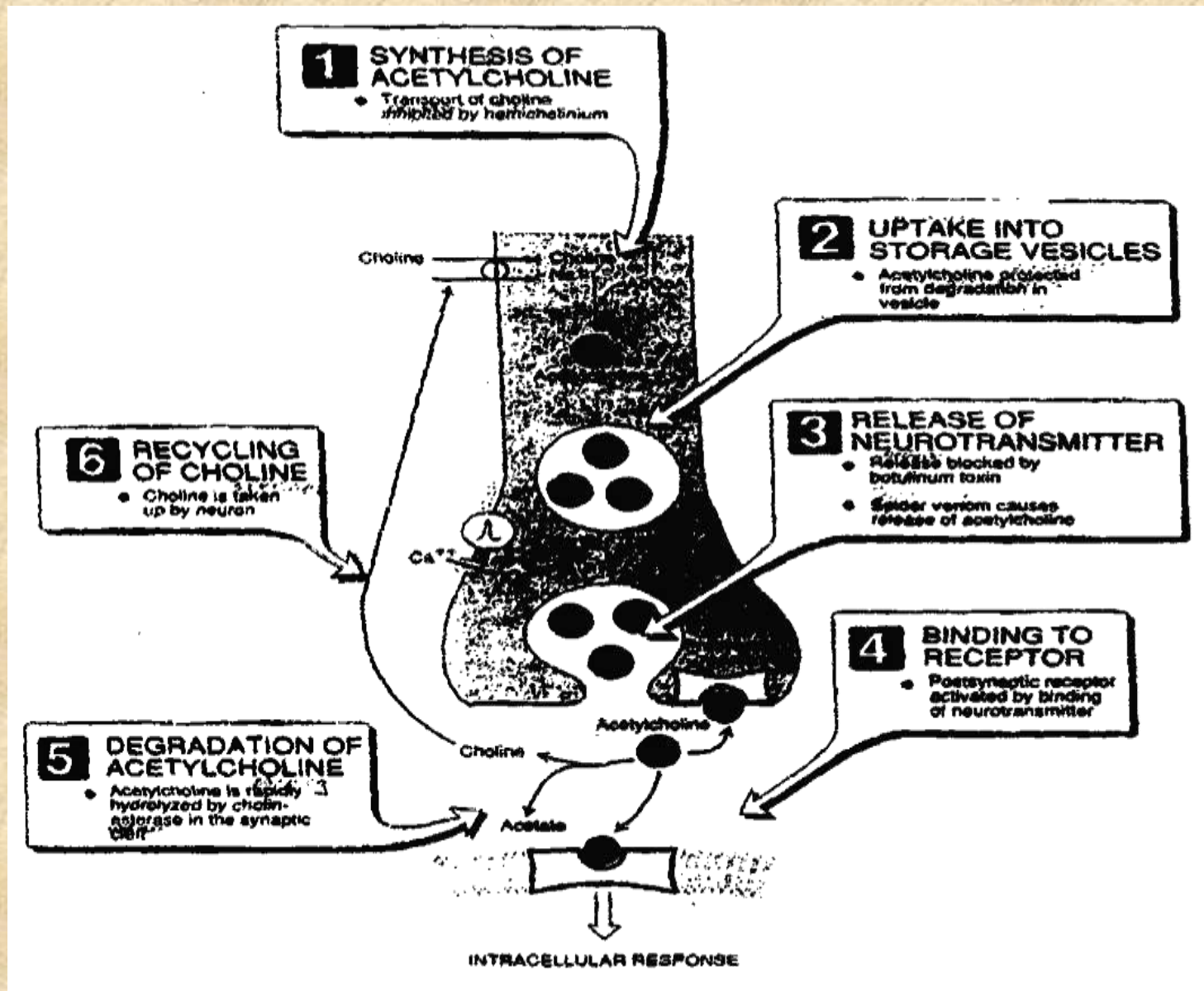


# ACETYLCHOLINE AS NEUROTRANSMITTER IN PANS





# CHOLINERGIC SYNAPSE



# CHOLINERGIC RECEPTORS

## *M-cholinoreceptor:*

- Agonists are acetylcholine and muscarine.
- Antagonist is atropine.

## *N-cholinoreceptor:*

- Agonists are acetylcholine and nicotine (low dose).
- Antagonist is nicotine (bigger dose).

Fly agarics is for muscarine



Tobacco is for nicotine



# LOCATION OF N-CHOLINORECEPTORS

- **CNS**
- **Adrenal medulla**
- **Carotid glomerulus**
- **Sympathetic and parasympathetic ganglia**
- **Skeletal muscles**



# LOCATION OF M-CHOLINORECEPTORS

- **CNS**
- **Eye**
- **Heart**
- **Blood vessels**
- **Bronchi (smooth muscles, glands)**
- **Gut (smooth muscles, glands)**
- **Urinary bladder**
- **Uterus**
- **Sweat glands**

# CHOLINERGIC DRUGS

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# CHOLINOMIMETICS:

## Classification

### *A. M-,N-cholinomimetics*

#### **1. Direct-acting**

- Acetylcholine
- Carbachol

#### **2. Indirect-acting (anticholinesterases)**

- Neostigmine (Proserinum)
- Physostigmine
- Pyridostigmine
- Galanthamine
- Isoflurophate (Phosphacolum)

### *B. M-cholinomimetics*

- Pilocarpine
- Aceclidine

### *C. N-cholinomimetics*

- Cytisine (Cytitonum)
- Lobeline

# DRUGS WITH M-CHOLINOMIMETIC EFFECTS

## (DIRECT-ACTING M-,N- AND M-CHOLINOMIMETICS)

<b>M-cholinomimetic effects</b>	<b>Indications</b>
<b><i>Miosis</i></b> (constriction of pupils). <b><i>Spasm of accomodation</i></b> (regulation of eye lens on near vision). <b><i>Decrease in intra-eye pressure.</i></b>	<b>Glaucoma</b>
<b><i>Stimulation of glands secretion.</i></b> <b><i>Increase in salivation.</i></b>	<b>Xerostomia</b>
<b><i>Increase in smooth muscles tone.</i></b>	<b>Atonia of intestine and urinary bladder after surgeries</b>
<b><i>Bradycardia.</i></b> <b><i>Blood vessels dilatation.</i></b>	<b>Some kinds of tachyarrhythmia</b>



# DIRECT-ACTING M-,N- AND M- CHOLINOMIMETICS:

## PECULIARITIES OF PREPARATIONS

- **Carbachol** (Carbacholinum) has chemical structure similar to acetylcholine, but is not destroyed by cholinesterases; is direct acting M-, N-cholinomimetic with prevalence of M-cholinergic activity; now is applied topically for treatment of glaucoma (eye drops).
- **Pilocarpine** is an alkaloid from *Pilocarpus pinnatifolius*, is M-cholinomimetic; has strong systemic M-cholinomimetic activity, but is toxic; is now used only for treatment of glaucoma (eye drops, eye ointment, or eye membranes), seldom is used in xerostomia.
- **Aceclidine** is a synthetic preparation; is administered SC, IM, or topically (eye drops); is not toxic; does not penetrate CNS; is M-cholinomimetic; is used for treatment of atonia of intestine and urinary bladder as well as for glaucoma.

# PILOCARPUS PINNATIFOLIUS CONTAINING PILOCARPINE



# **DIRECT-ACTING M-, N- AND M-CHOLINOMIMETICS: SIDE-EFFECTS**

- **Hypersalivation**
- **Pain in the abdomen**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Spasm of bronchi**
- **Bradycardia**
- **Frequent urination**
- **Sweatiness**

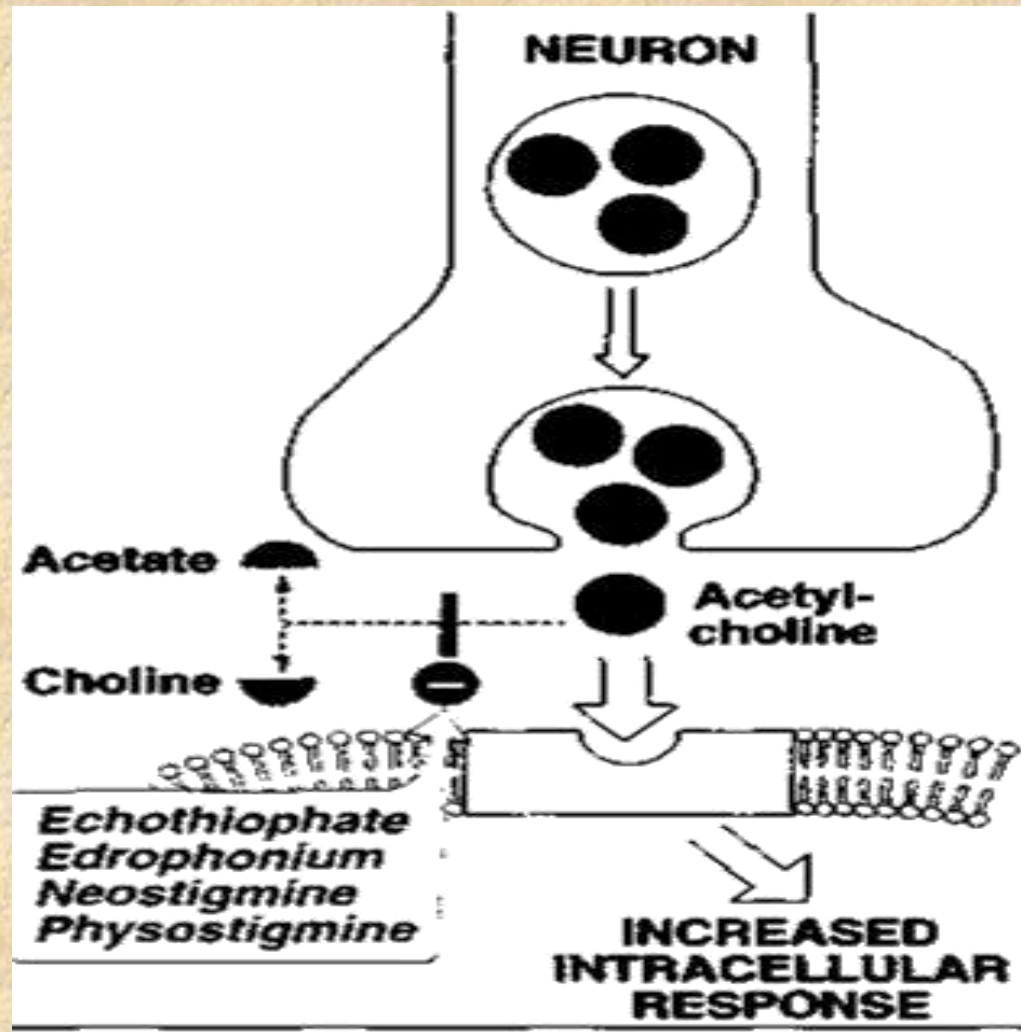


# ANTICHOLINESTERASES

***ANTICHOLINESTERASES*** are  
indirect-acting M-,N-cholinomimetics  
with reversible or irreversible type of  
action.



# ANTICHOLINESTERASES: MECHANISM OF ACTION



# **ANTICHOLINESTERASES: PHARMACODYNAMICS**

- **all typical M-cholinomimetic effects in the internal organs**
- **increase in neuromuscular transmission resulting from accumulation of acetylcholine at the neuromuscular junctions**

# **ANTICHOLINESTERASES: INDICATIONS**

- **Neurological diseases (paralysis, neuritis)**
- **Myasthenia gravis**
- **Atonia of the intestine and urinary bladder after surgeries**
- **Some kinds of arrhythmia**
- **Acute poisonings with atropine and anti depolarizing myorelaxants**
- **Glaucoma**
- **Xerostomia**

# ANTICHOLINESTERASES: PECULIARITIES OF PREPARATIONS

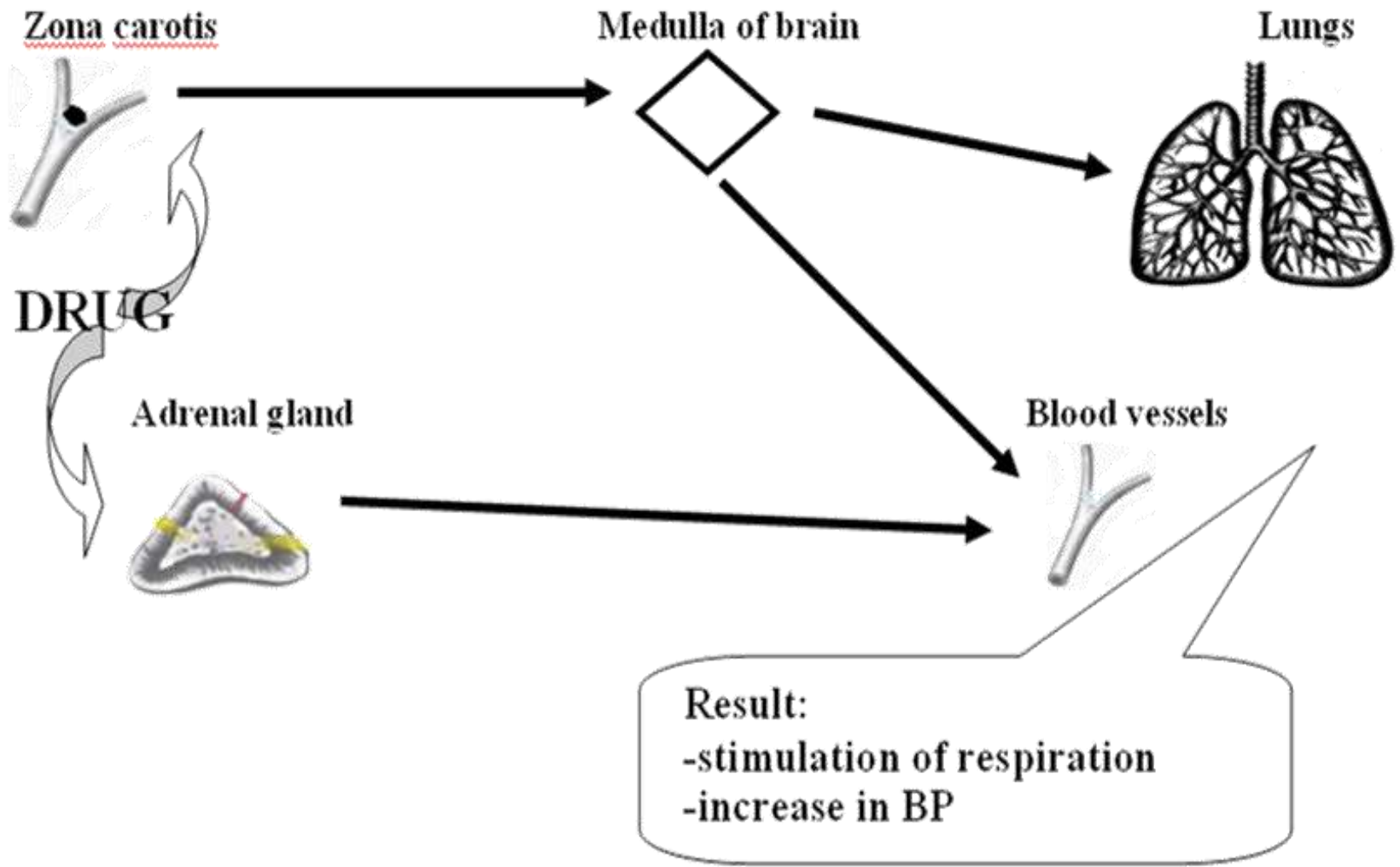
- **Physostigmine** is an alkaloid from *Phyzostigma venenosum*; is well absorbed; penetrates CNS; has reversible action; is used for treatment of glaucoma, intoxication by atropine, cholinoblockers and tricyclic antidepressants, early stages of Alzheimer's disease; is toxic.
- **Galantamine** is an alkaloid from *Galanthus Woronowi*; is administered SC, IM; penetrates CNS; has reversible action; is used for treatment of paralysis, neuritis and other neurological diseases; is not used in glaucoma due to its irritation action.
- **Neostigmine** is a synthetic preparation; is administered orally, SC, IV, topically (eye drops); does not penetrate CNS; has reversible action (4-6 hrs); is used for paralysis, neuritis, myasthenia gravis, atonia of intestine and urinary bladder, some kinds of arrhythmia, glaucoma, poisoning with atropine, overdose of tubocurarine; may be used for stimulation of labour activity; in dentistry is applied for xerostomia.  
**Pyridostigmine** acts longer, but is less active than neostigmine; is used orally for treatment of neurological diseases and myasthenia gravis.
- **Phosphacolum** is irreversibly acting anticholinesterase with long-lasting action; is toxic and use only for glaucoma.



**MEDICINAL PLANTS CONTAINING  
ANTICHOLINESTERASES:  
PHYZOSTIGMA VENENOSUM (left); GALANTHUS  
WORONOWI (right)**



# N-CHOLINOMIMETICS: MECHANISM OF ACTION



# **N-CHOLINOMIMETICS: INDICATIONS**

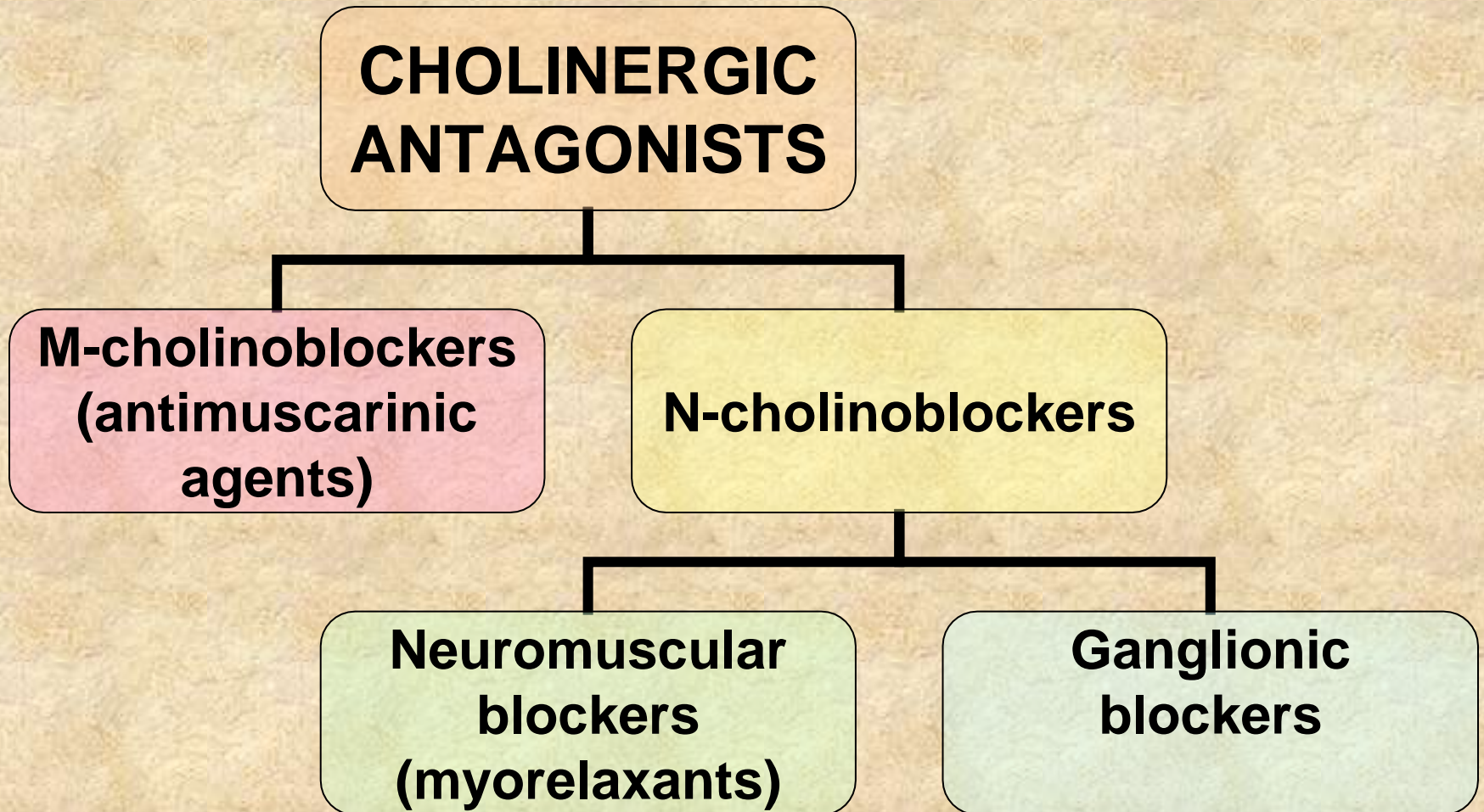
- **Respiratory arrest (IV)**
- **Asphyxia (IV)**
- **Treatment of tobacco abuse (orally, combined tablets)**

# N-CHOLINOMIMETICS: PECULIARITIES OF PREPARATIONS

- **Cytitonum** is a name of cytisine solution; is administered IV, acts 3-5 min; stimulates N-cholinoreceptors; reflexly stimulates respiration and increase BP; is used for emergence help in respiratory arrest and collapse.
- **Lobeline** is an alkaloid; is administered IV and acts during 3-5 min; mechanism of action is similar to Cytitonum; is used for emergence help in respiratory arrest, asphyxia, asphyxia of newborns, rarely in pneumonia; is not used for collapse due its ability to cause transitory decrease in BP resulting from stimulation of n. vagus center.



# CHOLINERGIC ANTAGONISTS



# M-CHOLINOBLOCKERS: CLASSIFICATION

## *A. Non-selective preparations*

### **1. Natural agents**

- Atropine sulfate
- Hyoscine (Scopolamine hydrobromide)
- Platyphylline hydrotartrate
- Belldonna dry extract

### **2. Synthetic agents**

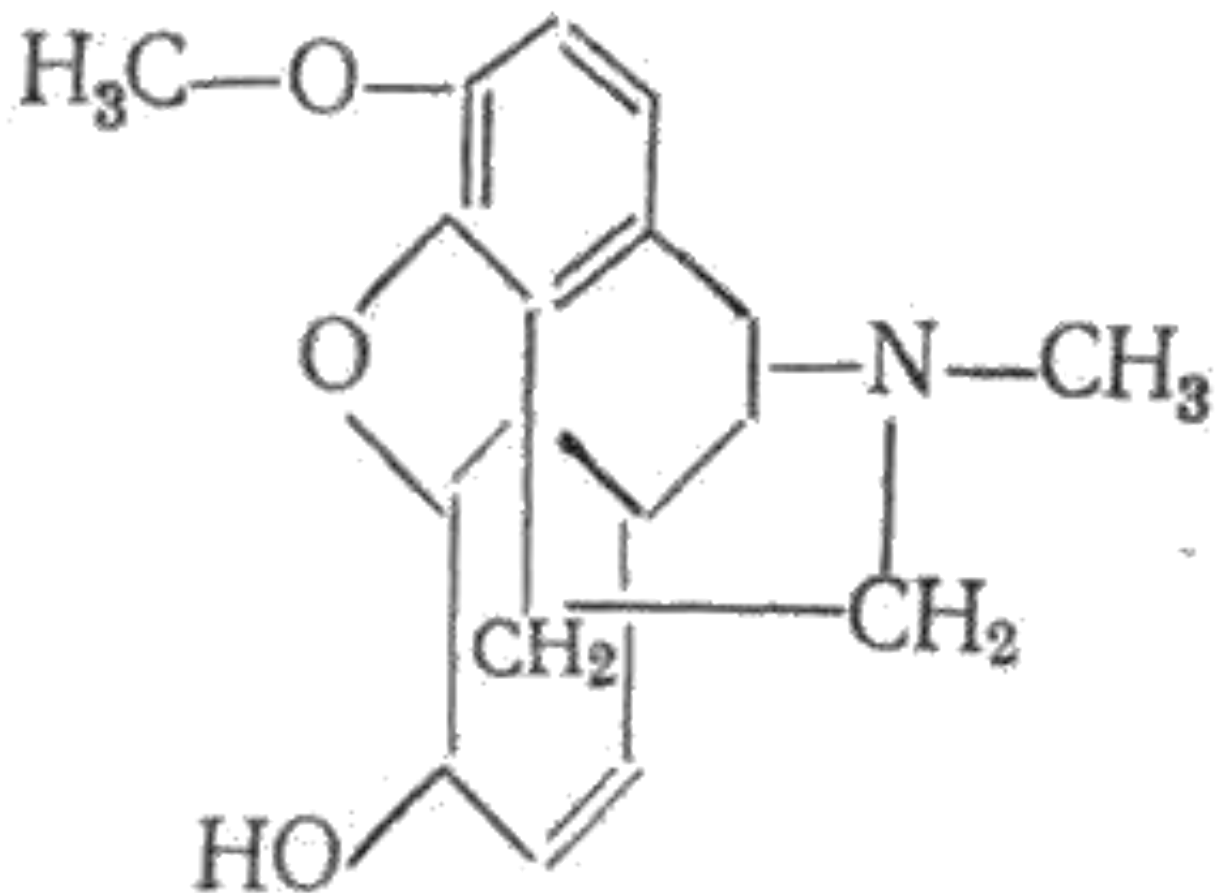
- Methacine
- Ipratropium bromide (atrovent)
- Butylscopolamine (buscopan)
- Prifinium bromide (riabal)
- Ipratropium bromide (Atrovent)
- Tropicamide

## *B. Selective preparations*

- Pirenzepine (Gastrocepine)

# ATROPINE:

## CHEMICAL STRUCTURE



# ATROPINE:

## ATROPA BELLADONNA CONTAINING ATROPINE





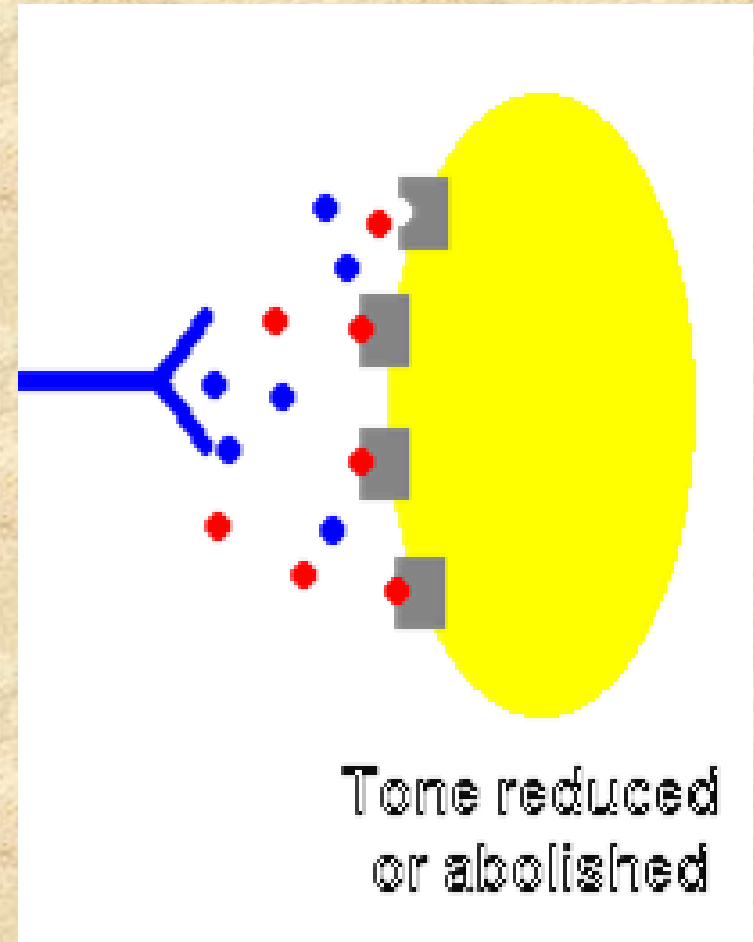
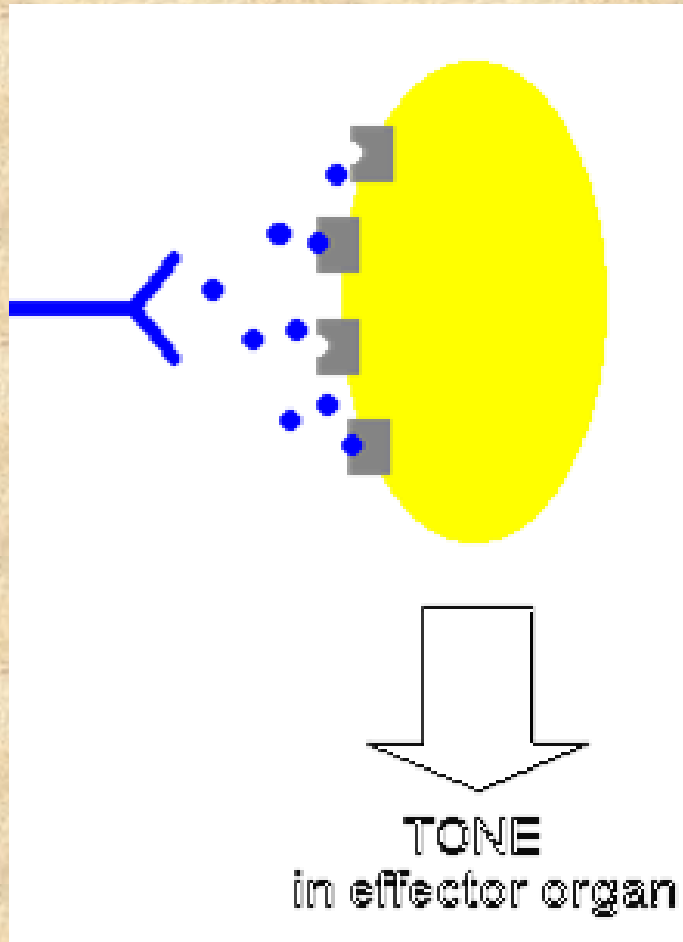
# **ATROPINE:**

## **PHARMACOKINETICS**

- **is administered orally, IM, SC; is applied topically (eye drops)**
- **is absorbed in the gut**
- **is bound with plasma proteins (18%)**
- **penetrates CNS and placenta**
- **is metabolized in the liver by atropinase**
- **is excreted with urine**
- **has  $T_{1/2} = 2$  hrs; acts on internal organs during 4 hrs; influences on the eye during 7-10 days.**

# ATROPINE :

## MECHANISM OF ACTION (SYNAPSE WITHOUT (LEFT) AND WITH ATROPINE (RIGHT))



# ATROPINE:

## PHARMACODYNAMICS

- ❖ *in the site of application:* weak local anesthesia
- ❖ *in the CNS:* therapeutic doses - sedation and antiparkinsonian effect, big doses - excitation, hallucinations, coma
- ❖ *in the eye:* midriasis, cycloplegia (paralysis of accommodation), increase in intraocular pressure
- ❖ *in the cardiovascular system:* therapeutic doses – tachycardia
- ❖ *in the respiratory system:* dilation of bronchi, decrease in secretion of bronchial glands
- ❖ *in the gut:* reduce of secretion of saliva and gastric juice, decrease in the tone and motility; antispasmodic activity
- ❖ *in the urinary system:* relaxation of smooth muscles of urinary bladder and urinary pathways
- ❖ inhibition in secretion of sweat
- ❖ *antidote properties* in acute poisonings with M-cholinomimetics, anticholinesterases and toxic mushrooms containing muscarine; reduce in vagal action of morphine and general anesthetics.

# ATROPINE: ACTION ON THE EYE

***NORMAL CONDITION***



***INSTILLATION OF  
ATROPINE***





# **ATROPINE:**

## **INDICATIONS**

- **Trauma of the eye, inflammation in the eye**
- **Diagnostic of eye diseases, measurement of refraction for selection of glasses**
- **Bradycardia, A-V block**
- **Hypersalivation**
- **Gastric ulcer, gastritis with acid hypersecretion**
- **Acute pancreatitis**
- **Cholecystitis**
- **Colic**
- **Enuresis**
- **Premedication**
- **Acute poisonings with muscarine-containing mushrooms, M-cholinomimetics, anticholinesterases, and morphine.**

# **ATROPINE:**

## **SIDE EFFECTS AND CONTRAINDICATIONS**

### ***SIDE EFFECTS***

- 1. Photophobia**
- 2. Blurred vision**
- 3. An increase in intraocular pressure**
- 4. Tachycardia**
- 5. Dry mouth**
- 6. Constipation**
- 7. Retention of urine**
- 8. Flushed skin**
- 9. Rise in body t°**

### ***CONTRAINDICATIONS***

- 1. Glaucoma**
- 2. Tachycardia, tachyarrhythmia**
- 3. Atonia of GI tract**
- 4. Prostate hyperplasia**
- 5. Hepatic insufficiency**
- 6. Hyperthyroidism**
- 7. High body temperature**
- 8. Toxicosis of pregnancy**
- 9. Cerebral pathology in children**
- 10. Childhood or old age**

# M-CHOLINOBLOCKERS:

## PECULIARITIES OF OTHER PREPARATIONS

- **Scopolamine** is an alkaloid containing in Scopolia. central action is greater and longer than the same of atropine; it inhibits VIII pair of cranial nerves, produces sedation and short-memory blocking, has antiparkinsonian effect; is used for prevention and treatment of motion sickness, Parkinson's disease, and for premedication.
- **Platyphylline** is an alkaloid from Senecio platyphylus; central action is less than the same of atropine; dilates blood vessels and lowers BP; may be used to treat spasms of blood vessels and hypertension.
- **Methacine** is a synthetic preparation; is more potent than atropine in dilation of bronchi, inhibition of gastric secretion, and decrease of uterus tone; does not penetrate CNS, does not act on the eye, has poor influence on the heart rate; is used in bronchial asthma, ulcer of stomach, colic, premedication, and danger of pregnancy interruption.
- **Pirenzepine** is a selective M1-cholinoblocker inhibiting gastric secretion; does not penetrate CNS and placenta; is used for treatment of ulcer of stomach and duodenum, prevention of peptic ulcers caused by stress; side-effects are minimal in comparison with atropine.
- **Ipratropium bromide** is M-cholinoblocker in the form of aerosol; is not absorbed in lungs and acts on M-cholinoreceptors only in bronchi; dilates bronchi; is used for prevention of bronchial asthma attack; may cause unpleasant taste.



# M-CHOLINOBLOCKERS:

## PECULIARITIES OF OTHER PREPARATIONS

- **Preparations of *Bbelladonna* (extracts, tinctures)** are used as antispasmodic and analgesic agents for stomach ulcer, cholelithiasis and spasms of smooth muscles of the abdominal cavity organs, bradycardia due to overexcitation of n. vagus. They are the ingredients of some combined preparations.
- ***Butylscopolamine*** is a semisynthetic derivative of scopolamine which does not penetrate blood-brain barrier and has not central action. It is used to treat abdominal pain, esophageal spasms, renal colic, and bladder spasms. The drug is effective in reducing the duration of the first stage of labor. Side effects may include sleepiness, vision changes, triggering of glaucoma, and allergy.
- ***Prifinium bromide* (*riabal*)** is slowly absorbed into the gut and quickly excreted; blocks peripheral M-cholinoreceptors in the GI tract normalizes the peristalsis of the stomach, corrects increased motor activity of the GI tract. The drug is used in nausea and vomiting caused by functional spasms in infants, abdominal pain syndrome with functional disorders of the colon; spasms of smooth muscles of the GII tract. Side effects are dry mouth, mydriasis, disturbances of accommodation, drowsiness.
- ***Tropicamide*** blocks M-cholinoreceptors of the sphincter in the iris and ciliary muscle, causing short-term mydriasis and accommodation paralysis; is used in ophthalmology for examination of the ocular fundus, investigation of refraction, as well as in inflammatory processes of the eye. It is applied as eye drops



# **N-CHOLINOBLOCKERS**

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# GANGLIONIC BLOCKERS

***GANGLIONIC BLOCKERS*** are medicinal drugs which block N-cholinoreceptors in the sympathetic and parasympathetic ganglia.

# **GANGLIONIC BLOCKERS: CLASSIFICATION**

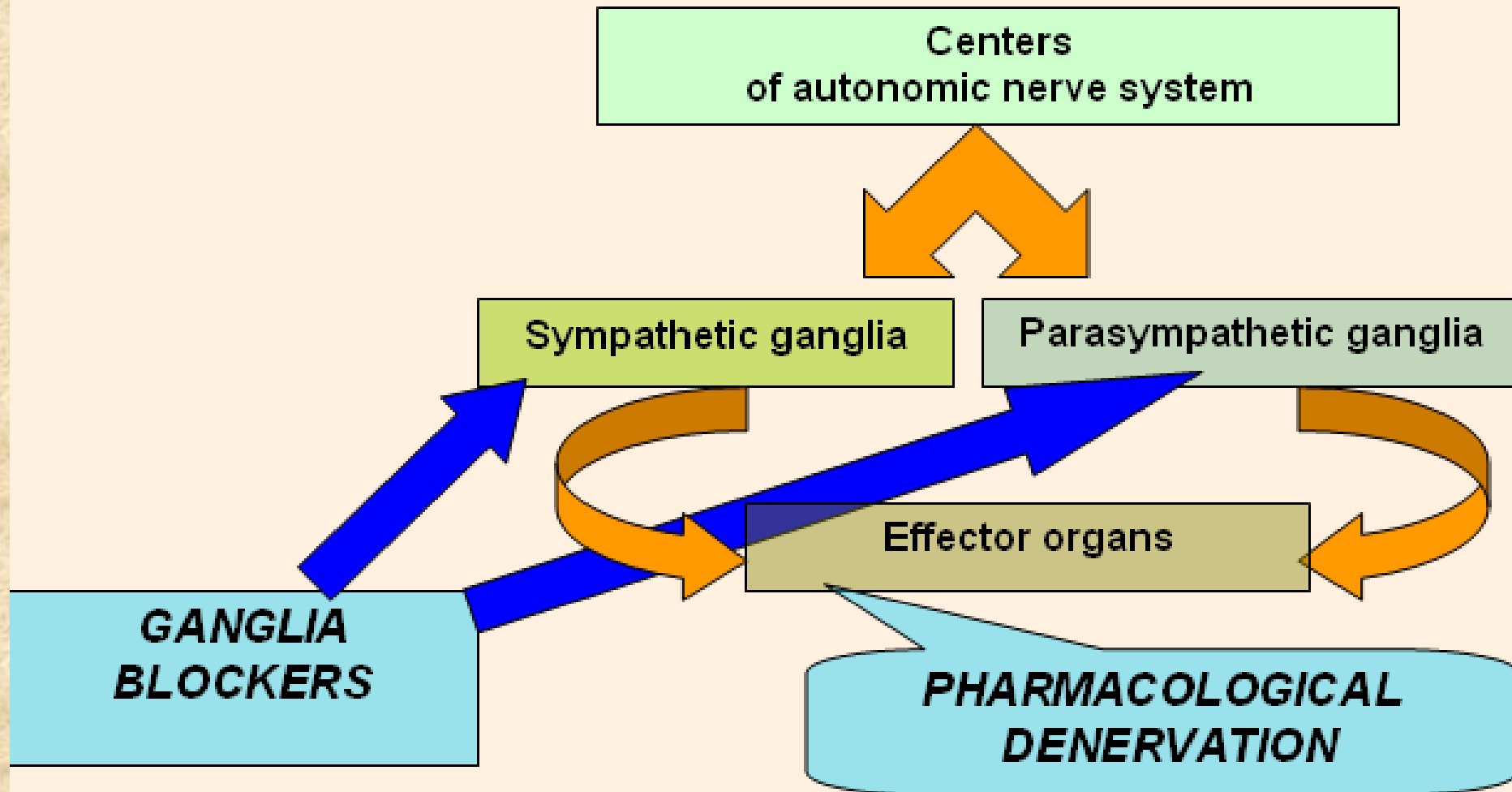
## ***1. Quaternary amines***

- Hexamethonium (Benzohexonium)**
- Hygronium**
- Pentamine**

## ***2. Tertiary amines***

- Pachycarpine**
- Pirilene**

# GANGLIONIC BLOCKERS: MECHANISM OF ACTION





# **GANGLIONIC BLOCKERS:**

## **PHARMACODYNAMICS**

- ❖ **dilation of blood vessels, redistribution of blood in the body, lowering of BP**
- ❖ **dilation of bronchi**
- ❖ **a decrease in secretion and motility of the gut, a reduce in spasm of the smooth muscles**
- ❖ **a decrease in the tone of urinary bladder and urinary pathways**
- ❖ **an increase in sensitivity of myometrium to oxytocin and stimulation of uterus contractions in the labor**
- ❖ **a decrease in sweat secretion**
- ❖ **changes in intraocular pressure.**

# **GANGLIONIC BLOCKERS:**

## **INDICATIONS**

- **Hypertensive emergence**
- **Hypertension (rarely)**
- **Controlled hypotension in surgeries**
- **Edema of lungs**
- **Edema of the brain**
- **Bronchial asthma attack**
- **Colic**
- **Ulcer of the stomach (rarely).**

# **GANGLIONIC BLOCKERS:**

## **SIDE EFFECTS AND CONTRAINDICATIONS**

### ***SIDE EFFECTS***

- 1. Hypotension***
- 2. Orthostatic collapse (postural hypotension)***
- 3. Dry mouth***
- 4. Constipation***
- 5. Retention of urination***
- 6. Increase of intraocular pressure in patients with closed-angle glaucoma.***

### ***CONTRAINDICATIONS***

- 1. Hypotension, collapse***
- 2. Severe atherosclerosis***
- 3. Closed-angle glaucoma***
- 4. Atony of the gut***
- 5. Adenoma of prostate***
- 6. Severe diseases of heart, liver, and kidney.***

# GANGLIONIC BLOCKERS:

## PECULIARITIES OF PREPARATIONS

- **Hexamethonium (Benzohexonium)** is administered orally, IM, IV; does not penetrate CNS; acts during 3-4 hrs; has all typical properties.
- **Hygronium** is a short-acting potent ganglia blocker; is administered by IV infusion; is used for controlled hypotension in surgeries, edema of lungs, edema of brain, severe hypertensive crisis.
- **Pentamine** is less potent than hexamethonium, acts during 1,5 hrs, is administered IV, IM for emergency help in acute hypertension, bronchial asthma attack, colic, for controlled hypotension in surgeries.
- **Pirilene** is a synthetic preparation, tertiary amine, is taken by mouth, is well absorbed in the gut, penetrates CNS, acts during 6-8 hrs; is used to treat gangliolitis, spasms of peripheral blood vessels, bronchial asthma, gastric ulcer (rarely).



# MYORELAXANTS

*Myorelaxants (neoromuscular blockers)* are cholinergic drugs interfere with transmission of nervous impulses in the synapses of skeletal muscles causing their relaxation.

# MYORELAXANTS: CLASSIFICATION

## *1. Non-depolarizing agents*

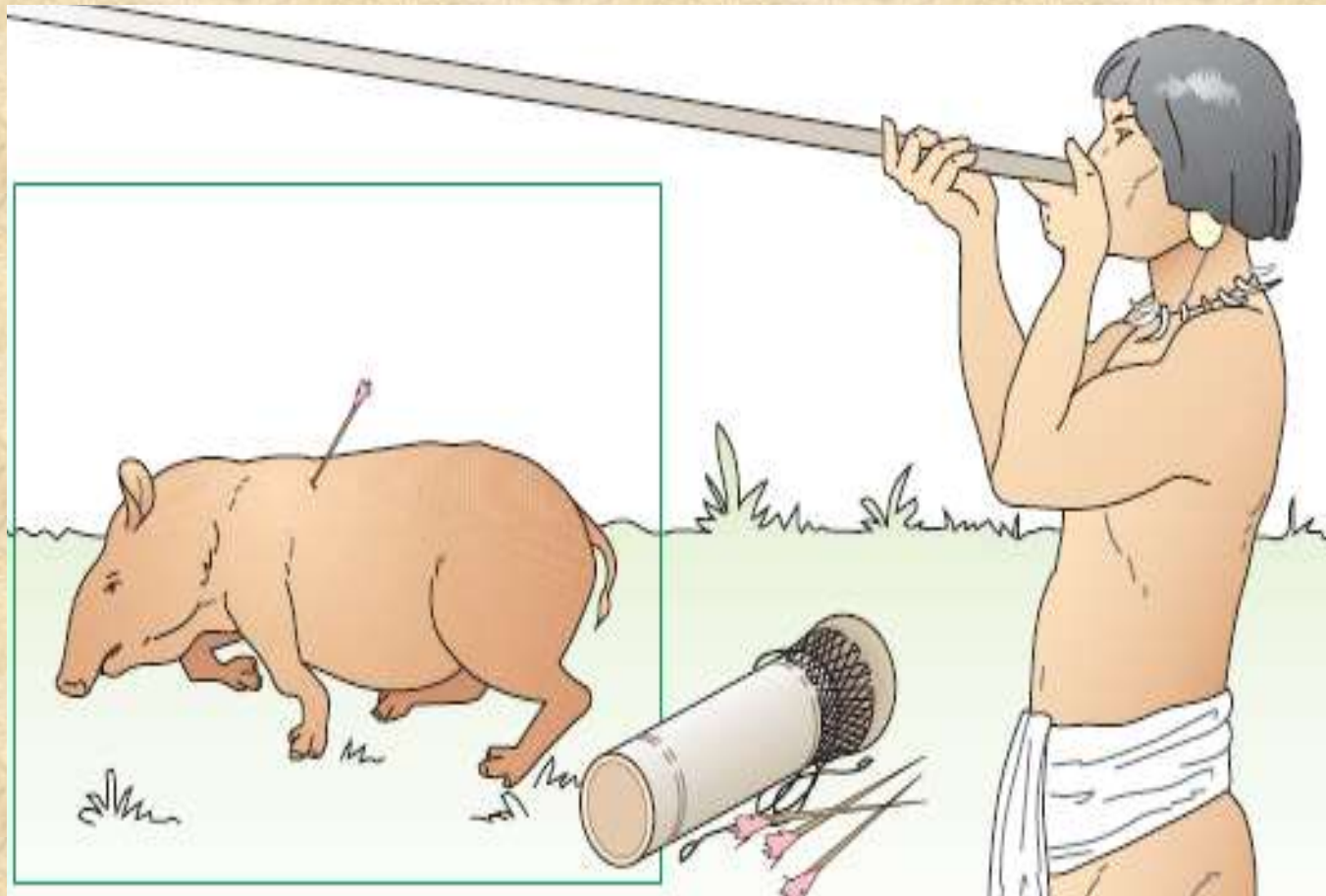
- d-Tubocurarine chloride
- Pancuronium bromide
- Pipecuronium bromide
- Rocuronium bromide

## *2. Depolarizing agents*

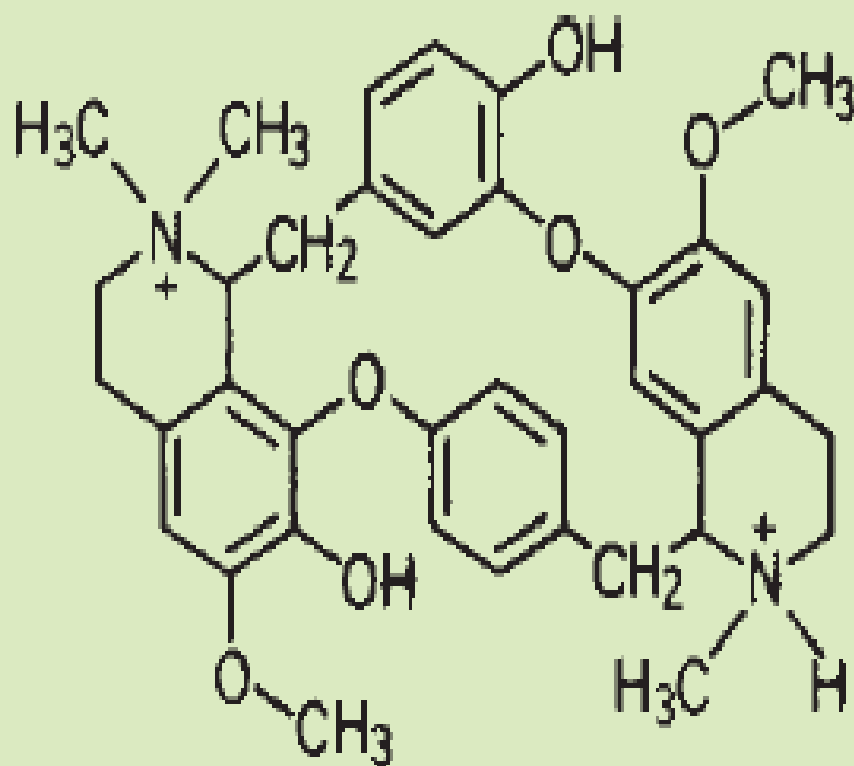
**Succinylcholine (Dithylinum)**

# **TUBOCURARINE:**

## **AN ALKALOID FROM PLANT-DERIVED ARROW POISON OF SOUTH AMERICAN NATIVES**



# TUBOCURARINE: CHEMICAL STRUCTURE

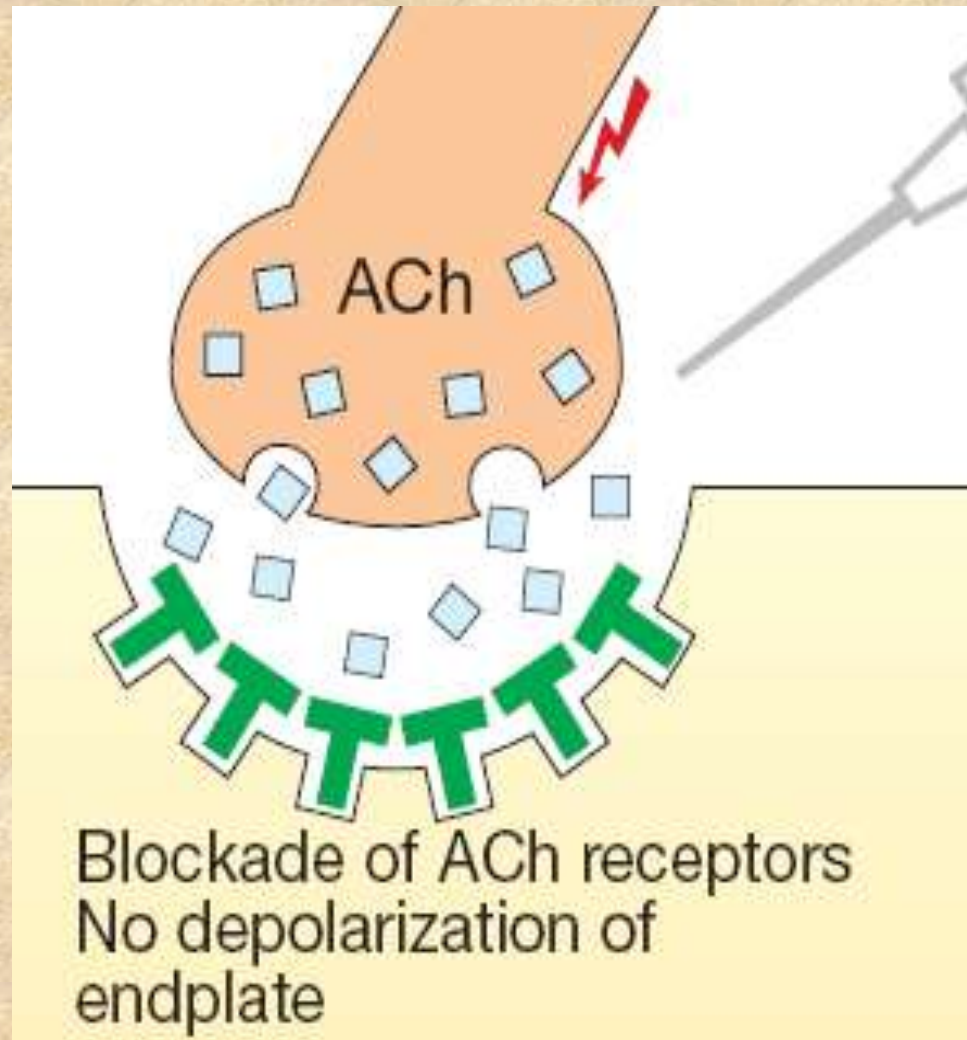




# **TUBOCURARINE: PHARMACOKINETICS**

- **is administered IV**
- **is not absorbed in the gut due to presence of quaternary nitrogen atoms**
- **does not penetrate CNS**
- **total myorelaxation is developed in 20-30 min and lasts about 20-40 min, restoration of muscle tone lasts 20-30 min**

# TUBOCURARINE: MECHANISM OF ACTION



# **TUBOCURARINE:**

## **PHARMACODYNAMICS AND INDICATIONS**

### ***PHARMACODYNAMICS***

**muscular paralysis in the muscles of fingers, neck, face, extremities, trunk, then in the intercostal muscles, and diaphragm (with inability to breath).**

### ***INDICATIONS***

- 1. Myorelaxation under the conditions of general anesthesia**
- 2. Seizures caused by seizure poisons and some infections.**

# **TUBOCURARINE:**

## **SIDE EFFECTS**

- ✓ **Spasm of bronchi and urticaria (due to histamine release from mast cells)**
- ✓ **Lowering of BP (due to weak ganglia blocking activity).**
- \*The duration of action of d-tubocurarine can be shortened by the administration of neostigmine or other anticholinesterase.**



# NON-DEPOLARIZING MYORELAXANTS: other preparations

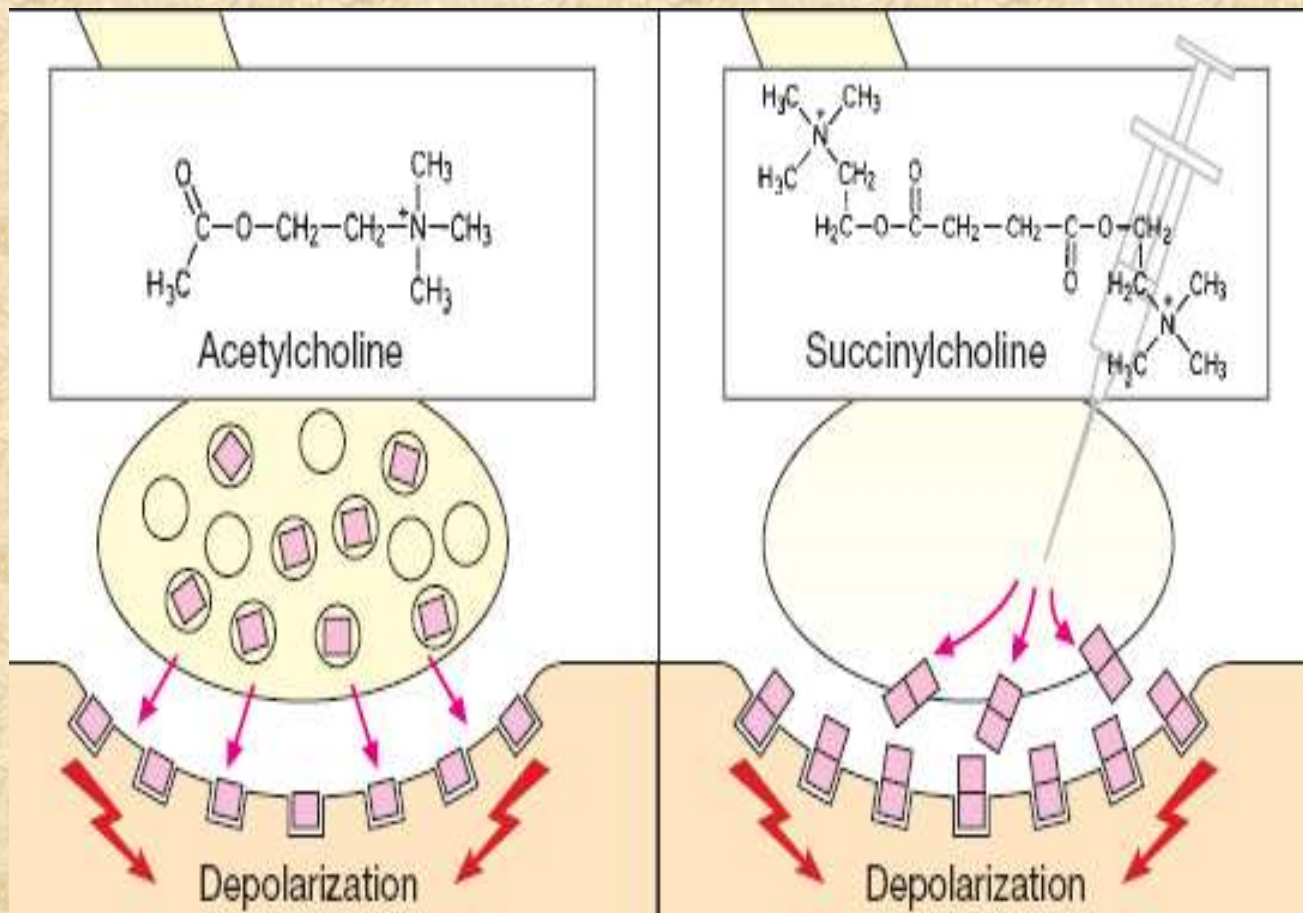
***Pancuronium*** is a synthetic compound, is more potent than tubocurarine, has longer duration of action, does not cause release of histamine or ganglionic blockade, may cause increased heart rate and BP (due to blockade of M2 cardiac receptors).

***Pipecuronium*** is similar to pancuronium, does not cause tachycardia and an increase of BP.

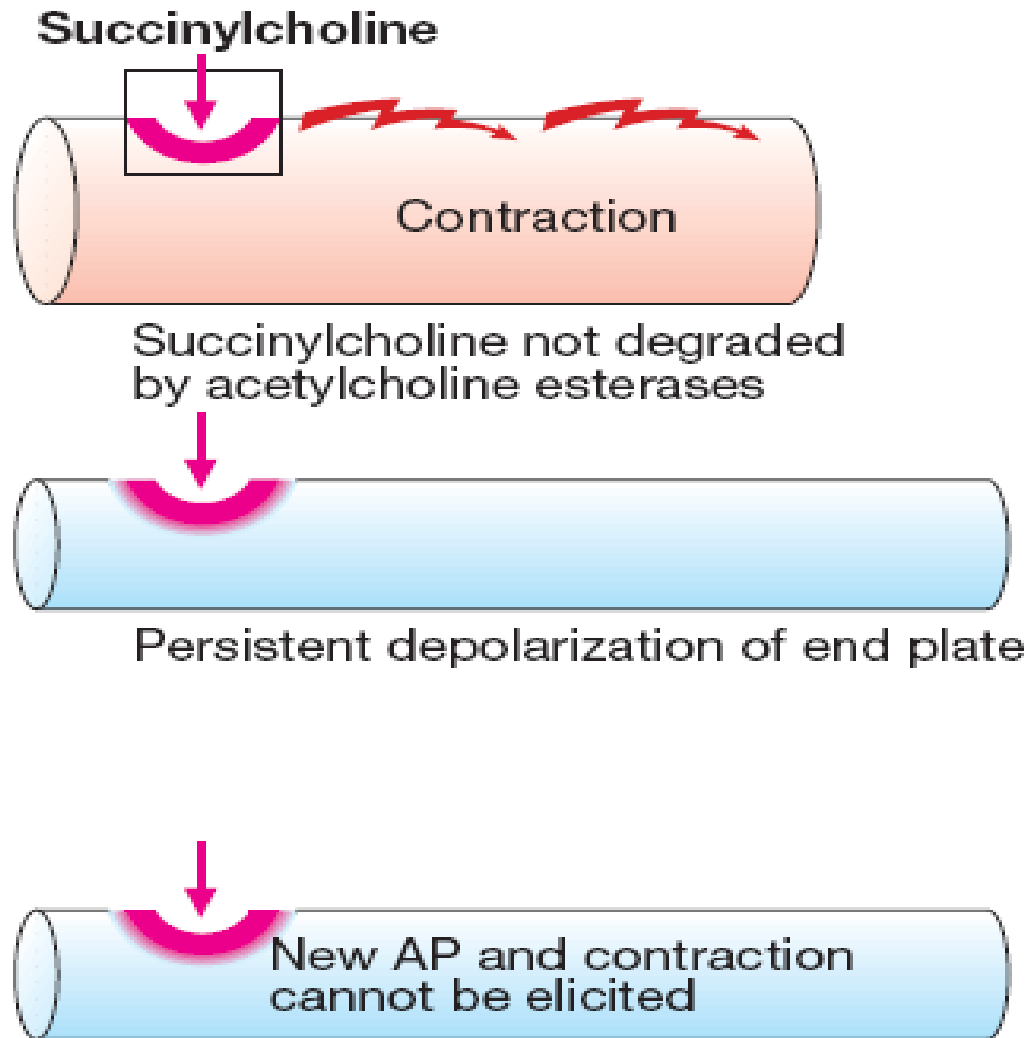
***Rokuronium*** also is an antagonist of N-cholinergic receptors of skeletal muscles; inhibits neuromuscular transmission and causes myorelaxation, has weak vagolytic effect, does not affect the release of histamine. The duration of action is 22 minutes in adults.

# SUCCINYLCHOLINE

It is double acetylcholine molecule, agonist of N-cholinoreceptors, *depolarizing agent*.



# SUCCINYLCHOLINE: MECHANISM OF ACTION

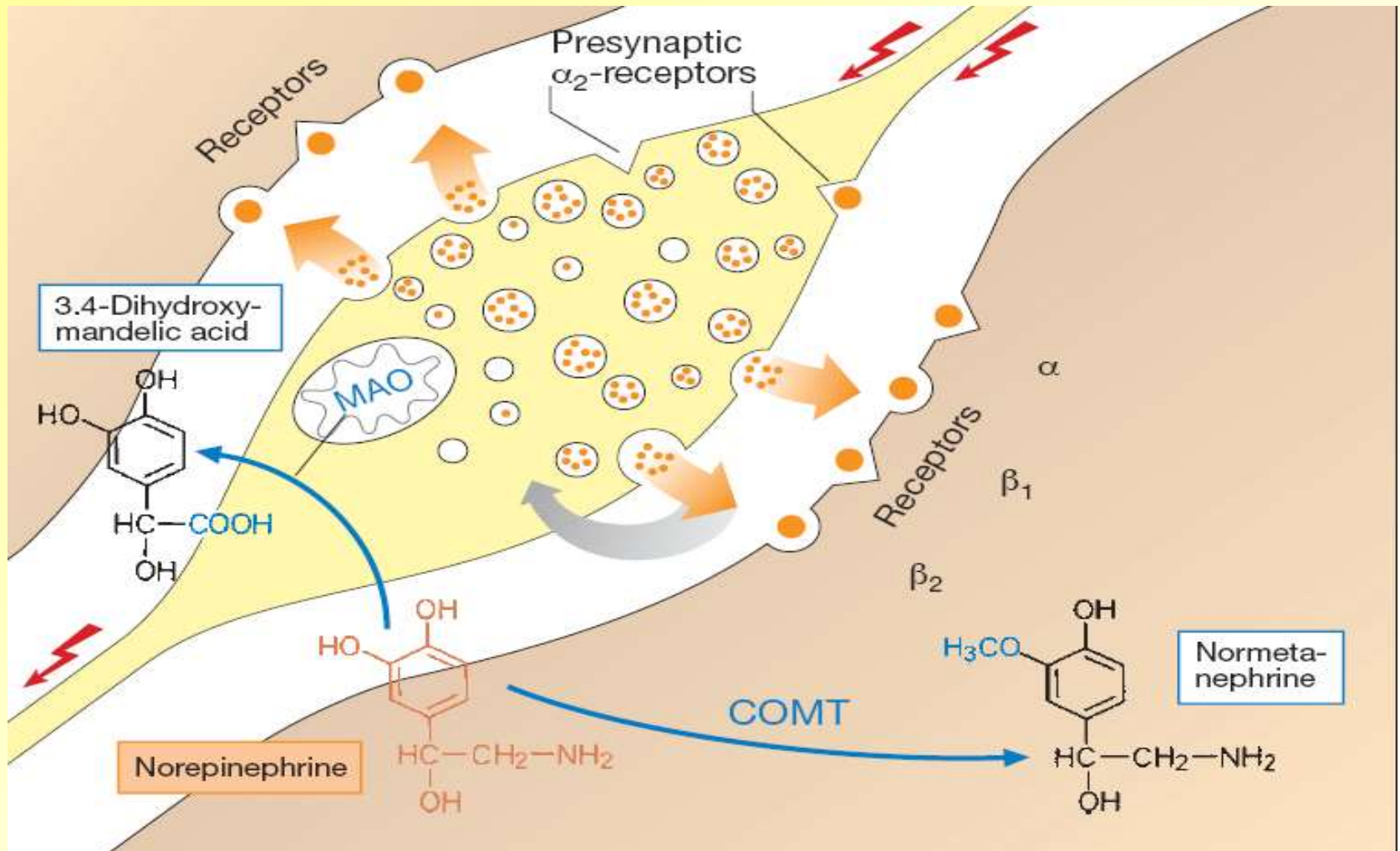


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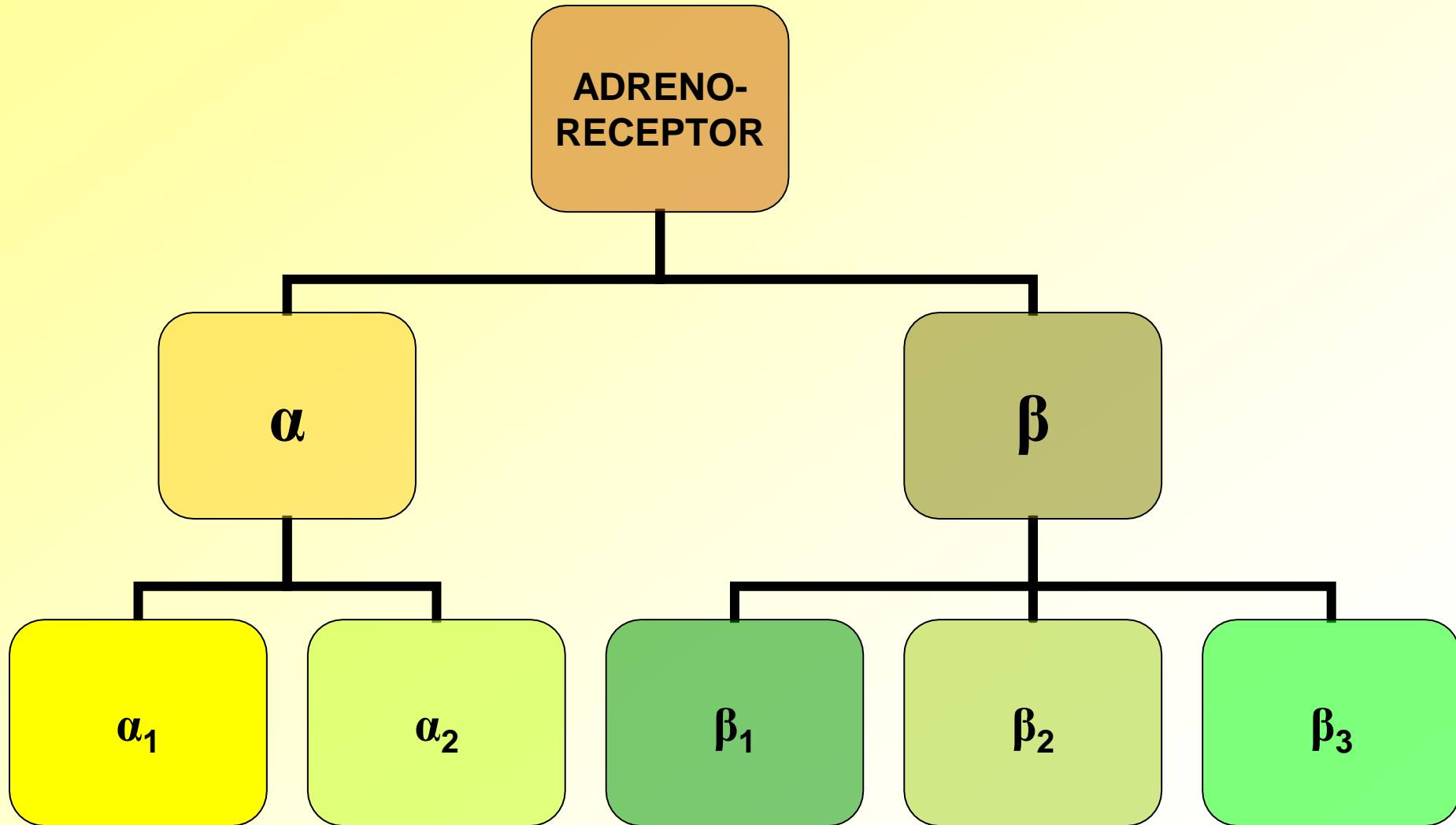
- **PHARMACODYNAMICS**: is administered IV; has short duration of action; total myorelaxation and stop of breathing lasts 3-5 min; is destroyed by butyryl cholinesterase in blood
- **PHARMACODINAMICS**: myorelaxation
- **INDICATIONS**: short surgeries, intubation of trachea, endoscopy, reposition of bone fractures
- **SIDE EFFECTS**: fibrillation of skeletal muscles at the start of action, hyperkalemia, cardiac arrhythmia, increase of intraocular pressure, pain in skeletal muscles after the surgery
- **IDIOSYNCRASY**: long-lasting apnea in patients deficient on butyryl cholinesterase.
  - \*Emergence help is hemotransfusion and artificial lungs ventilation.



# ADRENERGIC SYNAPSE



# TYPES OF ADRENOCEPTORS



# LOCATION AND EFFECTS OF $\alpha$ -ADRENOCEPTORS

Receptor	Location	Effect
$\alpha_1$	Blood vessels Spleen Eye Urinary bladder	Constriction, $\uparrow$ of BP Constriction Mydriasis $\uparrow$ of sphincter closure
$\alpha_2$	Blood vessels Pancreas All adrenergic synapses	Constriction $\downarrow$ of insulin release $\downarrow$ of norepinephrine release

# LOCATION AND EFFECTS OF $\beta$ -ADRENOCEPTORS

Receptor	Location	Effect
$\beta_1$	Heart Fat tissue	$\uparrow$ of rate and contractility $\uparrow$ of lipolysis
$\beta_2$	Blood vessels Bronchi Uterus Pancreas Liver Skeletal muscles	Vasodilation Dilation Relaxation $\uparrow$ of glucagon's release $\uparrow$ of glycogenolysis $\uparrow$ of glycogenolysis
$\beta_3$	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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**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. $\alpha$ -, $\beta$ -adrenomimetics

#### 1. Direct-acting

- Adrenaline hydrochloride (Epinephrine)

#### 2. Indirect-acting (sympathomimetics)

- Ephedrine hydrochloride

### B. $\alpha$ -adrenomimetics

#### 1. Non-selective

- Noradrenaline hydrotartrate ( $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2 > \beta$ )

#### 2. Selective

- Phenylephrine (Mesatonum) ( $\alpha_1$ )
- Naphazoline (Naphthyzinum) ( $\alpha_2$ )
- Halazolin (Xylometazoline) ( $\alpha_2$ )

### C. $\beta$ -adrenomimetics

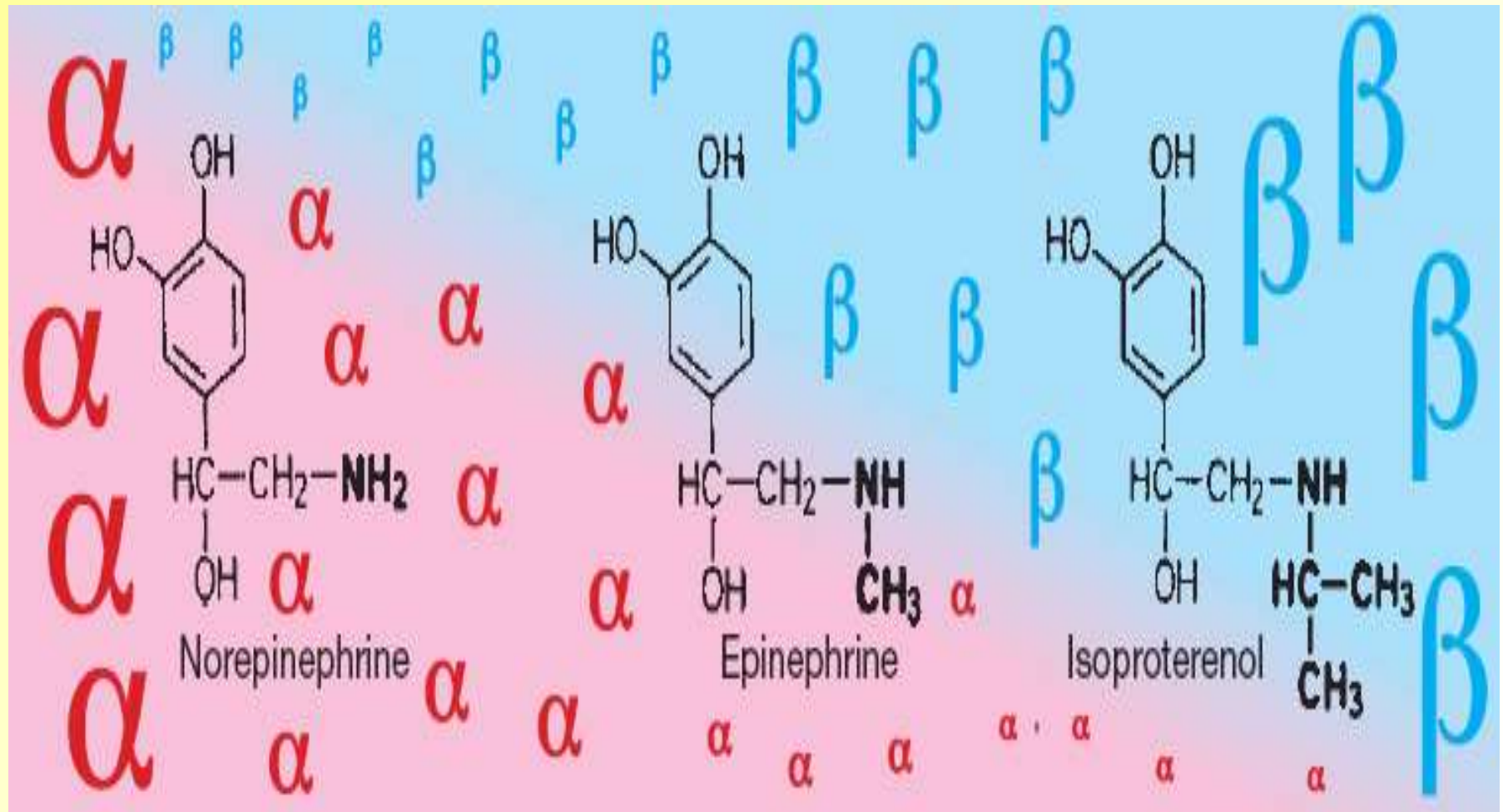
#### 1. Non-selective

- Isoprenaline (Isadrinum) ( $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$ )

#### 2. Selective

- Dobutamine ( $\beta_1$ )
- Salbutamol (Albuterol) ( $\beta_2$ )
- Fenoterol ( $\beta_2$ )

# COMPARISON OF ADRENOMIMETICS- CATECHOLAMINS





# **ADRENALINE**

## **PHARMACOKINETICS**

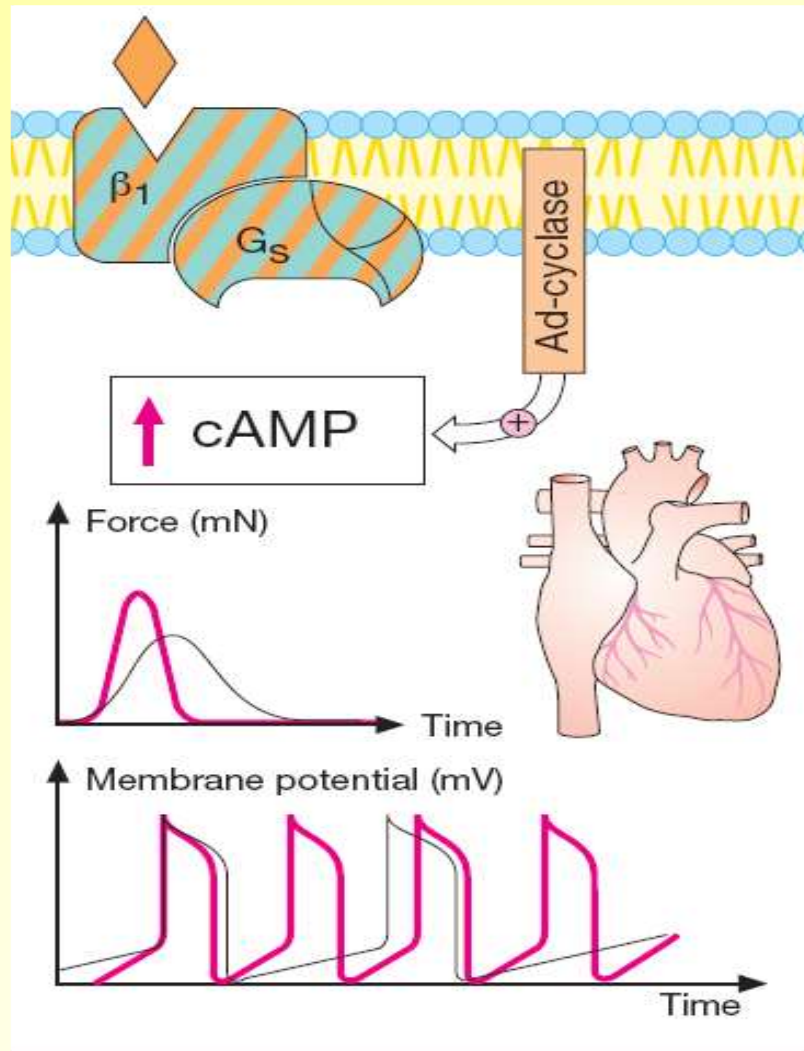
- ❖ is administered SC or topically**
- ❖ is destroyed in the GI tract**
- ❖ is not administered orally**
- ❖ does not penetrate CNS**
- ❖ is biotransformed by enzymes in blood**
- ❖ acts during 15 min on the intern organs and during 30 min on metabolic processes**

# ADRENALINE

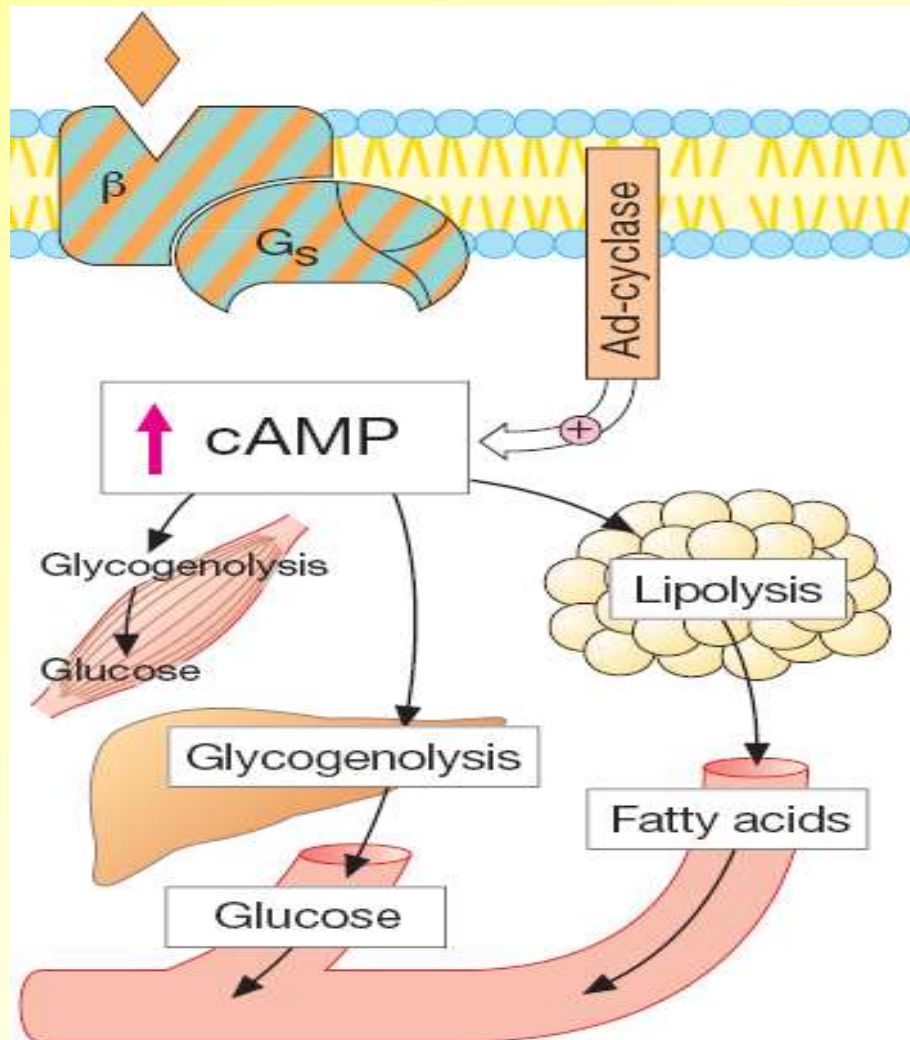
## PHARMACODYNAMICS AND INDICATIONS

Pharmacodynamics	Indications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>An increase in automaticity, conductivity, and contractility of the heart</li><li>Constriction of blood vessels</li><li>Elevation of BP</li><li>Bronchodilation</li><li>An increase in glucose concentration in the blood</li><li>Inhibition of allergy</li><li>Mydriasis</li><li>A decrease in intra-eye pressure</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Heart arrest</li><li>Shock, collapse</li><li>Bronchial asthma attack</li><li>Hypoglycemic coma</li><li>Anaphylactic shock</li><li>Prolongation of local anesthesia</li><li>Capillary bleeding</li><li>Acute inflammation of mucosa of the nose or eye</li><li>Pupil dilation</li><li>Open-angle glaucoma</li></ul>

# 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

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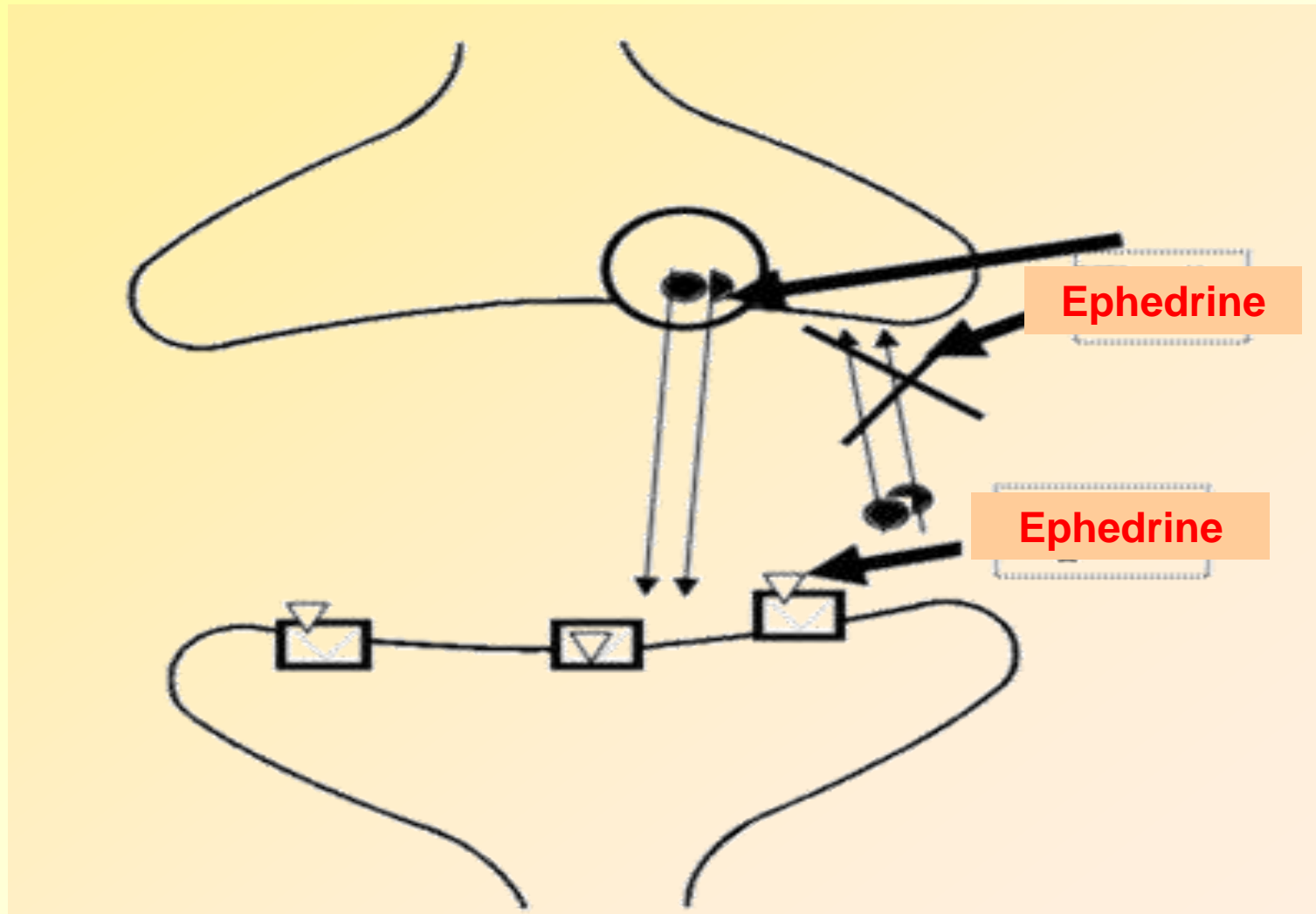
# **EPHEDRINE**

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

# EPHEDRINE

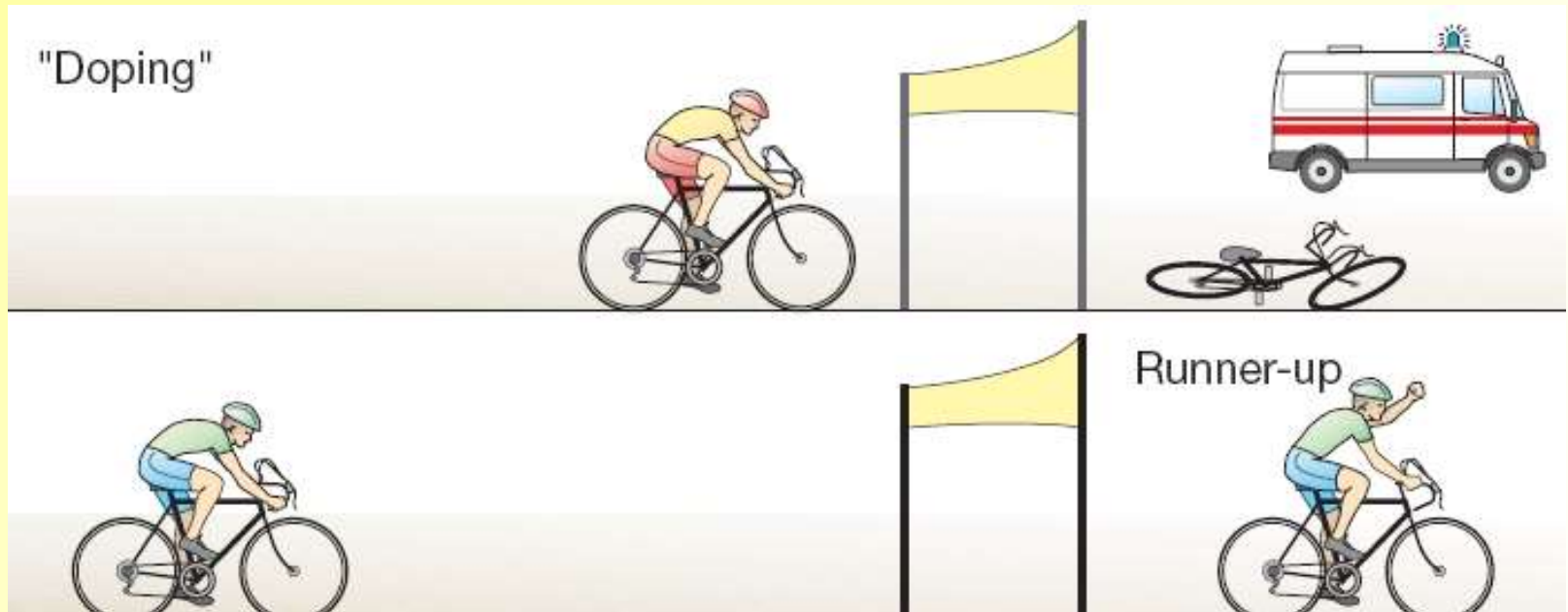
## SIDE-EFFECTS

- ❖ 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



# $\alpha$ – ADRENOMIMETICS

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



# $\alpha$ – ADRENOMIMETICS

## PECULIARITIES OF PREPARATIONS

- ***Noradrenaline*** is catecholamine; has non-selective action on adrenoceptors, especially on  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha_1$ -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  $\alpha_2$ -adrenoceptors, are used as nasal drops for acute rhinitis, nasal bleeding, and rhinoscopia; cause tolerance and tachyphylaxis.

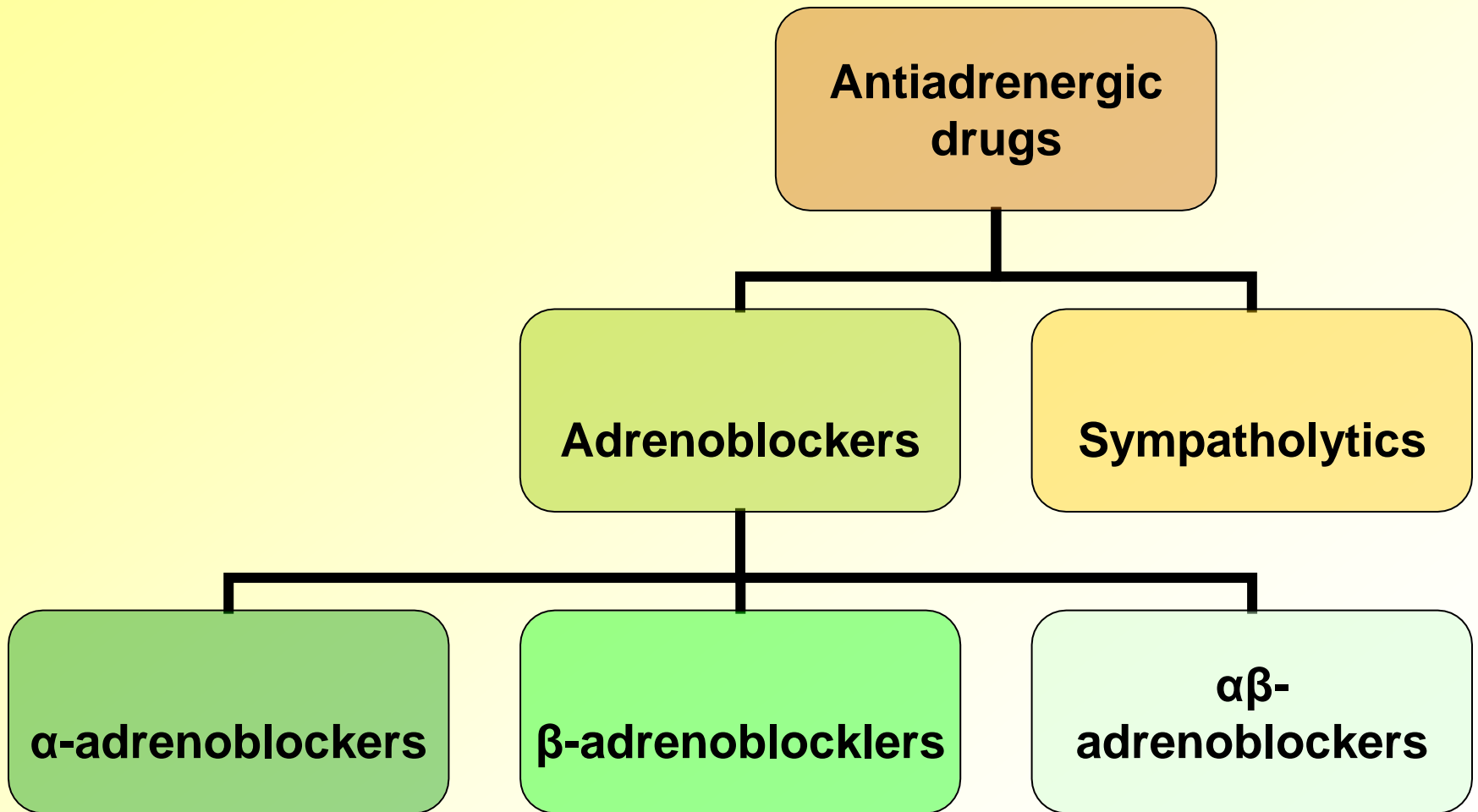
# $\beta$ - ADRENOMIMETICS

## PECULIARITIES OF PREPARATIONS

- ***Isoprenaline (Isadrinum)*** is catecholamine; has non-selective action on  $\beta_1$ - and  $\beta_2$ -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  $\beta_2$ -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  $\beta_2$ -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  $\beta_1$ -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. $\alpha$ -adrenoblockers:**

#### **1. Non-selective**

- Phentolamine
- Tropaphenum

#### **2. Selective**

- Prazosin
- Doxazasin

### **B. $\beta$ -adrenoblockers:**

#### **1. Non-selective**

- Propranolol (Anaprilinum)

#### **2. Selective**

- Metoprolol
- Talinolol
- Atenolol

### **C. $\alpha$ -, $\beta$ -adrenoblockers:**

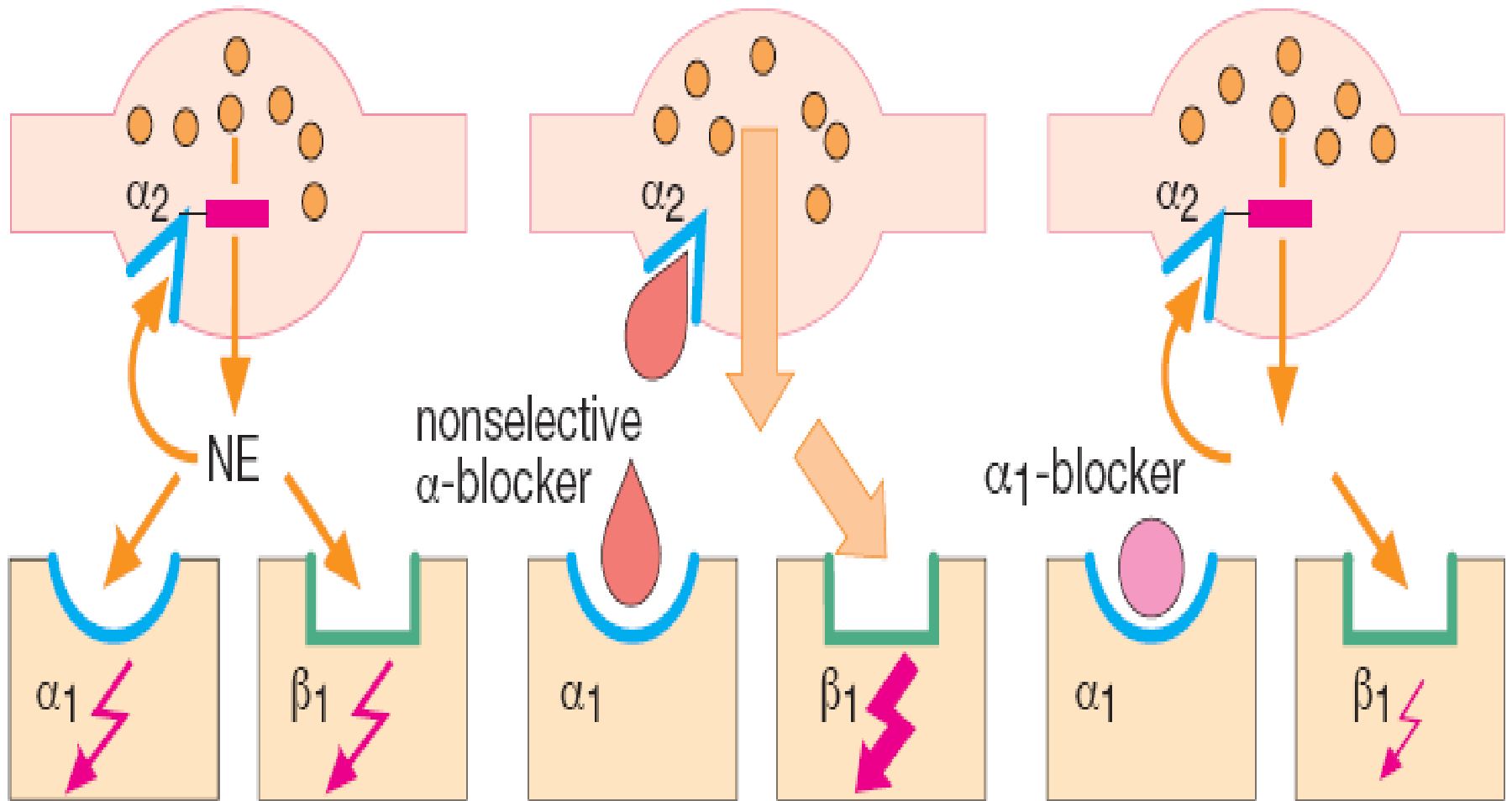
- Labetalol

### **D. Sympatholytics:**

- Guanetidine (Octadinum)
- Reserpine

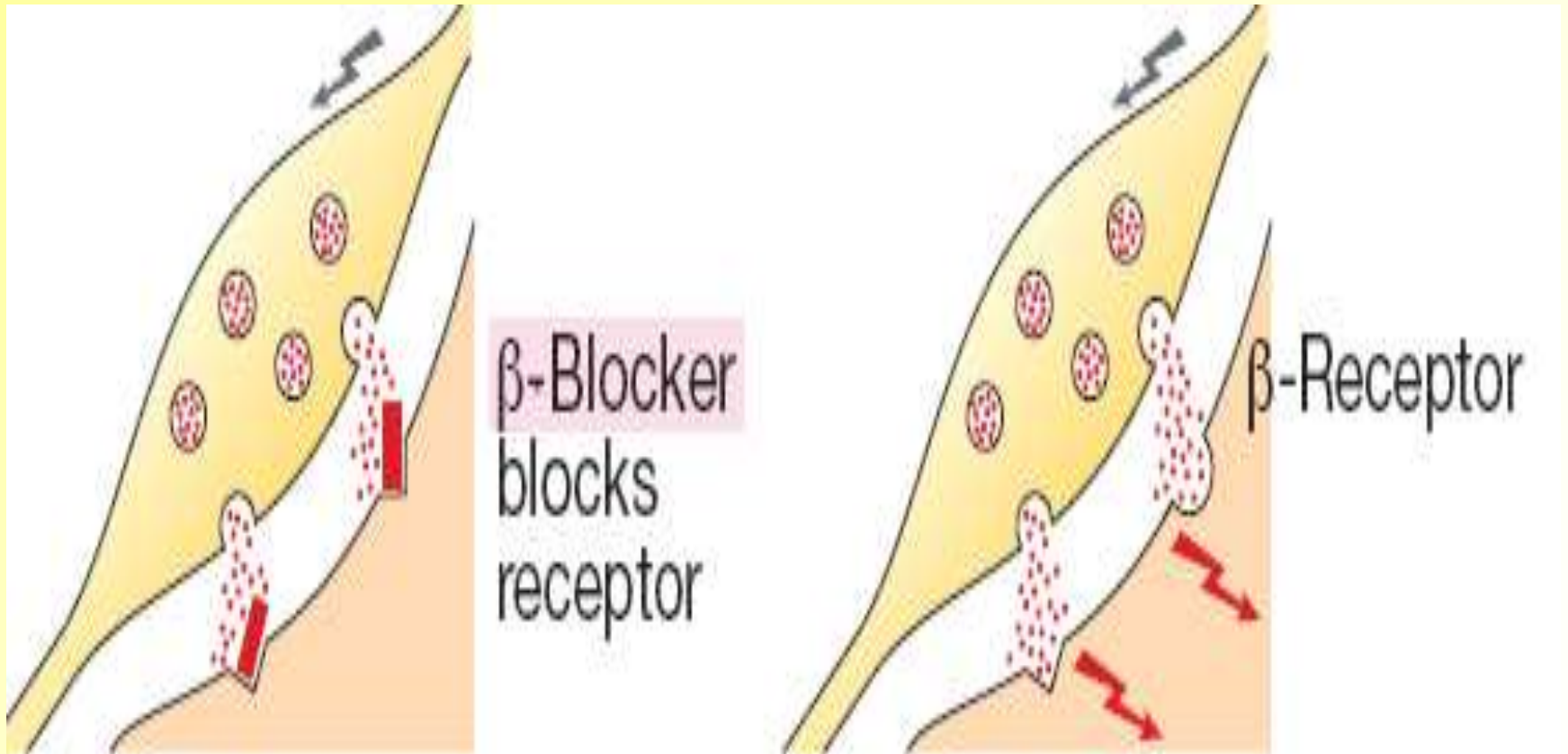
# $\alpha$ -ADRENOBLOCKERS

## MECHANISM OF ACTION



# PROPRANOLOL

## MECHANISM OF ACTION



# PROPRANOLOL (ANAPRILINUM)

## PHARMACODYNAMICS AND INDICATIONS

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



# **PROPRANOLOL (ANAPRILINUM)**

## **SIDE-EFFECTS AND CONTRAINDICATIONS**

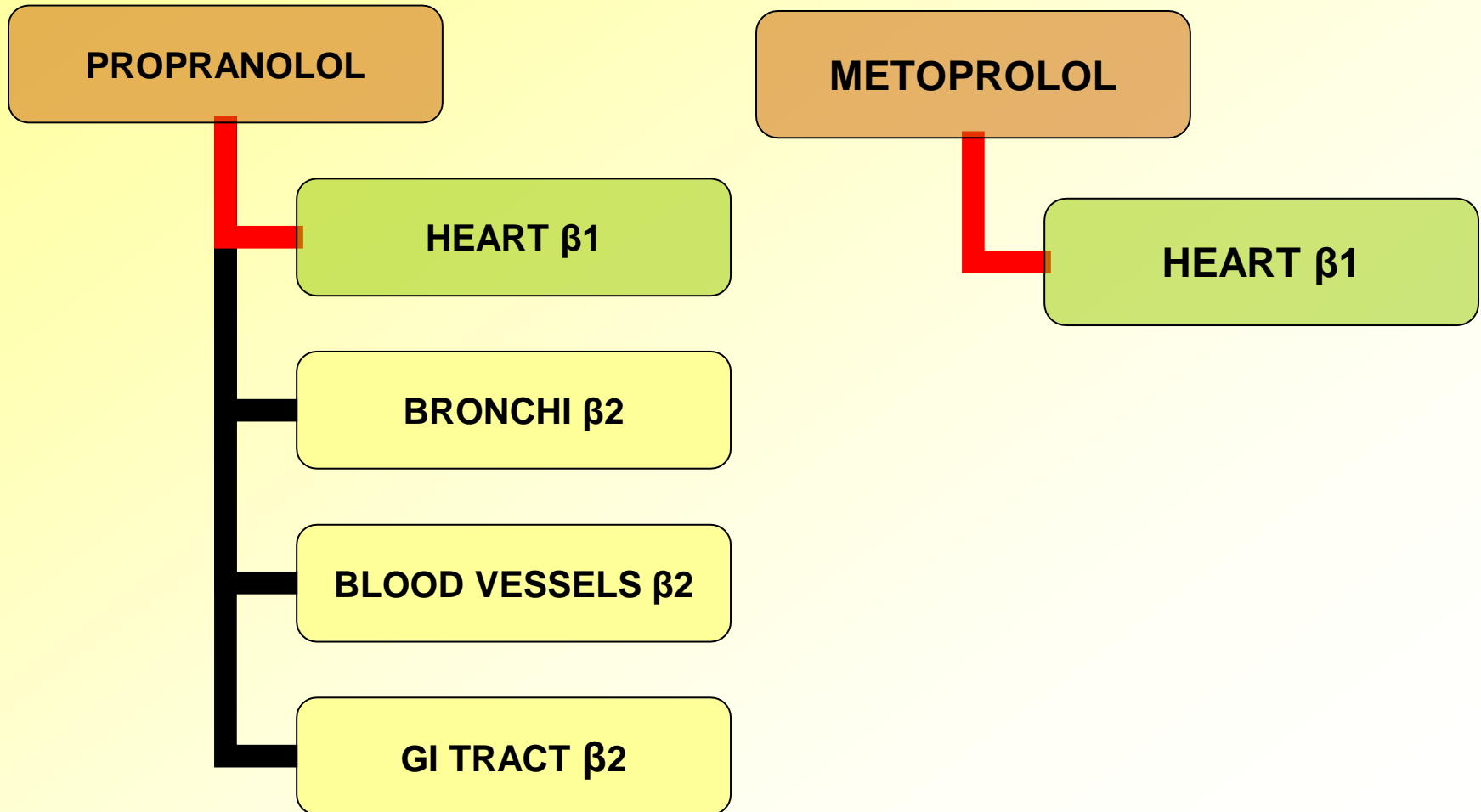
### **Side-effects**

- ❖ **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 $\beta$ -ADRENOBLOCKERS



# **β-ADRENOBLOCKERS**

## **PECULIARITIES OF PREPARATIONS**

- ***Metoprolol*** has cardioselective action (on β<sub>1</sub>-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<sub>1</sub>-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<sub>1</sub>-adrenoceptors.
- ***Atenolol*** has cardioselective action (on β<sub>1</sub>-receptors); is similar to metoprolol.

# $\alpha$ -, $\beta$ -ADRENOBLOCKERS

## LABETALOL

- ☐ blocks both  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -adrenoceptors
- ☐ action on  $\beta$ -receptors is 3 times more intensive than the action on  $\alpha$ -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

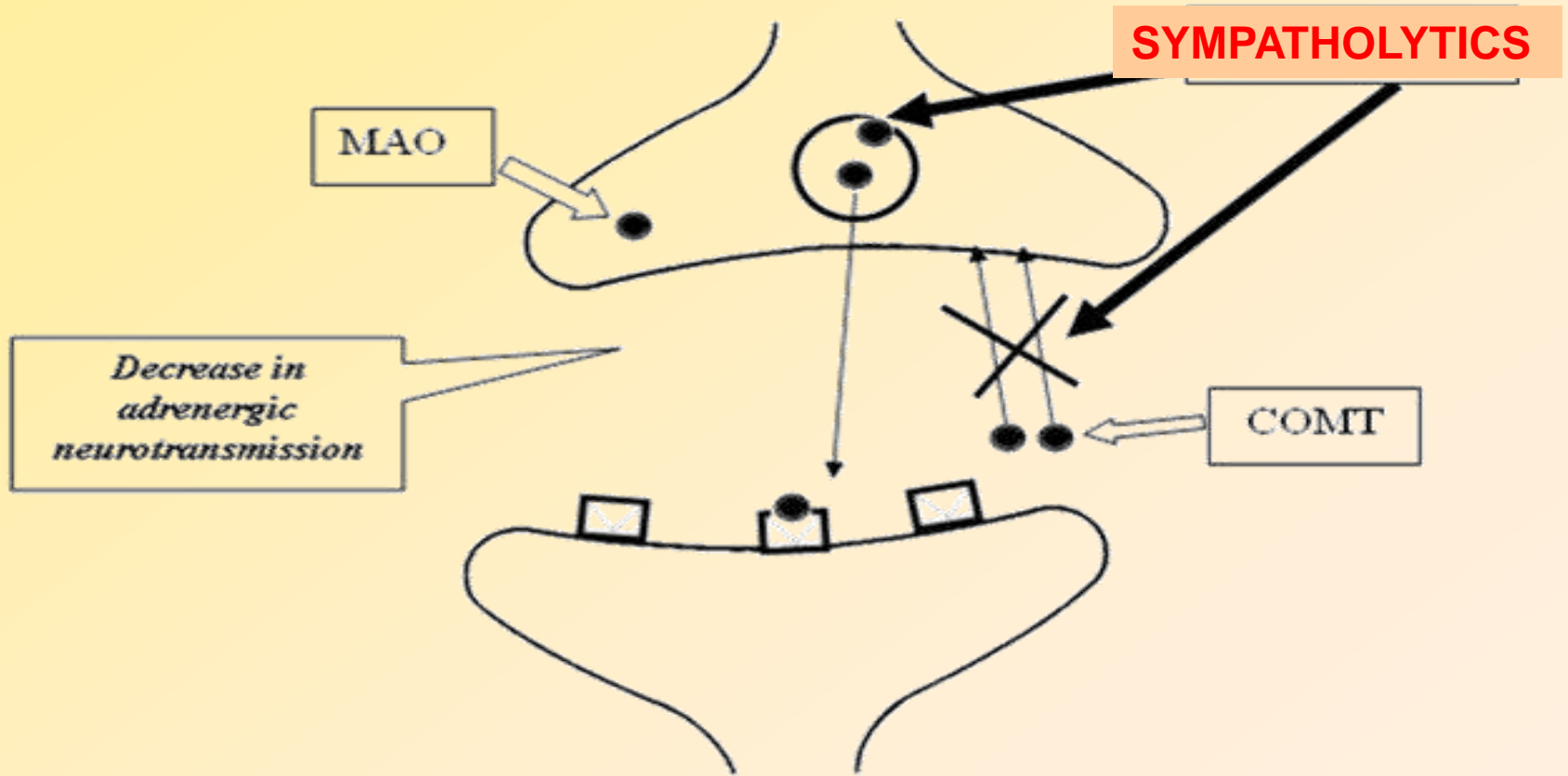
# SYMPATHOLYTICS

***Sympatholytics*** are presynaptically acting anti-adrenergic drugs.



# SYMPATHOLYTICS

## MECHANISM OF ACTION

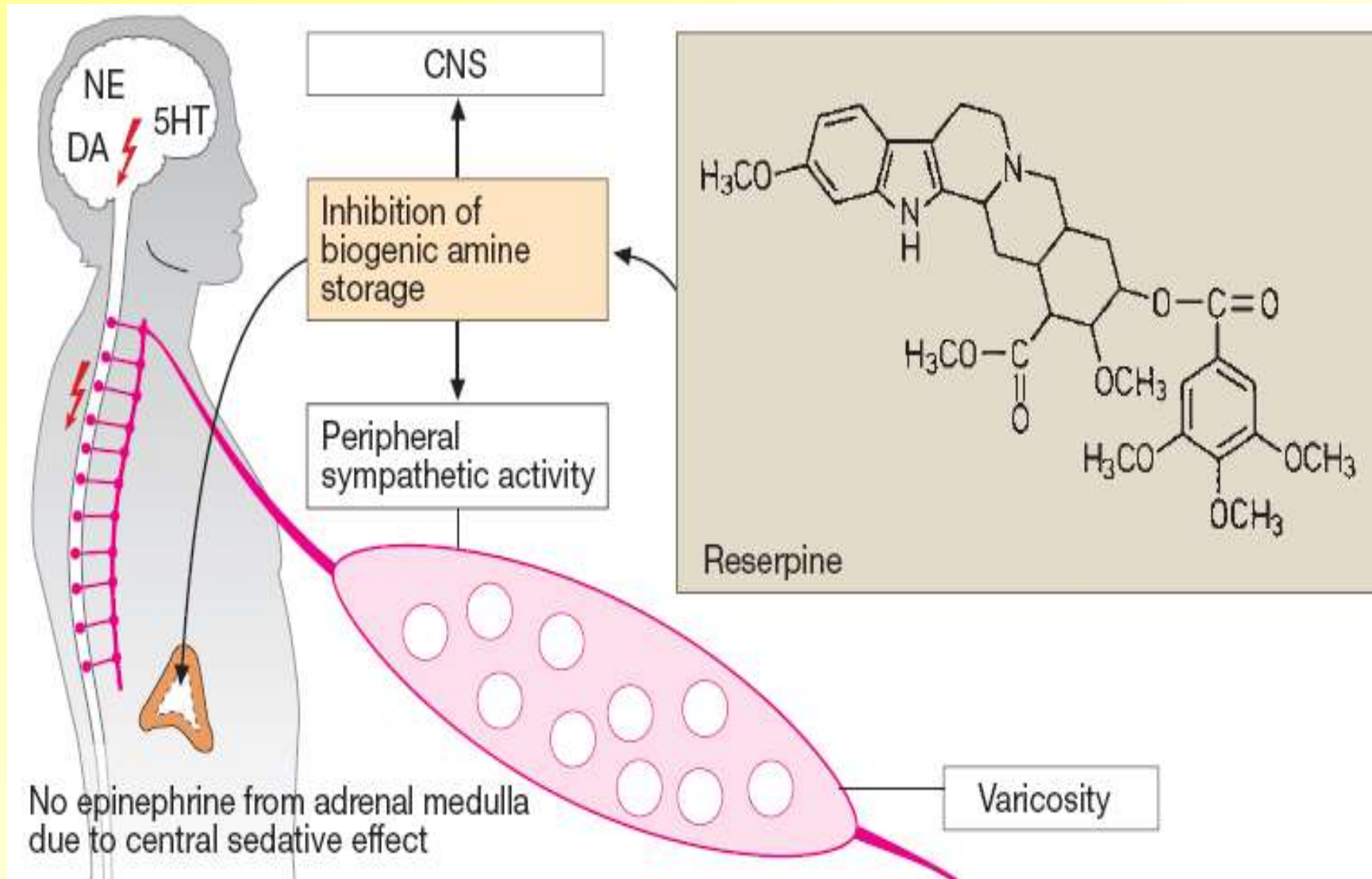


# RESERPINE

- ☐ 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

