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INTRODCTION

Pharmacology:

Science deals with the properties and effects of drugs, in amore general with the interactions of chemical compounds and living systems.

Drugs

Are chemical compounds used for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of many diseases, and effective in a small quantities, the action of drugs on living systems are called drug effects e.g. analgesic, analgesic, antipyretic.....etc.

Drug Receptor: Any part of a cell, usually a large protein molecule, on the cell surface or in the cytoplasm with which a drug molecule interacts to trigger a response or effect.

Pharmacodynamics:

IS the study of the mechanism of action of drugs. There are three mechanisms

Drug-receptor interaction ---the drug combines with cellular receptors.

Drug-enzyme interaction---the drug interacts with cellular enzyme systems

Non specific drug interaction ---the drug alters physical and chemical properties of the outer cell membrane and intracellular structures.

Pharmacokinetics

The study of drug movement through the body over time, helps predict drug action (therapeutic and adverse drug effects), 4 basic processes a drug undergoes after it enters the body.

Absorption

Distribution

Metabolism

Excretion

The magnitude of a drug's effect depends on the drug concentration at the site of action.

A drug must move from the administration site to the target tissues in which it will act

By distributing through numerous tissues. Some tissues such as the liver may biotransform

(metabolize) the drug as it moves through them. After metabolism, the drug is eliminated.

Absorption: the 1st process

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Take the drug from the administration site into the blood stream (systemic circulation). I.V. or intra-arterially enters the blood stream directly and therefore does not undergo absorption the entire dose is 100% bioavailable immediately, ready for distribution to its receptor site.

Drugs administered by all other routes [oral(P.O., I.M., rectal (P.R.), subcutaneous(S.C.), sublingual (S.L.), buccal, nasal, intratracheal, intradermal, and topical] must be absorbed before they can become available to target tissue. Special formulations of oral drugs (such as sustained-release tablets) can change the rate at which a drug dissolves in the stomach or small intestine, therefore slow the rate of absorption.

Distribution

Once the drug reaches the blood stream it distributed throughout the body blood flow play a role in drug distribution, determine how quickly a drug reaches its receptor sites highly perfusion tissues, heart, liver, kidneys, and brain received most drug before it distributes to other tissues, (skin, fat, muscle, and viscera) is slower.

Metabolism

By changing drugs chemically, the body bio transforms (metabolizes) them so it can eliminate them. It does this through the action of enzymes that change a drug's structure

To a more water- soluble form less likely to cross semi permeable membranes and remain in the plasma to undergo filtration by the kidney. The metabolites may or may not be pharmacologically active. Liver is the 1st site of drug metabolism, it could be in lungs, kidneys, skin, placenta, blood-brain barrier each of this have enzymes act on several chemical substances

Excretion

Drug removal from the body through an eliminating organ- usually occurs via the kidneys into the urine. Some drugs are excreted hepatically (via the bile into the faeces) and a few by minor routes(the lungs, saliva, sweat, and breast milk).

The dose

Dose: The quantity to be administered at one time, as a specific amount of medication (drug), it depends on the type of the drug.

Effective dose

Amount of drug given to patient to exert therapeutic effect

Minimal dose

Smallest amount of drug given to patient to exert therapeutic effect

Maximal dose

Largest amount of drug given to patient to exert therapeutic effect

Toxic dose

Amount of drug more than maximal dose, exert toxic effect

Fatal dose

Amount of drug more than toxic dose cause death of patient (kill the patient)

Important factors that affecting the dose of drug

Type of the drug

Route of administration of the drug

Time of drug taken

Age

Sex

General health of the patient (as fever)

Habitual use (common use of the drug)

Estimation of the dose

According to:

Age of the patient child age

Young's rule Child dose = ----- X Adult dose

child age+12

Dilling's rule

Child age

Child dose = ----- X Adult dose

20

Weight of the patient

Wt. Of child (pound)

Child dose = ----- X Adult dose

150

The Dosage form

Dosage form

Is the physical form of a dose of medication, such as capsule, injection , the route of administration is depend on the dosage form of a given drug various

dosage forms may exist for the same compound e.g. metechlopromide can be exist in

solution for injection, tablet, syrup....etc.

Inhaled dosage forms

- 1- Aerosol e.g. Albuterol aerosol (preventing breathing problem in pt. with Asthma)
- 2- Gas e.g. Nitrous oxide, oxygen
- 3- Inhaler e.g. Becotide inh.
- 4- Solution for nebulizer e.g. Salbutamol solution for nebulizer

Ophthalmic dosage forms

- 1- Eye drop (solution or suspension): Hydrocortisone eye drop (susp.), Genedine eye drop (solution)
- 2- Ophthalmic gel: Polyvinyl alcohol ophth. gel
- 3- Ophthalmic ointment: Tetracycline eye oint, genedine eye oint.

Oral dosage form

- 1- Capsule Cephalexin cap.
- 2- Powder Eno powder
- 3- Solution Butadin syrup
- 4- Suspension Erythromycin
- 5- Tablet Acetaminophen
- 6- Buccal or sublingual tablet Angised sublingual tab.
- 7- Thin film Benzocain for dental pain, Rizatriptan thin film for migrain

Parenteral dosage form

- 1- Solution or suspension for injection: Metronidazole sol. For inj., Decadron inj. (susp.)

Rectal dosage forms

- 1- Enema Barium enema
- 2- Suppository Dulcolax laxative supp., Glycerine rectal supp.

Topical dosage form

- 1- Cream: (emulsion of oil and water in equal proportions)
Betnosam cream
- 2- Ointment: (combines oil 80% and water 20%) Hydrocortisone oint.
- 3- Gel: Voltarin gel
- 4- Paste: Tooth paste
- 5- Powder: Nystatin topical dosage
- 6- Liniment: Methyl salicylate (Healing pads)
- 7- Lotion: Acne aid lotion
- 8- Transdermal patches: Ibuprofen patch, Methyl salicylate patch

The route of drug administration

Oral Administration

Advantages:

Most convenient, most economical

Disadvantages:

- 1- emesis (drug irritation of the gastrointestinal mucosa)
- 2- digestive enzymes/gastric acidity destroys the drug
- 3- unreliable or inconsistent absorption due to food or other drug effects
- 4- metabolism of the drug by gastrointestinal flora

Factors determining rate of drug effect onset

Primary factor:

Rate & absorption extent by GI tract

Absorption Site:

mainly small intestine because of large surface area

Drug ionization state:

no ionized (lipid-soluble) forms favor absorption

weak acids may be highly ionized in the alkaline intestinal pH (not favoring absorption) but this effect is counterbalanced by the large surface-area effect

drugs which are weak acids are readily absorbed in the stomach

First-Pass Effect

Drugs absorbed from the GI tract pass through the portal venous system then through the liver and finally into the systemic circulation when drugs interact with receptors in target tissues.

Extensive hepatic metabolism/extraction results in minimal drug delivery to the systemic circulation for certain agents.

Drugs with large first pass effect exhibit significant differences in pharmacological effects comparing oral vs. IV administration

Examples:

propranolol

lidocaine

Transdermal Administration

Advantages:

- 1- sustained, therapeutic plasma levels (reduced peaks/valleys associated with intermittent drug administrations)
- 2- Avoids continuous infusion technique difficulties
- 3- Low side effect incidence (smaller doses)
- 4- Generally good patient compliance

Factors contributing to reliable transdermal drug absorption:

- 1- molecular weight < 1000
- 2- pH range 5-9 in aqueous medium
- 3- no histamine-releasing action
- 4- daily drug requirement <10 mg

Example of drugs available for transdermal delivery:

- 1- scopolamine:-tolerance may eventually occur; resulting in loss of therapeutic action
- 2- fentanyl (Sublimaze)
- 3- clonidine (Catapres)
- 4- nitroglycerin-tolerance may eventually occur; resulting in loss of therapeutic action

Rectal Administration

- 1- Proximal rectum administration: Absorption into superior hemorrhoid veins then enters the portal venous system then to the liver (possible first pass hepatic effect) and finally into the systemic circulation
- 2- Low rectal administration of drug may allow the drug to enter the systemic circulation without passing through the liver
- 3- Generally unpredictable pharmacological responses for the above reasons
- 4- Rectal mucosal irritation possible

Parenteral Administration

- 1- Ensures active drug absorption
- 2- subcutaneously intramuscular injection: more rapid/predictable than oral administration route
- 3- only route of administration acceptable for:
 - a- uncooperative patients
 - b- unconscious patients

Factors the determine rate of systemic absorption:

- 1- absorbing capillary membrane surface area
- 2- drug solubility in interstitial fluid
- 3- aqueous channels (vascular endothelium) promote high diffusion rates of drugs, independent of their lipid solubility

Advantages of IV administration

- 1- rapid/precise blood drug levels obtained (e.g., no first-pass effect)
- 2- Irritant drugs: more comfortably administered (blood vessels relatively insensitive); drug rapidly diluted (particularly if administered into large forearm vein)

Ear drops

Are the a solution containing a medication which is used in treatment of localized infection and inflammation of the ear medications used for ear treatment should be labeled otic drops.

Eye drop and ointments

Medication used for eyes. In case operation after surgery or during it. Inflammation and allergic cases.

The medication used for eyes should be labeled ophthalmic drop or ophthalmic ointment. Ointment has long duration action more than solutions preparation of ear drops. rx. Sodium bicarbonate. D.W.

Procedure: add gm of sodium bicarbonate to 1ml of D.W. mixing the powder with D.W. until complete dissolution. Use for ear cirrhosis.

Dosages forms:

Capsules are small cylindrical gelatin containers.

hold dry powder or liquid medicinal agents they are available in a variety size and they are a convenient way of administering drug with unpleasant odor or taste the color shape manufacturers symbols on capsule surface are identifying the product

Tablet are dried powdered drugs have been compressed in to small disks and tablets also contain one or more of the following ingredients

1-Binders 2- Disintegrator substance 3-lubricant 4- Fillers

An enteric coated tablet has a special coating that resists dissolved in acidic pH of stomach but dissolved in alkaline pH of intestine. It tablet must not crushed or chewed or active ingredients will be released prematurely and be destroyed in stomach.

Elixirs:

are clear liquids made up of drugs dissolved in alcohol and water after the drug is dissolved in elixir flavoring agents are frequently add dissolve to improve taste.

Emulsions:

Are dispersions of small droplets of water in oil or oil in water the dispersion maintained by emulsifying agent such as sodium lauryl sulfate gelatin or acacia.

Emulsions are used to mask bitter tastes or provide better solubility to certain drug.

Suspensions:

Are liquid dosage forms that contain solid. Insoluble drug particles dispersed in a liquid base.* It should shake well before administer to ensure mixing of the particles.

Syrups:

Contain medicinal agent dissolved in a concentrated solution of sugar. Sucrose. Many preparations for pediatric patients are syrups.

Parenteral Dosage:

Ampoules: are glass containers usually contain a single dose of a medication, may be scored or have a darkened ring around the neck in it. Ampoule is broken open for withdrawing the medication.

Vials: are glass containers contain one or more doses of a sterile medication mouth of it covered with a thick rubber diaphragm through it a needle must be passed to remove the medication. This rubber is sealed by metal lid the medication may be solution, sterile powder.

A\ Large volume solution containers I.V. solutions are available in both glass& plastic containers in various types& concentrations. The volume ranging from 100-2000 ml, both glass& plastic containers& vacuum sealed.

Suppositories: Are a solid form of medication designed for introduction into a body orifice, at body temperature the substance dissolves& absorbed by M.M. if it soft can put in cold water or place in ice.

Autonomic nerves system: are classified to:

- 1- Parasympathetic nerves system**
- 2- Sympathetic nerves system**

Parasympathetic nerves system

Also called

cholinergic = parasympathomimetic

Acetyl choline

An acetic acid ester of choline, normally present in the body. It is a neurotransmitter at the neuromuscular junction, in sympathetic and parasympathetic ganglia, and at parasympathetic nerve endings.

Autonomic nervous system: portion of the nervous system that controls the involuntary visceral functions of the body.

Cholinergic: stimulated, activated, or transmitted by acetylcholine or a similar substance

Neurotransmitter: chemical substance secreted by the neuron at the synaps that acts on receptor proteins in the membrane of the adjacent neuron or muscle to stimulate, inhibit, or modify its activity.

Parasympathetic nervous system: cholinergic division of autonomic nervous system.

Parasympathomimetic: agent that produces effects similar to those from stimulation of the parasympathetic nerves; also called cholinergic or muscarinic.

Nerves that innervate skeletal muscle also release Ach when stimulated.

The released Ach binds to specific sites in skeletal muscle, triggering contraction.

Disordered release of acetylcholine from these nerves or impaired binding with skeletal muscle leads to profound muscle weakness (myasthenia gravis).

Cholinesterase inhibitors (e.g. neostigmine) improve muscle performance in patients with this disease.

Cholinergics are classified primarily into the **cholinesterase inhibitors** and the **parasympathomimetic agent**.

Parasympathetic nerve ending secret Ach , which inhibit by the effect of enzyme cholinestrace as well as it play its action, Ach is bound to named muscarinic receptor

Drug mimic Ach.

1. Edrophonium
2. Neostigmine
3. Physostigmine
4. Ambenonium
5. Bethanechol

Major uses

1. Ambenonium, neostigmine, physostigmine, and pyridostigmine are used to treat symptoms of myasthenia gravis.
2. Edrophonium and neostigmine aid differential diagnosis of myasthenia gravis.

3. Neostigmine is used to prevent and treat postoperative urine retention.
4. Neostigmine and pyridostigmine reverse the effect of neuromuscular blocking agents used in surgery.
5. Physostigmine is antidote in anticholinergic poisoning, such as poisoning caused by tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs).
6. Bethanechol is used to prevent and treat postoperative urine retention, postoperative gastric atony and retention, abdominal distension and megacolon

Mechanism of action

1. Ambenonium, edrophonium, neostigmine, physostigmine and pyridostigmine inhibit the destruction of Ach released from the parasympathetic nerves. Ach accumulates, increasing the stimulation of the receptor.
2. Bethanechol directly binds to muscarinic receptors, mimicking the action of Ach.

All cholinergics except physostigmine are poorly absorbed orally. They are widely distributed to organs innervated by the parasympathetic nervous system, metabolized in the liver, and excreted by the kidneys as water-soluble metabolites.

Physostigmine, the only cholinergic that effectively crosses the blood-brain barrier, is useful for tricyclic antidepressant (TCA) and anticholinergic poisoning.

Adverse reaction

Increase level of Ach directly or indirectly but symptoms of increase cause adverse reaction which is:

1. Sweating
2. GI disturbances (nausea, diarrhea, abdominal cramping).
3. Cardiac problems

4. Bradycardia, hypotension and arrhythmias.
5. Respiratory difficulties due to increase airway secretions.
6. CNS reactions
7. Headache, confusion, nervousness in high doseage seizures
8. Visual reactions (effect on eyes)
9. Problem of accommodation, miosis, excessive lacrimation and diplopia.

2- Sympathetic N.S.

Also called: **Adrenergics**

Sympathetic N.S.

Also called sympathomimetics produce their effect either by mimicking the actions of dopamine, epinephrine, or norepinephrine at receptor sites in the sympathetic N.S. or by displacing natural norepinephrine from neural storage sites. These drugs do not stimulate all types of adrenergic receptors equally, their effects and indications for use differ. Their action is not organ- or site- specific and may occur at other than the desired sites.

Three major types of receptors within sympathetic N.S.

Alpha, beta, and dopaminergic

The sympathetic nervous system innervates numerous organs (e.g. heart, blood vessels, respiratory tract, liver, urinary bladder, and intestines), regulate many body functions. When stimulated, sympathetic nerves release norepinephrine except for sympathetic nerves that innervate sweat glands, which release Ach. Norepinephrine combines with receptor sites on the innervated organ to elicit a response. Stimulation of alpha receptors causes vasoconstriction and uterine and sphincter contraction.

Beta divided into B_1 and B_2

$Beta_1$ receptors are largely in the heart; when stimulated, they increase the rate and force of contraction and the rate of AV node conduction.

$Beta_2$ receptors are primarily in bronchi, blood vessels, and uterus; stimulation produce bronchodilation, vasodilatation and uterine relaxation.

Dopaminergic receptors in splanchnic blood vessels; stimulation dilates these vessels.

The adrenal medulla is a major part of sympathetic nervous system. D

uring times of danger or acute stress, the sympathetic N.S. can activate the adrenal medulla to release epinephrine into the systemic circulation.

Epinephrine activates alpha and beta receptor, producing physiologic and metabolic effects that prepare the person to cope with the stress (as in the fight- or-flight response).

Drug used as adrenergic stimulant

1. Albuterol
2. Adrenaline and noradrenaline
3. Ephedrine
4. Phenylephrine
5. Pseudoephedrine

Uses of adrenergic drug

1. Raise blood pressure and cardiac output.
2. Relieve bronchoconstriction.
3. Treat heart block and certain arrhythmias and to restore cardiac rhythm in cardiac arrest.
4. Epinephrine and phenylephrine are used to treat anaphylaxis and other allergic reactions.
5. Pseudoephedrine are nasal decongestants.
6. Phenylpropranolamine is used in weight- control aid by increase the release of glucose from the liver, increase the heart rate and ventricular contractility.

Drugs acting on digestive system

a- Antacid

Neutralize gastric acid and help control ulcer pain. They don't seem to have coating effect on ulcers. Drugs used as antacid are:

- 1- Aluminium carbonate
- 2- Aluminium hydroxide
- 3- Calcium carbonate
- 4- Magnesium trisilicate

Magnesium containing antacids have laxative effect and cause diarrhea. In patients with renal failure, they may cause hypermagnesemia.

Aluminium- containing antacids cause constipation, may lead to osteomalacia and hypophosphatemia.

a- Digestants:

Digestant promote digestion in the gastrointestinal tract, used in patient lacking such digestive substances as bile salts, gastric acid, and pancreatic enzymes most widely used digestant are:

- 1- Bile salts and hydrochloric acid: stimulate bile flow from the liver, promote digestion and absorption of fats, fat-soluble vitamins, and cholesterol.
- 2- Pancreatin
- 3- Pancrelipase
- 4- Glutamic acid HCl >>> replaces gastric acid, inhibit growth of putrefactive microorganisms in ingested food.

Pancreatin and pancrelipase replace endogenous exocrine pancreatic enzymes and aid intestinal digestion of starches, fats, and proteins.

b- antidiarrheals

Reduce the fluidity of the stool and frequency of defecation. Diarrhoea may be caused by foods or drugs, laxative abuse, allergies, endocrine dysfunction, malabsorption, neurological or inflammatory diseases, mechanical obstruction parasitic infection, gastric resection, or radiation poisoning.

Drugs used as antidiarrhoea

- 1- Bismuth subgallate
- 2- Diphenoxylate Hcl
- 3- Kaolin & pectin
- 4- Loperamide Hcl

*Bismuth salts have a mild water-binding capacity; may absorb toxins and provide protective coating for intestinal mucosa

*Diphenoxylate and loperamide: increase smooth muscle tone in GI tract, inhibit motility and propulsion, and diminish digestive secretions

*Kaolin and pectin: decrease the stool's fluid content by adsorption of bacteria and toxins that may cause diarrhoea.

d- laxative

They prevent constipation, evacuate the bowel before the bowel examination, exposure of abdominal X-ray films, barium enema and various surgical procedures.

Drugs used

- 1- Bisacodyl
- 2- Cascara sagarada

- 3- Castor oil
- 4- Glycerine lactulose
- 5- Magnesium salts
- 6- Methyl cellulose
- 7- Mineral oil

*glycerine lactulose is also used to treat hepatic encephalopathy.

Mechanism of action:

- 1- Bulk- forming laxative
- 2- Stool softeners increase liquidity of stool.
- 3- Absorption water from intestine osmotic laxative.
- 4- Increase intestinal movement.

c- Antiemetics

Drug that relieves nausea and vomiting

Classify into three groups

- 1- Antihistamines
- 2- Phenothiazines
- 3- Miscellaneous agents

Antihistamine

- 1- Cyclizine Hcl
- 2- Dimenhydrinate

Phenothiazines

Prochlorperazine maleate

Miscellaneous

1- Metoclopramide

2- Diphenidol Hcl

3- Scopolamine

Most of these act on the CNS on the region known as chemoreceptor trigger zone (CTZ)

d- Antiulcer agents

Ulcer diagnosis by endoscopy.

Classified into 3 groups:

1- Histamine₂ receptor antagonist (H₂receptor antagonist)

2- Protectants

3- Acid pump inhibitor

H₂ R antagonist e.g. Cimetidine, ranitidine, famotidine, treat peptic ulcers; they promote healing of duodenal and gastric ulcers.

Protectants e.g. sucralfate, misoprostol

Acid pump inhibitor e.g. Omeprazole

Anticholinergic drugs

1- Atropine sulphate

2- Scopolamine hydrobromide

Cholinergic blockers (also called parasympatholytics) inhibit the action of acetylcholine released by parasympathetic and some sympathetic nerves. The effects of parasympatholytics are typically opposite those of parasympathetic stimulation. Parasympathetic (vagal) stimulation of the heart decreases heart rate. Whereas atropine, a parasympatholytic drug, increases heart rate. Parasympatholytic drugs are not organ-specific.

The administration of atropine to reverse severe bradycardia can dry oral and respiratory secretions; the use of glycopyrrrole preoperatively to dry oral secretions can produce urine retention, especially in men with prostatic hypertrophy.

Major uses

1. Atropine may be used for treatment of poisoning by organic phosphate insecticides and certain mushrooms.
2. As preanaesthetic medications, atropine, glycopyrrolate, and scopolamine are used.
3. To reduce salivary and respiratory secretions.
4. Scopolamine may be used to prevent motion sickness.

Mechanism of action

Cholinergic blockers inhibit the effect of acetylcholine (as the neurotransmitter for impulses in parasympathetic nervous system) at the junction between postganglionic parasympathetic nerve endings and effector organs.

These receptor sites are also called muscarinic sites.

Adverse reactions

Anticholinergic reactions include

1- GI reactions

Dry mouth, thirst, constipation, nausea, and vomiting.

2- Urinary symptoms

Hesitancy and retention

3- Cardiovascular reactions

Tachycardia, palpitations, and activation of angina

4- Dermatologic reaction

Hot, flushed skin

5- Visual changes

Mydriasis, blurred vision and photophobia.

6- CNS reactions

Headache, restlessness, ataxia, disorientation, hallucination, delirium, agitation, mental confusion, insomnia and coma with excessive dosage.

Inotropic agents

Cardiac glycoside

Digitalis or cardiac glycosides

Digoxin, Lanoxin

Derivative of digitalis, influence the force of myocardial contractility, it is extracted from plants of genus Digitalis or chemically synthesized, are used to treat congestive heart failure and tachyarrhythmias.

The range between therapeutic and toxic doses is extremely narrow.

Its toxicity may be due to:

- a- Altered absorption
- b- Serum electrolyte level
- c- Renal or hepatic dysfunction
- d- Drug interactions
- e- Other factors

Major uses

- a- Increase cardiac output in acute or chronic congestive heart failure.
- b- They control the rate of ventricular contraction in atrial flutter or fibrillation.
- c- They are used to prevent or treat paroxysmal atrial tachycardia and angina associated with congestive heart failure.

Mechanism of action

1- Influence both mechanical and electrical activity of the heart it depends on:

a- Drug concentration

b- Cardiac status

Increase force of contraction no effect on normal heart but in present of congestive heart failure it produce beneficial slowing of heart rate according to severity of tachycardia.

2- The increase force of contraction is caused by increase (Ca^{++}) availability to the contractile proteins actin and myosin.

3- The range between therapeutic and toxic doses is narrow.

4- Digitalis glycoside also act on CNS to decrease sympathetic activity and increase vagal activity, this increase results in a slower firing rate of the Sinoatrial node (SA) and slower conduction velocity through the Atrioventricular (AV) node.

Adverse reaction full into 4 groups

a- Cardiac

b- Neurologic

c- Gastrointestinal

d- Visual

a- Cardiac reactions

Caused by drug toxicity secondary to excessive blood levels which may result in arrhythmias, most commonly premature ventricular contraction, AV node conduction block.

b- Neurological reactions

1- Headache, fatigue, depression, confusion, and insomnia.

2- Less common include psychosis, delirium and neuralgia

C- Gastrointestinal reactions

Anorexia, nausea and vomiting and, less commonly, diarrhea and abdominal pain.

d- Visual reactions

Blurred vision and abnormal color vision, green and yellow halos.

Antiarrhythmic drugs

Used to prevent atrial fibrillation, including those secondary to MI(myocardial infarction) or digitalis toxicity.

<u>Drug used</u>	<u>mechanism of action</u>
1. Procainamide	block transport of sodium
2. Mexiltene, lidocain, and Phenytoin	block transport of sodium
3. Acebutolol	for supraventricular arrhythmia
4. Amiodarone	alpha and beta inhibition
5. Verapamil	Ca ⁺⁺ channel blocker

Antilipimics

1. Cholestramine
2. Clofibrate
3. Lovastatin

Lowering cholesterol levels or triglycerides or both, may reduce the risk of coronary artery disease and myocardial infarction

Mechanism of action

Cholestramine combine with bile acid to form insoluble compound that is excreted

Clofibrate

Inhibit cholesterol biosynthesis at an early stage

Lovastatin

Inhibit the hepatic synthesis of cholesterol

The haemorrhagic agents also call control bleeding agents.

Tranexamic acid (cyclocapron)

Reduction or prevention of hemorrhage in hemophilia patients.

Blood derivatives.

Albumin 5%

Albumin 25%

Plasma protein fraction

Blood derivatives act as plasma expanders in hypovolemic shock caused by burns, trauma, sepsis or surgical procedures also treat hypoproteinemia associated with malnutrition, toxemia of pregnancy, or prematurity.

- Albumin is used to treat hypoproteinemia associated with hepatic cirrhosis and nephritic syndrome.
- Some blood derivatives (antihemophilic factor, factor IX complex) are used to replace missing clotting factors in patients with hereditary coagulopathies.

Anticoagulants

1. Heparin

2. Warfarin

Anticoagulants, drug used to prevent fibrin formation also prevent clot enlargement.

Heparin is not active after oral administration.

Warfarin is oral anticoagulants.

Thrombolytic agents are effective in treating acute and extensive episodes of thrombotic disorders. Before administering these agents, be aware

of increased risk of hemorrhage that attends their use, thrombolytic therapy should be accompanied by close laboratory monitoring.

Uses

1. Treatment pulmonary emboli and deep vein thrombosis.
2. Reduce thrombus after cardiac valve replacement surgery.
3. Heparin is administered subcutaneously in low doses to prevent deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism.
4. Oral anticoagulants used in rheumatic heart disease with valvular damage and in atrial arrhythmias that impair hemodynamic.

Mechanism of action

- 1- Heparin inactivates thrombin and prevents conversion of fibrinogen to fibrin.
- 2- The oral anticoagulants inhibit vitamin K dependent activation of clotting factor II, VII, IX, and X which are formed in the liver.

Antihypertensive

Antihypertensives

Classified into:

1-Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors

a- Captopril

b- Lisinopril

2-Beta- adrenergic blockers

a- Atenolol

b- Propranolol

3- Calcium channel blockers

a- Nifedipine

b- Verapamil

4-Alpha adrenergic blockers

a- Phenoxybenzamine

b- Phentolamine

5-Vasodilators

a- Minoxil

b- Nitroprusside

Hypertension

Systolic blood pressure 160mmHg or higher

Diastolic blood pressure 95mmHg or higher

Two or more antihypertensives (with different mode of action) may be needed, untreated hypertension can lead to stroke and cardiac or renal disease

Diuretics

Reduce the body's total volume of water and salt by increasing their excretion in urine. Most diuretics are used to treat essential hypertension (except miscellaneous diuretics).

Diuretics

Classified into 4 groups

1. Thiazide and thiazide- like diuretics

- a. Benzthiazide
- b. Chlorothiazide

2- Potassium- sparing diuretics

- a. Amiloride reduce the loss of potassium ions in urine
- b. Spironolactone = = = = =

3- Loop diuretics

- a. Ethacrynic acid
- b. Furosemide

4- Miscellaneous diuretics

- a. Acetazolamide
- b. Mannitol
- c. Urea

Mannitol and urea: are used to reduce intracranial pressure in patient with hydrocephalus or head injury, also used to rapidly decrease intraocular pressure in patient with glaucoma.

Diseases that affect urinary tract.

Dysuria: discomfort or pain on urination, usually resulting from a bacterial infection or obstruction in urinary tract.

There are many methods to treat urinary tract infection.

1st of all there must be done sensitivity test and culture of urine and according to sensitivity test, that uses antibiotic disc like penicillin, ampicillin, cephalosporin, erythromycin and gentamycin. Choosing antibiotic that suitable for the infection depend on its sensitivity test.

The uses of samafurantin 50mg, 100mg it has antiseptic effect on urinary tract (uvamin) R .

Phenazopyridine HCl 100mg (urisept)R , It has analgesic effect decrease the pain that associated with frequent urination (burning and urgency) associated with cystitis, prostatitis, and urethritis, once thought to have a antiseptic properties, these agent are ineffective against microorganisms responsible for urinary tract infections.

Antigout agents.

Uricosurics.

- 1• Probenecid
- 2• Sulfin pyrazone
- 3• Allopurinol
- 4• Colchicines

Gout a hereditary disease involving an error in metabolism, leads to hyperuricemia and the formation of monosodium urate crystals.

Deposits of these monosodium urate crystals in and around a joint cause the inflammation and resultant pain of the disease.

- Allopurinol is used to treat primary gout and gout associated with blood disorders, such as leukemia and polycythemia, cancer, and cancer chemotherapy.
- Colchicine is used to relieve acute attacks of gouty arthritis.
- Probenecid and sulfinpyrazone act to increase uric acid excretion in the urine by competitively inhibiting the active resorption of uric acid at the proximal convoluted tubules of the kidney.

Probenecid also blocks active secretion of penicillins into the urine. It is used to prolong high serum drug levels during antibiotic therapy.

Allopurinol lowers serum and uric acid levels by inhibiting xanthine oxidase, the enzyme that catalyzes the formation of uric acid from xanthine.

Urinary acidifier and alkalinizers

Acidifier e.g. ammonium chloride

Alkalinizers e.g.

- 1• Sodium bicarbonate
- 2• Sodium lactate
- 3• Troinethamine

Correct acid- base imbalances in metabolic disorders.

In severe metabolic alkalosis; acidifiers may be given to lower blood pH

Adverse reactions to ammonium chloride result from too- rapid I.V. infusion or ammonia toxicity. Severe reactions include hypocalcemic tetany, EEG abnormality alternating episodes of depression and excitation.

Histamine and antihistamine

(H₁ and H₂ receptor antagonist)

Histamine and antihistamine

Histamine is organic compound composed of histidine molecule. It is present in animal tissues, cells and plants in abundant form. So it is inactive form but in certain circumstances

Histamine released and then will have pharmacological effect.

It has two types of receptors

H₁ receptor (smooth muscle)

H₂ receptor (gastric secretion)

Allergic symptoms appear due to histamine release includes:

1. respiratory symptoms: as sinusitis, asthma, increase nasal secretion, nasal congestion
2. skin symptoms: as redness, urticaria, edema
3. cardiac symptom: as palpitation, hypertension, hypotension,
4. neurological system: as headache, vertigo
5. digestive symptoms: as colic, indigestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, due to gastric secretion so antihistamines found to treat these symptoms of allergy and anaphylaxis, also acts as antiemetics for motion sickness

Examples:

Diphenhydramine ((Allermine)) H₁ receptor antagonist

It has sedative effect and cause drowsiness used as antiemetics and for motion sickness in a derivative of it called

1. Dimenhydrinate (Dramamine^(R)), and travimine^(R)
2. Chlorphenhydramine
3. Cyproheptadine: periactin^(R)
4. Promethazine: phenergan^(R)
5. Promethazine thiocolate: Avomine^(R)

H₂ receptor antagonist

1. Cimetidine: Tagamate^(R)
2. Ranitidine: Zantac^(R)

Potent antihistaminic used to decrease gastric secretion, used in treatment of peptic

Ulcer used as tablets can be given I.V. injection

Antibiotics

Antibiotics

Are compound that produced by microorganisms with an inhibitory action on other

Microorganisms and have a favorable therapeutic index differences from each other by:

- 1- Potency
- 2- Antibacterial spectrum
- 3- Metabolism
- 4- Mode of action

(1) Antibacterial

Antibacterial spectrum:

A- Some antibacterial have inhibitory effect on G (+Ve) bacteria (penicillin), while streptomycin has effect on G (-Ve) so these two antibacterial have narrow spectrum.

B- Some antibacterial have inhibitory effect on both G (-Ve) and G(+Ve) bacteria, in addition to their effect on viruses so they are called (broad spectrum antibacterial) like Ampicillin, Cephalexin and Cephalothine.

Antibacterial are of two types

- 1- Bactericidal: which kill the microorganism like Cephalosporin, penicillin, Aminoglycosides
- 2- Bacteriostatic: which inhibit growth of microorganism like tetracycline, chloramphenicol, erythromycin (in low dose) and lincomycin.

Penicillin:

Is very effective antibacterial with low toxicity its action results from inhibition of cell wall synthesis of growing bacteria.

Types of penicillin

- 1- Penicillin G (P.G) Benzyl penicillin:

- Effective against G (+Ve) bacteria.
- Destroyed by penicillinase enzyme that present in bacteria which are resistant to penicillin (I.M. and I.V)

2- Penicillin V (P.v) phenoxymethyl penicillin

Not hydrolysis by gastric secretion (given orally) 400,000 I.U. every 6hrs.

3- Procain penicillin

Long duration of action because of its low absorption after I.M. 300,000 I.U every 12hrs.

4- Benzathine penicillin (B.P):

Slowly soluble in water it's effective concentration in the blood remains for weeks or more after I.M injection 600,000 or 1,200,000 usp.

Penicillinase resistant penicillin

- 1- Cloxacillin
- 2- Oxacillin
- 3- Methicillin
- 4- Dicloxacillin

Broad spectrum penicillins

- 1- Ampicillin
- 2- Amoxicillin sensitive to destruction by penicillinase
- 3- Carbencillin
- 4-Piperacillin

- 1- Ampicillin: broad spectrum G (+)ve and G(-)ve dose 250-500mg, pediatric suspension.

- 1- Streptomycin
- 2- Gentamycin
- 3- Tobramycin
- 4- Amikacin
- 5- Spectinomycin
- 6- Neomycin

Poor absorbed orally, not reach CNS use I.M or I.V

1. Streptomycin:

Useful in treatment of Tuberculosis (T.B) and brucellosis side effect ototoxicity and Nephrotoxicity

2. Gentamycin:

Useful in treatment of systemic infections caused by G (-)ve bacteria.

Side effect nephrotoxicity, ototoxicity in solution 10- 40 mg/ml

(2) Antifungal

- Nystatin: (Mycostatin) antifungal 500,000 to 1 million units oral tablets t.i.d G.I infection.

Oral, vaginal and intestinal infection caused by Candida albicans (Monilia) and

Other Candida species.

- Amphotericin B:

indication:

- a. Systemic fungal infections and meningitis.
- b. G.I.T. infection with Candida albicans.

- Clotrimazole: fungicidal agent for local infection.

(3) Antiviral agent:

Acyclovir (Zovirax) for mucocutaneous herpes simplex virus (HSV-1 and HSV-2).

(4) Amebicidal and Trichomonacide _____

Metronidazol(flagyl): Amebicidal and Trichomonacide at both intestinal and extra intestinal.

Anti-diabetic agents

Antidiabetic agents

Diabetes mellitus:

Metabolic disorder due to decrease insulin secretion from Beta cell of pancreatic islets (Langerhans) characterized by hyperglycaemia, glycosuria, polyuria, polydipsia, polyphagia, Emaciation and weakness.

There are 2 types of D. M.

Type 1: insulin dependent D.M.

Type 2: non-insulin-dependent D.M.

Insulin- dependent D.M.

.Exogenous insulin important for this patient.

There are 4 types of insulin

1- Rapid acting insulin

2- Intermediate acting insulin

3- Long acting insulin

4- Extended insulin

1-Rapid acting insulin

<u>Preparation</u>	<u>onset</u>	<u>peak</u>	<u>duration</u>
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Insulin injection (regular, crystalline zinc)

Novolin regular	½ hr.	2 ½- 5 hr.	8 hr.
Humulin regular	½- 1 hr.	2- 4 hr.	6- 8 hr.
Purified pork insulin	½ hr.	2 ½- 5 hr.	8 hr.

Velosulin	½ hr.	1- 3 hr.	8 hr.
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2- Intermediate – acting insulin

Isophane insulin suspension (NPH)

Novolin N	1 ½ hr.	4-12 hr.	24 hr.
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Humulin N	1-2 hr.	6- 12 hr.	18- 24 hr.
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Insulatard NPH	1 ½ hr.	4- 12 hr.	24 hr.
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3- Long –acting insulin

Protamine zinc insulin suspension

<u>Preparation</u>	<u>onset</u>	<u>peak</u>	<u>dur</u> <u>ation</u>
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Protamine zinc & Iletin1	4-8 hr.	14- 24 hr.	28 - 36 hr.
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Beef protamine zinc& Iletine11	4-8 hr.	14- 24 hr.	28 -36 hr.
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Pork protamine zinc& Iletine 11	4-8 hr.	14- 24 hr.	28 -36 hr.
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4-Extended insulin zinc suspension (ultralente)

Ultralente 1	4-8 hr.	14- 24 hr.	28 - 36 hr.
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Ultralente insulin	4 hr.	10- 30 hr.	36 h r.
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Ultralente purified	4 hr.	10- 30 hr.	36 h r.
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Type 11 non– insulin dependent D.M.

<u>Sulfonylureas</u>	<u>onset</u>	<u>peak</u>	<u>duration</u>
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Acetohexamide	1 hr.	4-5 hr.	12-24 hr.
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Glibizide	½ -11/2 hr.	1- 3 hr.	10- 24 hr.
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Glyburide	2- 4 hr.	2- 4 hr	24 hr.
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Metformine oral antidiabetic drug used to decrease glucose absorption from GIT system

For diabetes insipidus chlorpropamide	1 hr.	3- 6 hr.	40-60 hr.
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Therapeutic regimen prescribed and adjusted according to patient's blood and urine glucose Concentrations (500 units/ml) I.V.of concentrated regular insulin is contraindicated

Adverse reactions

Metabolic: hypoglycaemia, hyperglycaemia

Skin: urticaria

Local: lipoatrophy, lipohypertrophy, itching, swelling, redness, stinging others anaphylaxis Interactions

Alcohol, beta blockers, clofibrate, MAO inhibitor, corticosteroids there must be monitor for, Hyperglycaemia

Analgesic and antipyretic

There are 3 groups

1. Salicylates (Aspirin)
2. Urinary tract analgesic (phenazopyridine)
3. Nonsalicylates (acetaminophane) paracetamol

Medical uses

1. Relieve mild to moderate pain
2. Decrease inflammation or rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and reduce fever
3. Aspirin inhibits platelet aggregation decrease coagulation
4. Phenazopyridine (urinary tract analgesic) decrease the pain of frequent urination
5. Associated with cystitis proctitis and urethritis
6. Acetaminophane (paracetamol) relieve mild to moderate pain and fever

Analgesic combination

Anacin (aspirin +caffeine)

Acetaminophane + aspirin +caffeine

Non steroidal anti inflammatory

1. Voltarine (diclofenac)
2. Indocid (indomethacin)
3. Brufen (ibuprofen)
4. Ponstan (mefenamic acid)
5. Naprox (naproxen)
6. Felden (piroxicam)

Steroidal anti inflammatory

1. Cortisone (hydrocortisone)
2. Dexamethasone (Dexone)
3. Celestone (Betamethasone)
4. Prednesolone (presolone) anti inflammatory and immunosuppressant

Opioid analgesic

1. Codeine indication for mild to moderate pain
2. Morphine indication for sever pain

They cause addiction

Sedative- hypnotics

A- Barbiturates

1. Pentobarbital
2. Phenobarbital
3. Secobarbital

B- Benzodiazepines

1. Flurazepam hydrochloride
2. Temazipam
3. Trizolam

c-Miscellaneous agents

1. chloral hydrate
2. paraldehyde
3. ethchlorvynol

The hormones

Hormones: Are substances secreting by ductless secretary organ directly into the blood.

Functions of hormones

1. Regulation of metabolic process (insulin).
2. Growth(GH)
3. Development of organs(sex hormone)

Source of hormones:

1. Animal (caw-sheep's): extracted and purified example (Testosterone-Tyrosine).
2. Synthetic: in same characters of natural hormone example (Epinephrine, Stilbesterol, Thyroxin and cortisone).

Disturbance in function of glands lead to diseases

1. Decrease secretion of hormone>>lead to>>>>Hypofunction can be treated by giving hormone as injection or tablet.
2. Increase the secretion of hormone>>lead to>>>>Hyperfunction treated by given antagonist or surgery.

Pancreatic secretion

Pancreas >>> >>>> Alpha cell secret glucagon hormone.

= >>>>>>>Beta cell secret insulin hormone.

Glucose ^{insulin} glycogen stored in liver and tissues.

Increase blood glucose >>>>>excretion in urine

Glucose cannot enter the cells of the body tissues in absence of insulin.

Decrease insulin ->>>> Diabetes mellitus (D.M.) Characterized by hyperglycaemia

due to :1- Relative deficiency.

2- Insulin resistance.

Glycogen >>>>> glucagon >>>>>>>>> glucose (glycogenolysis). In case of fasting or hypoglycaemia

Pituitary secretion >>>>a-Blood vessels

b- Nervous system

c- Secretary cells

Pituitary gland is complex structure of secretary organ composed of 2 lobes:

1. Anterior lobe
2. Posterior lobe

Posterior lobe secret 2 hormones:

1. Oxytocin: which stimulate the contraction of uterine muscles so it is used to induce the labor, to stop the bleeding and reduce the uterine size to normal size, also it stimulate milk secretion.
2. Vasopressin (Antidiuretic hormone)(ADH) injectable solution, it has a antidiuretic effect, deficiency of this hormone lead to diabetes insipidus.

Anterior pituitary secretion:

1. Growth hormone (GH).
2. Prolactin hormone (PL).
3. Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH).
4. Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH).
5. Luteinizing hormone (LH).

6. Adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH).

Growth hormone (GH):

Function:

- a. It is essential for normal growth.
- b. Increase protein synthesis.
- c. Hepatic glucose production.
- d. Lipolysis.

Deficiency leads to dwarfism.

Prolactin hormone: stimulate milk secretion

Increase prolactin hormone lead to infertility.

Thyroid stimulating hormone TSH

It stimulate thyroid hormone synthesis if thyroid hormone levels increase

TSH secretion is suppressed.

TSH deficiency leads to hypothyroidism

TSH stimulate thyroid gland to secret thyroxin

Increase thyroxin lead to decrease TSH

Decrease thyroxin lead stimulation of TSH to secret

Luteinizing hormone LH

Stimulate testosterone secretion by leyding cells so increase secretion

Follicle stimulating hormone FSH

1. In male(FSH) stimulate spermatogenesis
2. In female (FSH) increase estrogen secretion by ovary especially in first part of menstrual cycle.

Thyroid gland (T.G): secrets 3 hormones

1. Thyroxine T₄

Uses :

- a. Treatment of amenorrhea
- b. Treatment of postmenopausal symptoms by given estrogen and androgen.
- c. Treatment of prostate cancer.

Progesterone:

It's produce excessively during pregnancy, where as it is essential for maintain pregnancy.

Vitamins

Organic compound that necessary for normal growth and survival. They give no energy but they are essential for regulation of metabolism. Deficiency of vitamin in the diet leads to development of certain diseases.

- Malabsorption e.g megaloplastic anaemia
- Malnutrition e.g fat soluble vitamin

Source: plant- animal- synthetic

Groups of vitamin

- Water soluble vitamin. (Vitamin B groups- vitamin c)

Many of them are coenzyme or essential part of coenzyme and thus have a function in the cells. Example (thiamine- nicotinic acid - riboflavin- pyridoxine- ascorbic acid).

- Lipid soluble vitamin. (A, D, E, K)

Water soluble vitamin

Thiamine or vitamin B1:

- Light and heat resistant
- Loss some activity upon cooking
- Important for metabolism of carbohydrates
- Excreted by urine

Source: yeast- wheat- egg

Deficiency: Beri- Beri which characterized by heart failure, peripheral polyneuritis, anorexia, nausea and mental disorders

Riboflavin vitamin B2 or Lactoflavin

- Thermal stable but high sensitive
- Daily requirement 3mg/ day-10mgs in deficiency of it

Source: yeast- green vegetables- liver- meat- milk- egg yolk

Deficiency: cheilosis, stomatitis, keratitis

Nicotinic acid or niacin but not nicotinamide

Produce vasodilation of small vessels.

- Experimentally lowering serum cholesterol and as vasodilator but it is not definitely useful Vasodilator and decrease serum cholesterol.

Deficiency: pellagra>>>>>skin lesion, gastrointestinal mucosa changes diarrhoea and mental disorders.

Pyridoxine vitamin B6

- Coenzyme in much reaction
- 100mg injection necessary for metabolism of amines.

Deficiency: dermatitis- convulsions

INH may cause pyridoxine deficiency

Source: yeast- liver- rice- wheat

Pantothenic acid

Deficiency in animal cause dermatitis, adrenal degeneration and CNS symptoms, in human not well recognized

Decrease cortisone >>>>>lead to death

Source: yeast- bran- egg yolk, liver

Inositol:

Used in case of liver diseases in a dose of 2mg/day.

Source: fruit- juice- milk- yeast- meat- liver

Biotin vitamin (H)

No definite deficiency in human, essential for maintain the health

Deficiency: Arthritis- Anxiety and dandruff

Source: liver – kidney- milk- yeast.

- Choline
- Important for metabolism of lipid and carbohydrate

Deficiency: nephropathy- bleeding

It is used to treat liver cirrhosis in a dose of 2 gm

Source : egg yolk – heart - liver – fish- milk – vegetables and fruits.

Vitamin B12 (Cyanocobalamine)

Source: it is obtained from liver extracts

It is important in treatment of pernicious anemia in dose 100mg/ week I.M

Or orally as preparation contain the intrinsic factor combine with vitamin B12 and increase its absorption.

Folic acid

Deficiency: anemia (Macrocytic anemia)

It is given in a dose 5mg/day orally

Over dose >>>>>>>>>>bone marrow destruction especially in anemic patients

Vitamin C (Ascorbic acid)

- It's reducing agent (Antioxidant)
- It is important for healing of wounds

- For maintain tooth and bone
- Important for adrenal cortical function

Fat soluble vitamin A, D, E, K

(1)Vitamin A (Retinol)

Action

- Coenzyme stimulates retinal function.
- For bone growth
- For reproduction
- Integrity of epithelial and mucosal tissues

(2)Vitamin D Choliciferol (vitamin D3)

Action

A- Promotes absorption and utilization of calcium and phosphate.

B- Helping to regulate calcium homeostasis.

Deficiency: (1) Rickets

(2) Renal osteodystrophy

(3) Vitamin E (Tocopherol)

As an antioxidant and protect RBC membrane against haemolysis

Vitamin E deficiency in premature in premature neonates and in patients with impaired fat absorption

(4) Vitamin K phytonadione

Action

Antihaemorrhagic factor, promotes hepatic formation of active pro thrombin, hypoprothrombinemia occur secondary to vitamin K

Malabsorption, also occur in drug therapy.

Hematinics

Haematinics

- a. Ferrous fumarate
- b. Ferrous gluconate
- c. Ferrous sulfate
- d. Iron dextran

Hematinic are iron containing compounds that increase both the haemoglobin level and the number of RBCs. Iron is necessary for formation of haemoglobin, which transports oxygen within the RBCs from the lungs to the tissues. Iron deficiency, which can lead to decreased haemoglobin synthesis and decreased RBC production, may result from blood loss or inadequate iron intake during accelerated growth or pregnancy.

Although many expensive form of iron therapy are available, ferrous sulphate is the cheapest and most effective.

Major uses

Iron preparations supplement depleted iron stores daily dietary supplement, 10 to 18 mg patients with iron deficiency may require 90 to 200mg of elemental iron daily

Mechanism of action

After absorption into the blood, iron is immediately bound to transferrin, a plasma protein that transports iron. Transferrin carries iron to bone marrow, where it's used during haemoglobin synthesis. Some iron is also used during synthesis of myoglobin or other non haemoglobin heme units.

Anaemia: disorder characterized by a decrease in haemoglobin in the blood to levels below the normal range.

Erythropoiesis: production of RBCs.

Erythropoietin: glycoprotein produced by the kidneys that stimulates RBC production.

Ferritin: one of the complexes in which iron is stored in the body.

Adverse reactions

The usual dosage of oral iron commonly produces constipation, dark stools, diarrhea, and nausea or epigastric pain. These reactions can be minimized by taken the drug between or after meals or by administering lower doses at shorter intervals.

Fatal anaphylaxis has been reported with parenteral administration (I.M. OR I.V.) of iron dextran, commonly within the first few minutes of administration; this reaction is most often associated with sudden respiratory difficulty sometimes with CV collapse.

Other reactions to iron dextran may include local reactions at injection site; nausea, vomiting, and disturbances in taste; headache, weakness, dizziness, arthralgia and myalgia; and flushing and hypotension with rapid I.V. administration.

Ferrous sulfate

Contraindications and precautions

In patients with haemosiderosis and haemochromatosis use cautiously in peptic ulcer, ulcerative colitis, and regional enteritis. Also use cautiously on long- term basis.

Heavy metal poisoning Mercury, Lead and Silver

MERCURY

Is one of the oldest industrial poisons low level mercury exposure may cause unrecognized renal damage.

Characteristics of mercurial poisoning

- Swelling and ulceration of gums
- Loosening of the teeth, fetid breath, and abnormal flow of saliva.
- Shaking palsy of the limbs
- Slight abnormalities in speech.
- Psychic disturbances
- Increase of systolic blood pressure, albuminuria, and hematuria were also noted

Mechanism of action

Organic mercuric ion act to precipitate protein and inhibit sulfhydryl enzymes, it's reversible following removal of heavy metal. This is the basis for the success of British antilewisite (BAL) in treating mercury poisoning. Once mercury enters the circulation it is rapidly taken up. Although the form of mercuric ion circulated and deposited is unknown. Mercury in tissue is found in varying quantities from the largest amount in the kidney and decreasing amount in liver, spleen, wall of the intestine, heart, skeletal muscle, and lung. Excretion starts immediately through kidney and colon.

Treatment and prevention of mercury poisoning.

- Proper ventilation.
- "Sweating them out" method of choice before chelating agents

is used.

British antilewisite (BAL) a dimercaprol and chelating drug, N-acetyl-D-penicillamine.

BAL is 3mg/kg injected every 4hrs. For 2 days the same dose every six hrs. on third day and then daily for ten days. Penicillamine chelate iron and copper as well as mercury.

Contraindication

(EDTA) Calcium ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid

Silver

Is used as a coating for steel in aviation, bearings, in processing. Silver ware and

jewellery silver soldering caused unrecognized pulmonary irritation. Intense exposure cause pulmonary oedema and repeated exposures may result in irreversible damage to lung function.

Argyria, a bluish black deposit of metallic silver in the skin, it is localized in areas of the skin come in contact with silver. Generalized argyria may follow ingestion or inhalation.

Condition developed slowly requiring from 2-25 years. Silver converted to silver

Sulphide deposited in the elastic fibers of corium to give grey blue pigmentation.

Argyrosis of eye conjunctiva, cornea, and rarely the lens, reported as discoloured Causing no loss of vision but disturbance in dark adaptation. Silver deposited throughout the body as seen at autopsy following death from other causes.

Therapy and control

Silver is excreted almost entirely in the feces, such excretion prevents silver storage. British anti-lewisite (BAL) is of value in trying to remove silver from the body

Lead

Arabian physicians knew that lead would cause colic if swallowed, paralysis also

breathing lead fumes would cause the same disorder.

In industry, the toxicity of lead compound depends on:

- The solubility in the body fluids
- The size of the particle

Toxic effect of lead

- G.I.T
- Kidney
- Liver
- Joint involvement
- Palsy
- Lead encephalopathy

Note: painter and printer suffer from wrist drop the earliest sign of wrist drop is dropping of the two middle fingers when the hands are stretched out.

Treatment of lead poisoning

1. Freedom from exposure to lead
2. High intake of milk because lead follows calcium into bone in acute

case.

3. Cathartic is given to hasten excretion of any lead in the intestinal tract
4. I.V. Calcium relief from the pain of lead colic.
5. Calcium ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (CaEDTA).
6. British anti- lewisite (BAL) is contraindicated in adult lead poisoning.

Digoxin toxicity

The adverse drug reactions associated with digitalis glycosides fall into four groups:

- 1- Cardiac.
- 2- Neurologic
- 3- GI
- 4- Visual.
- 5- Cardiac reactions

Cardiac reactions: Usually caused by drug toxicity secondary to excessive blood levels. Digoxin levels above 2mcg/litre or digitoxin levels above 35 mcg/litre may result in arrhythmias, most commonly ventricular tachycardia, and bigemany.

Neurological reactions

Commonly associated with digitalis glycoside intoxication are headache, fatigue, depression, confusion, and insomnia less common reactions include psychosis, delirium, and neuralgia.

Gastrointestinal reactions

Include anorexia, nausea and vomiting and less commonly, diarrhea and abdominal pain.

Visual reaction

The most common visual reaction is blurred vision.

But other signs of digitalis intoxication may include abnormal colour vision, green and yellow halos, scotomata, and amblyopia

- a- Excessive slowing of the pulse rate (60 beats/minute or less) may be a sign of digitalis toxicity. Withhold drug and notify doctor.
- b- Do not administer calcium salts to patient receiving digoxin; calcium affects cardiac contractility and excitability and may lead to serious arrhythmias.
- c- Institute safety precaution if CNS reactions occur.
- d- Obtain an order for an antiemetic or antidiarrheal agent if GI reactions occur. Obtain a digoxin blood level to determine if symptoms are a result of toxicity.
- e- Keep all members of the health care team in front of the patient's response to the drug.

Patient teaching

- 1- Inform the patient and family about digoxin, including the dosage, frequency, action, and adverse reactions.
- 2- Teach the patient and family how to take a pulse before each dose.
- 3- Stress importance of notifying the doctor if digitalis toxicity is suspected.
- 4- Encourage the patient to eat potassium- rich foods.
- 5- Follow-up and periodic laboratory tests will be needed to evaluate the effectiveness of the drug.

Acetaminophen

Acetaminophen poisoning is becoming common in the USA and in Great Britain more than 5000 patients with acetaminophen poisoning are admitted annually to hospitals, and 50-100 die. Most fatalities from acetamin

ophen have occurred in adults who have intentionally taken 10g or more 140mg/kg.

Antihistamines

Antihistamines drugs in toxic doses produce a complex of central nervous system excitatory and depressant effects cerebral and kidney damage have been observed at autopsy.

Chlorpromazine and related drugs: acute fatal dose for these compounds in the range of 15-150mg/kg, severe symptoms have occurred with doses less than 1mg/kg.

Anaesthetics

Cocaine

In toxic dose cocaine first stimulates and then depresses the CNS in descending order from the cortex to the medulla. The pathologic findings in fatal cases of cocaine poisoning are congestion of the gastrointestinal tract, brain and other organs. Death may occur almost immediately after the use of cocaine or may be delayed 1-3 hours.

Fatal pulmonary edema has occurred after intravenous administration of free cocaine base.

Thiocyanate insecticide: thanite, lethane

One adult patient died after ingestion a mixture containing approximately 5g of lethane-384 and 14 g of lauryl thiocyanate. The toxicity of ethyl and methyl thiocyanate are reaching 10mg/kg in experimental animals, because they are converted to cyanide in the body. In rats, thanite has an LD50 of 1500mg/kg it causes convulsions.