



Pharmacology Team

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Objectives

- **Classify types & causes of rhinitis**
- **Specify preventive versus pharmacotherapeutic strategies**
- **Expand on the pharmacology of different drug groups used in treatment as antihistamines, anti-allergics, corticosteroids, decongestants and anti-cholinergics**
- **Differentiate between productive versus dry irritant cough**
- **Compare pharmacology of different expectorants & mucolytics drugs used in treatment of productive cough**
- **Contrast between peripherally and centrally acting antitussives**

RHINITIS:

Irritation &/or inflammation of the mucous membranes inside the nose.

Irritation:

It could be irritate from:
Environment ,
Drug induced,
Dietary factors,
Sexual / Hormonal /
Emotional triggers
Foreign body / Trauma /
Structural Derangement.

inflammation:

Non-Allergic:

Allergic:

In Certain
season

Seasonal

Perennial

Infectious:

- virus
- Bacteria
- Fungi

Non-Infectious:

- Environmental
- Drug inducer
- Food
- Hormonal
- Srtuctural derangement

Like
cat
allergy

Details...

Inflammation

Allergic:
High fever

1st exposure → sensitization & Antibodies production.

2nd exposure → Hypersensitivity.

ACUTE RHINITIS (7- 14 DAYS)

CHRONIC RHINITIS (> 6 WEEKS)

Non-Allergic:

Environmental;

-Airborne irritants; Smoke/ Strong odors/ Certain gases, Industrial pollution

[Occupational]

-Non-irritants; cold / dry / air conditions
→ parasympathetic stimulation → change (Vasomotor)

blood flow → **Vasomotor**

Drug-induced → **Rh. Medicamentosa**

Excess long term use of decongestants & nasal corticosteroid sprays → rebound congestion

Use of anti-hypertensives, anti-inflammatory, anti-anxiety, ...

Food; Gustatory

Hormonal

Structural Derangement

اذا كان المرض
فالاساس سيستيميك و
جت معاه احد من
هذي الاعراض

Symptoms:

Runny nose (rhinorrhea)

Stuffy Blocked nose

Sneezing

Nasal congestion

Post-nasal drip

Itching

Catarrh

Sometimes with: systemic Manifestation



RHINITIS

TREATMENT

PREVENTIVE THERAPY

PHARMACOTHERAPY

- 1- Environmental Control
- 2- Allergen Immunotherapy

1- H₁ receptor antagonists; Antihistamines

2- Anti-allergics

Mast Cell Stabilizer; Cromolyn

Leukotriene receptor antagonists; Montelukast

3- Corticosteroids

4- Decongestants; α -Adrenergic agonists

5- Anticholinergics

6- Antibiotics

7- Mycolytics.....

} In infection, with chronicity & more if it is rhinosinusitis

1) ANTI-HISTAMINES: H1 RECEPTOR BLOCKERS ; All are used systemic or topical

Chemical / Functions	1 st Generation	2 nd Generation	3 rd Generation
ALKYLAMINES	Chlorpheniramine		
ETHANOLAMINES	Dimenhydrinate Diphenhydramine		
ETHYLENEDIAMINES	Antazoline		
PHENOTHIAZINES	Promethazine		
PIPERAZINE	Cyclizine	Cetirizine	Levocetirizine
PIPERIDINES	Azatidine Ketotifen	Astemazole, Terfenadine	Fexofenadine
MISCELLANEOUS	Cyproheptadine	Loratidine	Desloratidine

Short duration
 Interactions; with enzyme inhibitors
[macrolides, antifungals, calcium antagonists]
 ADRs due to additive pharmacodynamic actions

Longer duration = better control
 No drug interactions & minimal ADRs

Red: Important to memorize
 Yellow background: Strong sedating , Green Background: Anti-Allergic Effect,

Details...

ANTIHISTAMINIC ACTION

	1st Generation	2 nd generation	3 rd Generation
Selectivity	Non selective	Selective	More Selective
BBB	Lipophylic Cross BBB SEDATING	Non-lipophylic Poor cross BBB NON-SEDATING High efficacy “ANTIALLERGIC” Little/Major Side effects.	NON-Lipophylic NOT cross BBB NON-SEDATING Higher efficacy ANTIALLERGIC. RARE side effects.

Itching + Insomnia
Sleep aid Vertigo
Anxiety..

In children:
inappropriate dose
can lead to :
Excitation, Agitation,
Convulsions

Allergies
Are “drying agents”; ↓ secretions & localized
inflammation
Act more on Upper and of limited effect on lower airway

Going to talk about (1st GENERATION)

Because:

- it has side effects and we are going to use its side effects AS (**THERAPUTIC**)

GOOD CONTROL of Rhinitis, Conjunctivitis, Urticaria, Flu (cough & sneezing)

POOR CONTROL of Asthma, Otitis, Anaphylaxis, Sinusitis, Atopic dermatitis

} **Successful**
} **Important**
} **Poor**

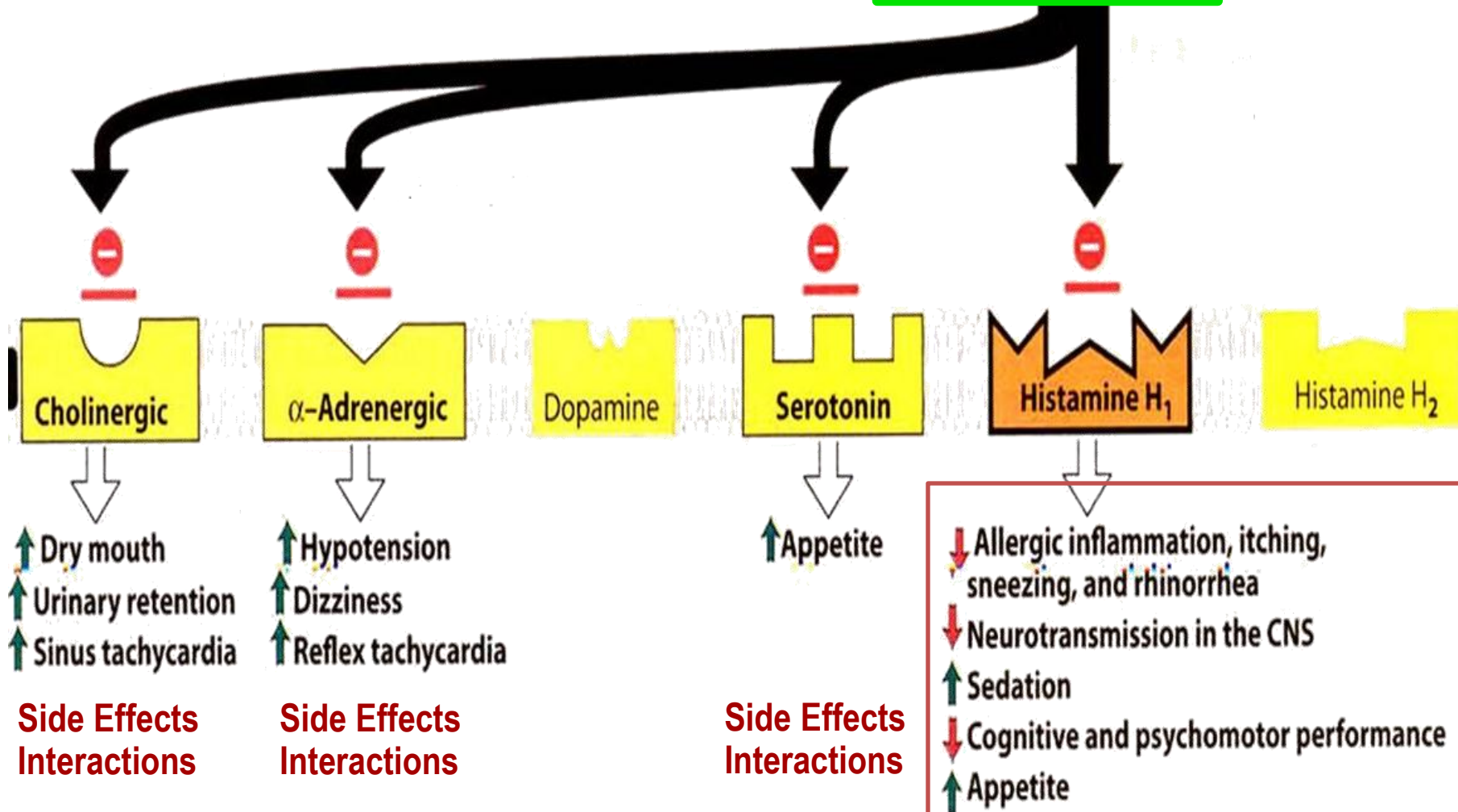
Indications linked to H1 blockers:

Allergy	-
Itching	Even not allergic
Others	Insomnia , sleep , aid vertigo , anxiety

Indications not linked to H1 blockers:

INDICATIONS not linked to H1 block

ANTI-HISTAMINES



Vertigo & Motion sickness	Dimenhydrinate, Diphenhydramine, Promethazine ↓ firing from internal ear to vomiting center
Anti-emetic	Promethazine ↓ firing to vomiting center + Anticholinergic
Anticholinergic	Chlorpheniramine, Dimenhydrinate, Promethazine ↓ Extra-pyramidal effect [Antiparkinsonism] Vasoconstriction [non-inflammatory Rhinitis]
α-Adrenergic Block	Promethazine Orthostatic hypotension
5-HT modulation	Cyproheptadine ↑ Appetite [Increase Appetite] ↑ Sedation Prophylactic for Migraine
Na-Channel blocker	Promethazine, Antazoline Local anesthetic action / Anti-arrhythmic?

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انها
تصنف ضمن الاكشن الي
h1 متعلقه في
blocker

2-ANTI-ALLERGICS

- CROMOLYN & NEDOCROMYL

↓ Histamine release [**mast cell stabilizer** by inhibiting Cl channels] i.e. can act only prophylactic but once released it does not antagonize its action **Used more in children for prophylaxis of perennial allergic rhinitis [nasal drops] > than allergic or exercise induced asthma [as inhaled powder or neubilized solution]** Should be given on daily base and never stop abruptly.

Can induce cough, wheezes, headache, rash, ...etc.

Action : upper airway > lower airway

- LEUKOTRIENE RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

Block leukotriene actions

For prophylaxis of lower respiratory [i.e perennial allergen, exercise or aspirin-induced asthma] > upper respiratory allergies [chronic rhinosinusitis]

ADRs; as in asthma

3-CORTICOSTEROIDS:

Anti-inflammatory → blocks phospholipase A₂ →
↓ arachidonic a. synthesis → ↓ prostaglandins & leukotrienes
Topical; steroid spray; beclomethasone, budesonide, & fluticasone
Given if severe intermittent or moderate persistent symptoms
ADRs; Nasal irritation, fungal infection, hoarseness of voice

4. DECONGESTANTS:

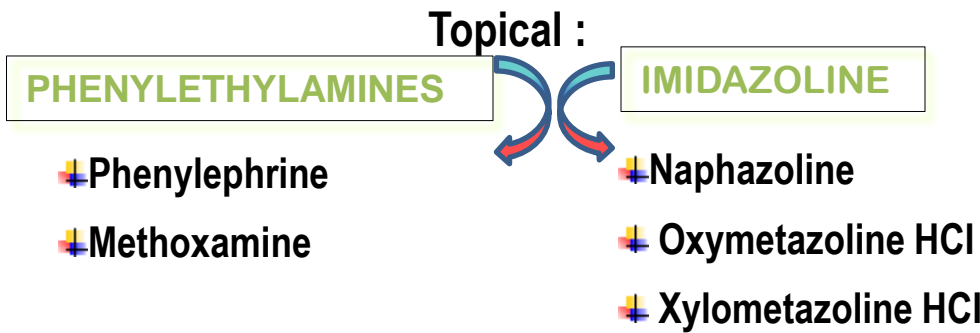
α-Adrenergic agonists → For treatment of nasal stuffiness



PSEUDOEPHEDRINE

Systemic:
Can cause nervousness, insomnia, tremors, palpitations, hypertension.
Better avoided in hypertension, heart failure, angina pectoris, hyperthyroidism glaucoma.

(يعمل manifestation of sympathetic actions)



But can cause **Rebound** nasal stuffiness ↑
(repeated administration (10 days -2 weeks))

5. ANTICHOLINERGICS

Ipratropium

Given as nasal drops to control rhinorrhea (excess nasal secretion & discharge) So very effective in vasomotor rhinitis (watery hyper-secretion).

Its indication as bronchodilator in asthma and ADRs → see asthma

Drug used in Treatment of COUGH

The respiratory tract is protected mainly by

Cough reflex

MUCOCILIARY CLEARANCE

Productive cough

Dry cough

MUCOLYTICS

EXPECTORANTS

ANTITUSSIVE AGENTS

Treatment

EXPECTORANTS Act by removal of mucus BY

1/ Reflex stimulation

Guaifenesin

Irritate GIT by stimulate gastropulmonary vagal reflex

Adverse effect

risk of kidney stones due to increase uric acid excretion

2/Direct stimulation

Stimulate secretory glands it will increase respiratory fluids production by **Iodinated glycerol, Na or K iodide / acetate , Ammonium chloride, Ipecacuahna**

Adverse effect

Hyperthyroidism

Indication

- Common cold
- Bronchitis
- Laryngitis
- Pharyngitis
- Influenza
- Measles
- Chronic paranasal sinusitis
- Pertussis

MUCOLYTICS

Act by altering biophysical quality of sputum → becomes easily exhaled by mucociliary clearance or by less intense coughing

Note / Will dissolve the mucosa and make it easily to remove.

MECHANISM OF ACTIONS

1/ Decrease the Viscoelasticity by increase water content.

Drug : **Hypertonic Saline & NaHCO₃** (sodium bicarbonate).

2/ decrease Adhesiveness by **Steam inhalation**

يقلل الالتصاق عن طريق استنشاق البخار

3/ Breakdown S-S bonds in glycoproteins by its reducing SH Gp → less viscid mucous.

Note / Will breakdown the SH group on the polysaccharide (which the mucosa is made of) so it will change its structure and will be easily to exhaled

Drug: **N-Acetyl Cysteine**

4/ Synthesize serous mucus (sialomucins of smaller-size) so it is secretolytic + activate ciliary clearance & transport;

Drugs: **Bromohexine & Ambroxol**

Note/ Change the mucosa secretion to water secretion

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5/ Cleavage of extracellular bacterial DNA, that contributes to viscosity

of sputum in case of infection

Drug : **rhDNAase (Pulmozyme)**

Note/ in case of infection like (cystic fibrosis). The drug will breakdown the DNA of the bacteria.

Indication :

COPD

Asthma

Bronchitis

(in excessive or / and the mucus production)

2. BROMHEXINE & ITS METABOLITE AMBROXOL

as tablets or nebulized solution.

Increase immuno defence mechanism . ↓ dis. duration

Long-term use → less antibiotics used for treatment of exacerbation.

Ambroxol is also → **very potent inhibitor of neuronal Na channels** → decrease pain in acute sore throat (fast onset & long duration)

1. N-ACETYLCYSTEINE

as dissolved powder taken orally.

A mucolytic & a free radical scavenger → used in acetaminophen overdose

Adverse effect

1. Bronchospasm
2. Stomatitis
3. Rhinorrhea
4. rash,
5. nausea
6. vomiting

Drug	<u>Guaifenesin</u>	Iodinated glycerol, Na or K iodide / acetate , Ammonium chloride, Ipecacuahna	N-Acetyl Cysteine	Ambroxol	rhDNAase (Pulmozyme)
Type of teatment	EXPECTORANTS	EXPECTORANTS	MUCOLYTICS	MUCOLYTICS	MUCOLYTICS
	Reflex stimulation	Direct stimulation	breakdown the SH group on the polysacchrde	Change the mucosa secretion to water secretion	breakdown the DNA of the bacteria
Side effect	kidney stones	Hyperthyroidism	Stomatitis rash	Rhinorrhea Lacrymation gastric irritation hypersensitivity	Voice changes Pharyngitis Laryngitis rhinitis chest pain fever rash
Indication	1/Common cold 3/Laryngitis 5/Influenza 7/ Chronic paranasal sinusitis	2/Bronchitis 4/Pharyngitis 6/Measles	COPD Asthma Bronchitis (in excessive or / and the mucus		cystic fibrosis (CF) Sever respiratory infection

ANTITUSSIVE AGENTS : (dry cough)

stop or Reduce the cough by acting on either peripheral (bronchi)
or act on CNS (cough center)

PERIPHERALLY ACTING ANTITUSSIVES

Drug	Tincture benzoin compound & Eucalyptol	Lidocaine, Benzocaine, and Tetracaine	Benzonatate
	Inhibitors of airway stretch receptors	Inhibitors of airway stretch receptors	Inhibitors of pulmonary stretch receptors in alveoli
General inf.	Act on trachiobronchial	Use local anaesthetic in case of bronchoscopy or bronchography	decrease sensitivity (numbing) of receptors by local anesthetic Action Taken orally
Adverse effect			drowsiness, dizziness, dysphagia, allergic reactions

CENTRALLY ACTING ANTITUSSIVES

A. OPIOIDS (morphine family)

Very selective

Every product of morphine suppress the cough center

Codeine reduce the cough and inhibit the reparatory center

Those are not harmful unless if there over dose (it cause addiction)

They act directly on cough centre in the medulla by inhibiting release of excitatory neuropeptides via activating μ opioid receptors

e.g. Codeine (methyl-morphine) & Pholcodine

***Morphine*, only in bronchogenic carcinoma, because of its many side effects**

CENTRALLY ACTING ANTITUSSIVES

B. NON-OPIOIDS

Dextromethorphan (
used instead of
codeine)



Sedating H₁-blockers
Diphenhydramine, Chlorpheniramine

Mechanism

Multiple non-selective mechanisms; 5HT reuptake inhibition, σ receptor agonist & NMDA receptor antagonist.

As antitussive; it \uparrow threshold for coughing centrally

Its benefits :

1. As potent as codeine.
- 2- But no drowsiness.
- 3- Less constipating
- 4- No respiratory depression.
- 5- No inhibition of mucociliary clearance.
- 6- No addiction.

Questions :

- 1/ which one of these drugs Used more in children for prophylaxis of perennial allergic rhinitis ?

A. Ambroxol
B. Cromolyn
C. Loratidine
D. Diphenhydramine

- 2/ The antihistamine have a good control of which of the following diseases?

A. Asthma
B. Anaphylaxis
C. Otitis
D. Urticaria

- 3/ which one of these drugs act on NMDA receptors ?

A. Dextromethorphan
B. Guaifenesin
C. Levocetirizine
D. Lidocaine

- 4/ which one of these drugs is antitussive agents ?

A. N-Acetyl Cysteine
B. Tincture benzoin compound
C. Pulmozyme
D. Diphenhydramine

- Answers

1_ B

2_ D

3_ A

4_ B

THANK YOU

GOOD LUCK