



# Pharmacology

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*cell wall inhibitors 1*



# Cell Wall Inhibitors → Bacterocidal

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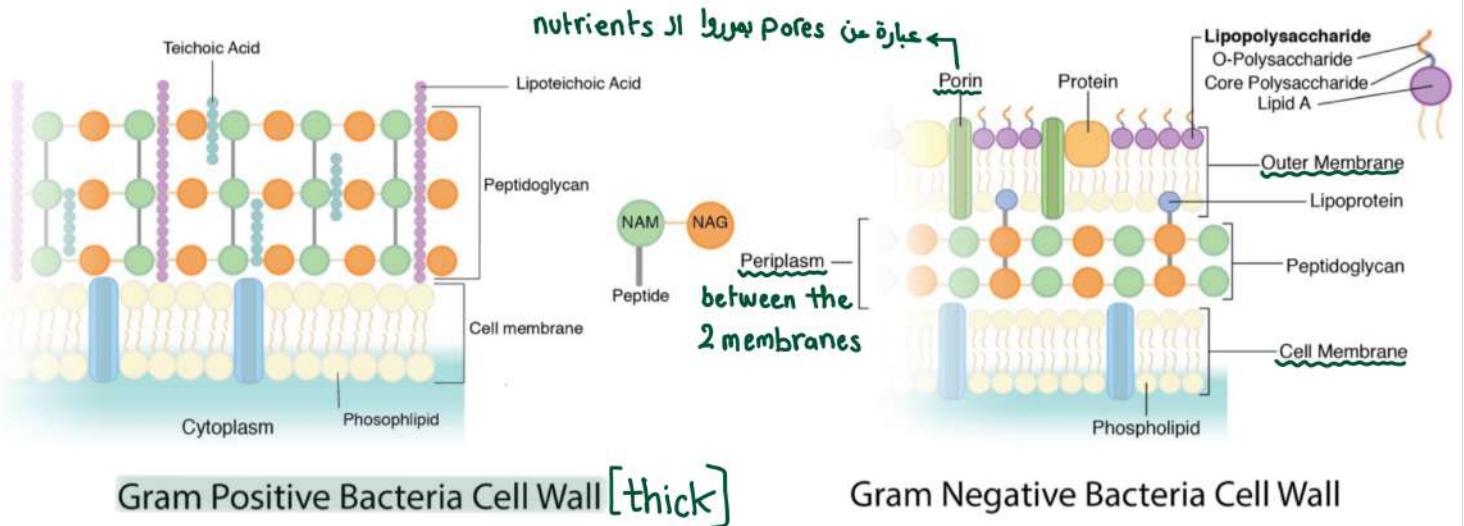


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فيه اساسيات مهم تعرفوا قبل ما تبدأ بالموضوع  
⊕ مراجعة للمحاضرة العاصية

# Overview: Bacterial Cell Wall



\*Some antimicrobial drugs selectively interfere with synthesis of the bacterial cell wall a structure that mammalian cells do not possess.

\*The cell wall is composed of a polymer called **peptidoglycan** that consists of glycan units joined to each other by peptide cross-links.

To be maximally effective, inhibitors of cell wall synthesis require actively proliferating microorganisms. They have little or no effect on bacteria that are not growing and dividing.

\*it is **difficult to target gram negative cell wall** because of the structure of the outer cell membrane

\*the early cell wall inhibitors have **narrow spectrum** to the gram positive bacteria and the new classes have wider coverage of the two type of bacteria.

\*Both types of bacteria have a layer of cell wall that outline the cell membrane which is responsible of regulating the permeability of substances in and out the cell.

From the book :

- عم يحكي عن عائلات الأدوية التي بتشغل على Cell wall.

\*The most important members of this group of drugs are the  **$\beta$ -lactam antibiotics** (named after the  $\beta$ -lactam ring that is essential to their activity), **vancomycin**, and **daptomycin**.

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# Overview: Synthesis of Bacterial Cell Wall

## 1. Cytoplasmic Stage:

- Synthesis of glycan precursors <sup>building blocks</sup>:
  1. UDP-MurNAc-pentapeptide,
  2. UDP-GlcNAc

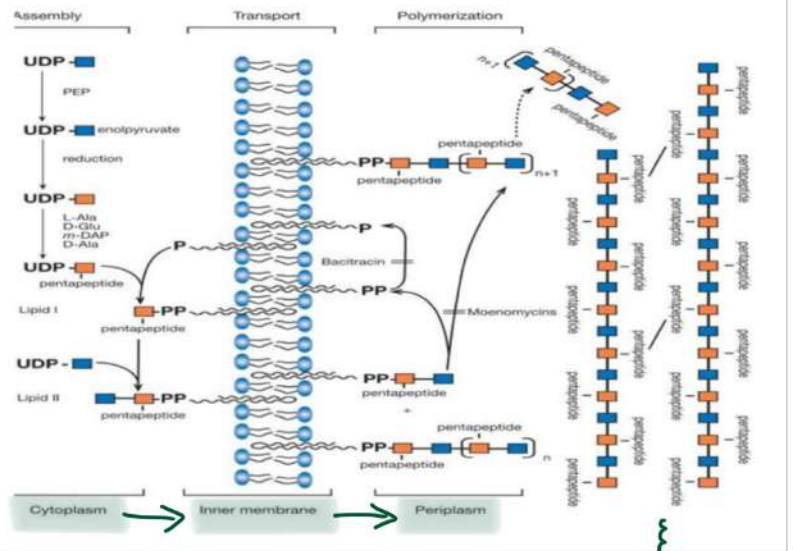
## 2. Cytoplasmic membrane Stage:

- Transfer to membrane receptors

## 3. Extracellular membrane stage:

- Transpeptidation via PBP
  - ← Pencilin
  - ↓ protein
  - Binding

↳ the most important Stage.



Glycan → Back bone

Peptide → attach them

← وهى العملية بسميها

Trans Peptidation وبتعبر عبر انزيم اسمه

Transpeptidase

↳ or Pencilin Binding protein.

\* The third step has another name → Cross Linking.

\* حاسة مهم قبل ما نبدأ بالموضوع الجاي انه نلخصها وننتاكر أنواع البكتيريا بالميكروبيولوجيا

♡ Mind Map

## Gram - Stain

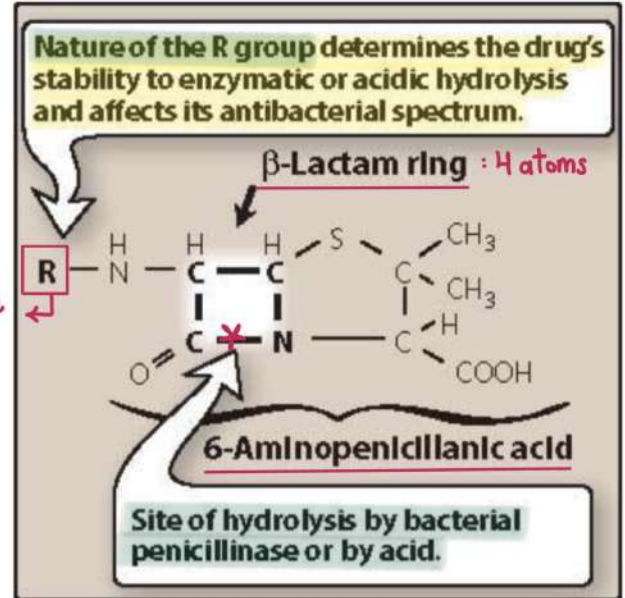


# Penicillins

## PENICILLINS

Amoxicillin AMOXIL  
 Ampicillin PRINCIPEN  
 Dicloxacillin DYNAPEN  
 Nafcillin  
 Oxacillin  
 Penicillin G PFIZERPEN  
 Penicillin V  
 Piperacillin  
 Ticarcillin

the side chain that make them different.



\*The penicillins are among the most widely effective and the least toxic drugs known, but increased resistance has limited their use.

\*Members of this family differ from one another in the R substituent attached to the 6-aminopenicillanic acid residue.

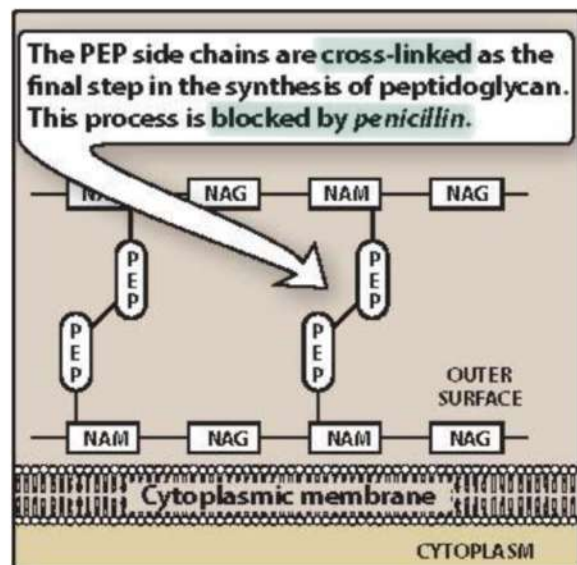
\*The nature of this side chain affects the antimicrobial spectrum, stability to stomach acid, cross-hypersensitivity, and susceptibility to bacterial degradative enzymes ( $\beta$ -lactamases) → anti-biotic → انزيم تطفه البكتريا لتكسر ال  $\beta$ -Lactam ring → عن طريق انزيم بتكسر  $\beta$ -Lactam ring → وتعيداً بين C-N على رابطة → الاله اسم آخر → Penicillinase

## Quick Microbiology Reminder

A group of enzymes that are responsible to mediate the third step of cell wall synthesis "the cross-linking"

### Penicillin-binding proteins: PBP

- Penicillins bind and inactivate bacterial cell membrane proteins called: penicillin-binding proteins (PBPs).
- Bacterial enzymes involved in cell wall synthesis
- Variable among different species
- Involved in resistance  
 غير قابل انه البنسلين يرتبط فيه .



Mechanism of action: (من الكتاب اقرأوهم لتفهموا الحكاية بعدها انتقلوا للسليدات)

\*The penicillins interfere with the **last step of bacterial cell wall synthesis ( the 3rd one )** (transpeptidation or cross-linkage), resulting in exposure of the osmotically **less stable membrane**. Cell lysis can then occur, either through osmotic pressure or through the activation of autolysins.

\*These drugs are **bactericidal** and work in a **time-dependent** fashion.

\*Penicillins are **only** effective against **rapidly growing organisms** that synthesize a peptidoglycan cell wall. Consequently, they are inactive against organisms devoid of this structure, such as mycobacteria, protozoa, fungi, and viruses.

### 1. Penicillin-binding proteins:

\* penicillin-binding proteins (PBPs) are bacterial enzymes involved in the synthesis of the cell wall and in the maintenance of the morphologic features of the bacterium.

\* Exposure to these antibiotics can therefore not only **prevent cell wall synthesis** but also lead to **morphologic changes or lysis of susceptible bacteria**.

\* Alterations in some of these PBPs provide the organism with resistance to the penicillins.

[Note: Methicillin- resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) arose because of such an alteration]

### 2. Inhibition of transpeptidase:

Some PBPs catalyze formation of the cross-linkages between peptidoglycan chains.

Penicillins inhibit this transpeptidase-catalyzed reaction, thus hindering the formation of cross-links essential for cell wall integrity.

### 3. Production of autolysins: ما انشروحت

Many bacteria, particularly the **gram positive cocci**, produce degradative enzymes (autolysins) that participate in the normal remodeling of the bacterial cell wall.

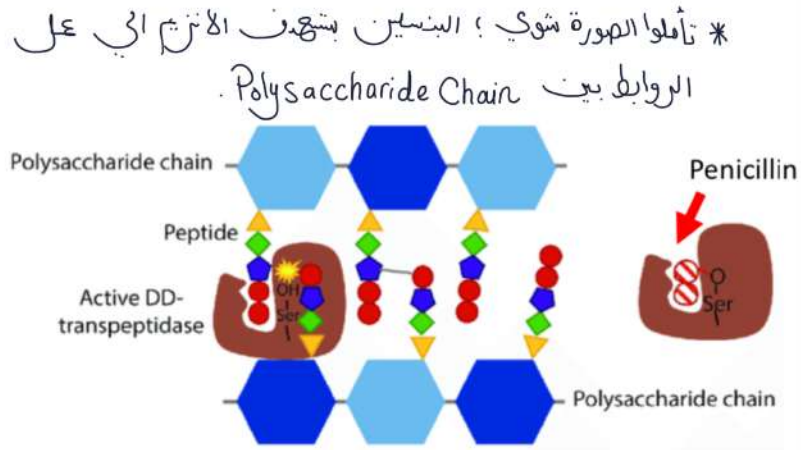
In the presence of a penicillin, the degradative action of the auto-lysins proceeds in the absence of cell wall synthesis.

Thus, the antibacterial effect of a penicillin is the result of **both inhibition of cell wall synthesis and destruction of the existing cell wall by autolysins**.

# Penicillins

## Mechanism of action

- Inhibit transpeptidation or cross-linkage (last step of bacterial wall synthesis) 3rd step ↗
- Prevent cross-linking catalyzed by the PBP transpeptidase



What is the basis of selective toxicity?

## What are the consequences of transpeptidation inhibition?

- Bacterial cell lysis [cell Burst]
- Bactericidal not Bacteriostatic.
- Time-dependent
- Effective against rapidly growing bacteria → that why I should not give the patient bactericidal with bacteriostatic.

## Antibacterial spectrum:

\*The antibacterial spectrum of the various penicillins is determined, by their ability to cross the bacterial peptidoglycan cell wall to reach the PBPs in the periplasmic space.

\*Factors that determine the susceptibility of PBPs to these antibiotics include : the size, charge, and hydrophobicity of the particular  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotic.

\*In general, gram-positive microorganisms have cell walls that are easily traversed by penicillins.

هيب ، هسا بدنا نحكي انواع البنسلين [مهم لاد Cases] ، مهم نعرف النوع ، الامثلة ، الاستخدام ، الفرق بين كل مثال والثاني والي بكونت عبارة عن كلمة وحدة ن .



# Antibacterial spectrum

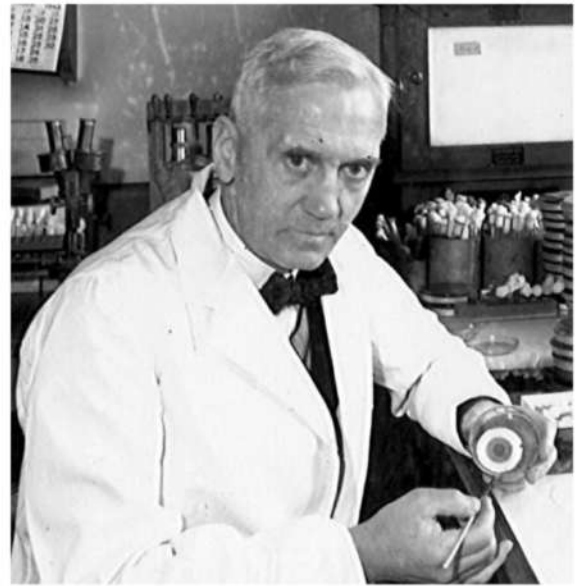
## 1. Natural penicillins:

- Penicillin G, Penicillin V: *Penicillium chrysogenum* → Fungus species

مهم لاستاذة  
Cases

Drugs of choice for the treatment of gas gangrene (Clostridium perfringens) and syphilis (Treponema pallidum).  
↳ sexually transmitted disease.

- Penicillin V is the oral form of penicillin → isn't used in the treatment of Bacteremia.  
↳ is more acid stable.



\*Natural penicillins (penicillin G and penicillin V) are obtained from fermentations of the fungus *Penicillium chrysogenum*.

حشرهم زمان شوي

\*Semisynthetic penicillins, such as amoxicillin and ampicillin (also known as aminopenicillins), are created by chemically attaching different R groups to the 6-aminopenicillanic acid nucleus.

Penicillin G (benzyl-penicillin) is the cornerstone of therapy for infections caused by a number of gram-positive and gram-negative cocci, gram-positive bacilli, and spirochetes.

Sexually transmitted diseases  
Saphilis  
Gonorrhoea  
وعلى فكرة مش تلجيم ؛ بس نوبين

Penicillins are susceptible to inactivation by  $\beta$ -lactamases (penicillinases) that are produced by the resistant bacteria.

\* Penicillin G is given by injection.

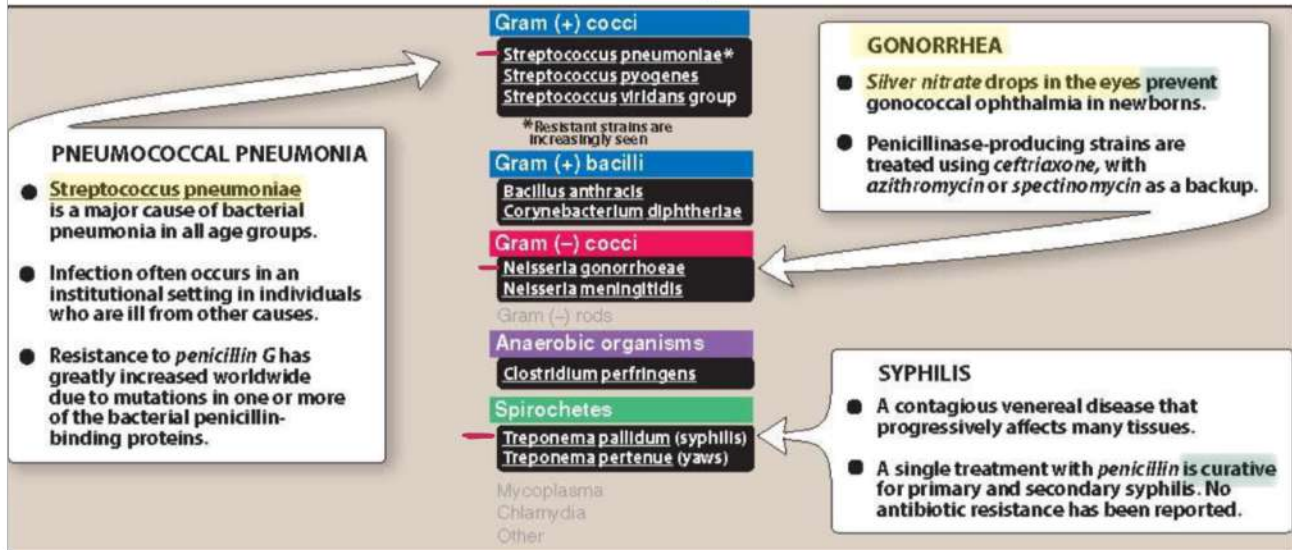
\* Penicillin V is given orally.

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منه

هاي اسلاير لا تنطبق عنا بسبب انه في  
resistance

# Penicillins

## Antibacterial spectrum



## Antibacterial spectrum:

### 2. Extended-spectrum penicillins:

- Semisynthetic: ampicillin, amoxicillin
- Spectrum: extended to include gram-negative bacilli → *يقدروا يمروا من Pores*

□ Ampicillin: **drug of choice** for gram-positive bacillus *L. monocytogenes*, *enterococci*, resp infections → *with or without the addition of gentamicine.*

□ Amoxicillin: dental prophylaxis

↳ to prevent Bacterial endocarditis.

### A. Antimicrobial spectrum of ampicillin



### Extended-spectrum penicillins:

\*Ampicillin and amoxicillin have an antibacterial spectrum similar to that of penicillin G are effective against gram-negative bacilli.

\***Resistance** to these antibiotics is now a major clinical problem because of inactivation by plasmid-mediated penicillinases.

\*[Note: *Escherichia coli* and *Haemophilus influenzae* are frequently resistant.]

بندمهم مع inhibitors ل  $\beta$ -Lactamase من Resistance.

\*Formulation with a  $\beta$ -lactamase inhibitor, such as *clavulanic acid* or *sulbactam*, protects amoxicillin or ampicillin from enzymatic hydrolysis and extends their antimicrobial spectra. مهم جداً جداً

\*Amoxicillin → Better distribution. absorption.

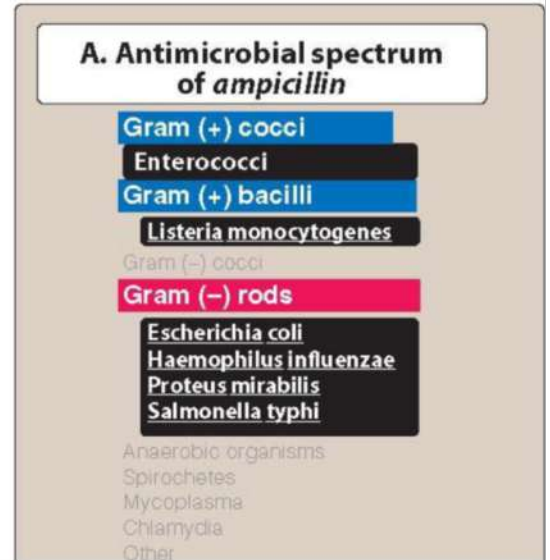
# Penicillins

## Antibacterial spectrum:

### 2. Extended-spectrum penicillins:

- Combined with  $\beta$ -lactamase inhibitors  $\rightarrow$  Resistance  $\leftarrow$  لظن مشكلة ال

e.g., MSSA is resistant to ampicillin and amoxicillin IF given without a  $\beta$ -lactamase inhibitors



## Antibacterial spectrum

### 3. Antistaphylococcal penicillins:

- Methicillin<sup>1</sup>, nafcillin<sup>2</sup>, oxacillin<sup>3</sup>, dicloxacillin<sup>4</sup>  $\leftarrow$  ال بناء

- Effective against penicillinase-producing staphylococci (MSSA) \*\*

- Minimal activity against gram-negative

- Methicillin not used clinically (toxic)  $\rightarrow$  toxic to kidney [سويك ننتبه Case وانا نقرأها]



### Antistaphylococcal penicillins:

\*are  $\beta$ -lactamase (penicillinase)-resistant penicillins.

\*[Note: Because of its toxicity (interstitial nephritis), methicillin is not used clinically in the United States except in laboratory tests to identify resistant strains of S. aureus. MRSA is currently a source of serious community and nosocomial (hospital-acquired) infections and is resistant to most commercially available  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics.]

\* يستخدم methicillin على ال agar ولو البكتيريا  $\leftarrow$  مانت  $\leftarrow$  MSSA  
 $\leftarrow$  مامانت  $\leftarrow$  MRSA

# Penicillins

## Antibacterial spectrum:

### 4. Antipseudomonal penicillins:

- Piperacillin + ticarcillin
  - Effective against gram-negative bacilli (but not against *Klebsiella*)
  - Common combinations:  
Piperacillin + tazobactam
- ↳ because of its constitutive Penicillinase

**B. Antimicrobial spectrum of ticarcillin and piperacillin**

Gram (+) cocci	}	x
Gram (+) bacilli		
Gram (-) cocci		
<b>Gram (-) rods</b>		→ ✓
Enterobacter species		
Escherichia coli		
Proteus mirabilis		
Proteus (indole positive)		
Haemophilus influenzae		
Pseudomonas aeruginosa		
Gram (-) rods		
Anaerobic organisms		
Spirochetes		
Mycoplasma		
Chlamydia		
Other		

## Antipseudomonal penicillins:

\*Piperacillin and ticarcillin are called antipseudomonal penicillins because of their activity against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

\*These agents are available in parenteral formulations only.

\*Formulation of ticarcillin or piperacillin with clavulanic acid or tazobactam, respectively, extends the antimicrobial spectrum of these antibiotics to include penicillinase-producing organisms (for example, most Enterobacteriaceae and Bacteroides species).

β-lactamase من بكتيري ←

# Penicillins

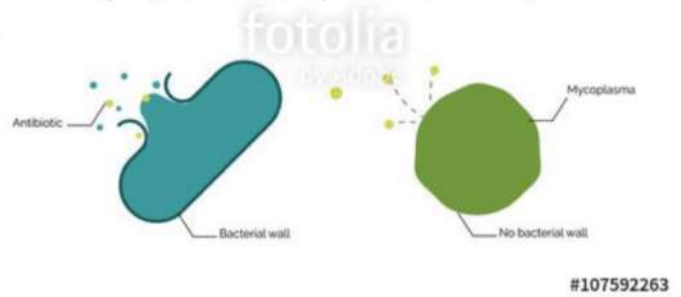
## Mechanisms of resistance

### • Intrinsic Resistance:

- Microorganisms that lack peptidoglycans cell walls e.g., *M. pneumoniae* *Atypical*
- Microorganisms that have impermeable cell walls to the drugs.

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Mycoplasma and penicillin example



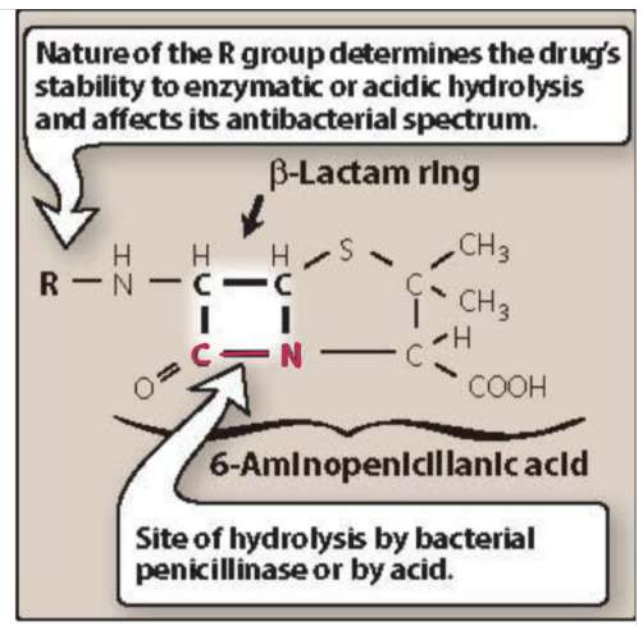
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## Mechanisms of resistance

### • Acquired Resistance:

#### 1. $\beta$ -Lactamase activity:

- Enzymes that *hydrolyze* the cyclic amide bond of the  $\beta$ -lactam ring
- Mostly acquired (plasmids)
- **Gram-positive:** secrete  $\beta$ -lactamases extracellularly  $\rightarrow$  Before penicillin attack cell wall.
- **Gram-negative:** periplasmic  $\beta$ -lactamases  $\rightarrow$  inactive it in periplasmic space.



\* $\beta$ -Lactamases either are constitutive, mostly produced by the bacterial chromosome or, more commonly, are acquired by the transfer of plasmids.

\*Some of the  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics are poor substrates for  $\beta$ -lactamases and resist hydrolysis, thus retaining their activity against  $\beta$ -lactamase-producing organisms.

\*[Note: Certain organisms may have chromosome-associated  $\beta$ -lactamases that are inducible by  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics (for example, second and third generation cephalosporins).]

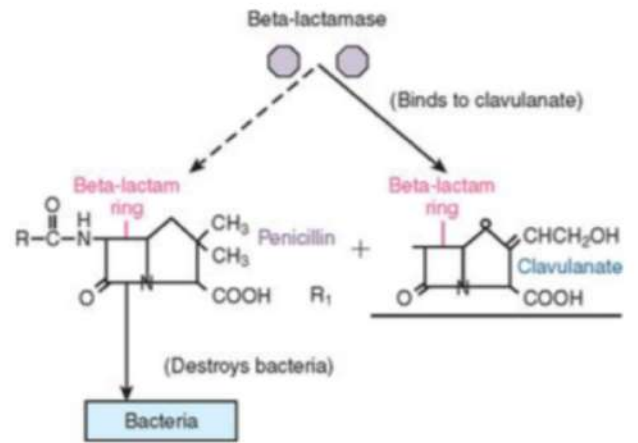
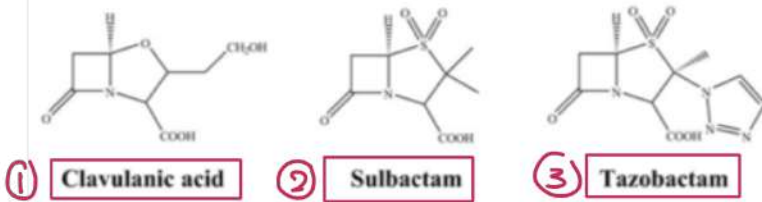
Production of  $\beta$ -Lactamases is the main resistance mechanism against  $\beta$ -Lactams.

How is this problem solved?

By using inhibitors, such as  $\downarrow$

## $\beta$ -Lactamase Inhibitors

Crash



Amoxiclav

① Clavulanic acid: combine mostly with Amoxicillin to produce amoxiclav, which is administered orally only.

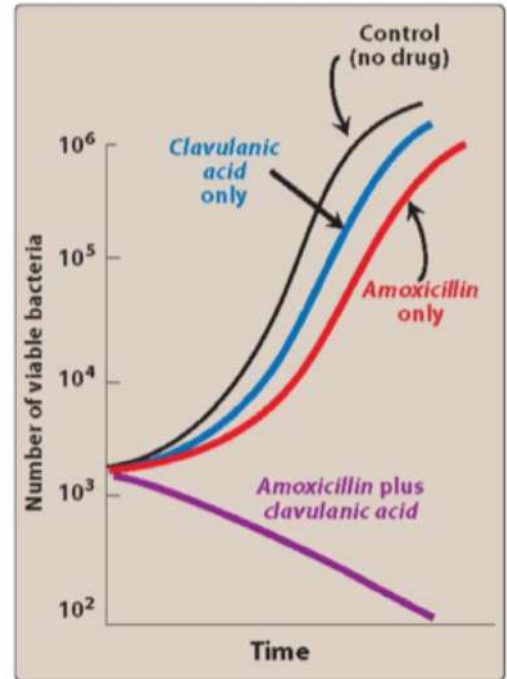
② Sulbactam: combine with ampicillin.

③ Tazobactam: combine with piperacillin.

# $\beta$ -Lactamase Inhibitors

- Contain  $\beta$ -Lactam rings
- BY THEMSELVES, no antibacterial activity
- Protect antibiotics that are normally substrates for  $\beta$ -Lactamases
- Example.....?

حکینا فوقے



## Penicillins

### Mechanisms of resistance

#### • Acquired Resistance:

#### 2. Decreased permeability to the drug:

- Reduced permeability e.g., *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- Efflux pump e.g., *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. → بتشوف drug molecule قتلے اب pump لتارج

#### 3. Altered PBPs:

- Modified PBPs with lower affinity for  $\beta$ -lactams e.g., MRSA resistance to most  $\beta$ -lactams.

### 2. Decreased permeability to the drug:

Decreased penetration of the antibiotic through the outer cell membrane of the bacteria prevents the drug from reaching the target PBPs. The presence of an efflux pump can also reduce the amount of intracellular drug (for example, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*).

### 3. Altered PBPs:

Modified PBPs have a lower affinity for  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics, requiring clinically unattainable concentrations of the drug to effect inhibition of bacterial growth. This explains MRSA resistance to most commercially available  $\beta$ -lactams.

# Penicillins

## Pharmacokinetics

### • Routes of administration

- **IV, IM only:** ampicillin+sulbactam, piperacillin+tazobactam, oxacillin, nafcillin, *By IV injection*

- **Oral only:** Penicillin V, amoxicillin, amoxicillin+clavulanic acid, dicloxacillin

- **Depot forms:** Procaine penicillin G and benzathine penicillin G (IM) *injection*

They are slowly absorbed into the circulation and persist at low levels over a long time period

Stable to acid, permitting oral administration

#### Natural penicillins

→ Penicillin V

#### Antistaphylococcal

→ Dicloxacillin

Methicillin

Nafcillin

Oxacillin

#### Extended spectrum

→ Ampicillin

→ Amoxicillin

→ Amoxicillin + clavulanic acid

Ampicillin + sulbactam\*

\*Available only as parenteral preparation.

#### Antipseudomonal

Piperacillin

Piperacillin + tazobactam

Stable to penicillinase

## Pharmacokinetics

• **Absorption** \*Poorly absorbed in GI tract

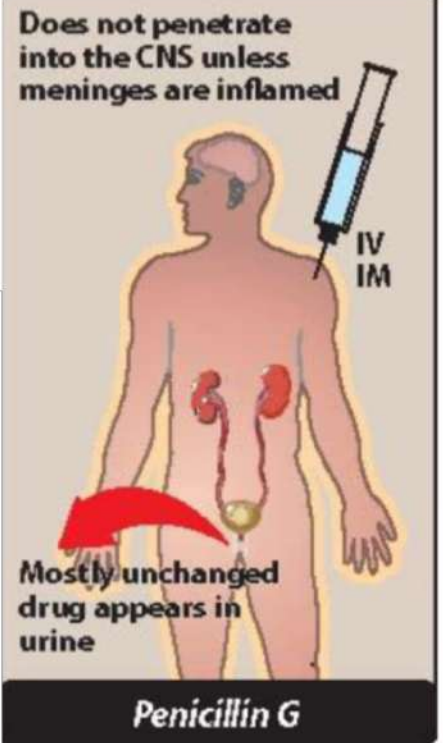
- Most penicillins are incompletely absorbed after oral administration

- Empty stomach? ↴

\*they reach the intestine in sufficient amounts to affect the composition of the intestinal flora.

\*Food decreases the absorption of all the penicillinase-resistant penicillins because as gastric emptying time increases, the drugs are destroyed by stomach acid.

\*Therefore, they should be taken on an empty stomach.





## • Distribution

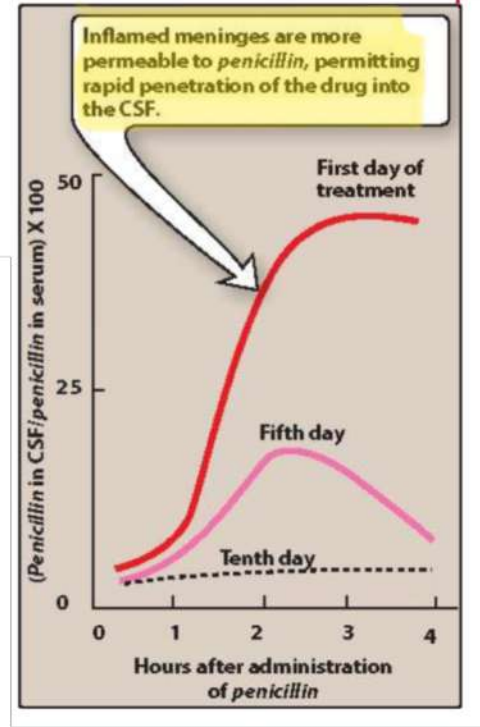
- Good distribution e.g., cross placenta (but no teratogenic effect)
- Insufficient penetration to bone or CSF (unless inflamed)

The  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics distribute well throughout the body. All the penicillins cross the placental barrier, but none have been shown to have teratogenic effects. However, penetration into bone or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) is insufficient for therapy unless these sites are inflamed.

[Note: Inflamed meninges are more permeable to the penicillins, resulting in an increased ratio of the drug in the CSF compared to the serum.]

Penicillin levels in the prostate are insufficient to be effective against infections.

يقتسم نسبة البنسلين في CSF Plasma إذا كانت النسبة عالية إذا  
inflammation يوجد



\* إذا هو بوصول ال Fetal ولكن هو كبنسلين ما بعل مشاكل ، ويعتبر ال drug choice  
للمرأة الحامل ← السبب انه Fetal ما عنده Transpeptidase والبنسلين بس يرتبط ب  
transpeptidase تبع البكتيريا.

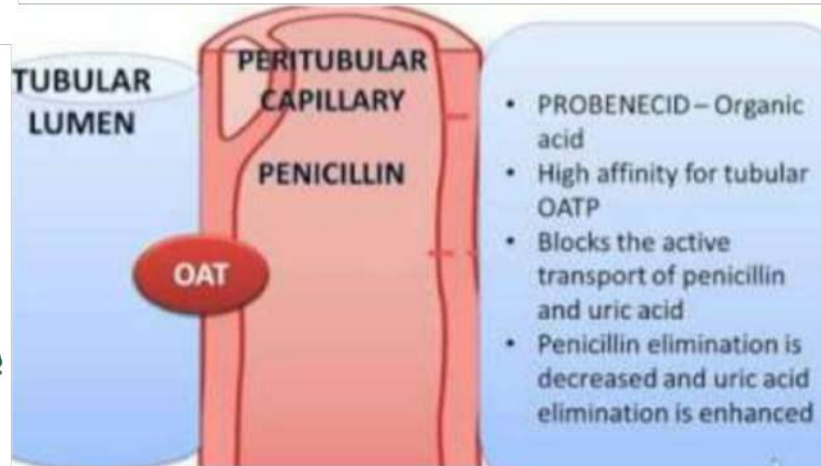
## Pharmacokinetics

### • Metabolism

- Insignificant metabolism
- Exceptions?

\*Nafcillin and oxacillin are primarily metabolized in the liver and are excreted in bile to feces and do not require dose adjustment for renal insufficiency.

بقدر أعطيهم للمرضى الي عندهم Haptic insufficiency



### • Excretion:

- Renal: tubular secretory system
- **Probenecid** is an inhibitor of renal tubular excretion of penicillin

بستخدمه لو بدي أخلي البنسلين يطول  
أكثر بار Blood Stream لازيد ال effect  
uricosuric agent:

يعني يزيد ال excretion ل uric acid في ال urine

لعلاج ال Gout؛ لهيك مرات ينظر اقل من جرعة البنسلين.

\*The penicillins are also excreted in breast milk.

# Penicillins

## Adverse effects

### 1. Hypersensitivity:

- 5-10% percent of patients (simple rash to angioedema to anaphylaxis)
- Cross-allergy
- Always inquire <sup>استفسر</sup> about penicillin allergy

### 2. Diarrhea:

- Caused by intestinal flora imbalance
- More with extended-spectrum agents



Hypersensitivity



Diarrhea

### 1. Hypersensitivity:

\*Approximately 5% percent of patients have some kind of reaction, ranging from rashes to angioedema (marked swelling of the lips, tongue, and periorbital area) and anaphylaxis.

↳ very severe

\*Cross allergy: المريضة عنده حساسية من أدوية البنسلين المجموعة

\*Cross-allergic reactions occur among the  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics.

\*To determine whether treatment with a  $\beta$ -lactam is safe when an allergy is noted, patient history regarding severity of previous reaction is essential.

### 2. Diarrhea:

It occurs to a greater extent with those agents that are incompletely absorbed and have an extended antibacterial spectrum.

Pseudomembranous colitis from Clostridium difficile and other organisms may occur with penicillin use.

