

# PARASYMPATHOMIMETICS

# **Cholinergic receptors:**

These receptors respond to Ach and its analogues. They are subdivided into: •

## **1-Muscarinic receptors:**

respond to Ach They are present on the surface of the effector cells of heart, endothelium of blood vessels, smooth muscles, presynaptic nerve terminals & exocrine glands. There are several subtypes of muscarinic (M) receptors e.g. M1, M2, M3 – etc. these receptors are generally blocked by atropine

## **2-Nicotinic receptors:**

respond to nicotine (another Ach analogue) there are two major subtypes:

- Nn type :present in all autonomic ganglia and blocked by ganglion blockers.
- Nm type :present in the motor end plate of skeletal muscles and blocked by curare.

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Receptor type	Molecular transduction mechanism	Physiological action
M <sub>1</sub> muscarinic <i>like a1</i>	Increase inositol triphosphate(I <sub>3</sub> P) and diacylglycerol(DAG)	-CNS stimulation Smooth muscle contraction -Increase release of endothelial derived relaxation factor and gastric HCL
<u>M<sub>2</sub> muscarinic</u> <i>like a2</i>	<u>Decrease cAMP</u>	-Decrease all cardiac properties except atrial conductivity.by inhibition of S.A node .No direct effect on ventricular muscles. -Precynaptic inhibition of release of acetylcholine and other neurotransmitters
M <sub>3</sub> muscarinic	Like M <sub>1</sub>	-Smooth muscle contraction in muscles of the wall of GIT and urinary tract ,bronchi ,uterus and blood vessels -Increase release of all digestive juices and respiratory secretions
M <sub>4</sub>	Like M <sub>2</sub>	Precynaptic inhibition of neurotransmitter release
M <sub>5</sub>	Like M <sub>1</sub>	CNS stimulation
Nm nicotinic muscular	<u>Increase intracellular sodium</u>	Increase skeletal muscle contraction
Nn nicotinic neural	<u>Increase intracellular sodium</u>	-CNS stimulation. -Increase adrenaline secretion from suprarenal gland. -Stimulation of autonomic ganglia

*→ in action potential*

- **Molecular mechanism of muscarinic receptors stimulation:**
- 1- G - protein - coupling of  $M_1 - M_3$  to phospholipase C , leading to the release of second messengers, Diacylglycerol (DAG) and Inositol triphosphate (IP3) .
- a- DAG modulates the action of protein kinase C , an enzyme important in secretion.
- b- IP3 evokes the release of calcium from intracellular storage sites,
- resulting in contraction of smooth muscles.
- 2- Coupling of  $M_2$  to adenylate cyclase through the inhibitory G- protein.
- 3- Coupling of muscarinic receptors directly to potassium channels in the heart and elsewhere . Muscarinic agonists facilitate opening of these channels

# INTRODUCTION (Rest and digest)

Parasympathomimetics or cholinergic drugs are drugs that produce parasympathetic like actions

Actions of parasympathomimetics are

CVS: »

because it works in time that body need to rest

1- Decrease in heart rate and cardiac output:

→ blood vessels isn't of parasympathetic innervation

2- Decrease in blood pressure: causes vasodilation and lowering of blood pressure by an

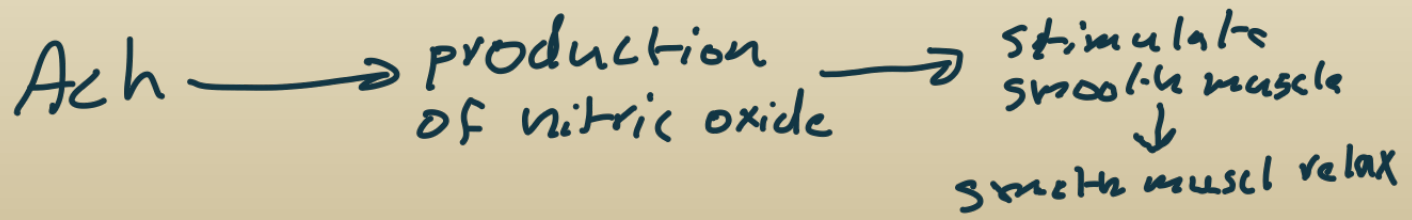
indirect mechanism of action. Acetylcholine activates M3 receptors found on

endothelial cells lining the smooth muscles of blood vessels. This results in the

production of nitric oxide. Nitric oxide then diffuses to vascular smooth muscle cells to

stimulate protein kinase G production, leading to hyperpolarization and smooth muscle

relaxation.



## EYES:

1- stimulating ciliary muscle contraction  
for near vision

2- constriction of the pupillae sphincter  
muscle causing miosis (marked  
constriction of the pupil)

3- stimulate tears

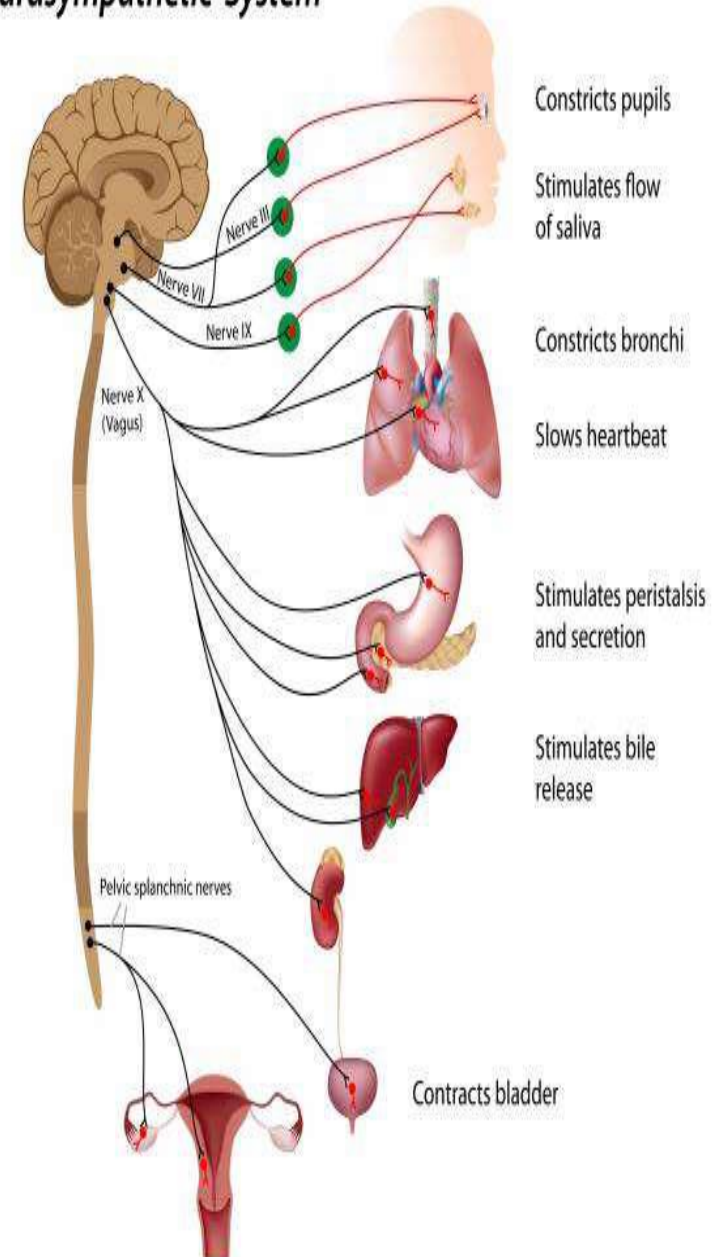
4- Reduction of intraocular pressure  
(IOP)

**Bronchi:** bronchoconstriction

**GIT:** increases salivary secretion  
and stimulates intestinal secretions  
and motility

**In the genitourinary tract:** increased  
the tone causing expulsion of urine

## Parasympathetic System



## Cholinergic agents adverse effects

- ◆ Bradycardia and hypotension.
- ◆ Miosis, lacrimation, salivation, sweating
- ◆ Urgency and spontaneous micturition
- ◆ Bronchospasm and increased bronchial secretion.
- ◆ Colic, vomiting, diarrhea, hyperacidity & peptic ulcer

## General contraindication of parasympathomimetics

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- Bradychardia, heart failure, heart block
- Bronchial asthma
- Peptic ulcer
- Parkinsonism
- Mechanical obstruction of the GIT and urinary bladder

high that cause high contraction

no balance in Ach and dopamine

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②

## Actions related to stimulation nicotinic receptors

++of Nm: skeletal muscle twitches -

++ of Nn: in autonomic ganglia & adrenal gland so increase -  
adrenaline & NA so hypertension in atropinized dogs



# PARASYMPATHOMIMETICS (CHOLINOMIMETICS):

Drugs that facilitate or mimic some or all of the actions of the parasympathetic nervous system.

cholinesterases:-  
cause break on the ACh  
Anti cholinesterase  
let ACh work

Direct Acting

Indirect Acting

Muscarinic  
receptor  
agonists

Nicotinic  
receptor  
agonists

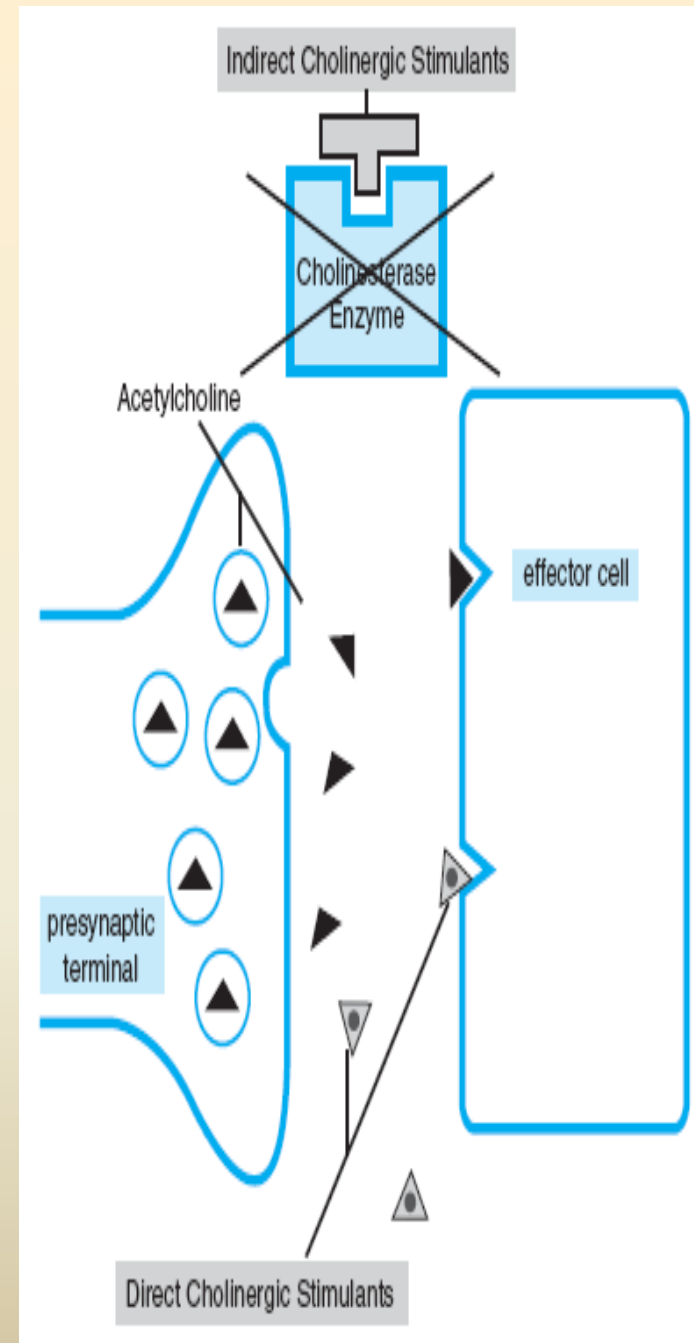
Anticholinesterases

Reversible

Irreversible

**Parasympathomimetics are classified according to the mechanism of action into:**

- **Direct Parasympathomimetics:** -choline esters  
-alkaloid
- **Indirect Parasympathomimetics (Anti-cholinesterases):** -reversible  
-irreversible
- **Direct Parasympathomimetics:** They stimulate the muscarinic receptors directly.
- **Indirect Parasympathomimetics (Anti-cholinesterases):** They inhibit cholinesterase enzyme leading to accumulation of endogenous acetylcholine at both muscarinic and nicotinic receptors



# Choline esters

→ The name and the kind of receptor (N or M)

	<u>Acetyl choline</u>	<u>methacholine</u>	<u>bethanicol</u>	<u>Carbachol</u>
<b>GIT absorption</b>	No	partial	complete	
<b>fate</b>	By true and pseudo ch E	By true only	Not	
<b>duration</b>	transient	long	Longer	
<b>Actions:</b>				
1-nicotinic	<u>+</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>+</u>
2-muscrinic	<u>+</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>+</u>
3-selectivity	<b>Non selectivity</b>	<b>heart</b>	<b>GIT,urinary</b>	<b>eye,GIT,urinary</b>
<b>uses</b>	Not used	-Paroxysmal tachycardia -peripheral vascular disease	Post operative urine retention -paralytic ileus	-miotic eye drops in glucoma -Post operative urine retention -paralytic ileus

**N.B: never given IV or IM**

# Indirect Parasympathomimetics (Anti-cholinesterases)

*inhibit cholinesterase* ←

	<b>Reversible</b>	<b>Irreversible</b>
Binding to enzyme	<u>loose</u>	<u>Firm</u>
Enzyme activity	Can be <u>regained</u>	<u>Can not</u>
Action duration	<u>short</u>	<u>Long</u>
example	<i>physostigmine, neostigmine, edrophonium</i>	➤ organophosphorus compounds Ecothiopate (antiglaucoma drug) Malathion, parathion (antiscabes) Metrifonate (antihelminthic)

# Reversible anticholine esterase

non charged  
cross the BBB

charged and  
cross the BBB

	<u>Physostigmine</u>	<u>Neostigmine</u>
	<u>natural</u>	<u>Synthetic</u>
	<u>Tertiary amine</u>	<u>Quaternary amonium</u>
<b>Kinetics</b>		
<b>dynamics</b>	<p><b>M:</b> mainly on <u>eye</u></p> <p><b>N:</b> <u>muscle twitches</u>, no <u>direct action</u></p> <p><b>CNS:</b> <u>stimulation</u></p>	<p><b>M:</b> <u>GIT, urinary</u></p> <p><b>N:</b> <u>muscle twitches+direct stimulation</u></p> <p><b>CNS:</b> <u>no</u></p>
<b>uses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<u>Glaucoma</u></li> <li>-Counteract action of mydriatic</li> <li>-Alternative with mydriatic to cut recent adhesion ( ) iris &amp; lens</li> <li>-<u>ttt of alzheimer disease</u> low Ach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Post operative urine retention</li> <li>-paralytic ileus</li> <li>- <u>Myathenia gravis</u></li> <li>- <u>Antidote to curare toxicity</u></li> </ul> <p>→ <u>skeletal muscle relax that ease toxicity</u></p>
<b>toxicity</b>	<p><b>M:</b> bradycardia, hypotension, bronchospasm, miosis, diarrhea, ++secretions</p> <p><b>N:</b> muscle twitches: eye lid, face</p> <p><b>CNS:</b> convulsion, collapse, coma</p>	NO CNS manifistions
<b>ttt of toxicity</b>	Stomache wash, anticonvulsant, oxygen, atropine is an antidote	

## ➤ Nicotin and smoking *Acting in N receptor*

- Mechanism of action :
- 1- Stimulate sympathetic ganglia and adrenal medulla,
- 2- Release of catecholamine from nerve end and chromaffin cell.
- CVS:The cardiovascular effects of nicotine is due to increase release of adrenaline from suprarenal gland as a result of stimulation of nicotine receptors in suprarenal gland.
- - Tachycardia, increase cardiac output.
- - increasing excitability ----- extrasystole .
- - Angina due to increase heart work without coronary dilatation.
- - Vasoconstriction of all blood vessels leading to:
- Hypertension due to constriction of systemic arterioles
- Retinal ischemia and scotomata (localized areas of loss of vision due to constriction of retinal arterioles.
- Peripheral ischemia due to peripheral vascular diseases.
- Teratogenicity due to constriction of uterine blood vessels in pregnant women
- - Increase free fatty acids , Platelet stickness -- atherosclerosis, thrombosis .
- Uses:Nicotine lozenges are used in treatment of addiction of cigarette smoking .They maintain long standing minimal concentration of nicotine in plasma that prevent symptoms of nicotine withdrawal.now replaced by Varneclin *لعلاج التوفيق*

# Irreversible anticholine esterase

→ high increase  
in ACh  
lead to toxic

Organophosphorus compounds: synthetic compounds

have the capacity to bind covalently to  
acetylcholinesterase.

- The result is a long-lasting increase in  
acetylcholine at all sites where it is released. Many  
of these drugs are extremely toxic

## Manifestation of toxicity

- Bradycardia and hypotension
- Constricted pupill ( miosis)
- Tightness of the chest with dyspnea.
- Nausea, vomiting, abdominal colic and diarrhea.
- Increase of salivation and sweating.
- Muscle twitches
- convulsions.



## Management Of organophosphate poisoning:

- 1- Endotracheal intubation with artificial respiration.
- 2- Atropine 2 mg I.V. repeated until signs of atropinization appears. ( Dry mouth , dilated pupill , tachycardia) .  
→ Block the muscarinic
- 3- Barbiturates to check convulsions.
- 4- Fresh blood transfusion. → Because the new blood has source for new enzyme

- 5-Oximes (PAM, pralidoxime). *at the first 12 h*

- The treatment with Oximes should be within hours (2gm in 5% Dextrose I. V. drip).

- Oximes produce their effect through:-

a) Direct reaction with inhibited enzyme.

b) Reactivation of inhibited enzyme.

*Separation  
the enzyme  
from Receptor*

**Parasympatholytic**

**Drugs**

# PARASYMPATHOLYTICS (ANTICHOLINERGICS):

Drugs that reduce or inhibit some or all of the actions of the parasympathetic nervous system.

Muscarinic  
receptor  
antagonists

Nicotinic  
receptor  
antagonists

Ganglionic  
blocking drugs  
(Nn)

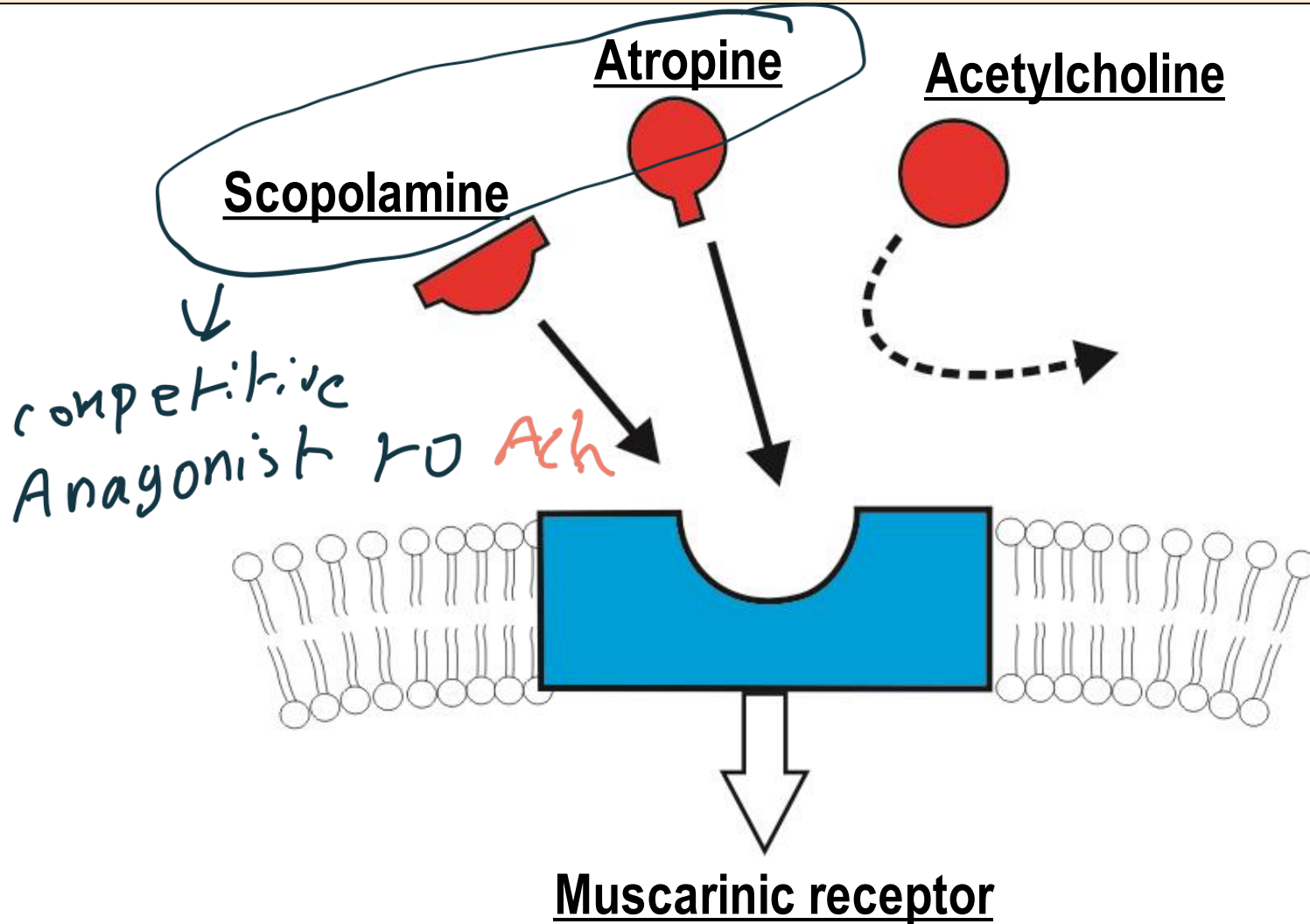
Neuromuscular  
blocking drugs  
(Nm)

*not specific*

*specific*

Competition of atropine and scopolamine with acetylcholine for the muscarinic receptor.

Atropine is a competitive reversible antagonist at all types of muscarinic receptors



# 1/ ANTIMUSCARINIC AGENTS

Block M receptors ⇒ inhibition of all parasympathetic functions.

In addition, block the few exceptional sympathetic neurons that are cholinergic (sweat glands).

Because they do not block N receptors ⇒ the antimuscarinic drugs have little or no action at neuromuscular junctions or autonomic ganglia.

Natural

Synthetic

Atropine substitutes

Atropine

Hyoscine

bronchodilator

Mydriatics

- Antispasmodic

Antiparkinsonism

- Antisecretory



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# **1- Atropine**

- **Source and chemistry**
- **Pharmacokinetics**
- **Absorption**
- **Distribution**
- **Metabolism**
- **excretion**

- **Pharmacodynamics**

- **Mechanism of action** : Competitive antagonist to A.ch. at M1 ,M2,M3 receptors.

Parasympatholytic effect on:

**I-CVS:**

1-Heart

2- blood vessels

3- blood pressure

- It reverses hypotensive effect of Ach, carbachol and neostigmine(M, N) action

- It abolish hypotensive effect of Methacholine ,Bethanecol and Pilocarpine(M)action only

**II-S.M.F:**

1- Eye

2- bronchi

3- GIT

4- Urinary

**III-Secretions:** it decrease all body secretions except (milk ,bile and urine)



## I-CVS:

→ no effect on blood vessels

1-Heart: with low dose: initial bradycardia?? Then with larger dose the cardiac M2 receptor is blocked, and the cardiac rate increases.

→ drop in blood pressure

2- Circulation: Therapeutic dose ---No-effect due to lack of parasympathetic innervation to vascular beds blood vessels

## II-S.M.F:

- Eye: passive mydriasis, cycloplegia (inability to focus for near vision), increase of IOP and Loss of light reflex & Decrease lacrimation

## - Bronchioles:

Bronchodilatation & decrease bronchial secretion.

- GIT: Used as an antispasmodic to reduce activity of the GIT. Although gastric motility is reduced, HCl production is not reduced »»»» not very effective in healing of a peptic ulcer. Pirenzepine, an M1-muscarinic antagonist, is effective in reducing gastric acid secretion.

- Urinary system: Reduces hypermotility states of the urinary bladder. Occasionally in enuresis in children. Emepronium is better than atropine.

III-Secretions: Inhibition of secretions (salivary, lacrimal, bronchial and sweat gland inhibited »»»» drying effect on membrane (xerostomia))

## Actions on CNS: stimulant and depressants ,but mainly stimulant 3/2

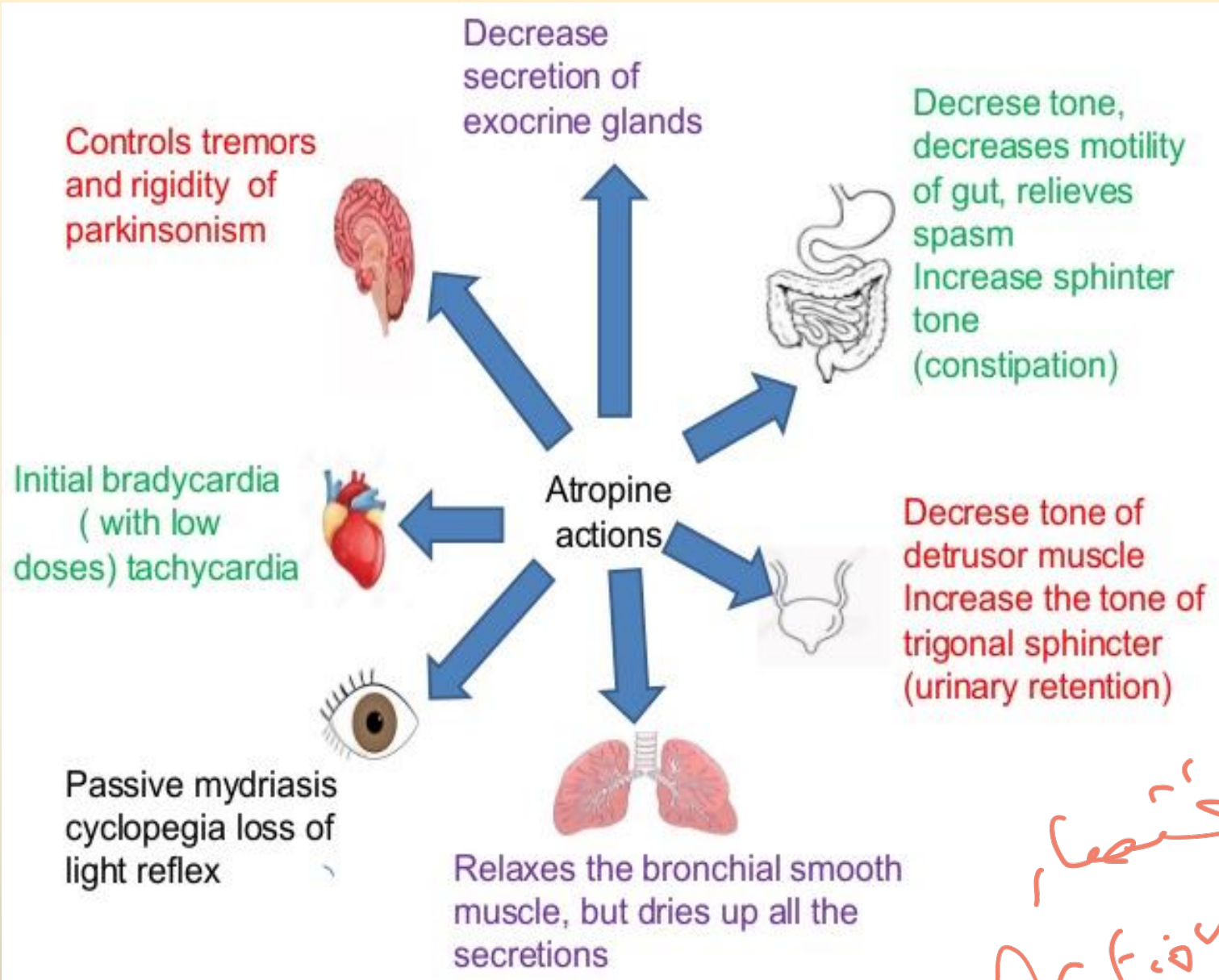
### -Stimulation of

- \*Therapeutic dose stimulate C.I.C leading to initial bradycardia. If it is given I.V
- \*Large doses stimulate R.C leading to tachypnea
- \*Toxic doses causes restlessness , hallucination, delirium followed by depression and coma.

### -Depression of :

- \*Muscle tone (antiparkinsonian effect =treatment of rigidity and tremors in parkinsonism).
- \*Vomiting center (antiemetic effect).

### - It has local anesthetic action



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 Actions of Atropin

# Therapeutic uses

## Therapeutic Uses:

prevent inhibition CVS

### 1- Preanesthetic medication:

A - counteract excess vagal tone during operation

B- decrease salivary secretions (prevent bronchopneumonia) and decrease bronchial secretions (prevent lung collaps)

→ for good breath

### 2- treatment of physostigmine and organophosphorous toxicity

→ block M Receptor

### 3-Parasympatholytic (systems)

1-CVS : heart block (due to infarction and digitalis toxicity) and sever bradycardia

2-Eye: fundus examination (derivatives is better) due to long duration of action

3-Respiration: bronchial asthma while (ipratropium is better)

4-GIT: intestinal colic , antiemetic, antidiarrheal and peptic ulcer

5- urinary : renal colic and nocturnal enuresis (Emepronium is better derivative)

6- secretions : hyperhidrosis ( excess sweating)

7- CNS: antiparkinsonial

} → block M Receptor

## Side effects:

- 1- Dryness of mouth, blurred vision, sinus tachycardia.
- 2- Retention of urine especially in old patients with enlarged prostate
- 3- Acute glaucoma: old patients are more susceptible
- 4- Increase temperature in children.

## Contraindication:

- 1- Tachycardia or arrhythmia
- 2- Glaucoma
- 3- Constipation or paralytic ileus
- 4- Senile enlargement of prostate

→ problem in intestine

## \*\*Acute atropine poisoning:

1- Parasympathetic depressant symptoms: Dry mouth, tachycardia, mydriasis, loss of accommodation, decrease sweating (fever).

2- Skin ----- hot, dry, flushed (compensatory superficial cutaneous vasodilation to increase heat loss).

3. C.N.S. restless, excitement, hallucinations, mania, delirium, depression, death.

-Treatment of acute atropine poisoning:

Gastric lavage orally. Artificial respiration. Ice bags. Alcohol sponges--decrease fever. Parasympathomimetics. (neostigmine is specific anti dote) & Sedatives.



## 2- Hyoscine (scopolamine)

	<b>Atropine</b>	<b>hyoscine</b>
Duration of action	Long duration <u>7-10 days</u>	Short duration <u>4-7 hours</u>
Action : 1-dominant PS action	<u>CVS , GIT, Urinary</u>	<u>Eye and secretions</u>
2- CNS	Both stimulant and depressant but <b>mainly stimulant</b>	<del>Both stimulant and depressant but <b>mainly depressant</b>                      -sedation, hypnosis and -                      -amnesia to recent events                      - <u>Antimotion sickness</u>                      - <u>Antiparkinsonial</u></del>
		Stimulant effect ++RC Excitation and hallucination with over dose
Local anesthetic action	Present	absent

*just this important*



## Therapeutic uses:

1- Preanaesthetic medication preferred to atropine: because it produces more CNS depression .It is potent amnesic , stronger antisecretory and antiemetic .

2- Antispasmodic.

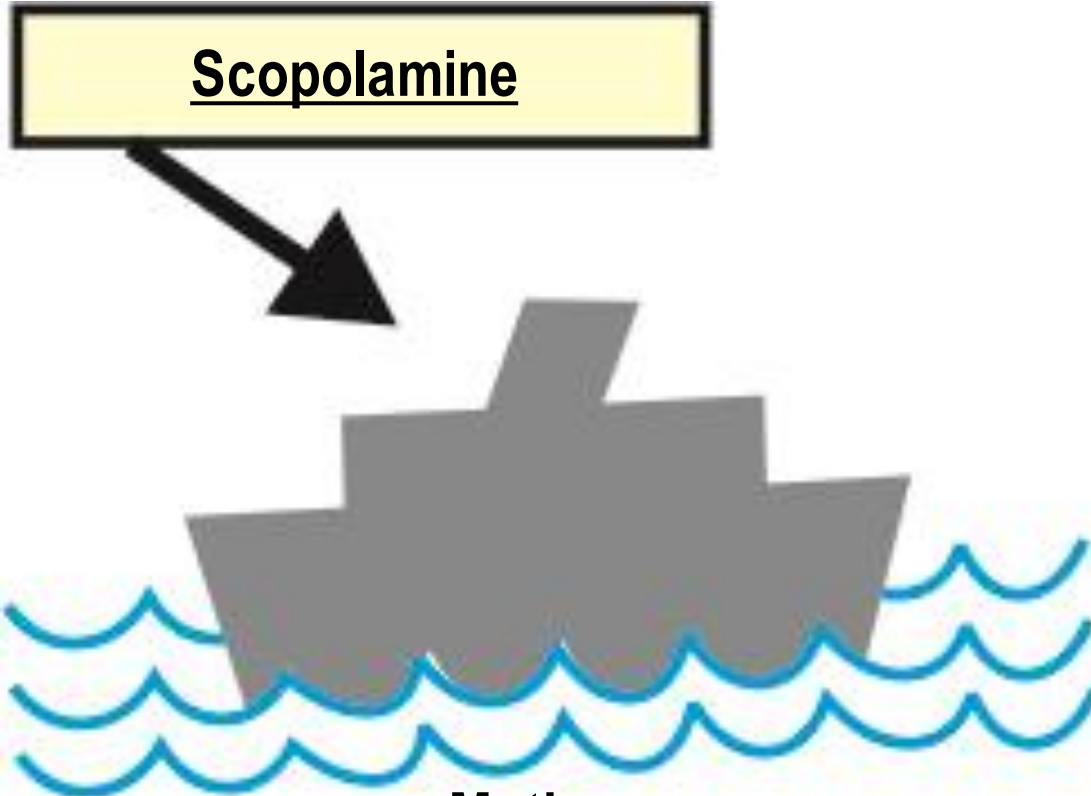
3- Prophylaxis of motion sickness.

4- Sedative in mania.

7 - Antiparkinsonian agent

and Antimotion  
Sickness

Scopolamine is an effective anti-motion sickness agent.



For nausea  
due to .....

Motion  
Sickness

# Main clinical uses of muscarinic antagonists

## Cardiovascular

- Treatment of sinus bradycardia (e.g. after MI: atropine).

## Ophthalmic

- To dilate the pupil: e.g. tropicamide eye drops or cyclopentolate eye drops (longer acting).

## Neurological

- Prevention of motion sickness: e.g. hyoscine (orally or transdermally).
- Parkinsonism, especially to counteract movement disorders caused by antipsychotic drugs: e.g. benztropine.

dilation and decrease  
secretion

## Respiratory

- Asthma: ipratropium by inhalation.

## Anaesthetic premedication

- To dry secretions: e.g. atropine, hyoscine (however, current anaesthetics are relatively non-irritant - less important.)

## GIT

- To facilitate endoscopy and gastrointestinal radiology by relaxing gastrointestinal smooth muscle (antispasmodic action), e.g. hyoscine.
- As an antispasmodic in irritable bowel syndrome or colonic diverticular disease
- To treat peptic ulcer disease by suppressing gastric acid secretion, e.g. **pirenzepine** ( $M_1$ -selective antagonist). Now less used - introduction of histamine  $H_2$ -antagonists and proton pump inhibitors.

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