

Pharmacological effects of atropine:

CNS		CVS		Еуе	
 Sedation Antiemetic effect (block vomiting center) antiparkinsonian effect (block basal ganglia). Toxic dose: Hyperthermia – excitement hallucination. 		 1- Tachycardia (increase in heart rate) 2- ↑ AV conduction (+ ve dromotropic effect) Therapeutic dose: ↓ Vasodilatation induced by cholinomimetics. Toxic dose: Cutaneous vasodilatation → (atropine flush). 		 Passive mydriasis Due to paralysis of circular muscle Cycloplegia (loss of near accommodation) due to paralysis of ciliary muscle. Loss of light reflex. increase I.O.P thus, worsen glaucoma. ↓ Lacrimal secretion → sandy eye 	
Respiratory system	Secretions		GIT		Urinary tract
 1- Relaxation of bronchial muscles (bronchodilator) 2- ↓Bronchial secretion → ↑ viscosity 	 ↓ Salivary secretion → (Dry mouth). ↓ Sweating → Dry skin → Fever in infants and children. ↓ Bronchial secretion → ↑ Viscosity ↓ Lacrimal secretion → Sandy eye ↓ gastric Acid (used for Peptic Ulcer) 		 1- Relaxation of smooth muscles. 2- ↓ GIT motility → Antispasmodic effect. 3- ↑ Sphincter contractions 4- Constipation 		 1- Relaxation of smooth muscles of urinary bladder. 2- Sphincter contraction. 3- Urinary retention.

Adverse effect of antimuscarinics	organ	Contraindication	
Blurred vision – Mydriasis	Eye	Glucoma	
Tachycardia - Atropine flush	CVS	Tachycardia	
Urinary retention	GUT	Prostate hypertrophy in old patients	
Constipation, paralytic ileus	GIT	Constipation, paralytic ileus, intestinal obstruction	
Dryness of mouth , Sandy eye Increased body temperature.	Secretion		
Sedation, hallucination, excitation (Toxic dose).	CNS	Children - in case of atropine -	

Treatment of atropine-like toxicity:	Antidote
Gastric lavage.Anticonvulsant.Cooling blanket.	Physostigmine (iv slowly).

In comparison to atropine, Scopolamine (Hyoscine):

- Has shorter duration of action
- Has more CNS depressant action
- Antiemetics action in motion sickness
- Can produce amnesia. (blocking short-term memory)
- Less CVS effect
- Produces sedation , but in higher doses it can produce excitation

Remember

- Antimuscarinics are parasympatholytics (opposite of muscarinic effects)
- Antimuscarinics are reversible competitive blockade of muscarinic receptor.
- Atropine is a prototype , it has high affinity for muscarinic receptors .
- Atropine acts both centrally and peripherally, and blocks all muscarinic receptors.
- Atropine used as an antidote for cholinergic agonist (agonist treats antagonist and vice versa)
- Tertiary amines are lipid soluble & have CNS effect .
- Quaternary amines are water soluble , thus has no CNS effect.
- Ipratropium open up airways and reduce mucous production in patients suffering from asthma

Any drug has wider effect usually not clinically used

