

Renin Angiotensin Aldosterone System

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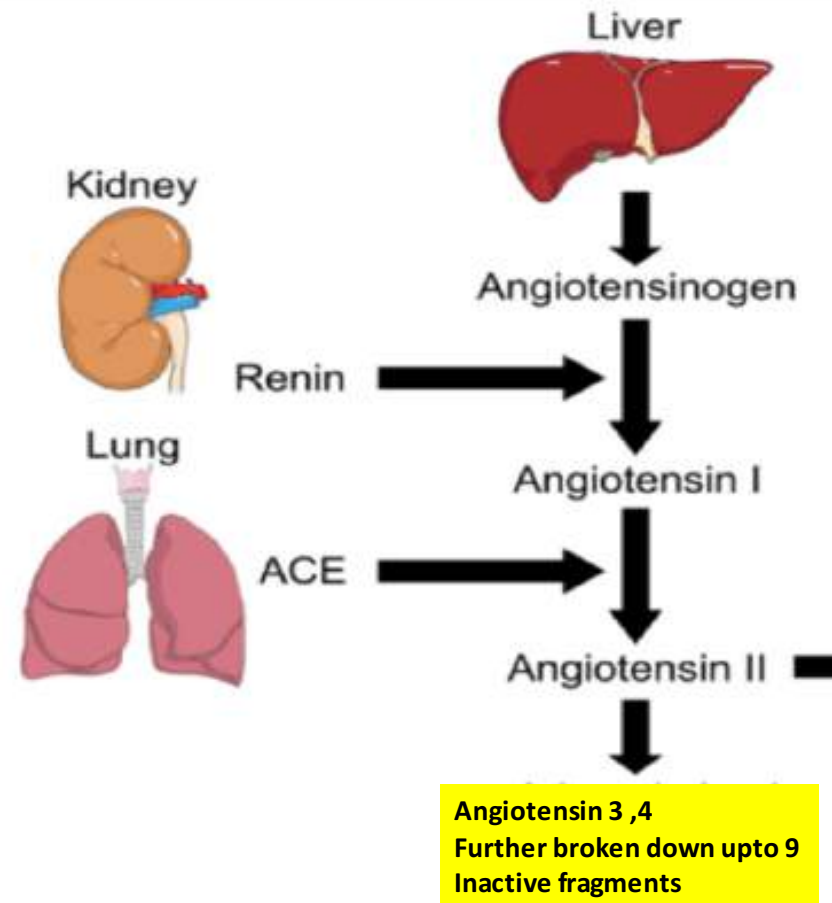
Synthesis of angiotensin II

Cascade of events

Liver –angiotensinogen

Kidney –JG apparatus- renin

Lungs –angiotensin converting enzyme –ACE



Target organs

Adrenal gland –aldosterone

Hypothalamus –post pituitary –
thirst ,ADH

Blood vessels –vasoconstriction

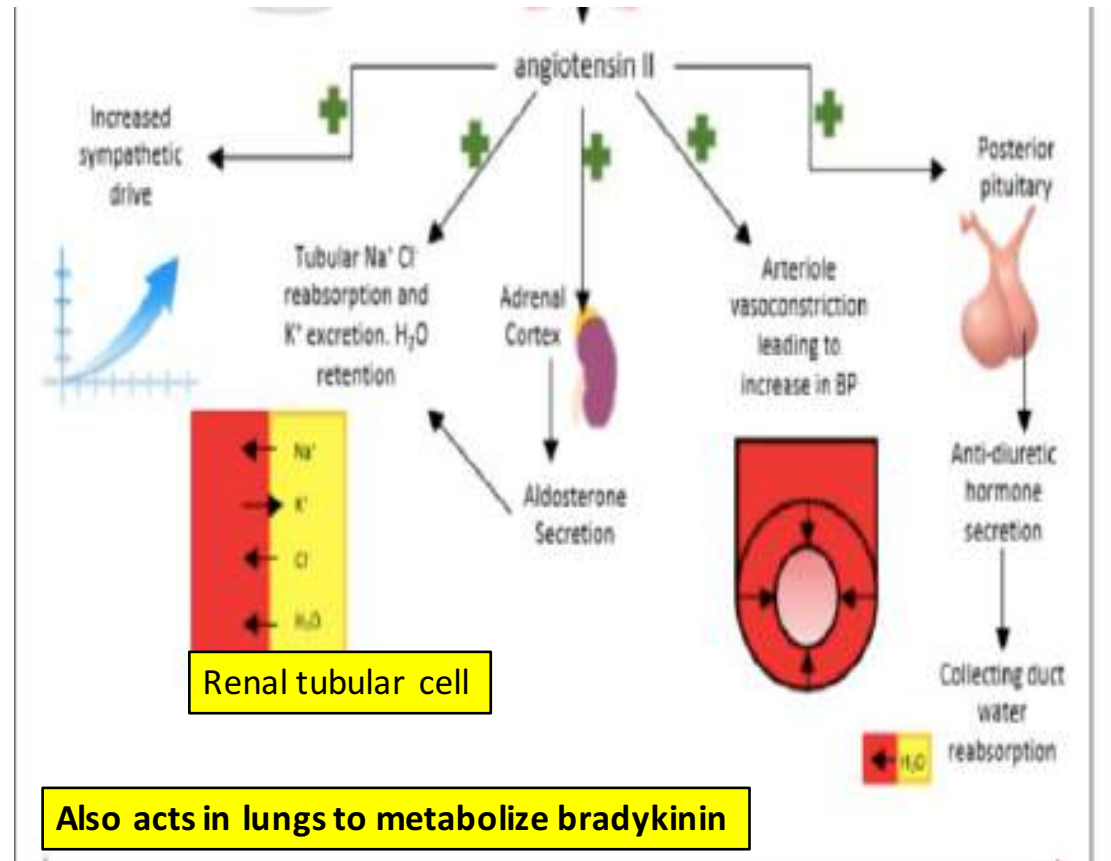
Heart –increased contractility etc

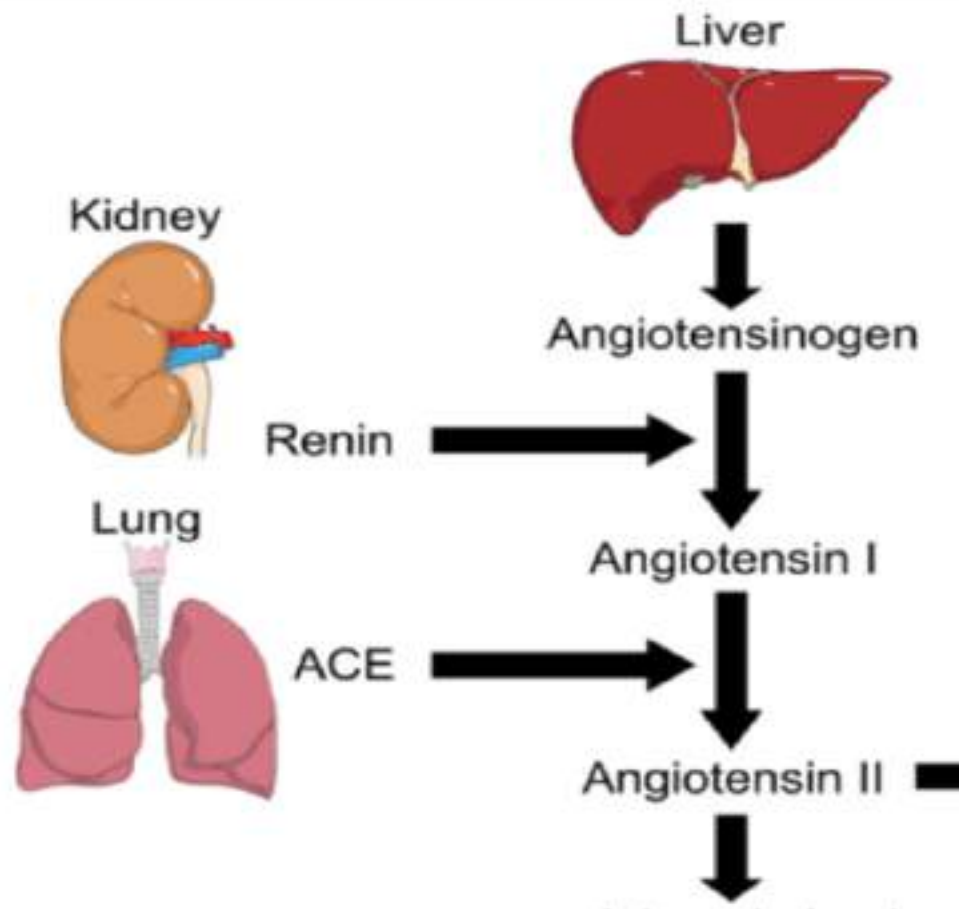
Kidneys –reabsorption

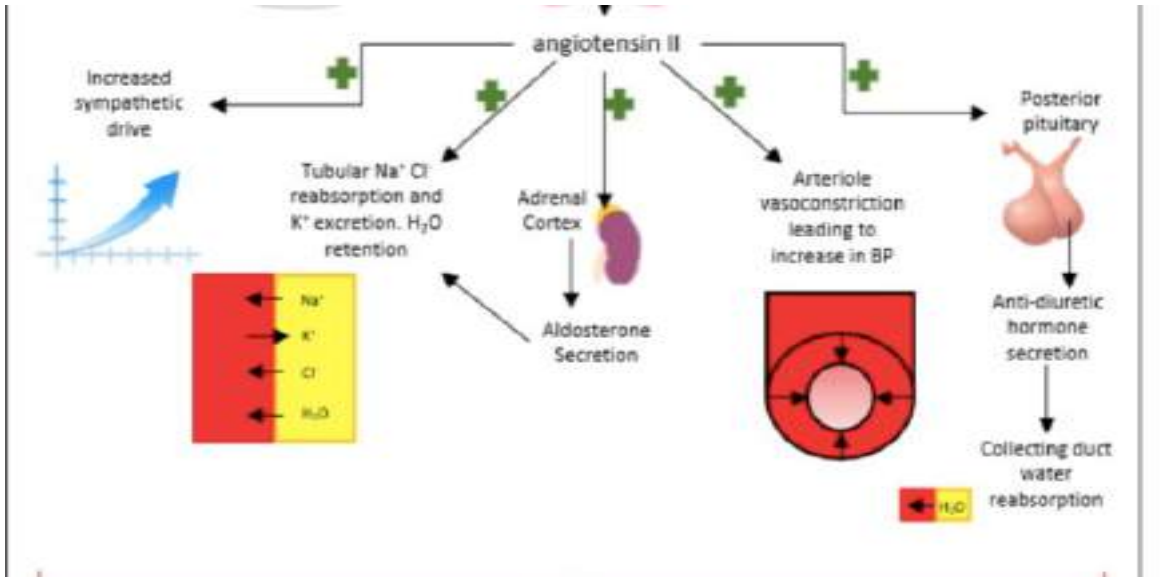
of Na and water

,excretion of K

Lungs –metabolizes bradykinin

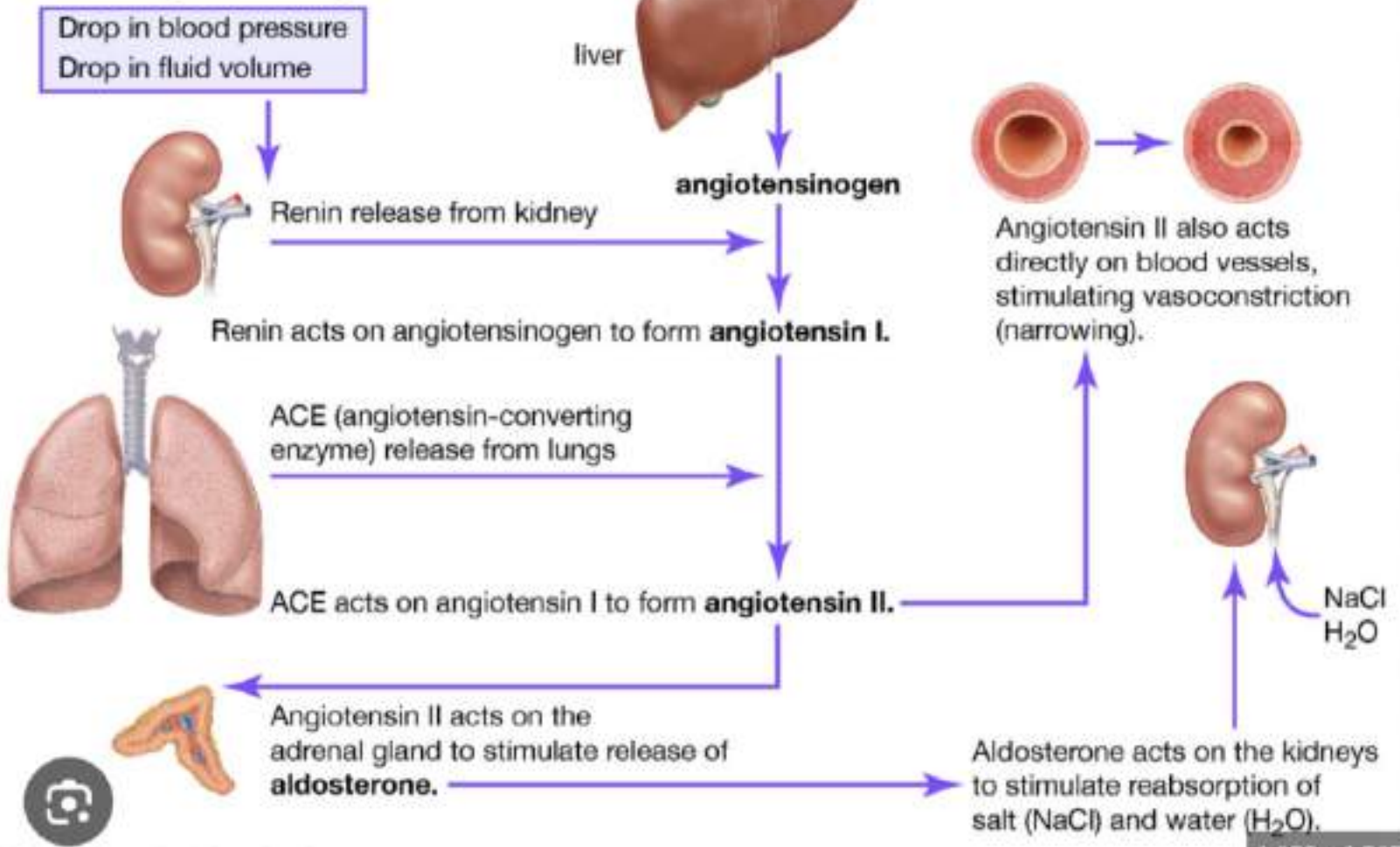






summary

Renin-angiotensin system

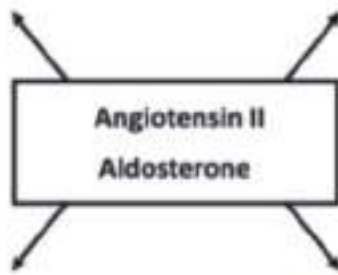




- Contractility
- Hypertrophy
- Inflammation
- Fibrosis



- Choroidal vasodilation
- Neovascularization
- Cell proliferation



- Vasoconstriction
- Inflammation
- Cell proliferation
- Fibrosis



- Sodium retention
- Vasoconstriction
- Inflammation
- Cell proliferation
- Fibrosis

Angiotensin receptors -GPCR type of R

AT1 –angiotensin acts on AT1 R for all its pharmacological actions

Seen in blood vessels, myocardium, brain, kidney, adrenal gland

MOA – different pathways in different tissues

Activation of phospholipase C, IP3/DAG in blood vessels

In myocardium: vasoconstriction, growth and hypertrophy of myocardium

AT2- clinical significance NOT well understood

brain, kidney, vascular endothelium, foetal tissues

Action opposite to AT1R

In myocardium – promote vasodilatation and myocardial fibrosis

inhibit cell growth and hypertrophy

Physiological actions of angiotensin II

Blood vessels –1)arterioles constriction

2)enhances endothelial permeability of large arteries
leading to tissue fluid accumulation

Heart : 1)increased force of contraction

by increase in sympathetic outflow and by promoting Ca influx

2) growth and hypertrophy of myocardium

3)enhances vascular intimal thickness

In long standing HTN –leads to re-modelling and myocardial hypertrophy

LVH following MI is due to angiotensin II

Physiological actions of angiotensin II

- Promotes secretion of aldosterone from **adrenal cortex**
- Aldosterone acts on collecting ducts -**reabsorption of Na and water**
,excretion of K

Renal tubules -reabsorption of Na and water ,excretion of K

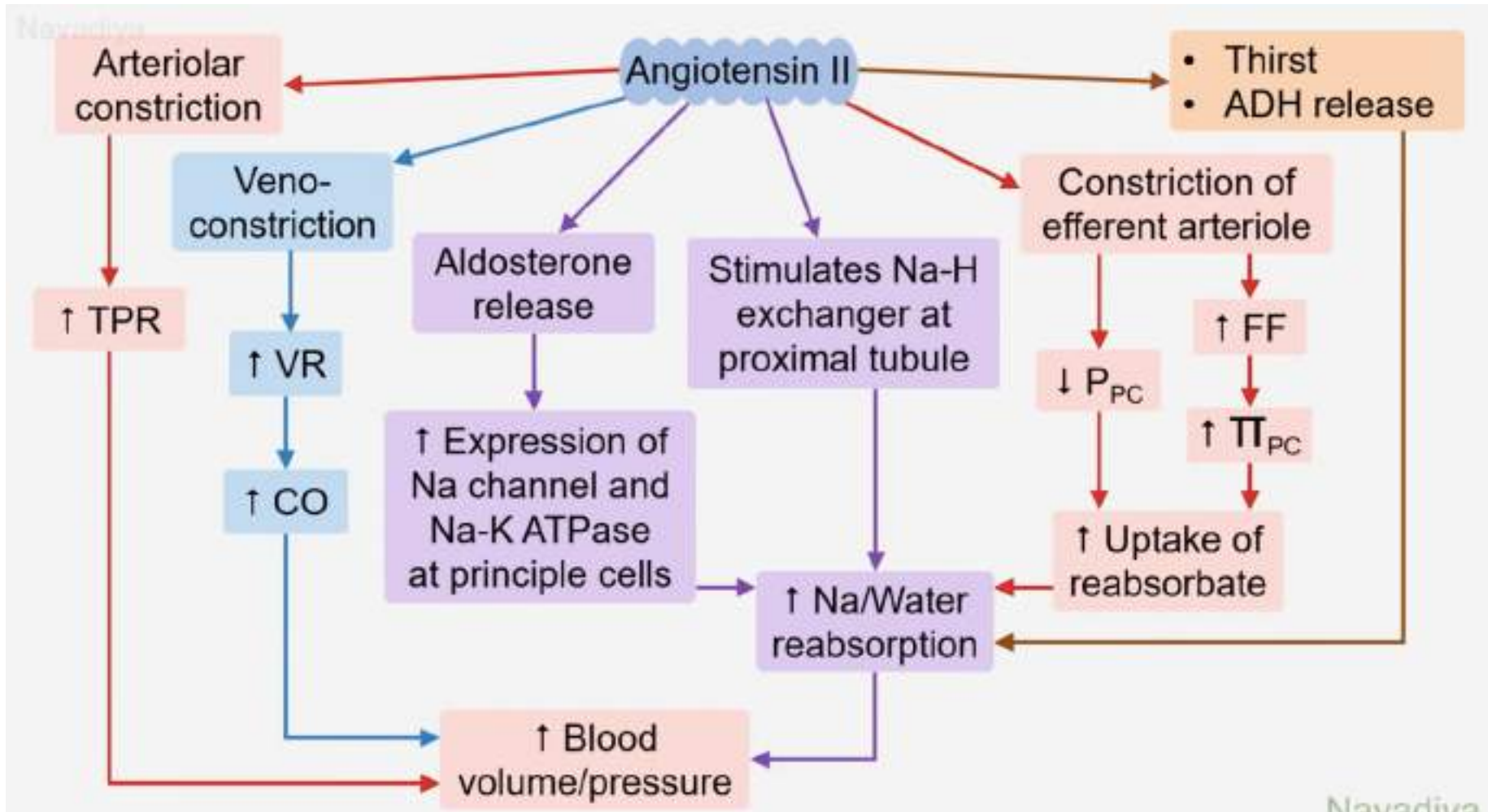
Promotes secretion of **vasopressin/ADH**

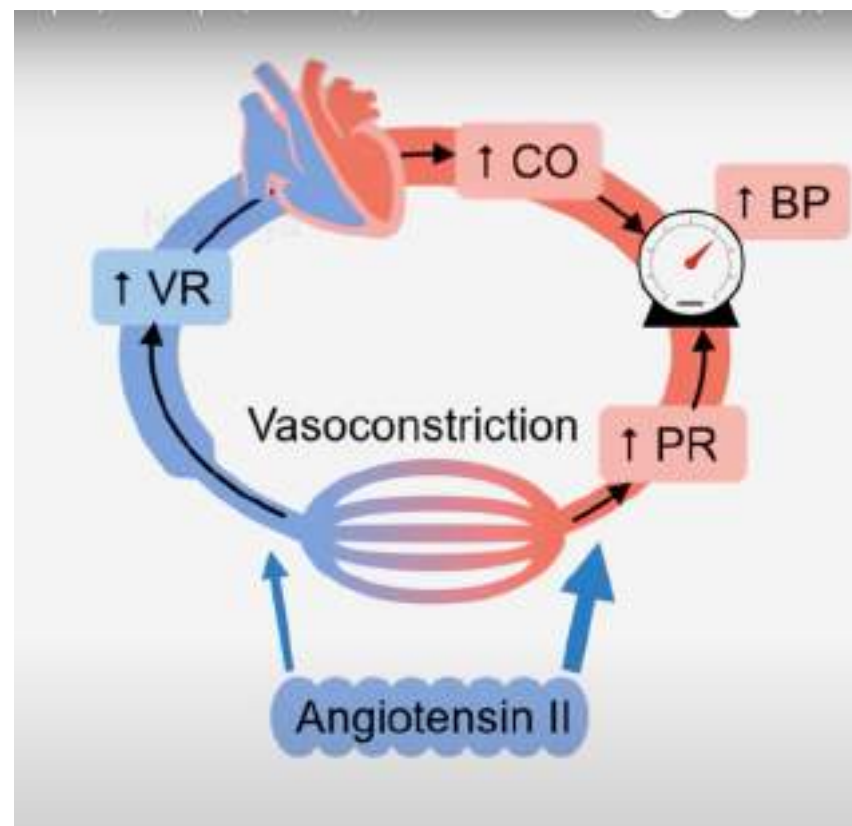
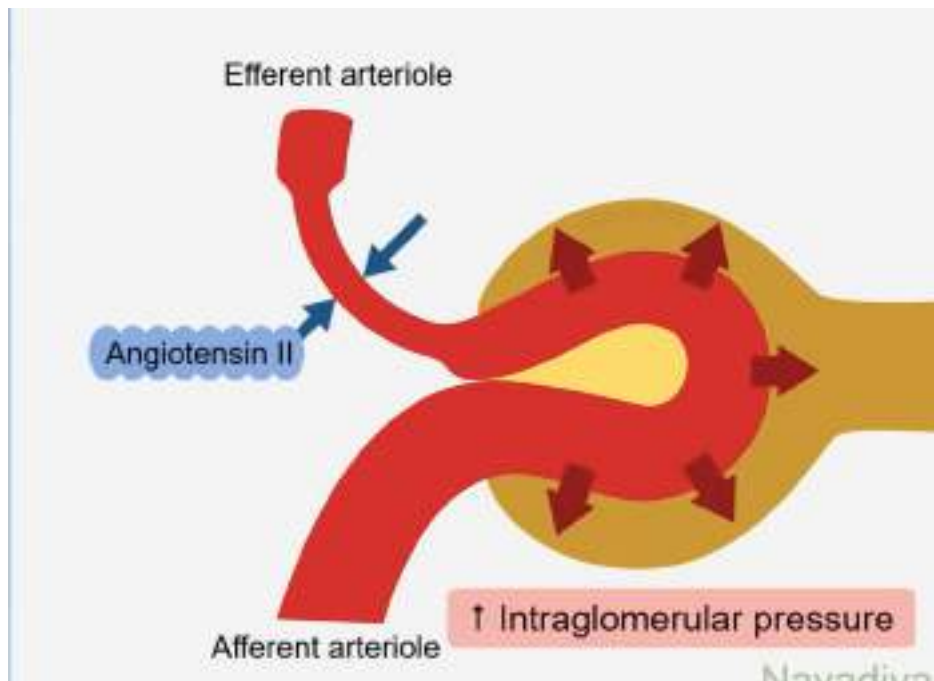
Net result of vasoconstriction -rise in peripheral resistance,

salt and water reabsorption –rise in blood volume

and action on heart leads to rise in blood pressure-

- **Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE)**
 - Converts angiotensin I into angiotensin II
 - Breaks down bradykinin
- **Angiotensin II**
 - Vasoconstriction → increase blood pressure
 - Aldosterone release
 - Na/water retention
 - K⁺ excretion
 - Constriction of efferent arteriole in kidney
- **Bradykinin**
 - Synthesis of NO and prostacyclin → Vasodilatation





Drugs that inhibit RAAS

- Renin inhibitors -- **Aliskiren** **all kiren**
- ACEI – angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors **captopril** **all prils**
- ARB –angiotensin receptor blockers **losartan** **all sartans**

ACE Inhibitors

- Captopril -1977
- Lisinopril
- Enalapril
- Ramipril
- Benazepril
- Fosinopril
- Quinapril
- Except captopril and lisinopril all are PRODRUGS

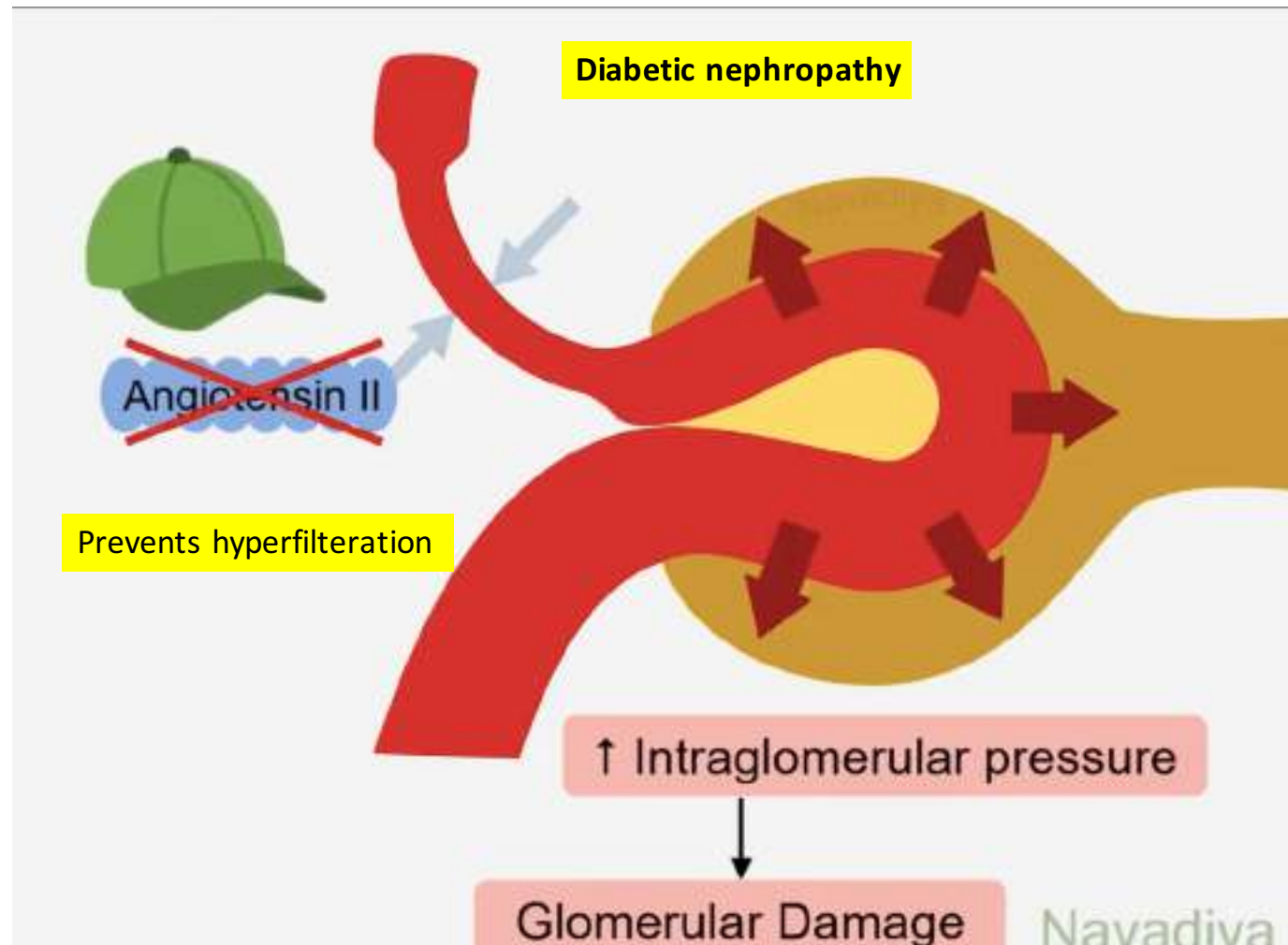
Pharmacological actions

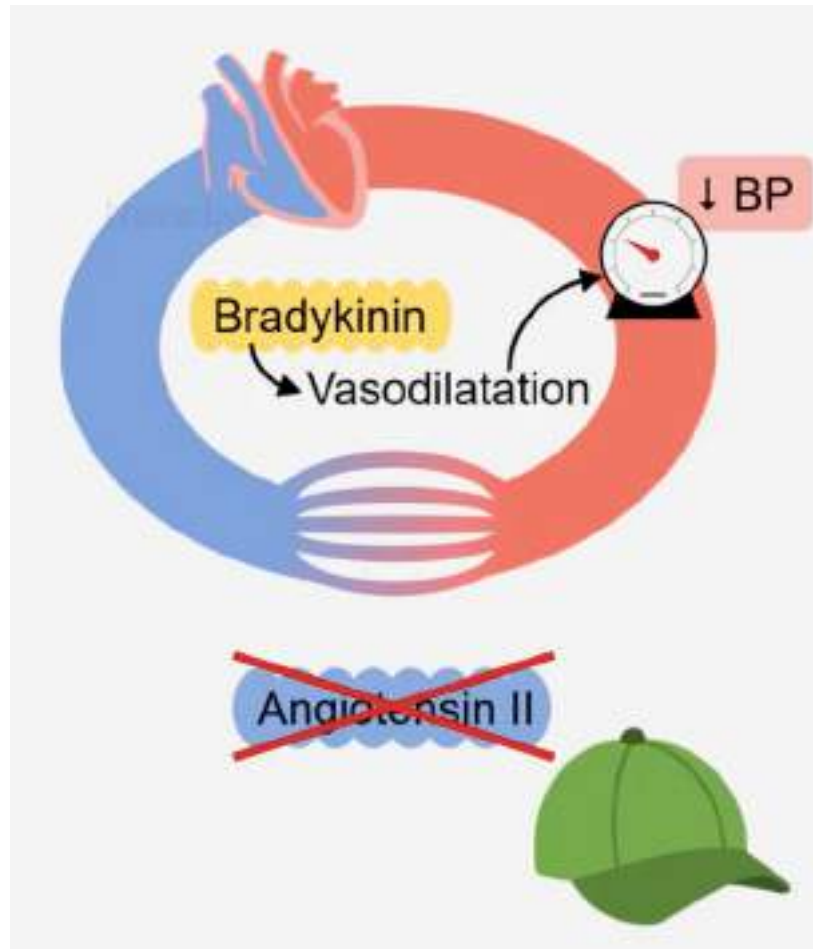
- As formation of Angiotensin II is blocked all the actions of angiotensin II are reversed
- In Addition as Angiotensin II is not available to breakdown bradykinin additional vasodilation action adds to decrease in peripheral resistance
- Fall in serum aldosterone levels and angiotensinII leads to rise in plasma renin levels

- Fall in BP
- LVH is reversed
- In CCF –reduced ventricular afterload improves cardiac output

- **Hypertension**
 - Reduced angiotensin II
 - Vasodilatation by bradykinin
- **Heart failure**
 - ↓ BP → ↓ afterload
 - ↓ VR → ↓ preload
- **Post MI**
- **Prophylactically in patients with high risk of cardiovascular events**
- **Diabetic nephropathy**
 - Reduced resistance of efferent arteriole → reduced intraglomerular pressure → reduced damage
 - Increase the permeability selectivity of the filtering membrane
- **Scleroderma renal crisis**

Drug of choice
Slows down renal
damage





Therapeutic uses

- Hypertension –of all causes of all grades –one of the firstline drug
- Congestive heart failure
- Myocardial infarction
- Prevention of repeat MI
- Coronary artery disorders –prophylaxis
- Diabetic nephropathy
- Chronic renal failure- delays progression of failure
- Scleroderma renal crisis –life saving drug

Adverse effects

- Persistent dry cough –raised bradykinin
 - Angioneurotic oedema- rare but serious ADR urgent treatment and withdrawing of ACEI needed
 - Skin rash
 - Hypotension –first dose effect –start with low dose and raise dose gradually
 - Hyperkalaemia-especially with K sparing diuretics digitalis and patient on K supplement
 - Dysgeusia –altered taste sensation
 - Terratogenicity – malformed lungs growth retardation and even foetal death
 - Others –neutropenia ,proteinuria, headache ,fatigue ,vomiting
 - Drug interaction –NSAID-antiprostaglandin –blunts advantage of bradykinin
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- Contraindicated in renal artery stenosis
 - Contraindicated in Pregnancy

pharmacokinetics

- Variable in bioavailability ,duration of action and mode of absorption and excretion
- Except captopril and lisinopril all are PRODRUGS
- For the prodrugs first dose effect is milder and onset of action is slower
- Captopril -Food interferers with absorption, less potent and shorter acting than enalapril
- Enalapril –food doesn't interfere with absorption
- More potent long acting ,taste sensation not much affected
- All are oral drugs except--
- Enalaprilat –only injectable ACEI

ARB –Angiotensin Receptor Blockers

- Conversion of angiotensin I to II is NOT blocked
- But the receptors AT1 through which ACEI bring about its action are blocked
- Thus all actions are similar to ACEI
- Except as bradykinin metabolism is NOT blocked –no dry cough ADR seen

- Drugs: Candesartan, Eprosartan, Losartan, Olmesartan, Telmisartan, Valsartan, Irbesartan, Azilsartan.
- Block AT₁ receptors
- Similar to ACE inhibitors
- Use:
 - Hypertension,
 - Heart failure,
 - Post MI patients
 - Diabetic nephropathy
- Side effects:
 - Hypotension
 - Hyperkalaemia
 - Renal failure in patients with renal artery stenosis
 - Teratogenic

ANTICOAGULANTS

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Clotting factors –proteins synthesized in liver

Coagulation pathways –

Intrinsic pathway -slow

Extrinsic pathway-rapid

Important factors taking part in clotting-

**Clotting factors ,prothrombin, thrombin
fibrinogen and fibrin**

Anticoagulants –

**Definition-drugs that reduce the coagulating
ability of the blood**

Classification of anticoagulants

Oral and Parenteral

Oral –

1) Coumarin derivatives –warfarin

2) Indandione derivatives –phenindione

3) Factor Xa inhibitor –rivaroxaban/apixaban

4) Oral DTI –Dabigatran

TI –thrombin inhibitor

DTI –Direct Thrombin Inhibitor

PARENTERAL

➤ Indirect TI

- Heparin
- LMW Heparin -
- Synthetic heparin
- Heparinoids

Direct TI

- Hirudin
- Argatroban

- **Warfarin, heparin and LMW heparin to be studied in detail**

HEPARIN

first extracted from liver-Hence the name

Found in Lungs liver intestinal mast cells

Strongest acid in the body

Powerful anticoagulant with instant action both in vivo and in vitro

MOA- antithrombin III inhibits activated thrombin and Xa and Ixa. Thus clotting time is prolonged

Heparin makes this physiological process 1000times faster.

FLOW CHART OF MOA

HEPARIN

- **Binds and activates plasma**
- **Antithrombin III**

Other action of heparin –

Activation of lipoprotein lipase
→hydrolyses TG →lowers blood lipids

**1000
fold
faster**

**Degrades thrombin
Xa IXa**

Heparin is released

**Prevents
conversion of
fibrinogen to
fibrin**

- **Anticoagulant**
- **Effect happens**

Pharmacokinetics

- Not effective orally
- IV Or S/C NOT IM
- Iv – onset of action -immediate
- Peak -5 -10 min
- Action wears off 2-4 hrs
- Metabolised by heparinase in liver
- Can be used in pregnancy as it does not cross XXX placental barrier due to high molecular weight.
- Monitored by –aPTT Or clotting time

Dosage

- Therapeutic dose –
- Bolus dose -5000units iv infusion followed by 1000-1500 units /hour by infusion pump
- Prophylactic dose –
- S/C low dose heparin 5000units 12 hrly

A/E of Heparin

1) Bleeding- most common and major A/E

2) Hypersensitivity reaction – more for bovine or porcine source

3) HIT –heparin induced thrombocytopenia

Due to antiplatelet antibodies complex- → damage to vessel wall → thrombosis and DIC

Paradoxical complication of thrombosis results in 1-4% of patients

Less common with LMW

4) Alopecia-reversible

5) Osteoporosis-on long term use

6) Hypoaldosteronism- ↓ aldosterone synthesis → hyperkalemia

Contraindications

bleeding disorders

HIT

ITP

Infective endocarditis

Threatened abortion

Haemophilia

Severe HTN

Liver cirrhosis

LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT HEPARIN --

ENOXAPARIN
DALTEPARIN
REVIPARIN
NADREPARIN
Inhibit only factor Xa
(MCQ)
aPTT CT not
prolonged

Obtained by
chemical/enzymatic
Rx of un fractioned
heparin

Dose calculated on body
weight
Given S/C

Uses-venous thrombosis
,pulmonary
embolism,unstable angina

Advantages of LMW over Heparin-SAQ

- Better bioavailability on S/C inj
- Long acting hence once or twice daily dose
- Predictable PK and plasma levels
- Frequent monitoring not required
- Lower risk of bleeding
- Lower risk of osteoporosis
- Lower incidence of thrombocytopenia

Compare and Contrast SAQ


Unfractionated Heparin

- High molecular weight
- 10000 to 20000units
- **Inhibits thrombin activity at therapeutic dose**
- Effects clotting tests significantly
- **Strict monitoring essential**
- Low bioavailability -20-30%
- **Duration of action short -2-4 hrs—dose 4-6 hrly**
- High risk of bleeding
- **High chances of HIT-Heparin induced thrombocytopenia**

LMW Heparin

- Low molecular weight
- 4000 to 7000units
- **Thrombin activity is not inhibited**
- Not significant
- **Not essential**
- **Better -70 -90%**
- **Long =18-24 hr hence od dose**
- Low risk of bleeding-
- **Low risk of HIT**

Heparin antidote

- Short acting drug hence just stop the drug in mild overdose
- Use antidote for severe overdose
- **Protamine sulphate (MCQ)**

- **1mg for each 100 units of heparin**
- **Overtreating with protamine sulphate to be avoided –may itself act as weak anticoagulant**

Oral anticoagulants

- Warfarin
- Interferes with production of Vit K dependent clotting factors in liver
- Hence acts only in vivo
- Clinical effect seen after 2-3 days as it does not destroy already circulating factors

MOA OF WARFARIN

Warfarin



Blocks gamma carboxylation of glutamate residue in factors II VII IX X Protein C and S



Incomplete coagulation factor molecules formed
Deficient coagulation factors



Prevention of coagulation

Pharmacokinetics of Warfarin

- Orally absorbed
- 99% bound to plasma proteins
- Metabolized by glucuronide conjugation
- Excretion –renal
- Affected by HME CYP2C9 hence enzyme induction interferes with action

A/E OF WARFARIN

- BLEEDING
- Minor episodes of epistaxis and bleeding gums – common but less risky
- Internal haemorrhage –intracranial or GIT more risky
- Treatment of overdose-
- Stop the drug
- Vit K1 oxide –antidote
- Fresh whole blood –emergency major as antidote effect takes several hours

Heparin	Warfarin
Source –natural, High molecular weight mucopolysaccharide	Synthetic Coumarin derivative
Parenteral route –SC/IV	Oral route
Onset --Rapid-few min	Gradual onset –(1-3) days
Acts on intrinsic pathway	Acts on extrinsic pathway
Does not cross placenta	Crosses placenta-teratogenic
Safe to use during pregnancy	Contraindicated in pregnancy
Duration of action –short -2 to 4hours	long-4-7 days

Acts in vivo and in vitro	Only in vivo
V few drug interactions	Many drug interactions
Eliminated by renal route	Eliminated by liver
Lab monitoring by –aPTT, clotting time	By PT INR
MOA-accelerates action of AT III which inhibits thrombin factors Xa, IXa	Prevents production of vit k dependent clotting factors II VII IX X
Uses-treatment of thromboembolic disorders	-treatment of thromboembolic disorders
Treatment of overdose – Protamine sulfate-antidote	Vit K (antidote), fresh frozen plasma

Therapeutic uses of anticoagulants

For acute action –heparin

Warfarin- long term

- 1) Venous thrombosis
- 2) Pulmonary embolism
- 3) Valvular heart disorders
- 4) Unstable angina
- 5) During vascular surgeries
- 6) haemodialysis

Thrombolytics/Fibrinolytics

Fibrinolytics (thrombolytics)-

Drugs that activate the fibrinolytic system and lyse the thrombus.

Plasminogen → **tPA** → **plasmin** → **degrades fibrin**
→ **fibrin degradation products bring about clot dissolution.**

Classification of thrombolytics

First generation –older drugs-

Streptokinase urokinase

Second generation – newer drugs

Alteplase tenecteplase

A/E of thrombolytics –

bleeding

Therapeutic uses of thrombolytics

1) Life saving drug in Acute myocardial infarction

Should be given as soon as possible

Newer drugs are better

High cost

2) DVT –deep vein thrombosis

3) Pulmonary embolism

4) Ascending thrombophlebitis

5) Peripheral vascular disorders

Anti fibrinolytics

Opposite of fibrinolytics

Anti fibrinolytics are the drugs that inhibit

Dissolution of clot

MOA –BLOCK BINDING OF PLASMINOGEN TO
FIBRIN

EACA –epsilon amino caproic acid—oral and injectable

Tranaexamic acid –oral and injectable

Some body tissues are rich in plasminogen activator

Damage to such tissues results in hyperplasmaemic state

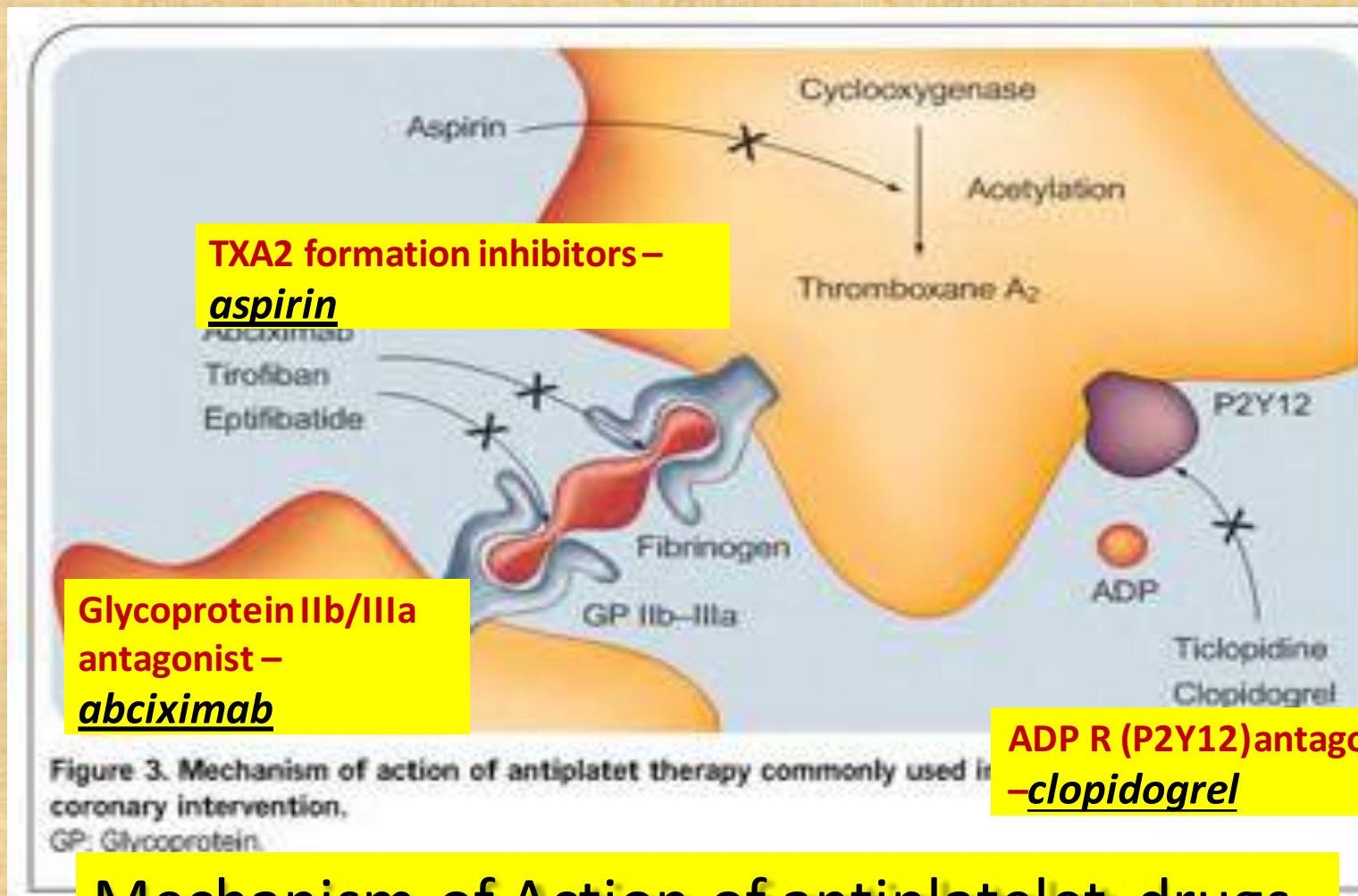
Or when there is overdose of fibrinolytic drugs

USES –

- 1)Overdosage of fibrinolytics
- 2)PPH- post partum haemorrhage
- 3)Menorrhagia
- 4)Bleeding peptic disorders, epistaxis,
- 5)Hereditary angioedema

Antiplatelet drugs

- Platelets are primary haemostatic agent in the body
- Also take part in atherosclerosis of blood vessels



**TXA₂ formation inhibitors –
aspirin**

**Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa
antagonist –
abciximab**

**ADP R (P2Y₁₂) antagonists
–clopidogrel**

Figure 3. Mechanism of action of antiplatelet therapy commonly used in coronary intervention.
GP: Glycoprotein.

Mechanism of Action of antiplatelet drugs

Antiplatelet agents

- 1) PG synthesis inhibitor –irreversible COX inhibitor –aspirin
- 2) Phosphodiesterase inhibitor – dipyridamole
- 3) ADP Antagonists- clopidogrel, ticlopidine
- 4) Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa receptor antagonist – abciximab, tirofiban
- 5) Others –PGI₂, cilostazol, ridogrel

Antiplatelet MOA of aspirin

TXA₂ promotes platelet aggregation

PGI₂ inhibits platelet aggregation

COX Enzyme is needed for producing TXA₂

Aspirin brings about irreversible acetylation of COX enzyme

Thus inhibits synthesis of TXA₂- at low dose only

TXA₂ is affected and no significant effect on PGI₂

Hence low dose aspirin is used for antiplatelet effect

Effect lasts for 7 days –till fresh platelets are formed

Ecosprin -75 mg 150mg 325mg

Uses of antiplatelet drugs

IHD- MI, stable angina pectoris, Unstable angina

Cardiac procedures

Atrial fibrillation

Prosthetic heart valves

CVA

Pulmonary HTN

Haemodialysis

Peripheral vascular disorders

coagulants

- Vitamin K
- Ethamsylate


1-Anticoagulant Drugs

- Heparin and warfarin are the two traditional anticoagulants
- Anticoagulants are used for acute coronary syndromes, deep-vein thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism (PE), and heart surgery
- **Thrombus** - A blood clot that forms abnormally within the blood vessels
- **Embolus** - When a blood clot becomes dislodged from the vessel wall and travels through the bloodstream
- It is also given to certain people at risk for forming blood clots, such as those with artificial heart valves or who have atrial fibrillation (AF)

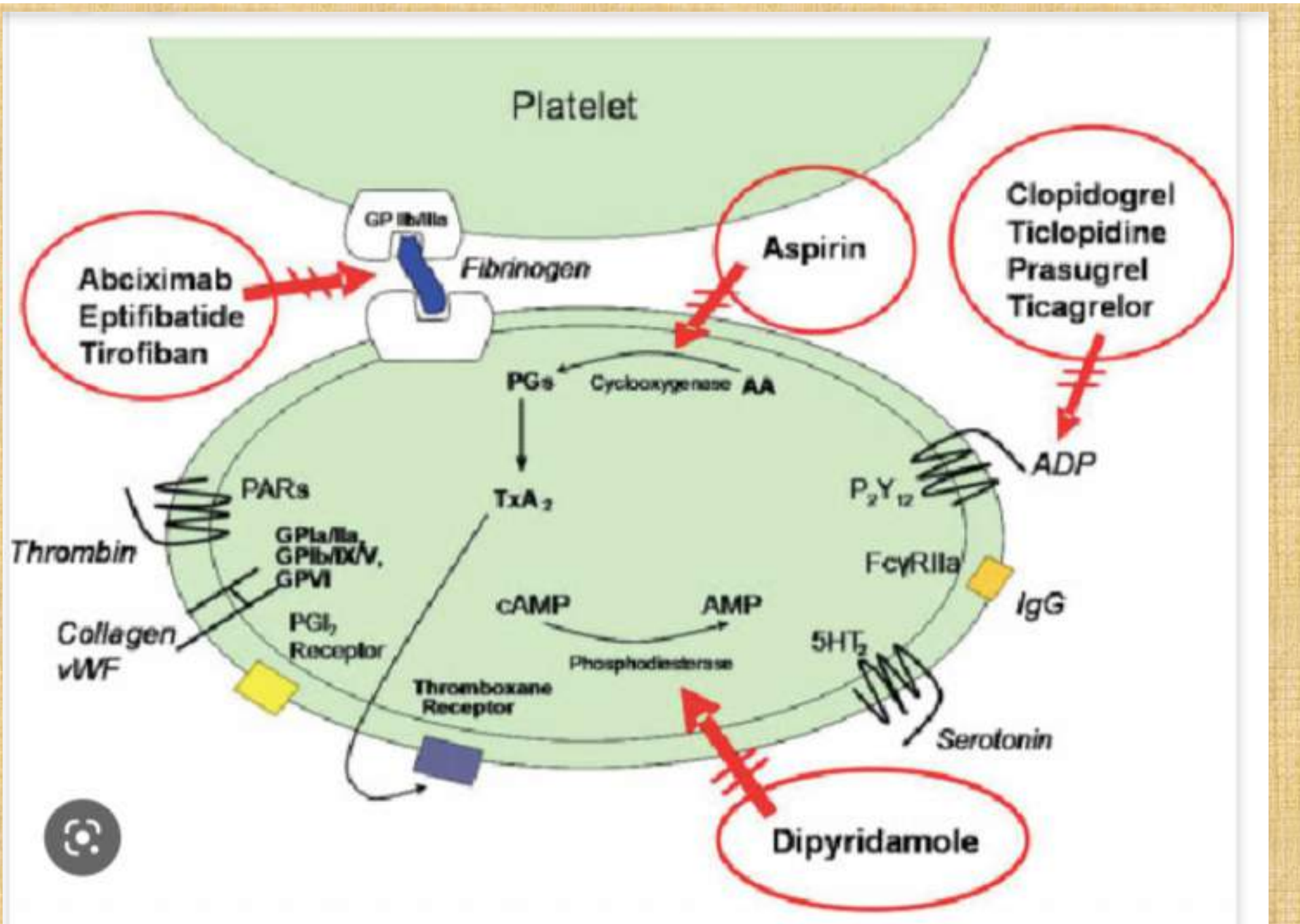
Heparin
Injection BP
5000 IU/ml

ANTI-COAGULANT

For IV/SC Use

5ml 





ARB

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ARB-Angiotensin Receptor Blockers

- Alternative to ACEI—does **NOT** inhibit ACE but **blocks the receptors**
- Orally Active
- Antagonist mainly at AT1 R
- Prototype –losartan

Examples of ARB

- Candesartan
- Eprosartan
- Losartan
- Olmesartan
- Telmisartan
- Valsartan
- Irbesartan
- Azilsartan

Blocks all overt actions of angiotensin II

- Vasoconstriction
- Sympathetic stimulation-both central and peripheral
- Renal reabsorption of salt and water
- Aldosterone release
- Vasopressin release, no effect on thirst
- Growth promoting action on myocardium and blood vessels
- ***Differs from ACEI on bradykinin –does not block metabolism thus no ADR of dry cough***

Pharmacokinetics

- Orally effective
- But high first pass metabolism hence low bioavailability -33%
- Metabolized in liver –carboxylation-active metabolite
- High PPB –both losartan and metabolite -98%
- T_{1/2} 2 hrs but metabolite -6 -9 hrs
- **BBB XXX**
- **Excreted by kidneys**

ADR

- Well tolerated
- Hypotension
- V little first dose effect
- **Hyperkalemia**
- But no cough, angioedema and altered taste like ACEI
- Mild N V
- Headache dizziness

Therapeutic uses

- ✓ **First line anti hypertensive drugs**
- ✓ **Alternative to ACEI**
- ✓ **CHF**
- ✓ **MI**
- ✓ **Diabetic nephropathy**

Compare and contrast

ACEI

- **Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor**
- **Prevents conversion of angiotensin I to II**
- **Prevents breakdown of bradykinin**
- **Dry cough due to bradykinin accumulation**
- **Angioneurotic oedema**
- **Additional action of vasodilation by bradykinin**
- **Uses –antiHTN, CHF MI etc**
- **Examples –all prils**

ARB

- **Angiotensin receptor blocker**
- **Blocks the action of angiotensin II on AT1 R**
- **No action on bradykinin**
- **Dry cough absent**
- **No angio oedema**
- **No additional vasodilation**
- **Same as ACEI**
- **Examples –all sartans**

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Summary of ARB

Calcium Channel Blockers

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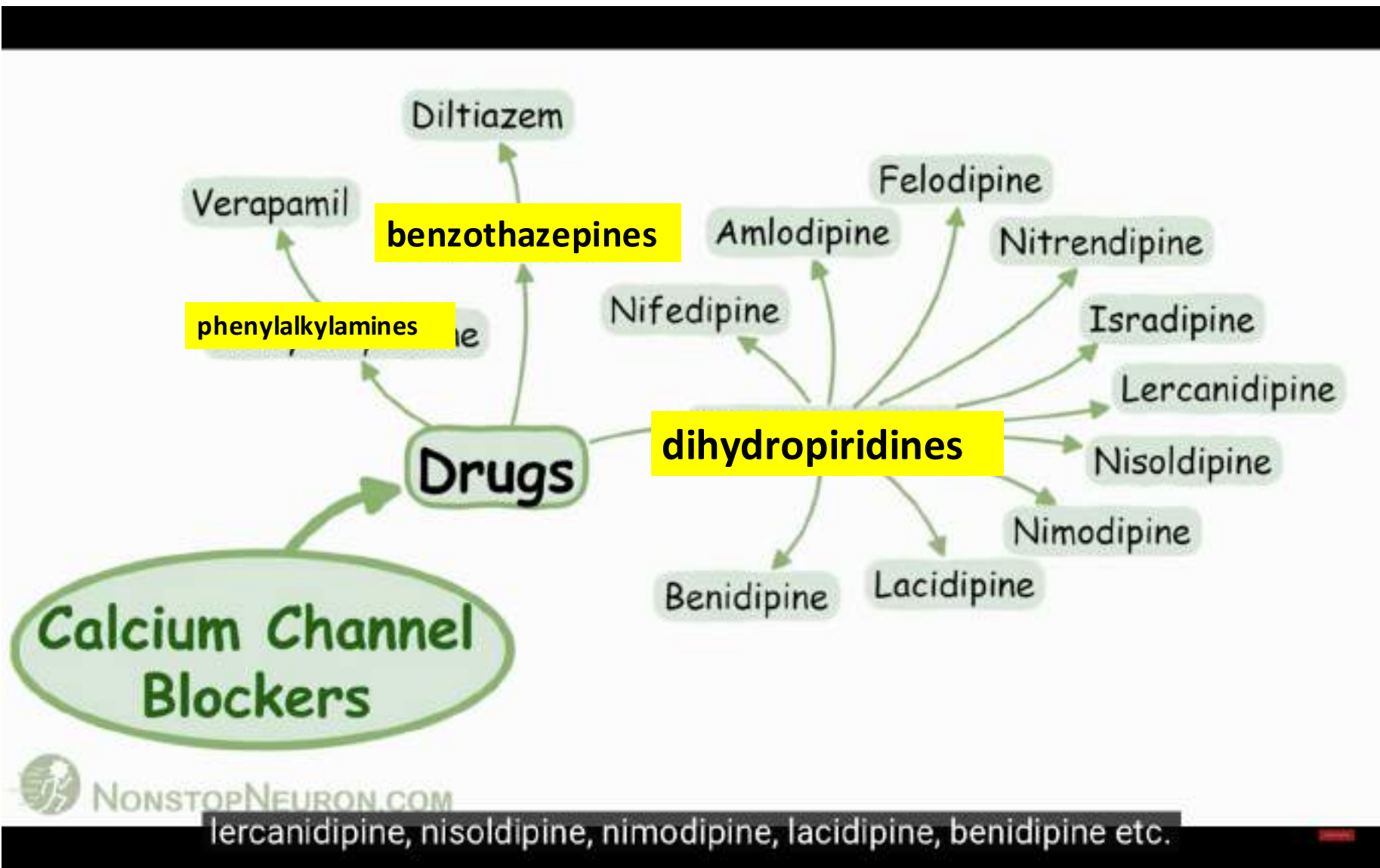
Inhibit L type of calcium channels in heart and smooth muscles

- **Three groups**

- 1)phenylalkylamines –verapamil
- 2)benzothiazepines-diltiazem
- 3)dihydropyridines- nifedipine amlodipineetc

- **MOA –**

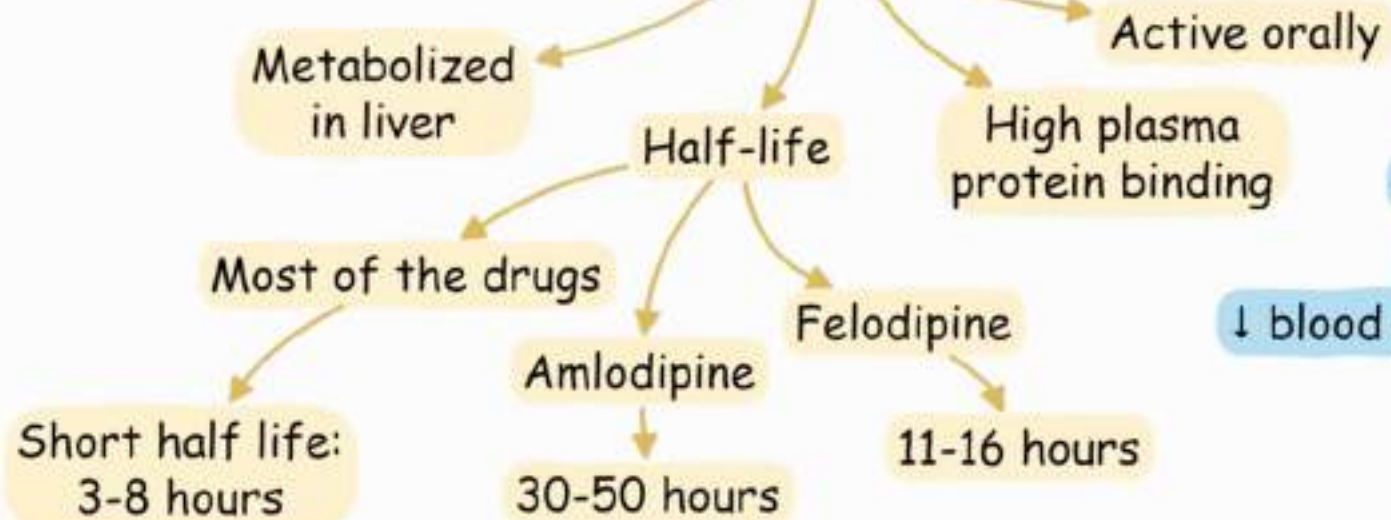
- 1)Smooth muscle relaxation –vascular
- 2)negative chrono,ino and dromotropic action on hreart



Blockers

CCB

Pharmacokinetic



Dihydr

Arte

↓ blood press

Antihypertensive Mechanism of Action

Calcium Channel Blockers

Block Calcium Channels (on vascular and heart muscle cells)

Dihydropyridines

Blood Vessels

Vasodilation

Hypertension

Non-Dihydropyridines

Heart

Decreased HR, Contraction

Tachydysrhythmias

Benidipine Eutalipine

el

Mechanism of action

Block L-type voltage sensitive Ca^{2+} channel

↓ Ca^{2+} influx

DHP

VERAPAMIL

more with
Smooth muscle relaxation

Cardiac effects

more with

DILTIAZEM

Arterioles

at
Uterus

SA node

AV node

Myocardial cells

↓ blood pressure

Bronchi

↓ heart rate

↓ conduction

↓ contraction



NONSTOPNEURON.COM

And cardiac effects are seen more with verapamil and diltiazem.

MOA

Action on vascular smooth muscles –

Blocks voltage sensitive Ca channels

Thus prevents inward movement of Ca

Prevents excitation contraction coupling

Markedly relax arterioles ,mild action on veins

Action on other smooth muscles- relaxation of

bronchial biliary intestine bladder smooth muscles

Antihypertensive Mechanism of Action

Calcium Channel Blockers

Block Calcium Channels (on vascular and heart muscle cells)
Smooth Muscle Contraction

Dihydropyridines

Blood Vessels

Vasodilation

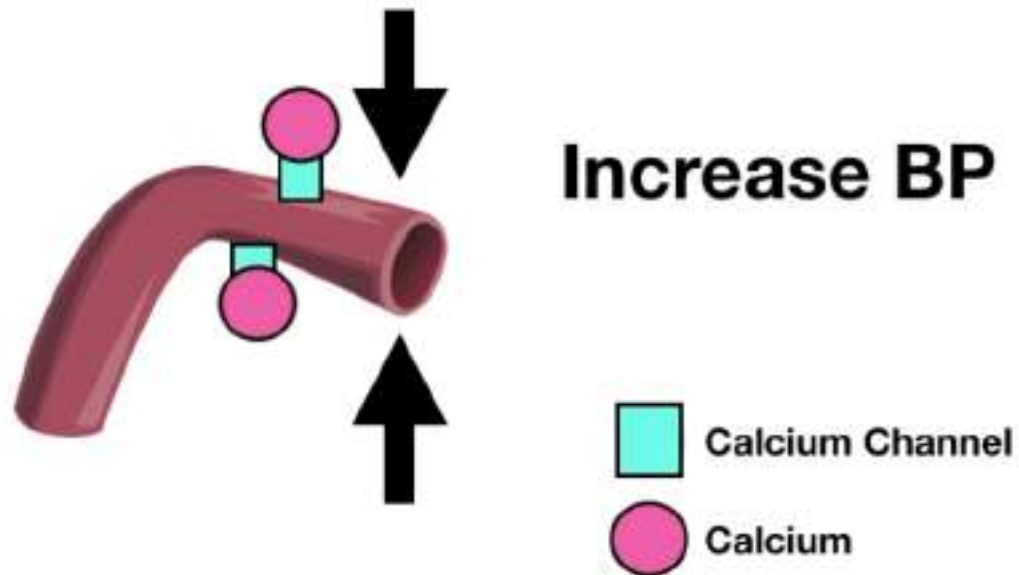
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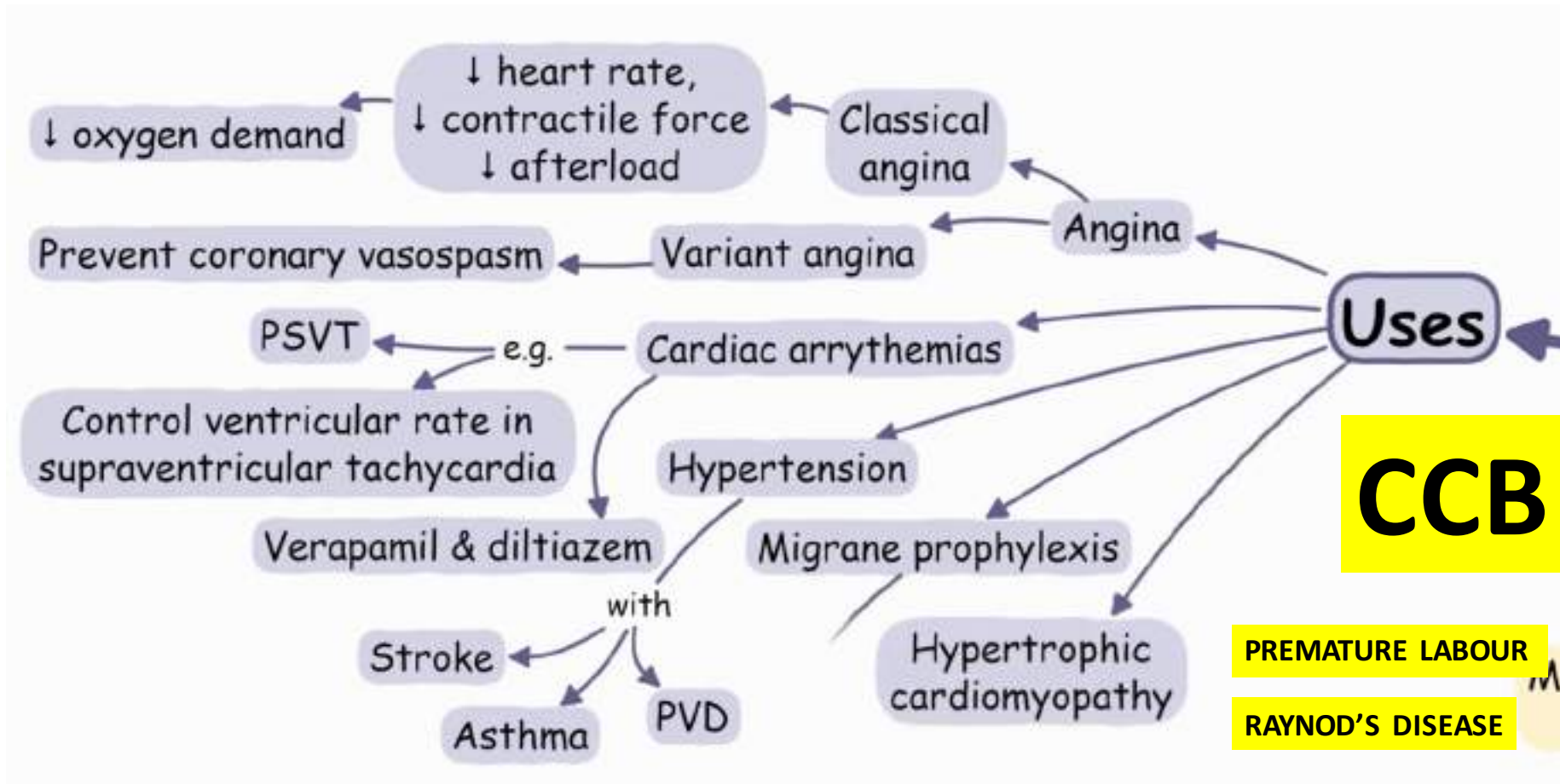
Non-Dihydropyridines

Heart

Decreased HR, Contraction

Tachydysrhythmias





Therapeutic uses -SUMMARY

- ✓ **Antihypertensive**
- ✓ **Angina pectoris**
- ✓ **Arrhythmias**
- ✓ **Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy**

Antihypertensive action- DHP

- One of the first line drugs
- All 3 classes useful but DHP IS USED
- Long acting DHP like amlodipine is most preferred drug
- Reduction in PR without compromising cardiac output
- **Advantages :-**
 - No Haemodynamic changes
 - Can be prescribed in asthma, angina, peripheral vascular diseases
 - No impairment of Male sexual function
 - Do not interfere with serum levels of lipids uric acid or electrolytes
 - Renal perfusion not affected
 - No teratogenicity –may be used during pregnancy

Angina

- Reduce frequency and severity of **classic** and **variant angina**
- **Classic angina** :-reduced afterload leads to reduces cardiac work
- No significant rise in coronary flow in obstruction but in normal individual coronary flow increases
- **Short acting DHPs NOT prescribed**
- **Variant angina – CCBs help by preventing arterial spasm. -MCQ**

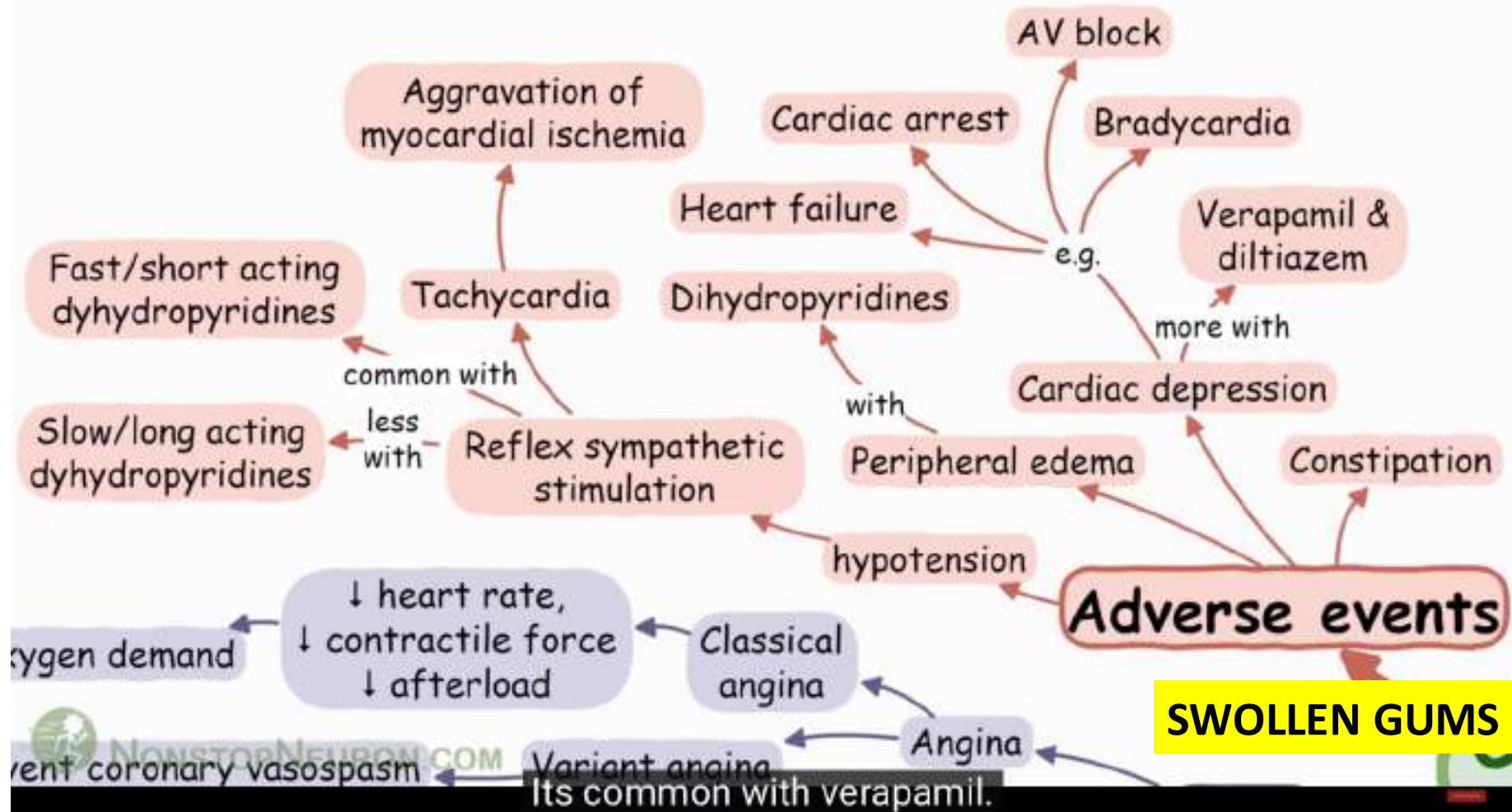
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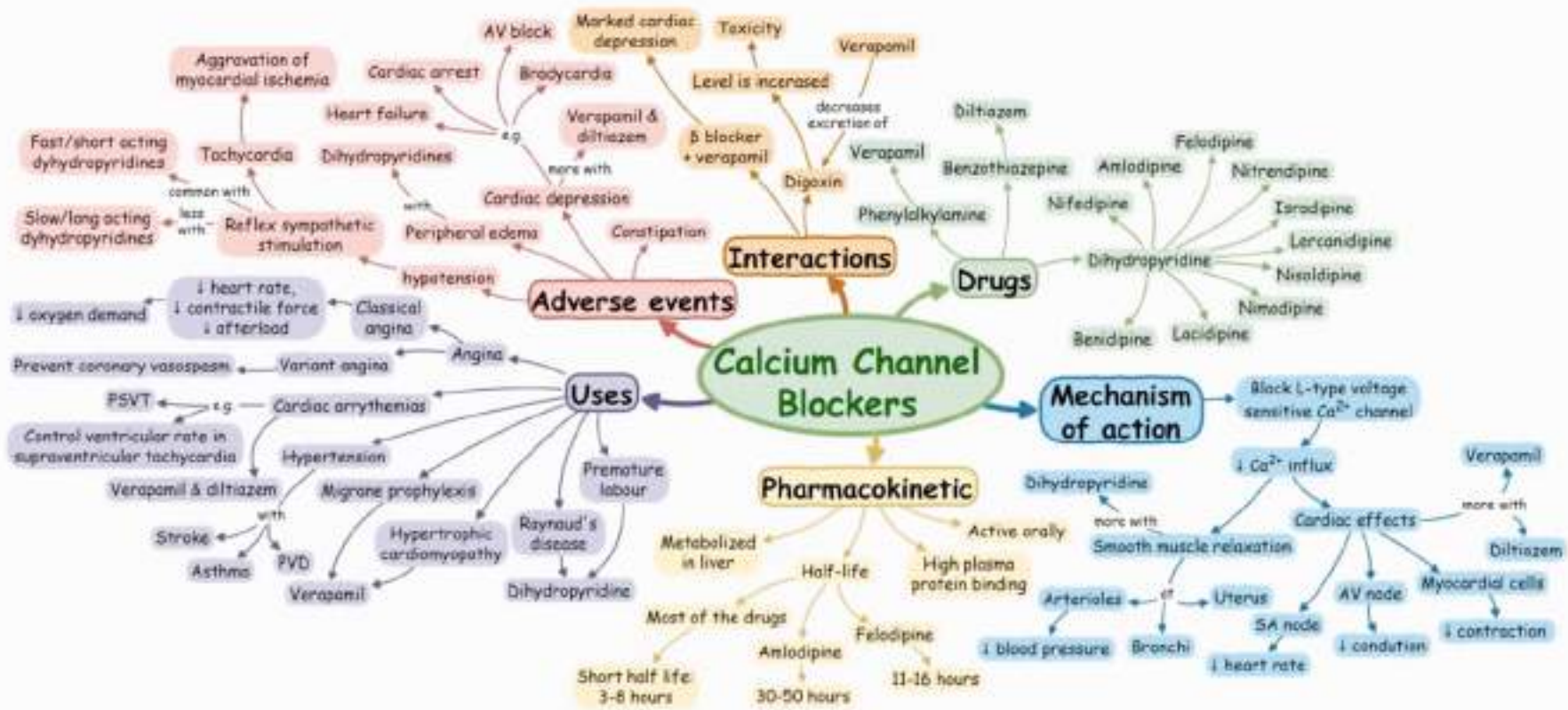
- **Verapamil and diltiazem –**
- **PSVT**

**control of ventricular rate in
Supraventricular arrhythmias**

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

- Verapamil –by negative inotropic action





Central Sympatholytics

- **Clonidine** –imidazoline derivative, orally active
- complex action
- **1)alpha2 R in brainstem**
- Stimulation of alpha2 R in vasomotor centre → ↓ sympathetic outflow → fall in BP and bradycardia
- 2)action on specific imidazoline R in brain also reduces sympathetic outflow

ADR of Clonidine

- **Common and disturbing side effects**

- Impotence
- Disturbed sleep
- Dryness of mouth.eyes.nose
- Sedation
- Salt and water retention
- Rebound hypertension on sudden withdrawal MCQ

Alpha Methyl Dopa

- Selective alpha 2 agonist
- Action on central alpha2 R to reduce sympathetic outflow
- Probably acts on different set of neurons than clonidine

✓ Safe in pregnancy

Vasodilators

- **Hydralazine**-directly acting arteriolar vasodilators
 - Little or no action on venous capacitance vessels
 - Tpr reduced
 - Greater fall in diastolic BP than systolic BP
 - Compensatory tachycardia –marked
- ✓ **Safe during pregnancy**

Sodium Nitroprusside

- Rapidly acting powerful vasodilator
- **Relaxes both resistance and capacitance vessels--**
MCQ
- Reduces tpr
- Reduces CO
- Reduces cardiac work
- Previously used for hypertensive emergencies but now labetalol is preferred

PHARMACOTHERAPY OF HEART FAILURE

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Terminology

- Myocardium has two types of cells
- **1) Conducting tissue** : SA Node ,AV node ,His Purkinje system
- Automaticity : ability of a cell to generate electrical impulse spontaneously
- SA Node –pacemaker
- Excitability : ability of cell to undergo depolarization in response to stimulus
- **2) Contracting tissue** atria and ventricles
- Contractility :ability of myocardium to contract adequately to pump blood out of heart

CO Preload Afterload

- $CO = HR \times SV$
- Stroke volume depends upon preload afterload and contractility
- **Preload** : is the end diastolic pressure when the ventricle is filled
- load on heart due to VOLUME of blood reaching heart
- Thus on venous return- more the venous return more the preload
- **Afterload** : resistance to left ventricular ejection into aorta
- **Arterial constriction leads to more efforts from left ventricle to pump blood**
- Thus on total peripheral vascular resistance-more the tpr more the afterload

Congestive Heart Failure -CHF

- Heart is unable to pump adequate blood to meet the oxygen demand of the body
-  CO  Ejection fraction from normal 55 -65 % to < 40%
- **Symptoms** : tachycardia peripheral oedema pulmonary oedema
- Dyspnoea reduced exercise tolerance
- CHF is classified on degree of dyspnoea
- Enlarged liver
- Enlarged heart

Types of -- HEART FAILURE

Low output heart failure

High output heart failure

Systolic dysfunction

Diastolic dysfunction

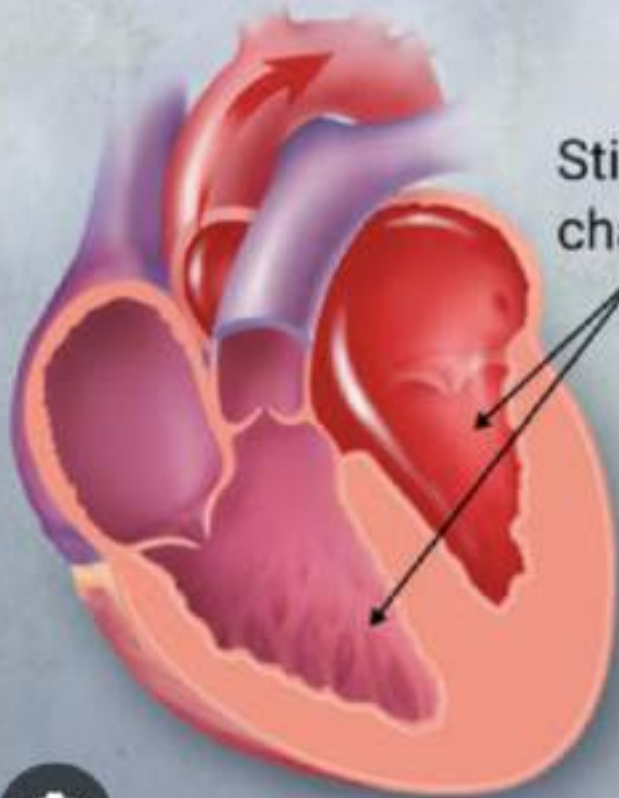
Heart nml

Body demands more

Beriberi
thyrotoxicosis

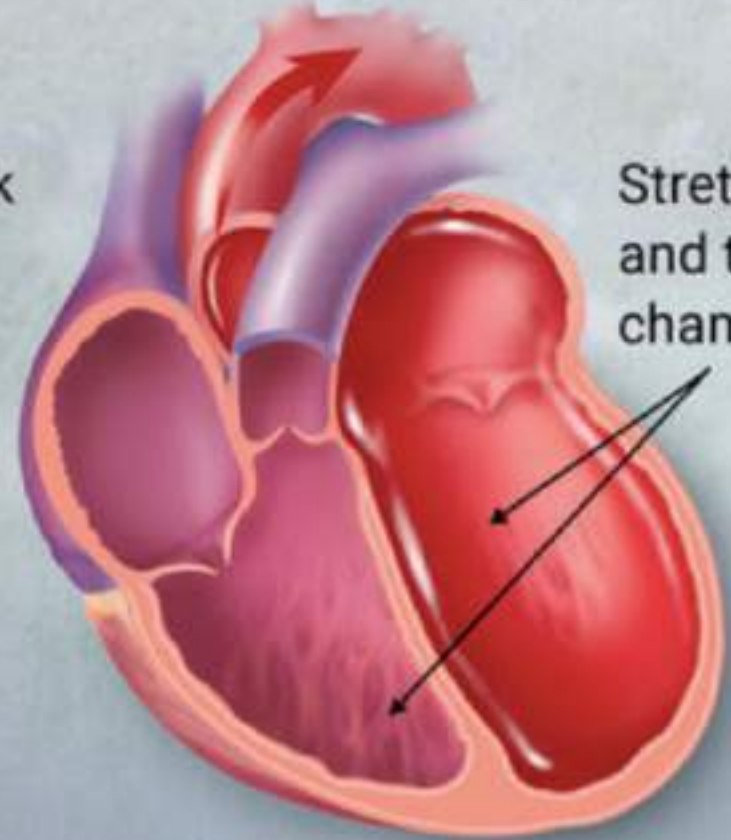
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Diastolic



Stiff and thick chambers

Systolic



Stretched and thin chambers



Heart can't fill

Heart can't pump

600 x 3

Left-Sided vs. Right-Sided Heart Failure

Left-Sided

Heart loses some of its ability to move oxygen-depleted blood to the lungs to pick up new oxygen

Most often caused by left-sided heart failure

Can also occur even when the left side of the heart is apparently normal

Peripheral oedema



Right-Sided

Most common type of heart failure

Heart loses some of its ability to pump blood out to your body after it's been re-oxygenated

Usually caused by coronary artery disease

Pulmonary oedema

Natural Compensatory mechanism

To increase CO

Stimulation of --

Sympathetic system

RAAS

Atrial natriuretic peptide

B1 R on heart promotes contraction

But rest of the compensatory mechanism leads to complications-RAAS

–Angiotensin II effects

Decreased cardiac contractility → Compensatory mechanisms

Increased sympathetic activity

α stimulation

β_1 stimulation

Vasoconstriction

Increased renin

Artery

Vein

Increasing angiotensin I

↑ Afterload

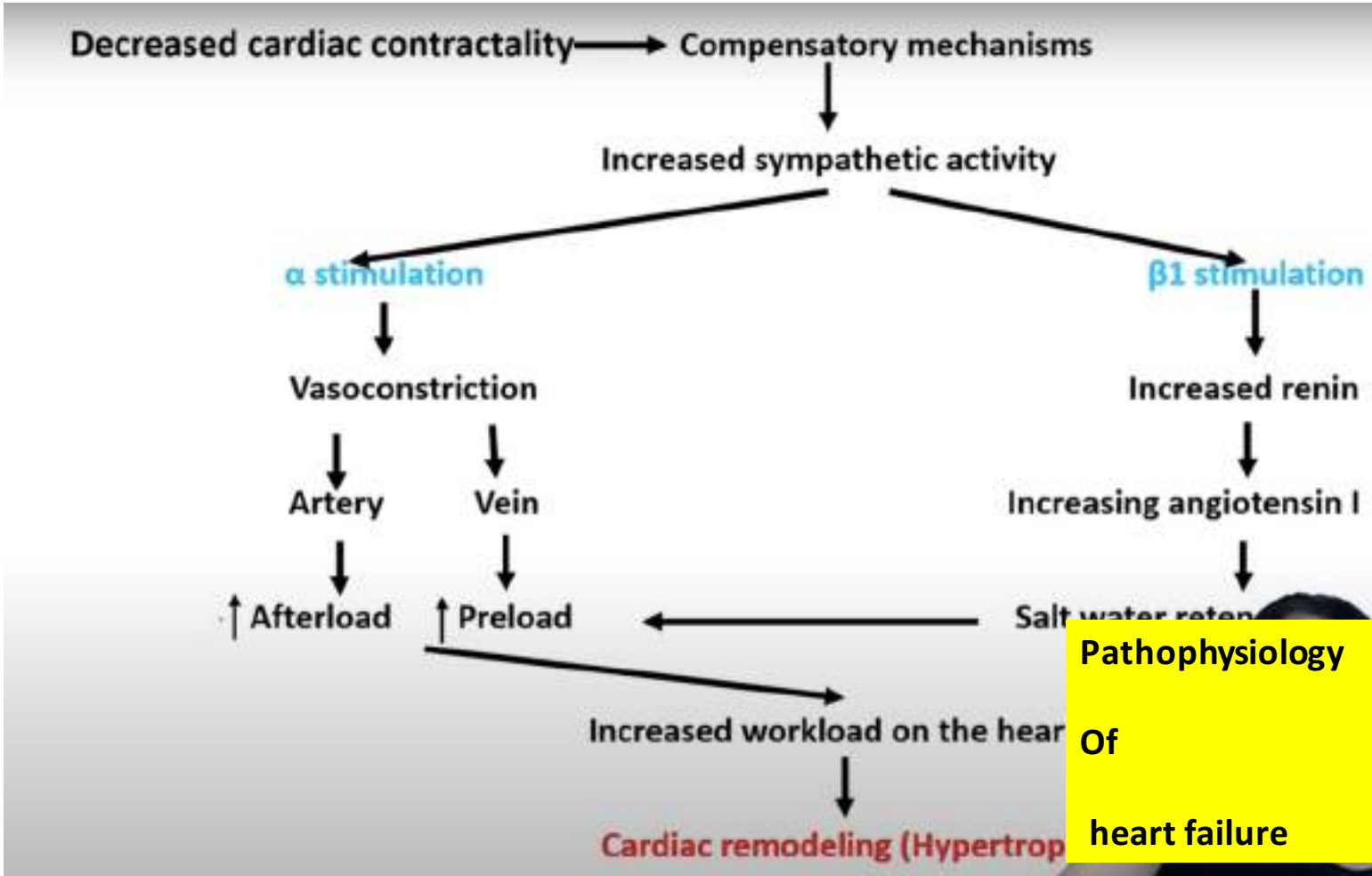
↑ Preload

Salt water retention

Increased workload on the heart

Cardiac remodeling (Hypertrophy)

Pathophysiology
Of
heart failure



Drug therapy

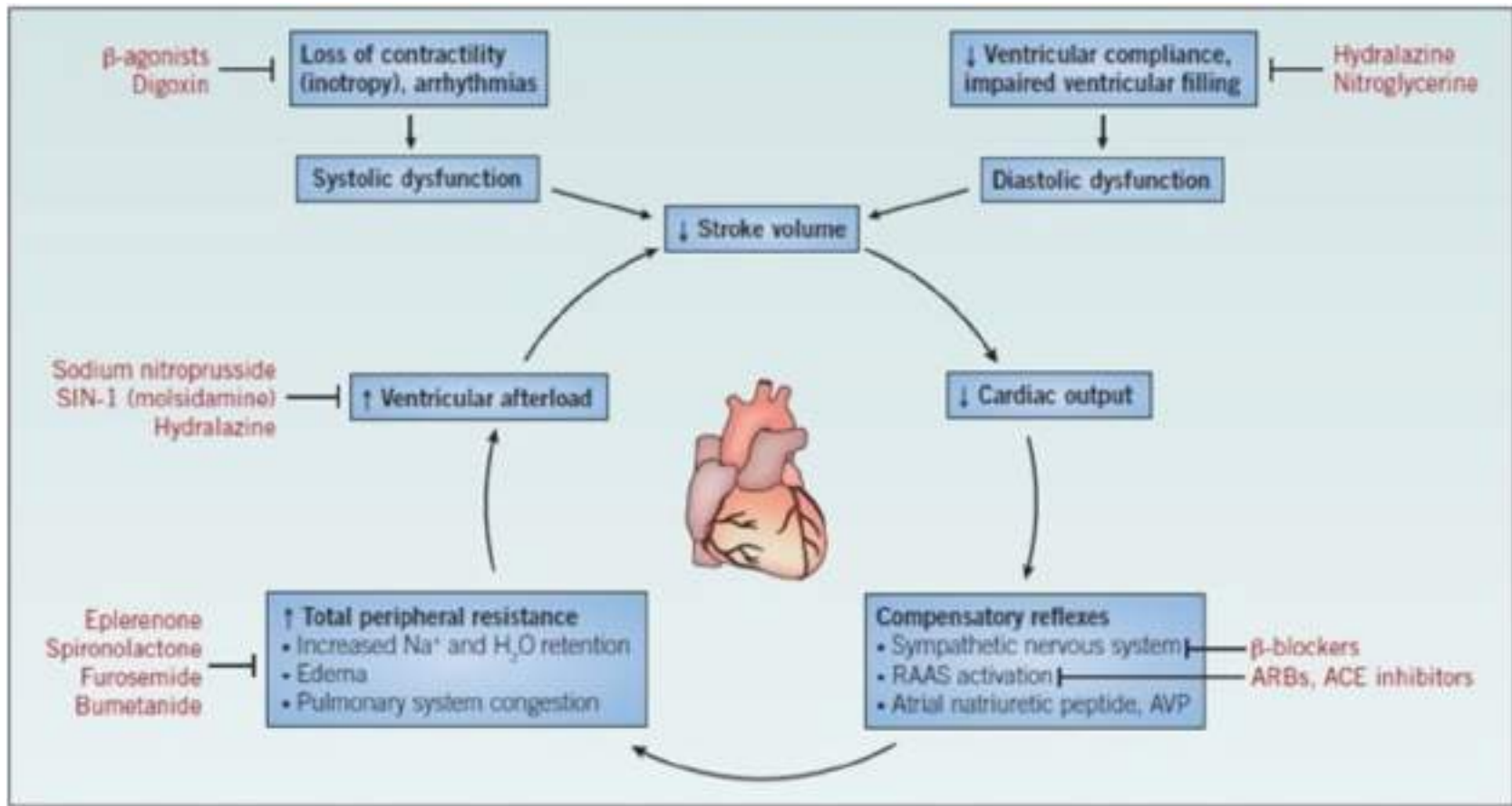
- **Aim: increase CO and reduce Congestion**

- **To increase contractility :**

- 1) cardiac glycosides: digoxin digitalis
- 2) beta adrenergic agonist: dopamine dobutamine dopexamine
- 3) PDE inhibitors: amrinone milrinone sildenafil
- 4) newer inotropic drugs: levosimendan istaroxime

To overcome compensatory mechanism

- **Diuretics**: furesimide bumetinide torsemide
- **Vasodilators** :
 - Arteriolar dilators :hydralazine
 - Venodilators : nitrates
 - Both arteriolar and venodilators : sodium nitroprusside
- **ACEI ARB CCB And alpha blockers** like prazosin
- Others –beta blockers
- **Newer drugs** –serelaxin ivabradine ularitide



Cardiac glycosides

- Obtained from plant –foxglove family
- leaves of tree-
- Digitoxin -digitalis purpurea
- Digoxin- digitalis lanta
- Pharmacological actions
- Positive inotropic action
- Cardiotonic effect
- Reduction in heart rate- bradycardia

Comparison between Digoxin & Digitoxin

Name	Digoxin (Lanoxin®)	Digitoxin Most liposoluble cardiac glycoside
Source	<i>D. lanata.</i>	<i>D. purpurea, & lanata</i>
Hydrolysis	→ Digoxigenin + 3 digitoxose	Digitoxigenin+3 Digitoxose
Administration	Usually oral	Oral
Onset of action	After 30 min to 2 hours	After 1-4 hours
Peak	At 2 to 6 hours.	At 8 - 14 hours
Plasma half-life	30 to 40 hours	168 to 192 hours
Complete elimination after discontinuation of therapy	6 to 8 weeks	3 to 5 weeks
Elimination	Eliminated through kidney	Eliminated through liver so recommended for patients with impaired renal function.
Full therapeutic effect	0.5-2ng / ml	14-26 ng / ml
Toxicity symptoms	2.5 ng / ml	35 ng / ml
Indication	When risk of intoxication is great, as it is relatively short-acting & rapidly eliminated	Recommended for patients with impaired renal function.

Positive inotropic action

- Force of contraction increases
 - Stroke volume is raised
 - Thereby CO improves
 - Systole shortened ,diastole prolonged –more rest to heart and better filling of coronaries
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- **Dose dependent actions**

Reduced HR

Bradycardia –due to

Increased vagal tone

Direct action on SA AV node

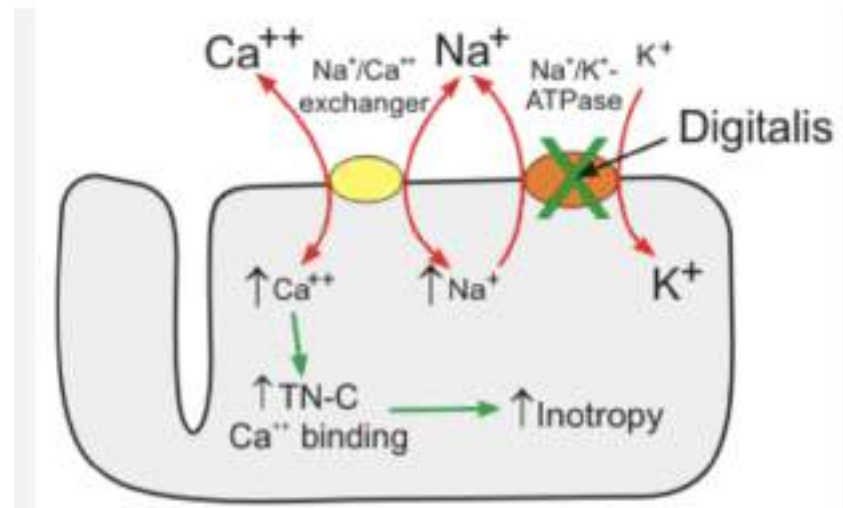
Reduced sympathetic outflow

No significant action on BP

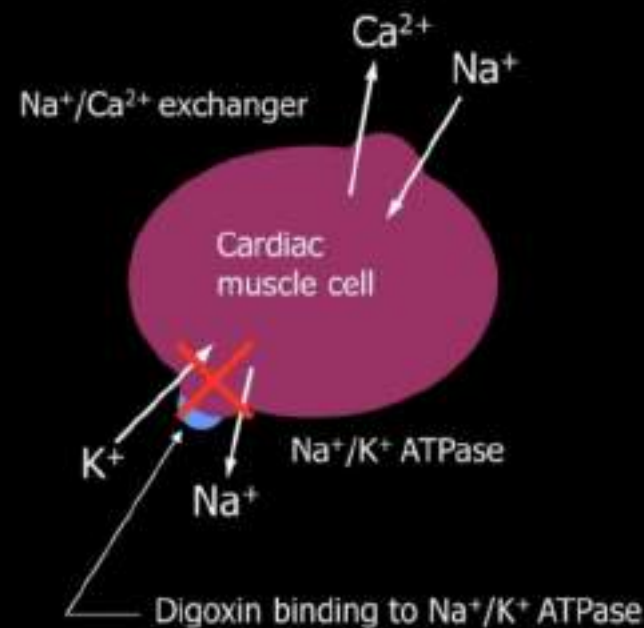
ECG Changes : T inversion PR interval raised shortened QT interval ST depression

MOA

- **Inhibit enzyme Na K ATPase**—also called as Na pump of heart
- Increased Na and Ca in myocardial cell
- More Ca available for contraction



Mechanism of action of Digoxin



- ♥ Digoxin binds to and inhibit Na⁺/K⁺ ATPase.
- ♥ Increases Na⁺ in the cell.
- ♥ Decreases Ca²⁺ flowing out causing
 - ♥ increase force of contraction (+ve inotropic)
 - ♥ decrease heart rate (-ve chronotropic)

Digitalis

Inhibition of Na⁺ K⁺ ATPase

↓ Na exit (Na / K exchange)

↑ Intracellular Na

↓ Na / Ca exchange

↑ Ca in the cell

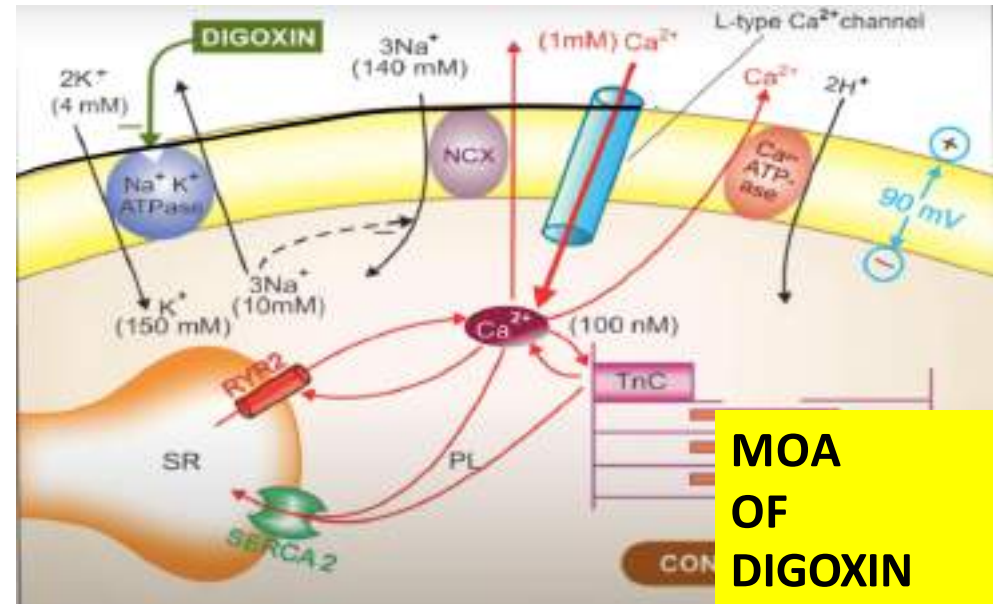
Further ↑ in Ca release from SR
(ryanodine receptor)

Ca binds to troponin

Inhibition of troponin - tropomyosin on
actin- myosin binding is released

Actin + myosin combines

↑ Contraction of muscles



**MOA
OF
DIGOXIN**



Pharmacokinetics

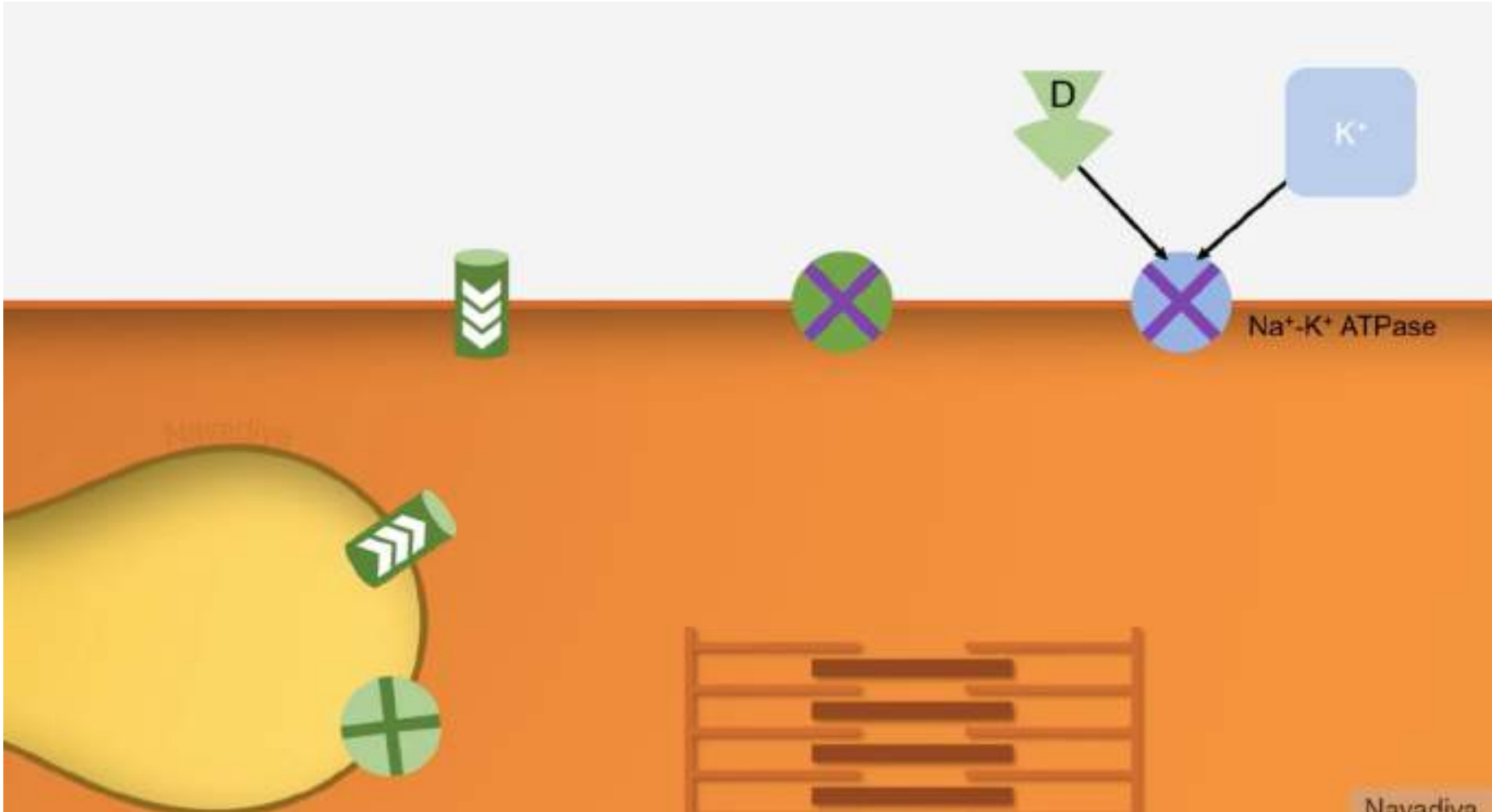
- Well absorbed orally
- Food delays absorption
- LOW THERAPEUTIC INDEX
- Cumulation seen
- Once suited patient should not change the manufacturing brand
- Preparation: digoxin -0.125mg-0,5mg
- **DIGITILIZATION**—response takes about a week with low dose given to mild to moderate cases
- Rapid digitilization—0.5 to 0.75mg every 8 hours
- needs frequent dosing and constant monitoring

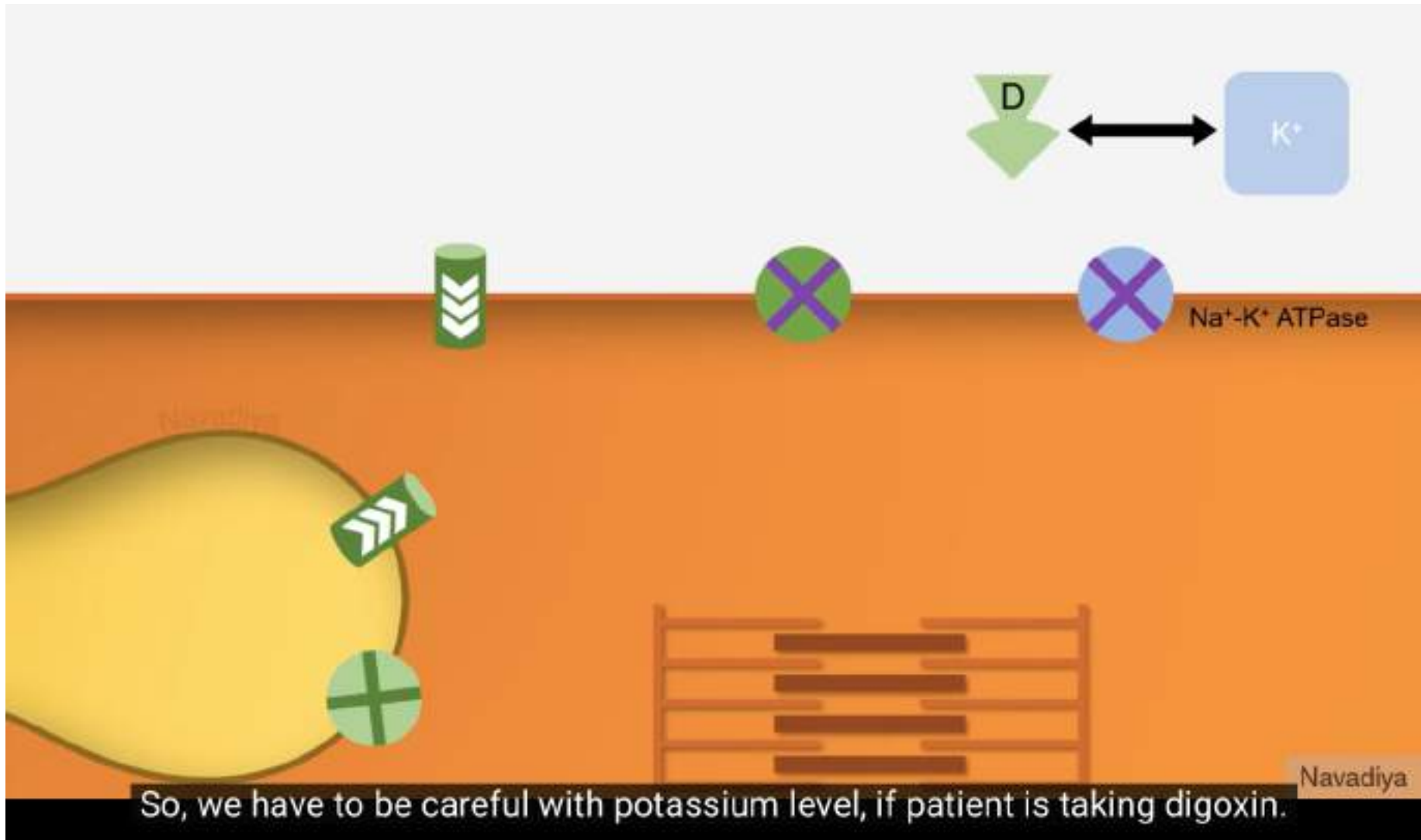
ADR-low TI

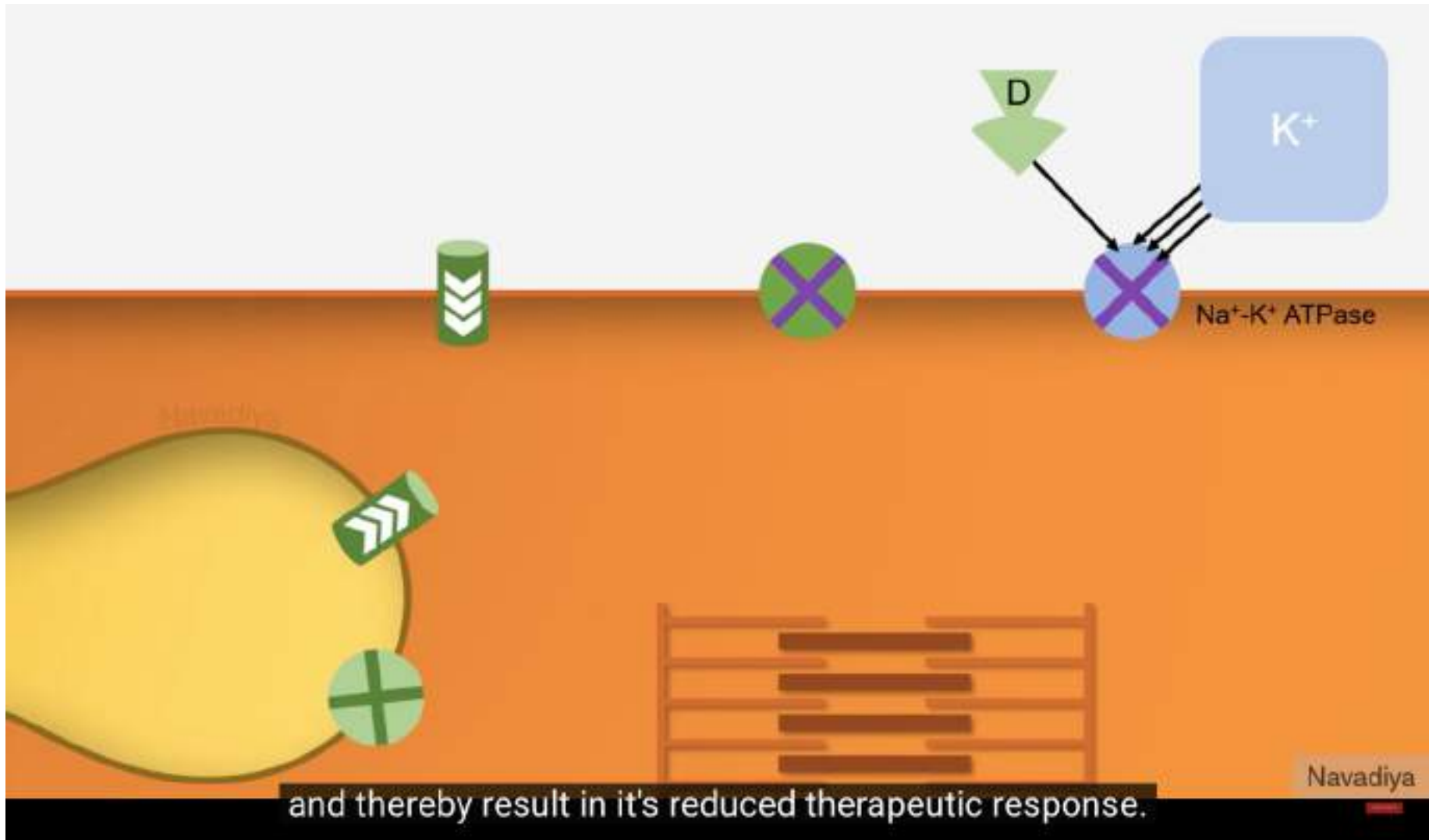
- **Cardiac and extra cardiac**
- Extracardiac:
- GIT –First to appear ANV –direct stimulation of CTZ
- Neurotoxicity: vertigo blurred vision disturbed colour vision neuralgia
- Hallucination etc
- Others – allergy rash
- Gynaecomastia

Cardiac toxicity

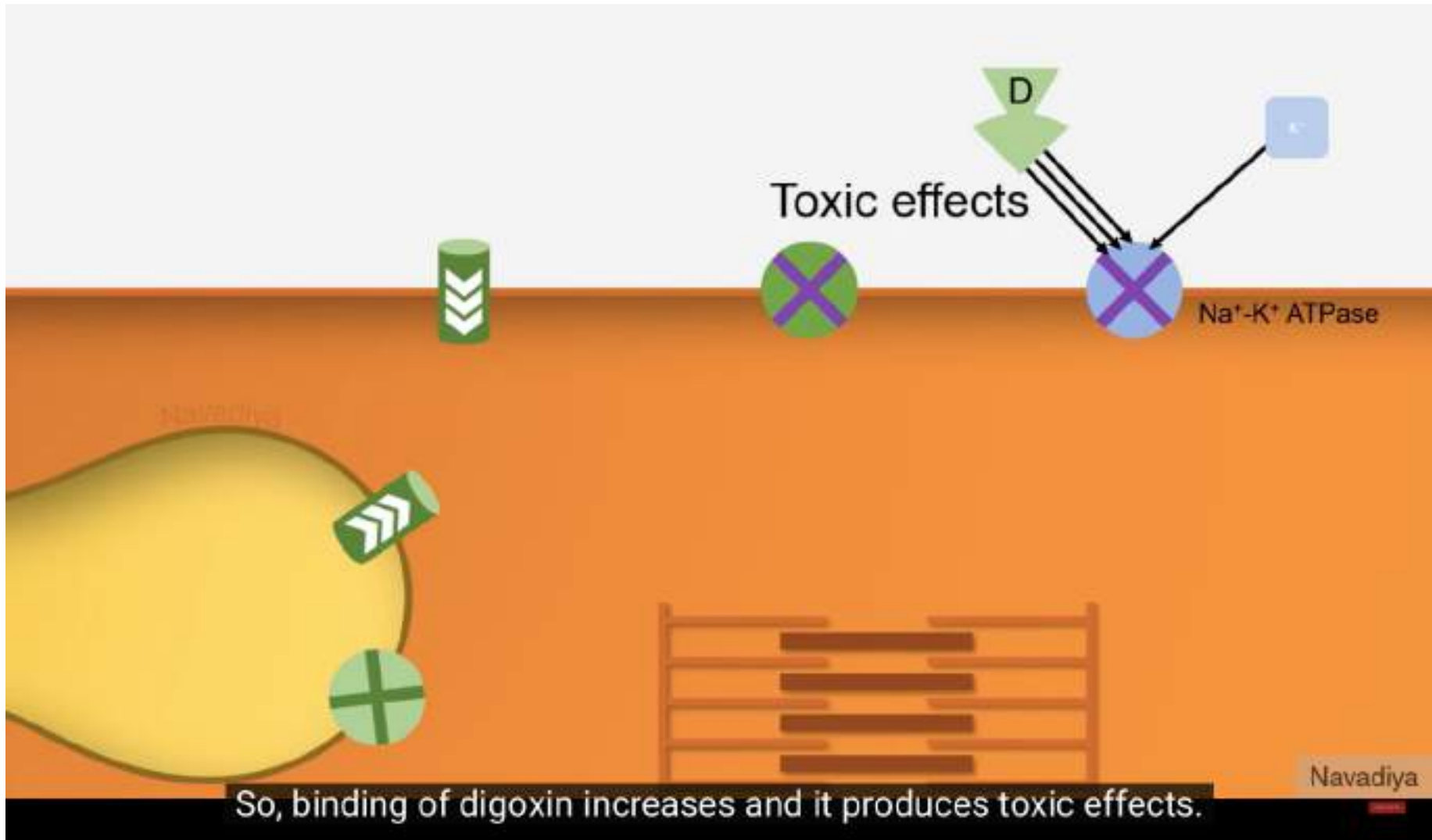
- Arrhythmias- of any type
 - Extrasystole
 - Bradycardia
 - Pulse bigeminy
 - AV Block
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- Hypokalaemia enhances digoxin toxicity
 - Both K and digitalis compete to bind with Na pump
 - Hyperkalemia reduces digitalis binding and thus clinical action
 - As opposed to that low k levels increase digitalis binding with Na pump and hence more action leading to more toxicity







and thereby result in it's reduced therapeutic response.



- Serum K levels DO NOT indicate myocardial k level
- Nausea vomiting diarrhoea lead to low K thus high digitalis toxicity
- Hypercalcaemia- increased digitalis toxicity especially arrhythmias
- Rapid digitilization and iv administration –more toxicity
- Elderly patient with poor reserve are more prone

Treatment of toxicity

- Stop the drug
- Oral k
- Iv k
- Ventricular arrhythmia-lignocaine or phenytoin
- Bradycardia –atropine
- SVT-propranolol
- Temporary pacemaker –AV block

Drug interactions

- **Drugs that increase digoxin action**
- Diuretics –cause hypokalaemia
- Quinidine verapamil methyldopa –increase digoxin levels

- **Drugs that reduce digoxin levels**
- By decreasing absorption- antacids neomycin metoclopramide
- By hastening metabolism- rifampicin phenobarbitone

Digibind -*****MCQ

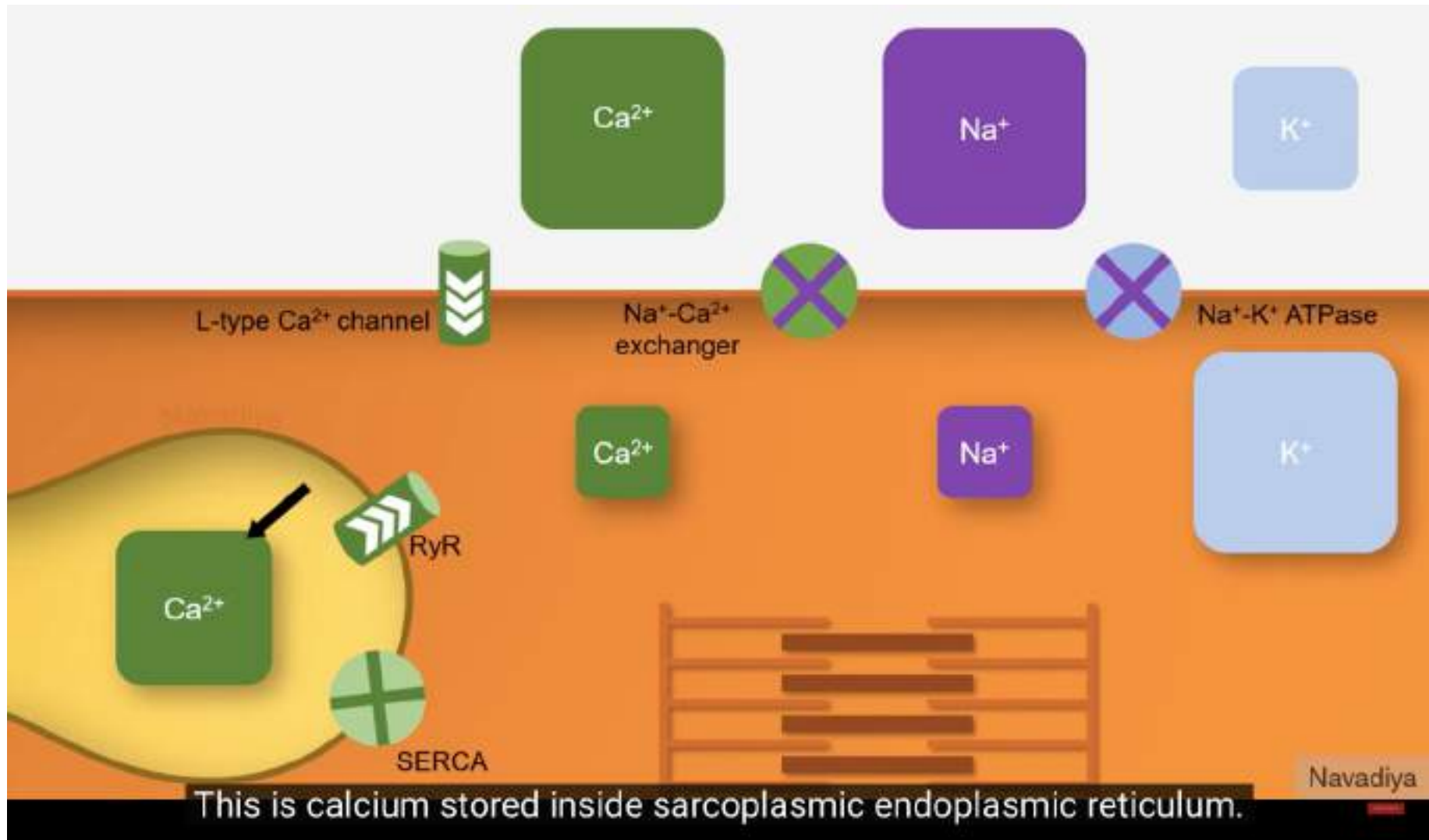
- Anti digoxin immunotherapy
- Obtained from sheep
- Binds to digoxin and reverses toxicity
- **Life saving in critical toxicity**

Digibind

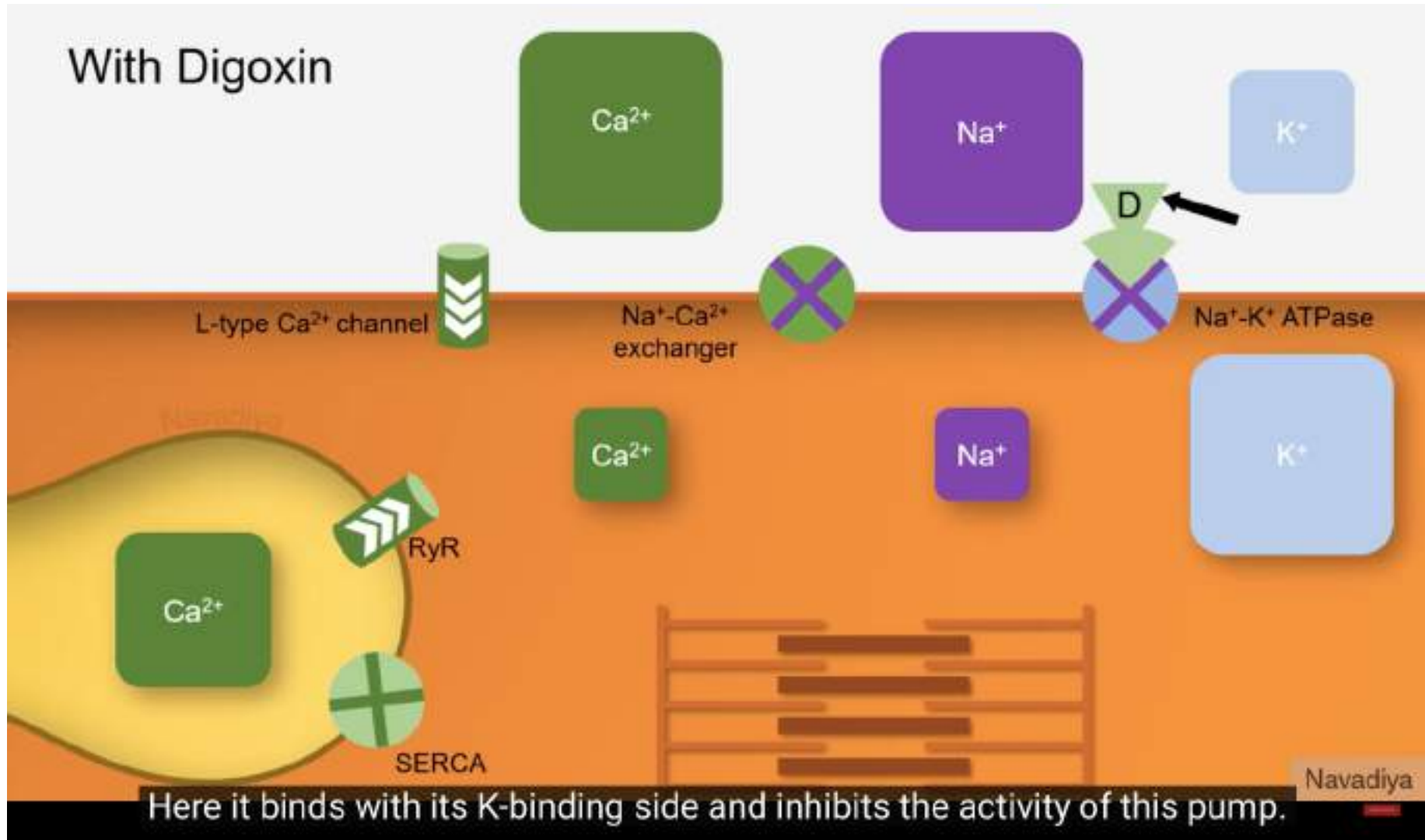
- ♥ Antidote for treatment of digoxin toxicity.
- ♥ A lyophilised powder of antigen binding Fab fragments.
- ♥ Derived from specific anti-digoxin antibodies raised in sheep.

Therapeutic uses

- Heart failure
- Cardiac arrhythmias- atrial flutter and fibrillation
- PSVT

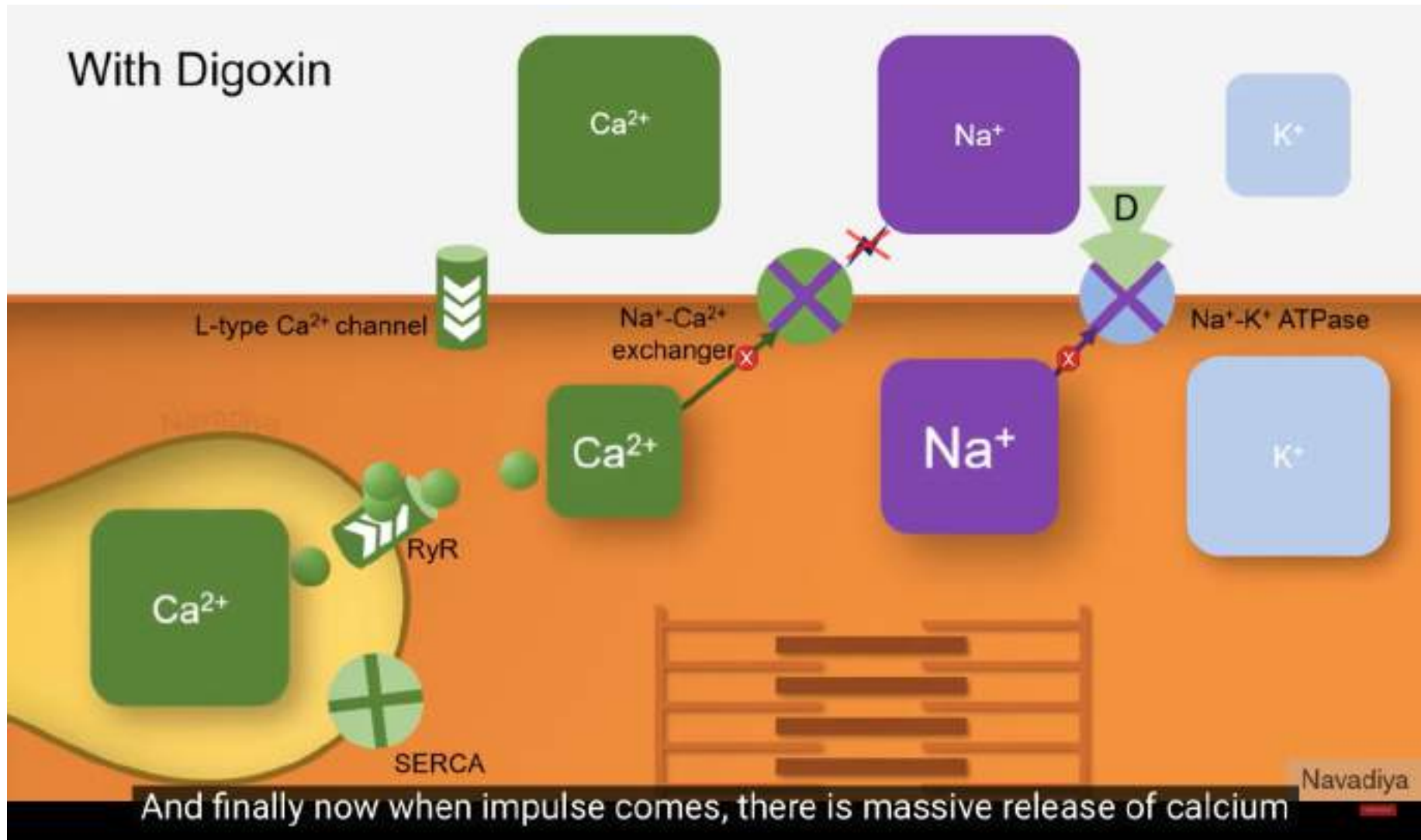


With Digoxin



Here it binds with its K-binding side and inhibits the activity of this pump.

With Digoxin

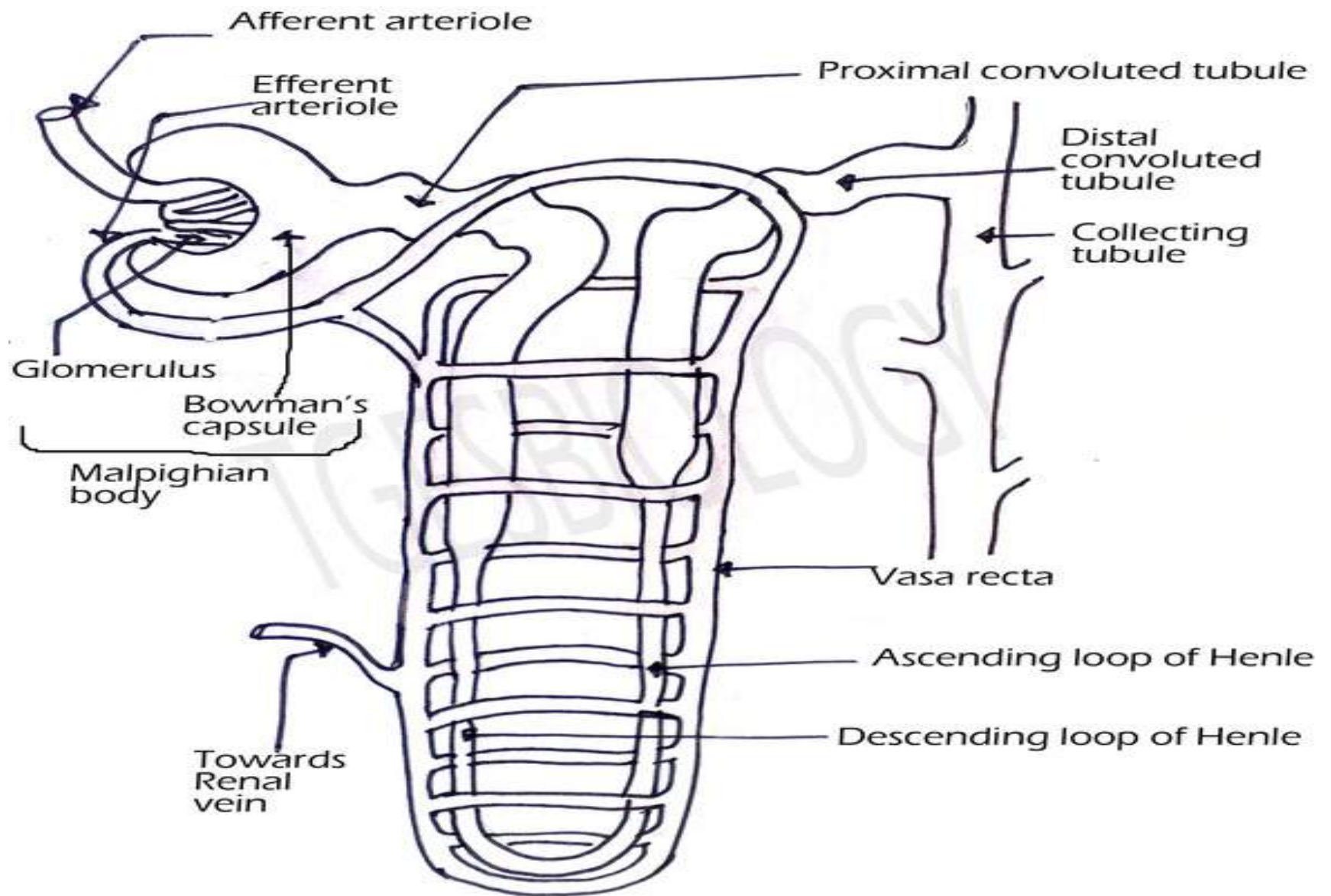


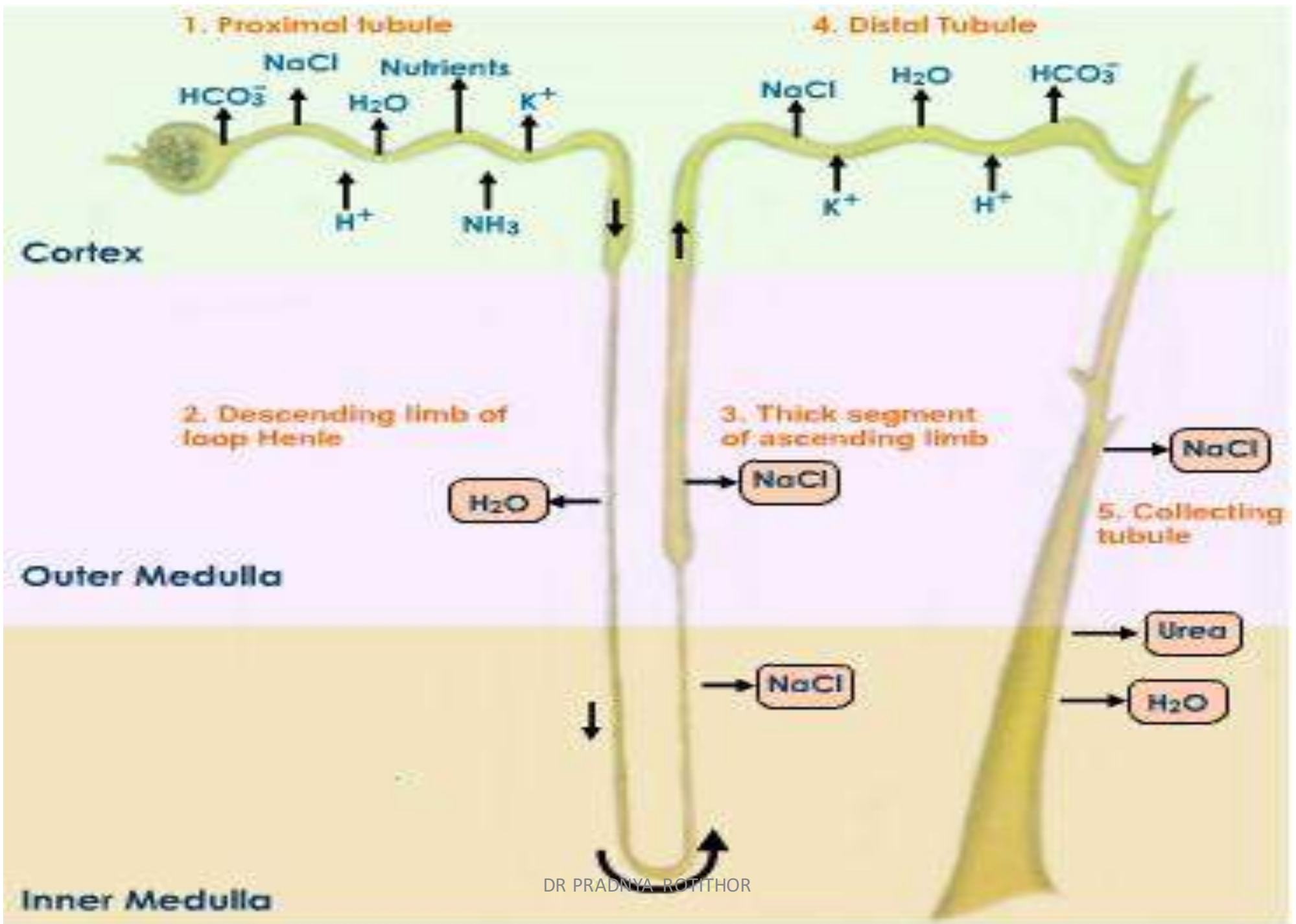
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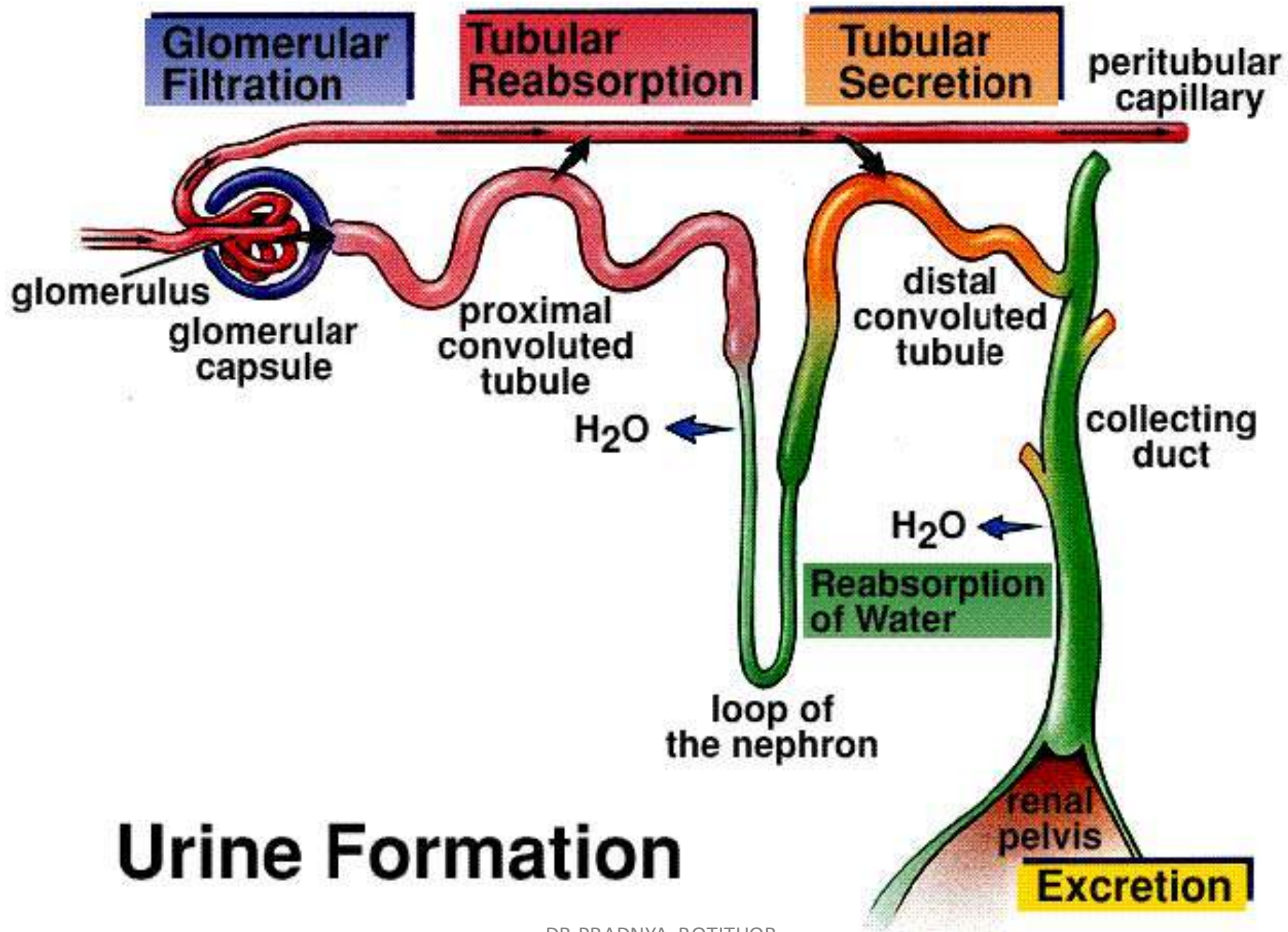
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MECHANISM OF URINE FORMATION

- GF –180L/24 Hrs
- 99 % of GF –reabsorbed
- Urine output -1.5 L/day
- Diuretics prevent re absorption to produce diuresis
- Re absorption happens due to –
 - osmotic gradient between renal interstitium and tubular fluid
 - active transport of ions
 - hormones like aldosterone /ADH



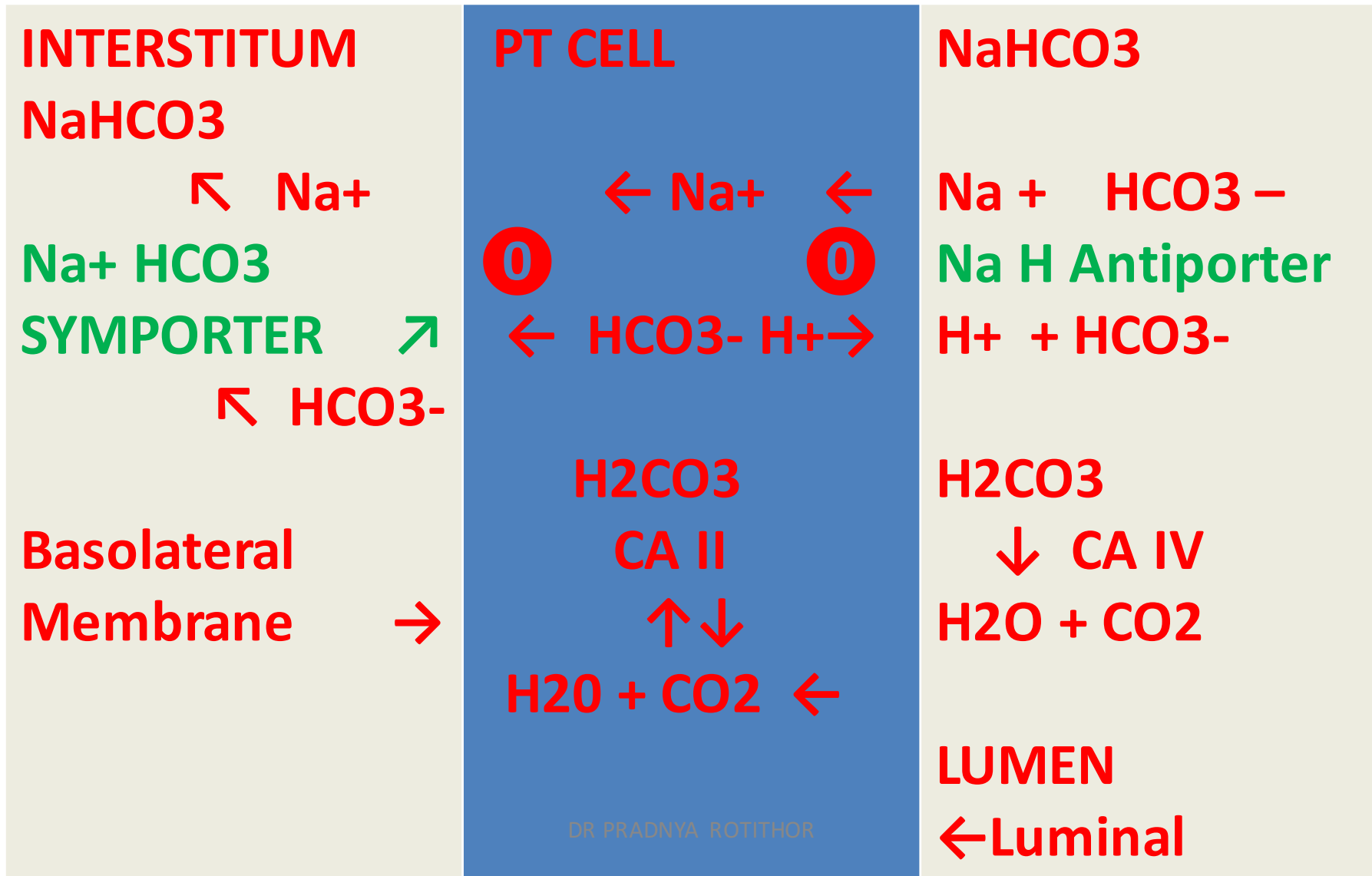




Urine Formation

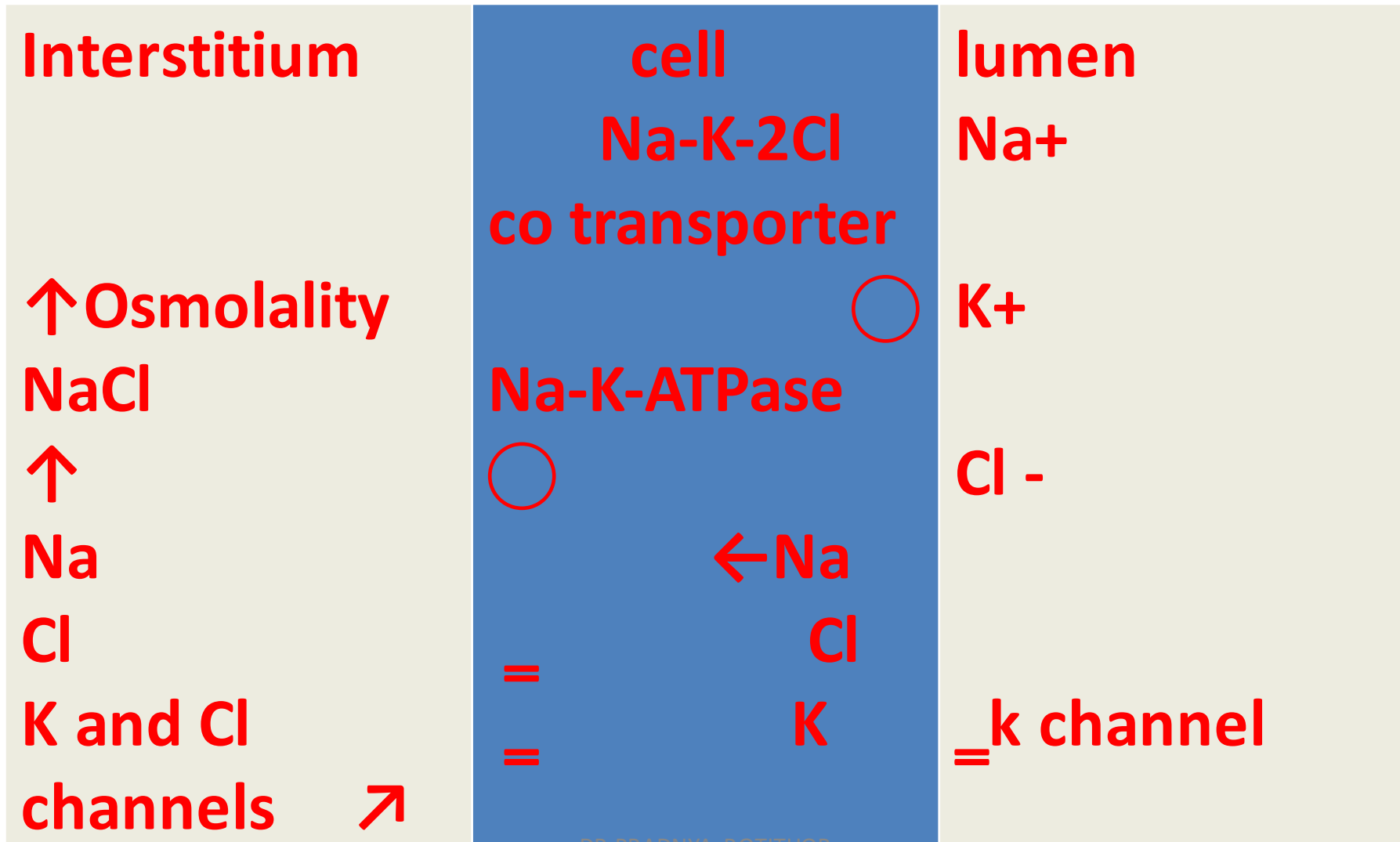
BICARBONATE REABSORPTION

site for CA Inhibitors



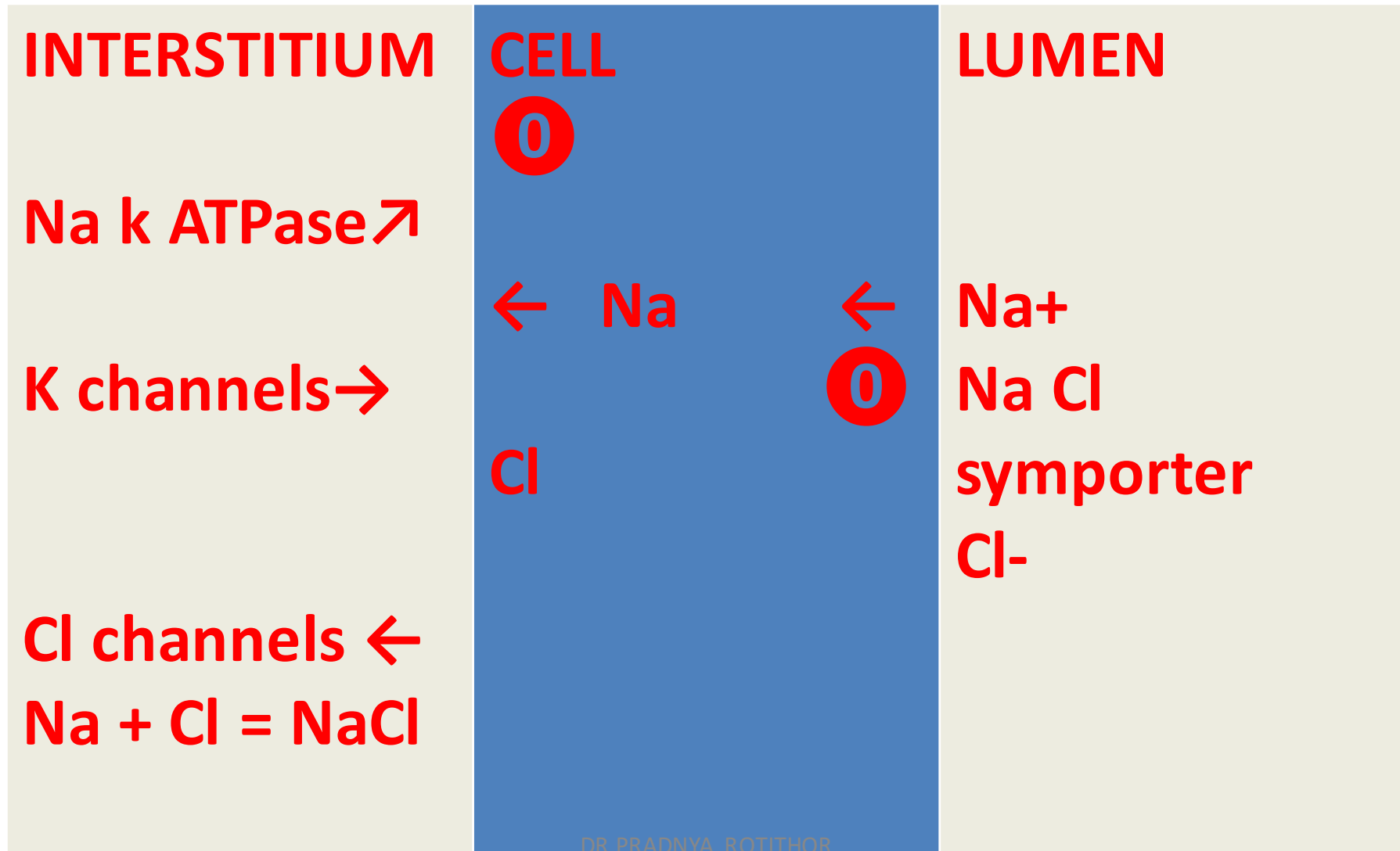
THICK ASC LOOP

site for loop diuretics



EARLY DCT

site for thiazides



SITE AND MECHANISM OF ACTION

- Loop thick Asc LH ↓ Na K Cl cotransport
- Thiazides early DT ↓ Na Cl co transport
- Osmotic PT thin dsc LH CD ↓ passive water
• reabsorption
- CA inhibitor PT ↓ Carbonic anhydrase
- K sparing later DT CD Na ch inhibition -amiloride
• aldosterone R antagonist –
• spironolactone

URINARY EXCRETION DUE TO DIURETICS

	Na	Cl	K	Ca	NaHCO ₃	Water	
Loop	++++	+++	++	+++ & Mg	Nil or +	+++	
thiazides	+++	+++	++	--	Nil or +	++	
K sparing	+	+	--	+	_	+	
CA Inhibitors	+	Nil or _	++	++	++	+	
osmotic	+	+	nil	nil	nil	+++	
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EFFECT ON PLASMA

- Loop –hypo kalemic metabolic alkalosis

serum K Ca Mg levels ↓

hyperurecaemia

Hyperglycaemia

Thiazides –hypo chloraemic metabolic alkalosis

serum Cl levels ↓ and Ca ↑

hyperurecaemia

hyperglycaemia

K sparing – hyperkalaemia

CA inhibitors –hypo K and hypo Ca

Osmotic diuretics –hypo Na and transient rise in ECF volume

Na + REABSORPTION

- Relative magnitudes of sodium reabsorption at different tubular sites---

- PT 65-70%
- Asc LH 20-25%
- DT 8-9%
- CD 1-2%

K^+

reabsorbed in PT and Asc LH

AND

Secreted in DT and CD

FACTORS AFFECTING NET K⁺ LOSS

- Na load delivered to distal segments
- Availability of H⁺ ions
- Intracellular K⁺ stores
- Presence or absence of aldosterone

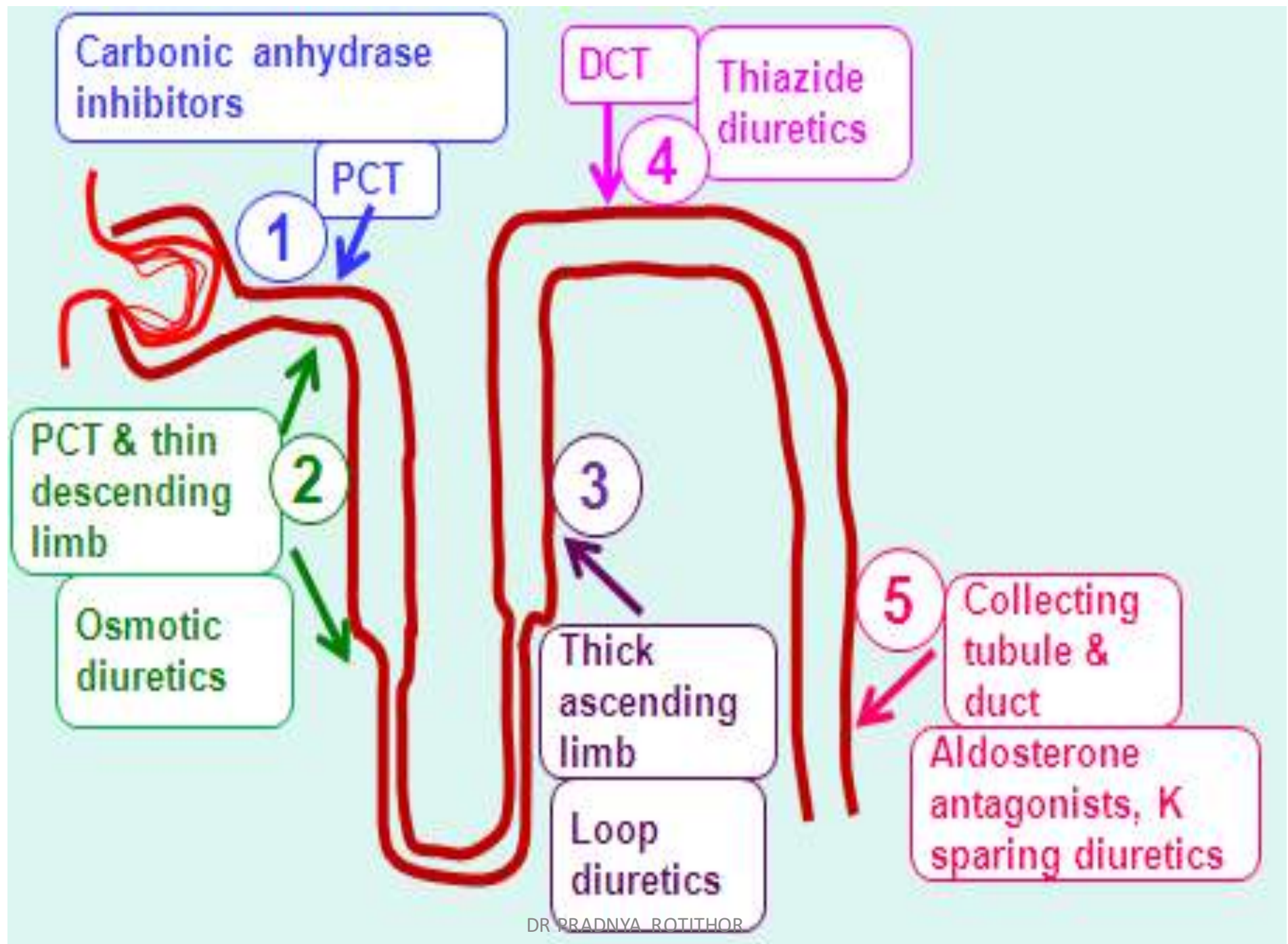
- Loop diuretics lead to high K⁺ loss due to high Na load delivered to DT /CD

ADH

- CD cells respond to ADH
- If ADH is absent –hypotonic fluid in CD is passed as it is ---dilute urine is produced
- If ADH is high – CD cells become fully permeable to water –equilibrate with hyperosmotic medulla ---concentrated urine is passed

Free water clearance

- Zero ---when urine is isotonic
- Positive –when urine is diluted
- Negative –when urine is concentrated



DIURETIC DRUGS

Definition—drugs which cause net loss of sodium and water

Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors –1950

ChLorthiazide –first modern orally active diuretic 1957

Loop diuretics –mid 1960s

Diuretics are among the most widely prescribed drugs

CLASSIFICATION

1) high efficacy diuretics

inhibitors of Na K 2Cl cotransport

Loop -thick

Ex –**furosemide** bumetanide torasemide

2) medium efficacy diuretics

inhibitors of Na Cl symport

DCT

a) thiazides –**hydrochorthiazide** benzthiazide

b) thiazide like –chorthalidone , metolazone

Indapamide clopamide

3) carbonic anhydrase inhibitors –acetazolamide **PCT**

4) potassium sparing diuretics –**last part of DCT CD**

a) aldosterone antagonists –spironolactone ,eplerenone

b) Na channel inhibitors –triamterene , amiloride

5) osmotic diuretics –mannitol ,isosorbide, glycerol **PCT loop-thin**

LOOP /HIGH CEILING DIURETICS

Inhibitors of Na⁺ K⁺ 2Cl⁻ cotransport

Prototype drug –furosemide (lasix)

**Rapidly acting --2-5min for iv 10-20 min –im
20-40 min -oral**

Highly effective –DRC steep

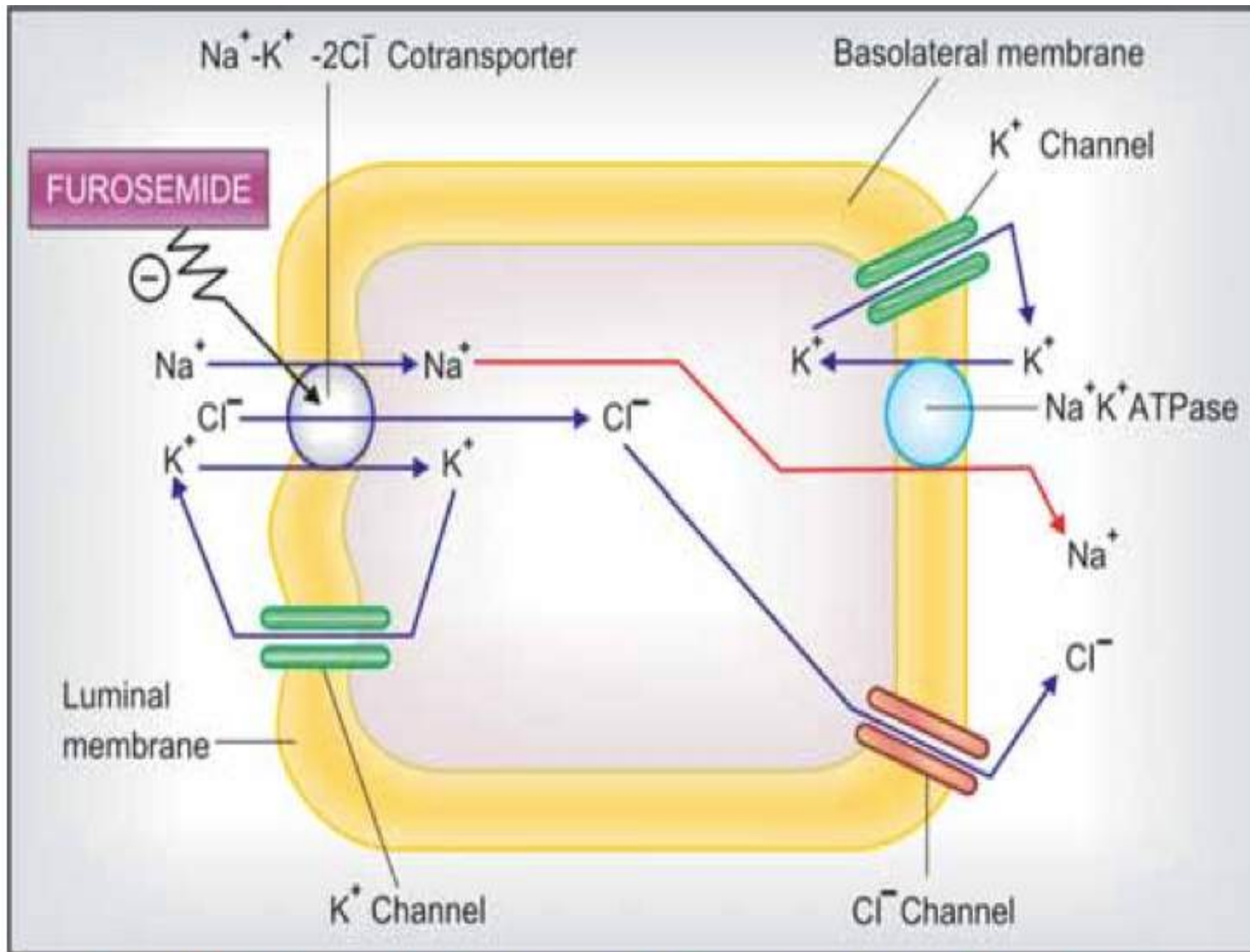
Maximal natriuretic effect

Active even in renal failure

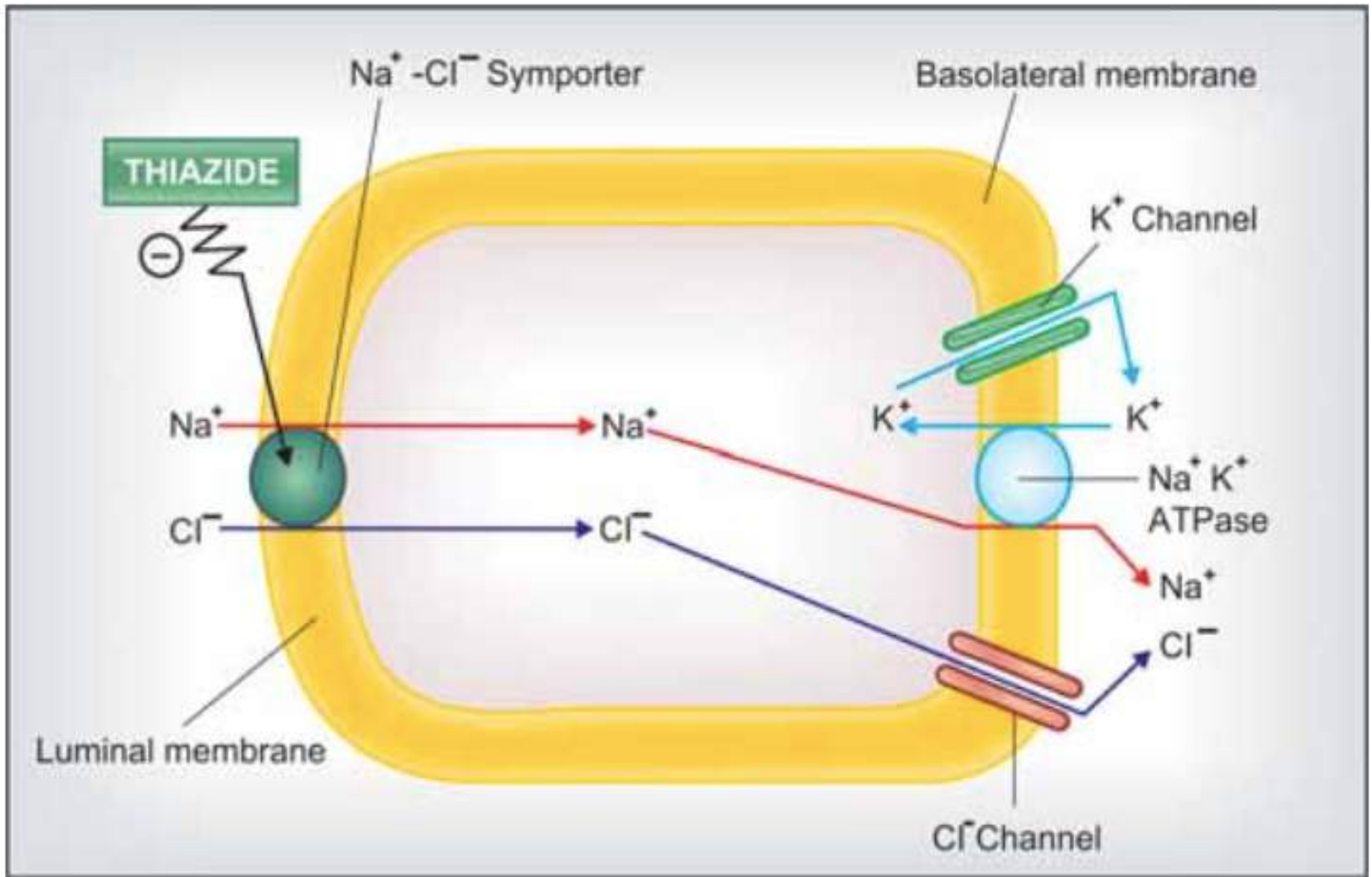
Site of action –luminal membrane of thick Asc LH ,

**minor action at PT inhibitory action on carbonic anhydrase –
excretion of HCO₃**

Secreted in PT by organic anion transport and reaches site of action



MOA OF LOOP DIURETICS of salt reabsorption in the thick ascending limb of loop of Henle (AscLH) cell, and site of action of furosemide on the Na⁺-K⁺-2Cl⁻ cotransporter



MOA OF THIAZIDES

Mechanism of salt reabsorption in early distal tubular cell and site of action of thiazide diuretics on $\text{Na}^+ \text{Cl}^-$ symporter

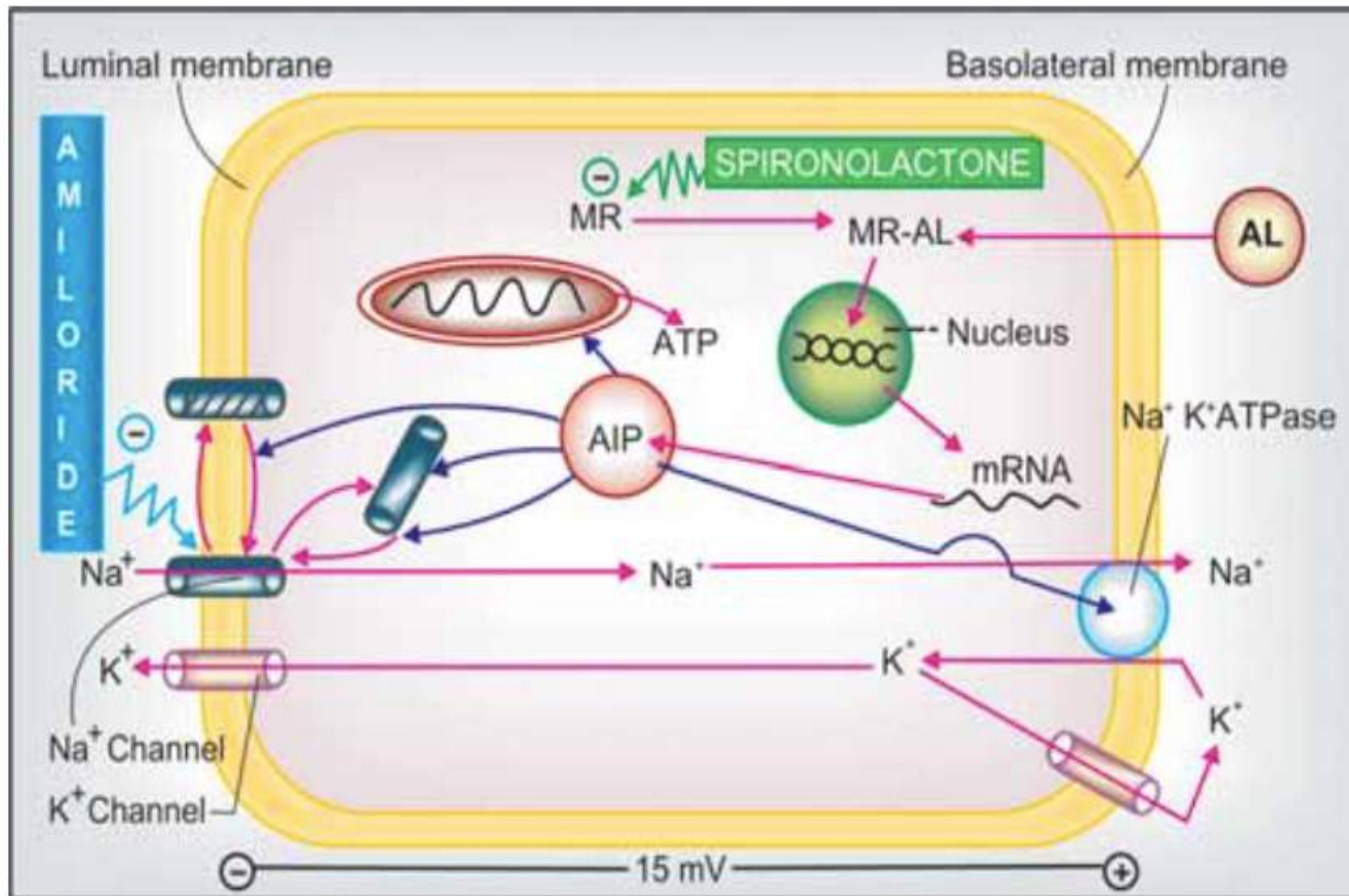


Fig. 13.5: Site and mechanism of action of potassium sparing diuretics on the late distal tubule/collecting duct cell. Aldosterone (AL) penetrates the cell from the interstitial side and combines with the mineralocorticoid receptor (MR). The complex translocates to the nucleus—promotes gene mediated mRNA synthesis. The mRNA then directs synthesis of aldosterone-induced proteins (AIPs). The AIPs include Na⁺K⁺ATPase and amiloride sensitive Na⁺ channels. The AIPs also activate Na⁺ channel, translocate Na⁺ channels from cytosolic site to luminal membrane and Na⁺K⁺ATPase to basolateral membrane, increase ATP production by mitochondria. All these changes promote Na⁺ reabsorption—more K⁺ and H⁺ is secreted indirectly. Spironolactone binds to MR, prevents AL action and produces opposite effects.

Amiloride approaches the Na⁺ channel from the luminal side and blocks it—reducing the lumen negative transepithelial potential difference which governs K⁺ and H⁺ secretion.

LOOP DIURETICS ---

Actions –

Abolishes Cortico-medullary osmotic gradient

Both positive and negative free water clearance is blocked

K excretion is high due to high sodium load reaching DT

↑Ca ++ excretion –thiazides ↓

↑ Mg ++ excretion

↓ uric acid excretion

Hyperglycaemia

At equinatriuretic dose K loss < thiazides

Weak CA inhibitory action -↑ HCO₃ excretion

No effect on acid base balance –mild alkalosis at higher doses

Haemodynamic changes

Transient ↑renal blood flow

Redistribution of blood flow from outer to mid cortical zone

Pressure relationship between vascular interstitial and tubular compartments is altered that leads to ↓ PT re absorption

Iv dose -- prompt ↑venous capacitance
↓ LV filling pressure

quick relief in LVF and Pulmonary oedema

Pharmacokinetics

Oral IM IV

Rapid Oral absorption

Bioavailability 60%

Plasma $t_{1/2}$ ---1-2 hrs

Dose –20-80 mg od

iv –pulmonary oedema LVF

Torsemide -3 times more potent

Bumetinide –40 times more potent

Indications of loop diuretics

Acute pulmonary oedema –iv

Acute LVF following MI –rapid action

Hypertensive crisis –prompt action

Cerebral oedema

Oedema –CHF ,Ascites

to prevent circulatory overload -With blood transfusion in severe anamia

Hypercalcaemia (of malignancy)and hyperkal

HT –not preferred --thiazides are preferred

THIAZIDES

Medium efficacy –as 90% of GF is already reabsorbed

Flat DRC

Site –cortical diluting segment of early DT

Inhibit Na Cl symport from luminal side

Positive free water clearance is ↓

But negative free water clearance is not affected

Reach site by organic acid secretion at PT

Most brands have additional weak CA inhibition action

Contd--

K loss is \propto Na presented to distal segment

GFR is reduced

↓ Ca excretion but ↑ Mg excretion

Extrarenal actions –slow Fall in BP

PK –well absorbed orally

No injectable preparations

Chlorthalidone –long acting $t_{1/2}$ -40-50 hrs

Metolazone –mainly used for oedema

Indapamide –HT

1	CA inhibi	Chr. (wide angle) glaucoma (dorzolamide), Narrow angle (acute) (acetazolamide IV), prevention of Acute Mountain Sickness, Epilepsy
2	Osmotic	Cerebral edema (To decrease ICT), Drug overdose, shock, trauma (Maintain urine flow & prevent acute renal failure), Acute narrow angle glaucoma(mannitol, glycerol IV), Severe hemolysis or rhabdomyolysis (Maintain high urine flow in patients with solute overload)
3	Loop (↑RBF, ↓ vascular resistanc e)	Edema (CHF, ascites), acute pulmonary edema, hypertensive crisis (prompt action), treatment of severe hypercalcemia & hyperkalemia

4	Thiazid es	Hypertension, mild-moderate HF-Edema, hypercalciuria, urinary calcium-oxalate stones, diabetes insipidus(decrease urine output)
5	Aldo. anta K sparing	HF (prevent remodeling,decrease mortality), Maintain K, prevent hypokalemia by other agents, Secondary hyper -aldosteronism (CHF, cirrhosis – hepatic edema, nephrotic syndrome), Primary hyperaldosteronism (Conn Syndrome) Prevent hypokalemia by other agents, Lithium induced diabetes insipidus

INDICATIONS

HT- mild moderate – first line of drug

Oedema – cardiac origin -CHF

Diabetes insipidus -↓free water clearance -only drugs effective in renal DI

Hypercalciurea --associated with urolithiasis-
urinary stones –oxalates and calcium

COMPLICATIONS WITH DIURETIC THERAPY

- Hypokalemia –most significant ADR
- Rx –high dietary intake
- KCl supplement
- concurrent use of K sparing diuretics
- Acute saline depletion –haemoconcentration ↑
risk of dvt
- Dilutional hyponatraemia
- GIT –N V D
- CNS –headache

CA inhibitor	Metabolic acidosis (urinary alkalosis), hypokalemia, Drowsiness, paresthesia, Renal stones, decreased ammonia excretion (worsen cirrhosis), bone marrow suppression, hypersensitivity
Osmotic	Dehydration, H, N, V
Loop	-↓ Na, <i>K</i>, Cl, Mg, ↓ Calcium -↑ glucose, lipids, uric acid-gout Hypokalemic metabolic alkalosis, hypovolemia, hypotension, Ototoxicity (ethacrynic acid)

<p>Thiazide</p>	<p>-↓ Na, K, Cl, Mg -↑ glucose, lipids, uric acid- gout, ↑ <u>Calcium</u></p> <p>--Hypokalemic metabolic alkalosis, Hypotension, -Ototoxicity, Sulfa allergy: chlorthalidone, metolazone, indapamide</p>
<p>Aldosterone Antagonist</p> <p>K sparing</p> <p>Na ch inhibitors</p>	<p>Hyperkalemia, anti-androgenic effects, sexual dysfunction, gynecomastia, impotence, menstrual disturbances, increased Ca excretion, abd pain, aggravation of peptic ulcer</p> <p>Amiloride: ↓ Mg, Ca excretion, ↑ urate excretion, hyperkalemia</p> <p>Triamterene: Photosensitivity, impaired glucose tolerance, megaloblastic anemia, hyperkalemia</p>

ALDOSTERONE

DT and CD ---Aldosterone R

AIP ----ATP

Na pumps

Na K ATPase

Site for K sparing diuretics

Spirolactone eplerenone–R inhibitor –
prevents formation of AIP

Triamterene /amiloride –Na pump inhibitor

Aldosterone

(aldosterone → Na retention, K loss)

(aldosterone antagonists → Na loss, K retention)

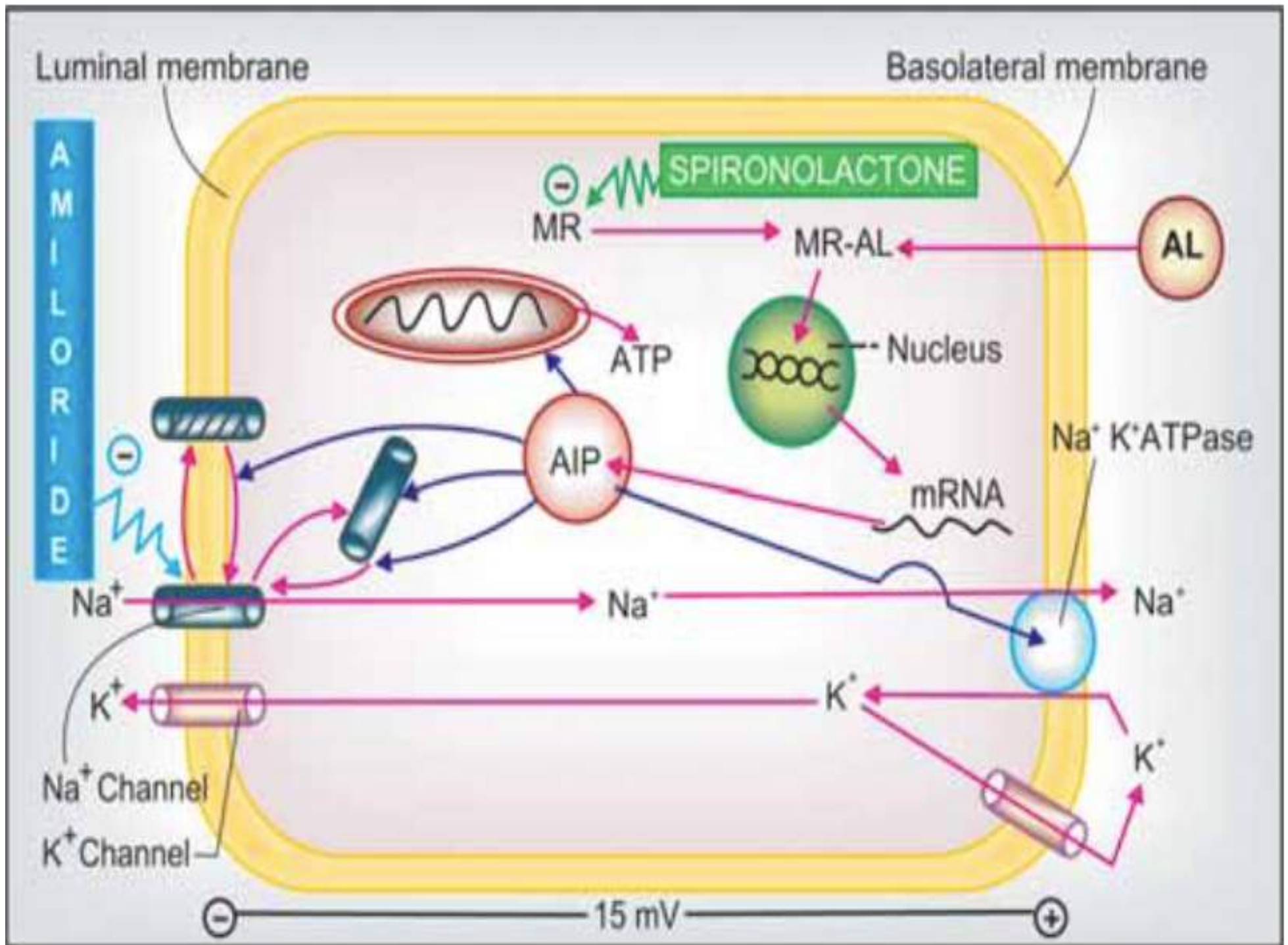
Act from interstitial side of tubular cells (most diuretics act from luminal side) MCQ

Spironolactone (25-50 bid-qid), Eplerenone

Actions highest when aldosterone levels are high:

Hepatic cirrhosis, Heart failure, Nephrotic syndrome

Ineffective in absence of aldosterone: Addison disease



Therapeutic uses

Aldosterone antagonist

Heart failure- (prevent remodeling, decrease mortality),

Maintain K,

prevent hypokalemia by other agents –mainly loop diuretics

Adjuvant to other diuretics in antihypertensive rx

Secondary hyper -aldosteronism (CHF, cirrhosis – hepatic edema, nephrotic syndrome),

Primary hyperaldosteronism (Conn Syndrome)

Na ch inhibitors- Amiloride ,triamterene

Prevent hypokalemia by other agents, Lithium induced diabetes insipidus

Adverse effects

Aldosterone antagonist

Hyperkalemia,

anti-androgenic effects, sexual dysfunction,
gynecomastia, impotence, menstrual disturbances,

increased Ca excretion,

Abdominal pain pain,

aggravation of peptic ulcer

ADR of Na ch inhibitors

Amiloride:

↓ Mg, Ca excretion, ↑ urate excretion,
hyperkalemia

Triamterene:

hyperkalemia

Photosensitivity,

impaired glucose tolerance,

megaloblastic anemia,

Compare and contrast

Loop diuretics

- Site and MOA
- examples
- Route of administration
- Duration of action
- Haemodynamic changes
- Uses
- Adverse effects

Thiazide diuretics

Pharmacotherapy Of Hypertension

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definition

V common disorder

Mostly asymptomatic – silent killer

Primary hypertension -no cause found

most common form

Termed as **essential hypertension**

Secondary hypertension

less common

-1)Renal -renal artery stenosis

2)Endocrine –pheochromocytoma Primary or sec aldosteronism

3)Vascular disorders

Guidelines for BP measurements

• Type	SBP	DBP	in mm of Hg
• Normal	<120	<80	
• Prehypertension	120-139.	80-89	
• Stage 1 HTN	140-160	90-99	
• Stage 2 HTN	>160	>100	

Hypertensive Crises

- Hypertensive emergencies –BP 210/120 mm of Hg
 - WITH target organ damage
 - Malignant hypertension— Severe htn with vascular damage to arteriols- papilloedema retinal haemorrhage and hy encephelopathy
 - acute MI
 - acute LVF With pulmonary oedema
 - Pregnancy eclampsia
 - Pheochromocytoma induced uncontrolled HTN
- Hypertensive urgencies –high BP **WITHOUT** target organ damage

Pregnancy Hypertension

- Rise in BP after 20 wks of gestation more common in primigravida
- Prior to that –essential htn
- Complications of PET –pre eclamptic toxaemia –IUGR IUD PPH
- Eclampsia –high maternal mortality
- Treatment-
- Rest
- Drugs –alphamethylidopa -MCQ
- hydralazine CCB-Nifedipine
- Labetelol is now preferred
- Life saving drug –magnesium sulfate –magsulf –not mentioned in your textbooks

HOW TO QUANTIFY BLOOD PRESSURE

Factors involved
Baroreceptors
RAAS
Plasma volume
etc

$$BP = CO \times SVR \text{ (TPR)}$$

$$CO = HR \times SV$$

$$BP = HR \times SV \times SVR$$



Treatment of Hypertension

- **Confirmation of diagnosis** – by correct method of blood pressure measurement
- Relaxed state of mind
- Sitting position with erect back feet NOT hanging
- Remember white coat hypertension –
- Ambulatory home measurement
- Now electronic BP apparatus is accepted
- Investigations –basic reports –ECG RFT Lipid profile

Lifestyle modification

- Mild hypertension can be treated WITHOUT drug therapy
- But close watch needed –patient compliance is most important
- Once a hypertensive is always a hypertensive –obsolete concept
- Obesity control
- DASH diet –dietary approach to stop hypertension
- low salt <2.4gm/day, fruits grains vegetables low fat dairy products ,restricted intake of pickles papads namkeens etc
- Regular moderate exercise
- lipid profile control
- Smoking alcohol XX
- Yoga meditation to control stress

Pharmacotherapy

- Monotherapy – diuretics – thiazide 12.5mg
- ACEI/ARB/CCB/Beta blockers
- Combination therapy –
- Mainly to overcome side effects of one another
- Sympatholytics and vasodilators cause retention of fluid – combine with diuretics
- Vasodilators like CCB esp short acting cause reflex tachycardia – combine with beta blockers
- ACEI and diuretics potentiate each other – synergistic

Resistant hypertension

- Uncontrolled BP with 3 drugs of different classes one of which is diuretic
- BP controlled but 4 or more drugs of different classes are needed

- Target BP –130/80 mm of Hg

Classification of antihypertensive drugs

- Diuretics
- ACEI
- ARB
- CCB
- Beta blockers
- Alpha blockers
- Alpha and beta blockers
- Vasodilators
- Centrally acting sympatholytics
- Ganglion blockers
- Adrenergic neurone blockers

homework – complete the chart by examples

MOA of each gr

ACEI ARB CCB already discussed

Diuretics—mild anti HTN drugs

MOA(persistent Na deficit → ↓tpr)

1)Reduction in plasma volume and ecf -10%-↓CO

This ↓CO is restored by compensatory mechanism but eventual fall in BP is maintained by slow development of ↓tpr

Now how and why this tpr is reduced?

--why -small but persistent sodium and fluid volume deficit -5%

--how –low Na in vascular smooth muscle cells - ↓stiffness of vessel wall, ↓ response to vasoconstriction action of NA All

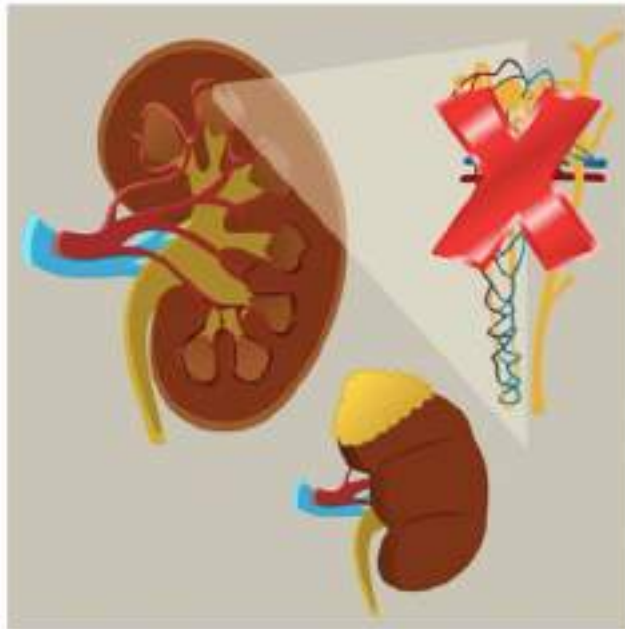
In the long term Rx HR CO remain unaffected

Thiazides-first doc alone or in combination

- Additional benefits-potentiate action of all other antiHTN drugs by keeping low plasma volume
- Per se 10 mm/Hg ↓ in mean arterial BP
- Dose – hydrochlorothiazide 12.5mg-25mg
- ADR – Hypokalaemia fatigue impotence dyslipidemia hyperuracemia etc less seen at these doses

Antihypertensive Mechanism of Action Diuretics

Facilitate Diuresis



Sodium Reabsorption
H₂O Reabsorption



Sodium Reabsorption
H₂O Reabsorption
BP

Loop diuretics

- Not used for routine htn rx
- Used only when –
 - 1) Chronic renal failure
 - 2) htn with CHF

K sparing diuretics –are used in combination to decrease K loss

Inepamide –at antiHTN dose v little diuresis seen

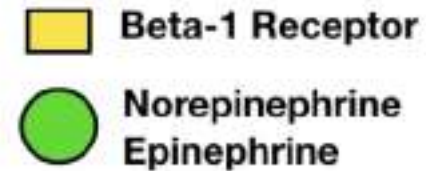
Beta blockers

- On long term use tpr falls ,CO falls –both systolic and diastolic blood pressure falls
- Other contributory factors –
- Renin release fall due to blockade of B1 R in Kidneys
- Reduced central and peripheral NA flow
- Cardioselective beta blockers like atenolol or labetalol with additional alpha blocker action are preferred

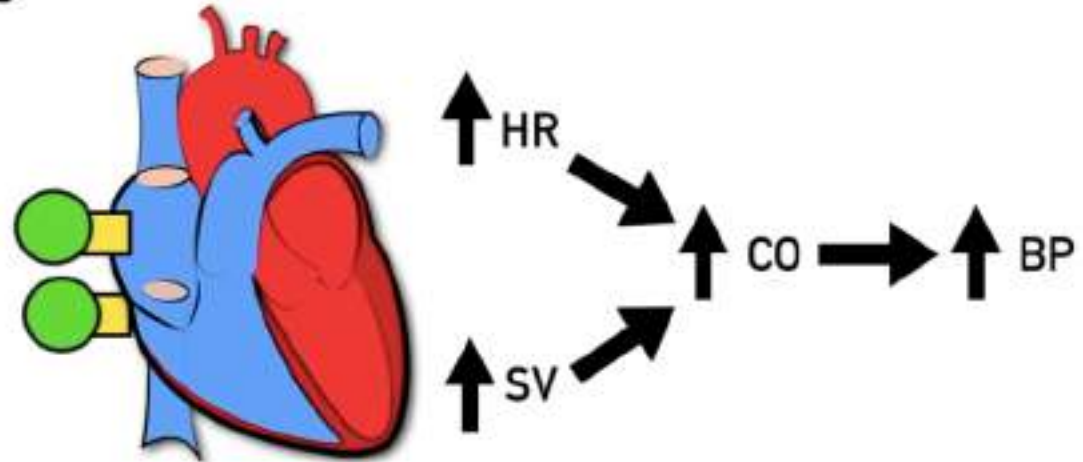
Antihypertensive Mechanism of Action

Beta Blockers

Block Beta Receptors



Fight or Flight Response
(Sympathetic)



Advantages of beta blockers

- No postural hypotension
- No salt and water retention
- No action on bowel
- Possible cardioprotection
- OD dosage
- Low cost

Combined action on alpha and beta blockage

- Labetelol- intravenous for emergency use for rapid reduction in BP
- Indications –cheese reaction rebound HTN of clonidine withdrawal

- Carvedilol- nonselective beta and selective alpha 1 blocker and additional antioxidant property

Alpha blockers

- Alpha one blockers dilates both resistance and capacitance vessels
- Reduced tpr

- Prazosin- postural hypotension with first dose effect
- terazosin tamsulosin-additional benefit of action on prostate
- Nonselective alpha blockers –
- **Phenoxybenzamine and phentolamine – pheochromocytoma**

Central Sympatholytics – clonidine and alpha methyl dopa

- **Clonidine** –imidazoline derivative, orally active
- complex action
- 1)alpha2 R in brainstem
- Stimulation of alpha2 R in vasomotor centre → ↓sympathetic outflow → fall in BP and bradycardia
- 2)action on specific imidazoline R in brain also reduces sympathetic outflow

ADR of Clonidine

- Common and disturbing side effects
- Impotence
- Disturbed sleep
- Dryness of mouth.eyes.nose
- Sedation
- Salt and water retention
- Rebound hypertension on sudden withdrawal MCQ

Alpha methyl dopa

- Selective alpha 2 agonist
- Action on central alpha2 R to reduce sympathetic outflow
- Probably acts on different set of neurons than clonidine
- ✓ **Safe in pregnancy**
- ✓ **Dose -250mg-750mg**

Vasodilators

- **Hydralazine**-directly acting arteriolar vasodilators
- Little or no action on venous capacitance vessels
- Tpr reduced
- Greater fall in diastolic BP than systolic BP
- Compensatory tachycardia –marked

✓ **Safe during pregnancy**

minoxidil

- Directly acting arteriolar dilator
 - Prodrug
 - Opens up K channels in muscles-causes efflux of K leading to hyperpolarization and thus muscle relaxation
 - Used for htn not responding to other drugs
 - Also used for androgenic alopecia
 - While unacceptable in women –hypertrichosis
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- Diazoxide –related to thiazide diuretic
 - Potent arteriolar vasodilator
 - May cause hyperglycaemia –inhibits insulin secretion from pancreas

Sodium Nitroprusside

- Rapidly acting powerful vasodilator
- Relaxes both resistance and capacitance vessels--MCQ
- Reduces tpr
- Reduces CO
- Reduces cardiac work
- Infusion needs to be protected from light –dark room /bottle covered with black cloth
- BP needs to be closely watched as it falls v v rapidly
- Previously used for hypertensive emergencies but now labetalol is preferred

Antihypertensive Drug Names

Suffixes

ACE Inhibitors “pril”

ARBs “sartan”

Alpha Blockers “osin” “zosin” (Selective Alpha-1 Blockers)

Beta Blockers “lol”

Nonselective “mine”

Phentolamine, Phenoxybenzamine

Calcium Channel Blockers “dipine” (Dihydropyridines)

Non-dihydropyridines

Diuretics “ide”

Verapamil and Diltiazem

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Antihypertensive Drug Classes

	Classes	Drug Names	Examples	Mechanism of Action	Main Effect on BP
A	ACE Inhibitors	"pril"	Lisinopril Enalapril	Inhibit ACE	↓ SVR, SV
A	ARBs	"sartan"	Losartan Valsartan	Block Angiotensin II Receptors	↓ SVR, SV
A	Alpha Blockers	"osin"	Doxazosin Terazosin	Block Alpha Receptors	↓ SVR
B	Beta Blockers	"lol"	Metoprolol Labetalol	Block Beta Receptors	↓ HR, SV
C	Calcium Channel Blockers (CCBs)	"dipine"	Amlodipine Nicardipine	Block Calcium Channels	↓ SVR
D	Diuretics	"ide"	Furosemide Hydrochlorothiazide	Facilitate Diuresis	↓ SV

**Alpha blockers refer to selective alpha-1 blockers, and calcium channel blockers refer to dihydropyridines



MUHS QUESTIONS

- LAQ –classify antihypertensive group of drugs with examples
- Sub question mostly on ACEI
- Lots of SAQs on MOA uses and ADR of each class mainly diuretics, ACEI ARB CCB
- Compare and contrast loop diuretics with thiazides
- Compare and contrast ACEI with ARB
- Lots and lots of MCQ –
- Clonidine –rebound hypertension
- ACEI –dry cough
- Vasodilator –sodium nitroprusside