



# Treatment of rhinitis & cough

## Objectives :

- Classify types 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-cholinergic.
  - 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

Inflammatory

Non  
inflammatory

Infectious

Allergic

Perennial  
(all year round)

Seasonal  
e.g. hay fever

**Rhinitis** :it is an inflammation of mucus membrane in the nose.

**Symptoms** :Runny nose (rhinorrhea), Stuffy Blocked nose, Sneezing , Nasal congestion, Post-nasal drip, Itching, Catarrh

**Pharmacotherapy treatment**

H1 receptor antagonist

Anti-allergics

Corticosteroids

Decongestants;  $\alpha$ -Adrenergic agonists

Anticholinergics

Antibiotics

Mycolytics

# Anti-histamine drugs

	1 <sup>st</sup> generation	2 <sup>nd</sup> generation	3 <sup>rd</sup> generation
examples	Diphenhydramine	Loratidine Cetirizine	Desloratidine Levocetirizine
Duration of action	Short	Longer “better control”	Longer “better control”
Selectivity	Non-selective	Selective	More selective
Crossing BBB	Cross	Poor crossing	No crossing
Drug interactions	with enzyme inhibitors [ macrolides, antifungals, calcium antagonists]	No drug interactions	No drug interactions
Sedating effects	Sedating	Non-sedating	Non-sedating
Side effects	additive pharmacodynamics effects	Minimal side effects	Minimal side effects

**Note** : Anti-histamines block other receptors than H1 such as: Cholinergic, alpha-Adrenergic, Serotonin But they do not not block Dopamine nor H2

# 1- Anti-Histamines

Indications linked to H1 blockers	Indications linked to blocking other receptors than H1		
	Drugs	Action	Mechanism
<b>Allergies:</b> - Good control of: Rhinitis, Conjunctivitis, Urticaria, Flu (cough and sneezing). - Poor control of Asthma, Otitis, Anaphylaxis, Sinusitis, Atopic dermatitis.	Dimenhydrinate , Diphenhydramine Promethazine	Vertigo & Motion sickness	
Itching	Promethazine	Anti-emetic	- Decrease firing from internal ear to vomiting center - Decrease firing to vomiting center + Anticholinergic
<b>Others:</b> Insomnia Sleep aid Vertigo Anxiety Cough	Chlorpheniramine Dimenhydrinate Promethazine	Anti-parkinsonism	By anticholinergic action that will decrease the xtra-pyramidal effects.
	Cyproheptadine	Increase appetite	By 5-HT modulation Sedation
	Promethazine, Antazoline	Anti-arrhythmic actions	by Na channel blocking action & local anesthetic effects

# 2-ANTI-ALLERGICS

	<b>Mast cell stabilizers</b>	<b>Leukotrienes Antagonists</b>
<b>example</b>	Cromolyn, Nedocromyl	Zafirlukast, Montelukast, Pranlukast
<b>Mechanism of action</b>	Decrease Histamine release [ by inhibiting Cl channels ] *It does not antagonize released histamine	Block leukotriene actions
<b>Uses</b>	In children for prophylaxis of perennial allergic rhinitis (not used a lot in Asthma, work better in upper respiratory tract allergy)	- Prophylaxis of lower respiratory tract allergies e.g. perennial allergen, exercise or aspirin-induced asthma (Work good in Asthma, less actions in upper respiratory tract allergy)
<b>Side effects</b>	Cough, wheezes, headache, rash.	Elevation of liver enzymes, headache, dyspepsia.

## 3-CORTICOSTEROIDS

<b>example</b>	Beclomethasone , Budesonide, Fluticasone
<b>Mechanism of action</b>	Inhibition of phospholipase A2 ↓ prostaglandin and leukotrienes
<b>Uses</b>	severe intermittent or moderate persistent symptoms
<b>Side effects</b>	Nasal irritation, fungal infection, hoarseness of voice

## 4. DECONGESTANTS ( $\alpha$ -Adrenergic agonists)

	Systemic	Topical
<b>Example</b>	Pseudoephedrine	Phenylethylamines , Imidazoline
<b>Uses</b>	For treatment of nasal stuffiness	
<b>Side effects</b>	Nervousness, insomnia, tremors, palpitations, hypertension.	Rebound nasal stuffiness

## 5. ANTICHOLINERGICS

<b>Example</b>	Ipratropium
<b>Uses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bronchodilator in asthma.</li> <li>- Control rhinorrhea (excess nasal secretion &amp; discharge).</li> <li>- Effective in vasomotor rhinitis (watery hyper-secretion).</li> </ul>
<b>Side effects</b>	minimal systemic side effects

There are two major ways to protect respiratory track

- **COUGH REFLEX:**  
Exhales sputum out, if not optimally removed by the mucociliary clearance mechanisms

- **MUCOCILIARY CLEARANCE**  
Ensures optimum tracheobronchial clearance by forming sputum (in optimum quantity & viscosity ) exhaled by ciliary movements.

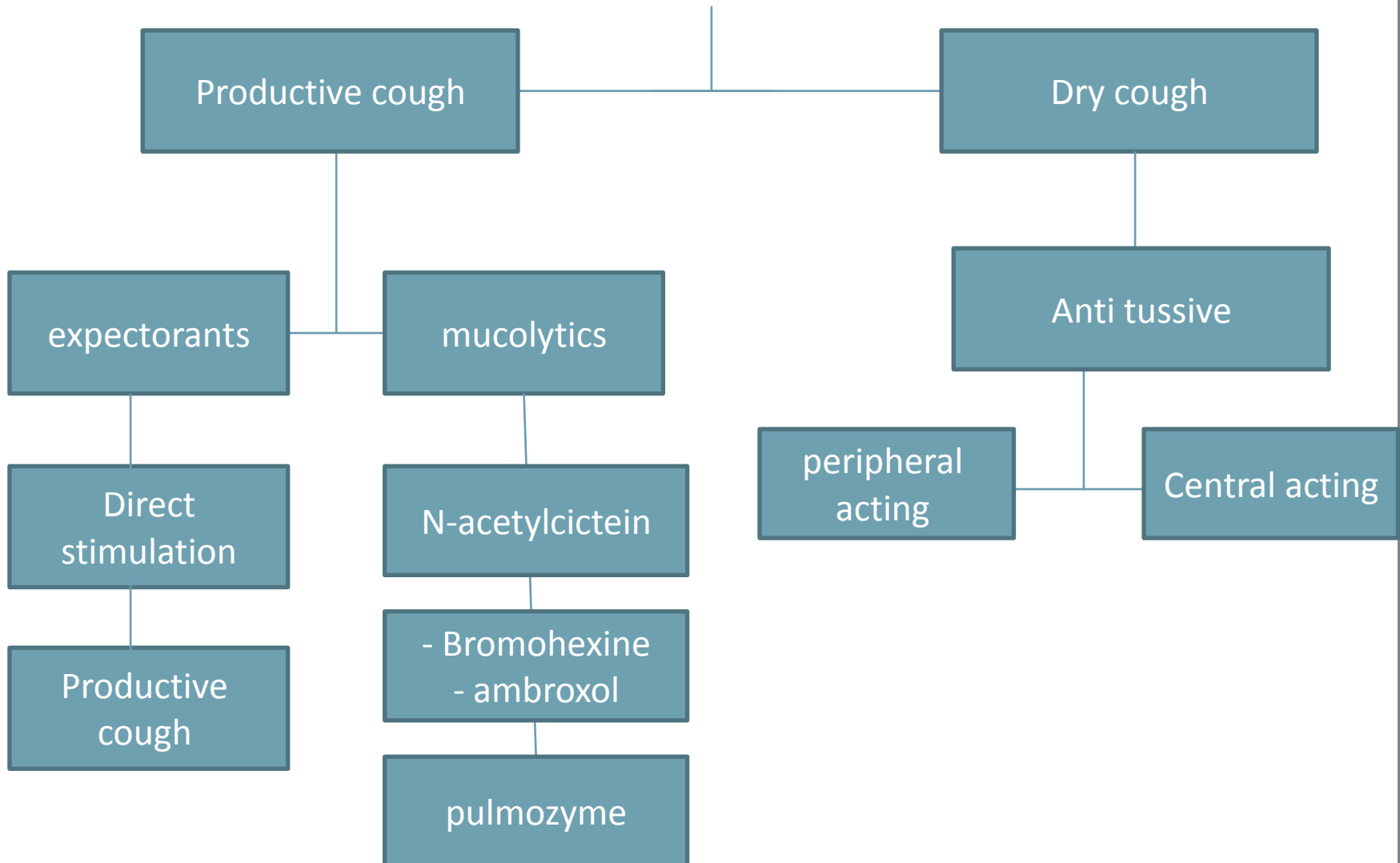
**Coughing is sudden expulsion of air from the lungs at an at fast speed (~100 miles/ hr) to rid breathing passage ways of unwanted irritants and it is two types:**

**- Wet and productive which is useful for clearance.**

**Dry cough due to many diseases such as cancer, infection and gases. it is may be not - useful and annoying.**



# Treatment of coughing



# Expectorants

Act by removal of mucus through:

## Reflex stimulation

## Direct stimulation

### Example

**Guaifenesin**

Iodinated glycerol,  
Na or K iodide/acetate ,  
Ammonium chloride,  
**Ipecacuahna**

### Mechanism of action

Irritate GIT → stimulate gastro-pulmonary  
vagal reflex → loosening & thinning of  
secretions.

Stimulate secretory glands → increase  
respiratory fluids production.

### Side effects

Dry mouth (Xerostomia)  
chapped lips  
risk of kidney stones (↑uric acid  
excretion)

Unpleasant metallic taste  
hypersensitivity  
Hypothyroidism  
swollen of salivary glands (overstimulation  
of salivary secretion)  
flare of old TB.

### Indications

Final outcome is that cough is indirectly diminished

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

	<b>N-Acetylcysteine</b>	<b>Bromhexine, Ambroxol</b>	<b>Pulmozyme (Dornase Alpha or DNAse)</b>	<b>Hypertonic Saline &amp; NaHCO<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>Steam inhalation</b>
<b>overview</b>	A free radical scavenger used in Acetaminophen overdose. (an antidote for it)	They increase immune defense: ↓ antibiotics usage ↓ pain in acute sore throat.	A recombinant of human deoxyribonuclease-1 enzyme that is neubilized. Full benefit appears within 3-7 days		
<b>Mechanism of action</b>	Breakdown S-S bonds in Glycoproteins by its reducing SH Gp → <u>less viscid mucus</u>	Synthesize serous mucus (sialomucins of smaller-size) so it is: <u>Secretolytic + activate ciliary clearance &amp; transport</u>	<u>Cleavage of extracellular bacterial DNA</u> , that contributes to viscosity of sputum in case of infection	Decrease viscoelasticity by increasing the water content.	Decrease the adhesiveness.
<b>Indications</b>	- Most mucolytics → effective as adjuvant therapy in COPD, asthma, bronchitis, (whenever there is excessive and/or thick mucus) - In bronchiectasis, pneumonia & TB → they are of partial benefit. - Hardly any benefit in cystic fibrosis & severe infections → Give rhDNAase				

# Antitussive

Stop or reduce cough by acting on the peripheral or CNS components of cough reflex.

## 1. PERIPHERALLY ACTING

A. Inhibitors of airway stretch receptors:

- During bronchoscopy or bronchography: Use local anesthetic aerosols, as lidocaine, benzocaine, and tetracaine

B. Inhibitors of pulmonary stretch receptors in alveoli:

Benzonatate : ↓ sensitivity (numbing) of receptors by local anesthetic action.

## CENTRALLY ACTING:

**A- opioids: activating  $\mu$  opioid receptors e.g. Codeine & Pholcodine**

B- non-opioids:

- antihistamimics >> sedating  
- Dextromethorphan

**1. As potent as codeine.**

**2- But no drowsiness.**

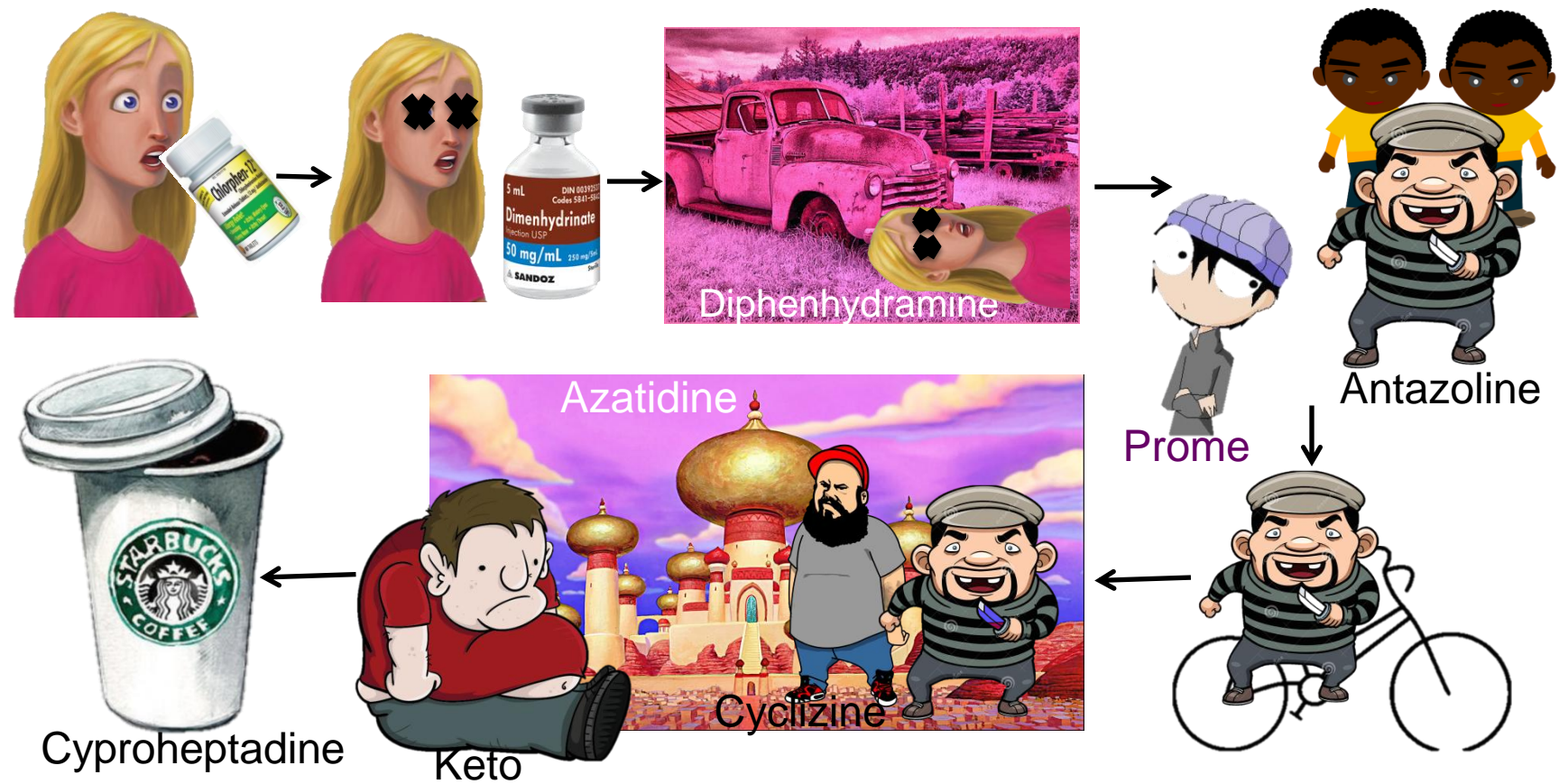
**3- Less constipating**

**4- No respiratory depression.**

**5- No inhibition of mucociliary clearance.**

**6- No addiction.**





## First GENERATION of H<sub>1</sub> receptor blockers: قصة

مرة بنت شربت كلور (Chlorpheniramine)

قامت ماتت من -بسبب- الـ (dimenhydrinate) hydrinate

بعدين فين لقوها؟ يعني ماتت فين؟ في الـ (Diphenhydramine) hydramine

قاموا بحثوا عن القاتل قالوا له انت و معك زولين !! (Antazoline)

قام قال القاتل لا برومو هو تازين (Promethazine) (قام ركب السايكل راح عند الـ) (Cyclizine)

راحوا بلد اسمها - بلد علاء الدين- (Azatidine)

بعدين استخبوا فين؟ مع -كيتو التخين- (Ketotifen)

و شربوا (Cyproheptadine) (اعتبروه مشروب من ستار بكس اسمه) (Cyproheptadine).

**SUMMARY**

# MSQ

**1-Which of the following drugs has sedation effect ?**

- A- Ketotifen
- B- Loratidine
- C- Chlorpheniramine
- D- Fexofenadine

**2-A patient with Parkinson disease which one of the following drugs can be used for his disease ?**

- A- Antazoline
- B-Promethazine
- C-Cyproheptadine
- D-Promethazine

**3- which one of the following is not an adverse effect of Pseudoephedrine ?**

- A- hypotension
- B- insomnia
- C- Nervousness
- D- palpitations

**4- An old man with a productive cough is on one of its medications. But after a while he got Xerostomia and chapped lips. What's the drugs that he's taking?**

- A. Antazoline
- B. Guaifenesin
- C. N-Acetylcysteine
- D. Benzonatate

**4- A medical student who's having an exam after two days, came to the hospital complaining of his runny nose and continuous sneezing and congestions in his nose. What's the best drug to prescribe him with?**

- A. Ipecacuahna
- B. Promethazine
- C. Diphenhydramine
- D. Levocetirizine

**6- A patient with productive cough is on a medication for this cough, but he thinks his voice changes because of this medication. What is it ?**

- A. Ipratropium
- B. Zafirlukast,
- C. Dextromethorphan:
- D. Pulmozyme

1-C  
2-D  
3-A  
4-B  
5-D  
6-D

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