## DRUGS IN GOUT

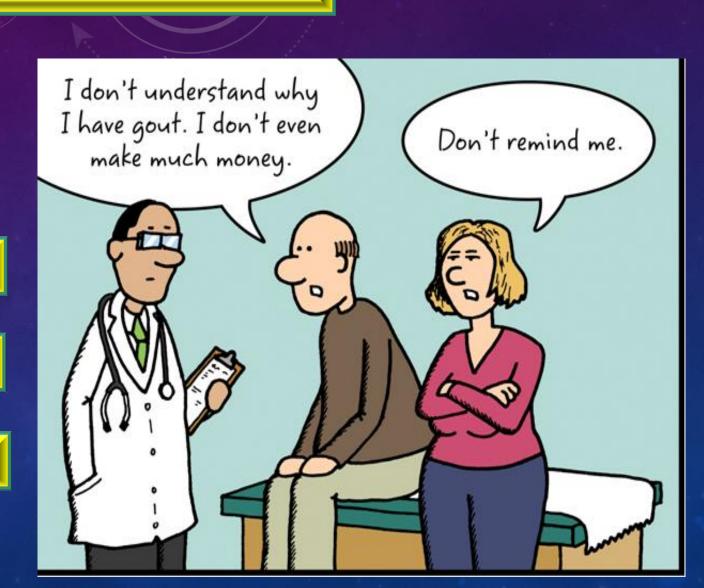
EPIDEMIOLOGY

Prevalence of hyperuricemia 5%

Prevalence of gout 0.2%

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Male to female ratio 10:1



## DRUGS IN GOUT

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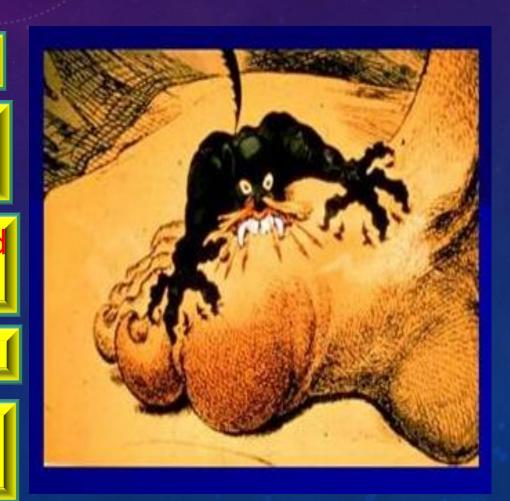
Describe drug and non drug treatment of gout

Outline the stages of gout and the therapeutic objectives in each stage

Identify the mechanism of action of drugs used for treatment of gout

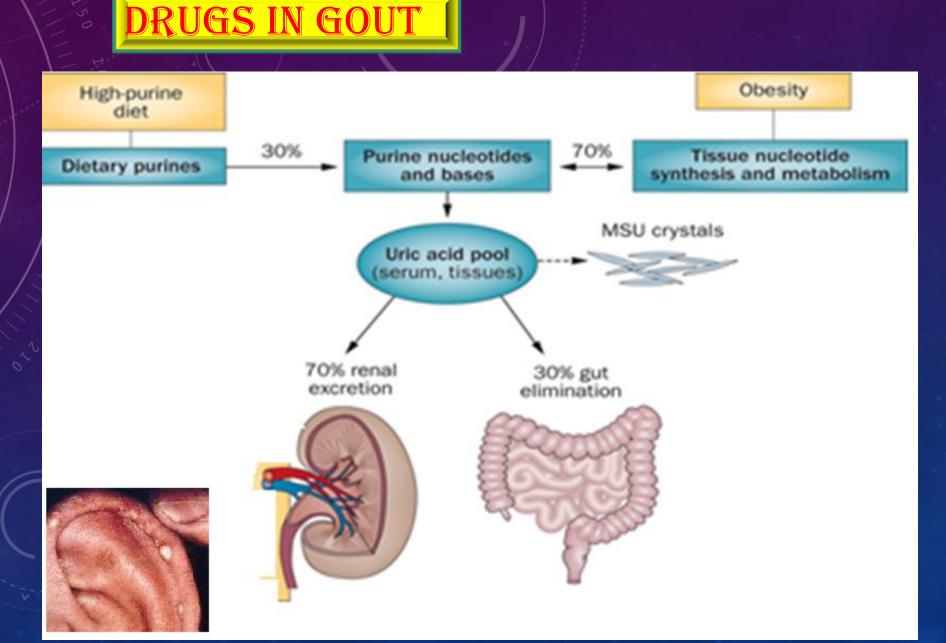
Classify drugs used for treatment of gout

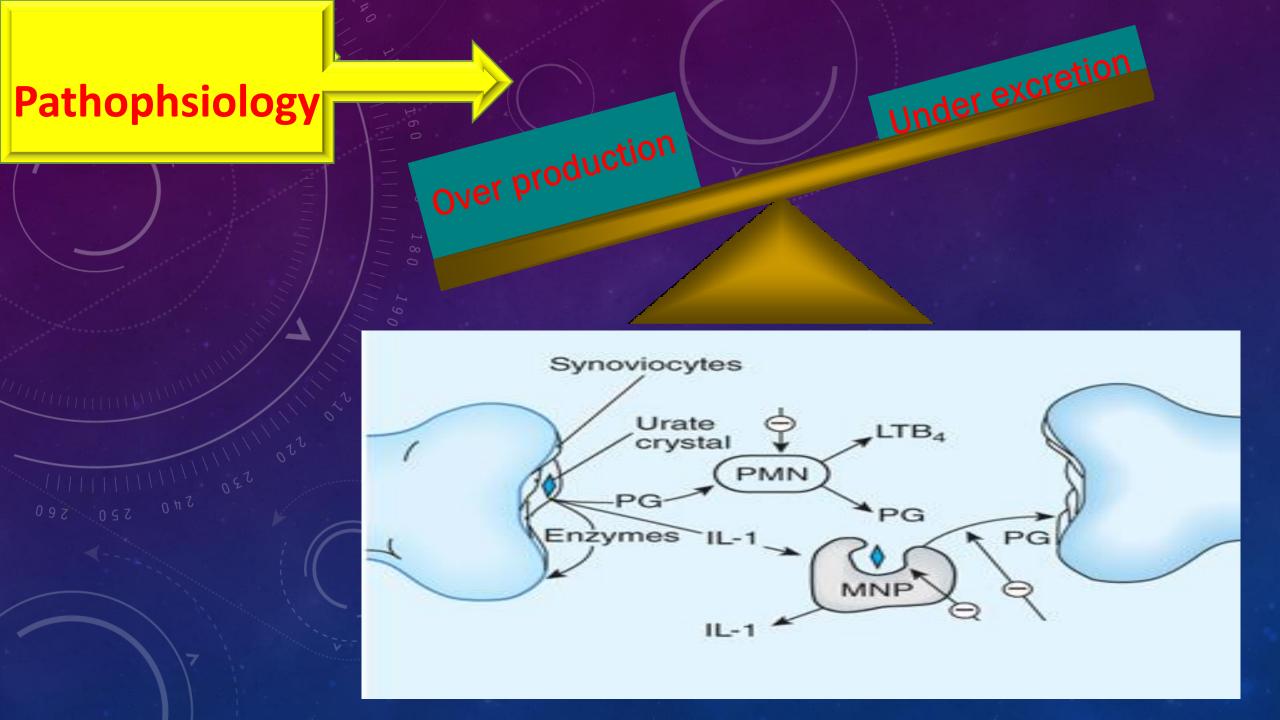
Study in details the pharmacology of drugs used for treatment of gout



# WHAT IS

GOUT?





# DRUGS IN GOUT

**Uricostatic** 

Uricosuric

Anti- inflammatory

Tubulin inhibitors

Allopurinol, Febuxostat

Probenecid, Sulfinpyrazone

NSAIDs, Steroids

Colchicine



# STAGES OF GOUT & GOAL OF THERAPY

Asymptomatic hyperuricemia

Elevated serum urate with no clinical manifestations of gout

Treat or not to treat?

**Asymptomatic Hyperuricemia** 

>7mg/dl(M)

>6mg/dl (F)

Terminate The attack CAUSE

**Hypertension** 

**CV** Disease

Stroke

**Renal Disease** 

Metabolic

Chronic gout

ong-term gout

omplications

**Syndrome** 

-Prevent complications

-Lower serum uric acid

Prevent recurrent attacks

#### DRUGS IN GOUT



Treatment of gout



Nonpharmacologic

**Pharmacologic** 

# NON-PHARMACOLOGIC THERAPY

LIFESTYLE MODIFICATIONS

Loss of weight

Excercise

**Diet control** 

Smoking cessation

Drink plenty of fluids, especially water.



Choose low-fat or fat-free dairy products.



Consume complex carbohydrates.



Reduce saturated fat consumption.



Limit fish, meat, and poultry.



Avoid eatables sweetened with high-fructose corn syrup.



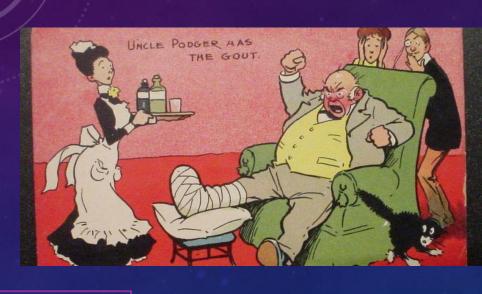
Avoid alcohol.



# TREATMENT OF ACUTE GOUT



Acute gouty arthritis



Colchicine

**NSAIDs** 

Corticosteroids

## **NSAIDS**

NSAIDs are the most commonly used first-line treatment

Head-to-head studies show few differences between drugs



#### **Avoid NSAIDs:**

G-I ulcer

Bleeding or perforation

Renal insufficiency

Heart failure

Use of oral anticoagulants



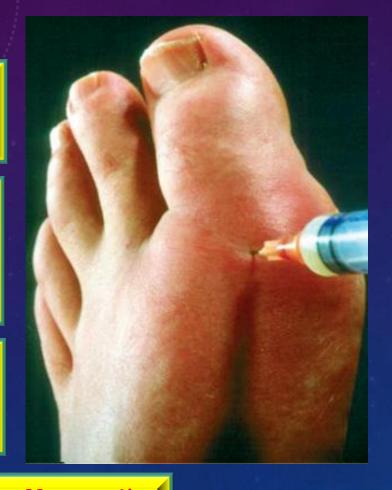


#### **STEROIDS**

Corticosteroids are a good alternative where NSAID and colchicine cannot be used or in refractory cases

Studies showed equal efficacy between corticosteroid and NSAIDs, with no reported side-effects with short-term use of corticosteroid

In elderly people, patients with kidney or hepatic impairment, IHD, PUD, hypersensitivity to NSAIDs



- -Intra articularly (preferred route if one or two joints affected)
- -Orally
- -Intramuscularly or intravenously.

#### COLCHICINE

Alkaloid obtained from autumn crocus (Colchicum autumnale)

Minimal effect on uric acid synthesis, excretion & is not analgesic





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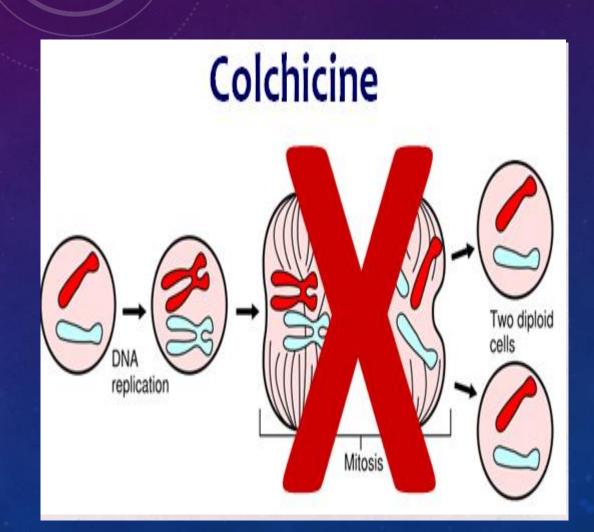
# **MECHANISM**

Binds to microtubules in neutrophils

Inhibits cell division

Inhibits chemotactic factors

Inhibits inflamosomes & IL-1 production



#### COLCHICINE

## **PHARMACOKINETICS**

Administered orally, rapid absorption from the GI tract

Reaches peak plasma levels within 2 hours

Recycled in the bile and is excreted unchanged in the faeces or urine

Use should be avoided in patients with a creatinine clearance of less than 50 mL/min

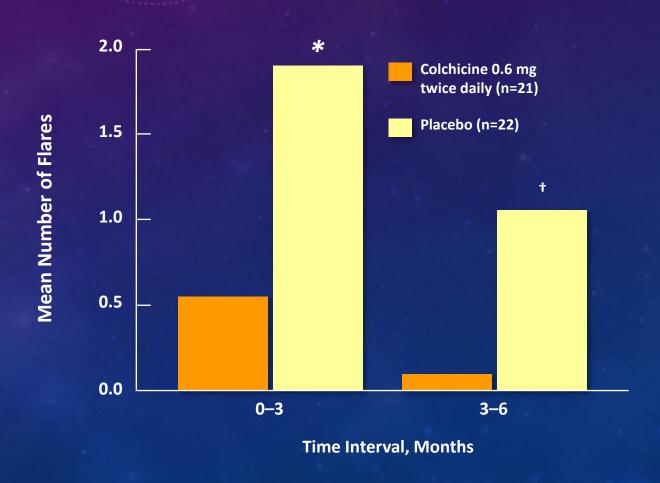


Gout most commonly affects the big toe, but it can also affect various other joints.

#### COLCHICINE

# CLINICAL USES

- Treatment of gout flares
- Prophylaxis of gout flares
- Treatment of Mediterranean fever



#### **ADRS**

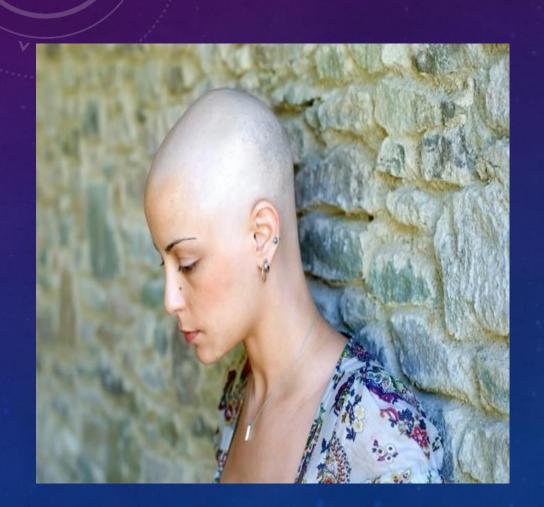
- -Diarrhea (sometimes severe)
- -Nausea
- -Vomiting
- -Abdominal cramps
- -Dehydration

Bone marrow depression: nadir at 7 days

# -Less frequent:-

- -Cardiac toxicity ,Arrhythmia
- -Vascular collapse

Hepatotoxicity, Alopecia



# Prevention of recurrent attack



Inhibition of uric acid synthesis

- -Allopurinol
- -Febuxostat

**Uricosuric drugs** 

- -Probenecid
- -Sulfinpyrazone

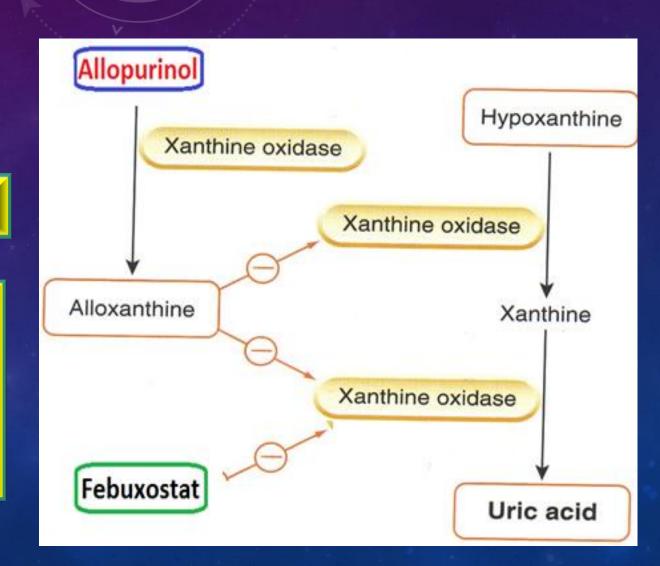
Mamalian Uricase

# INHIBITORS OF URIC ACID SYNTHESIS

Inhibit xanthine oxidase

Include allopurinol & febuxostat

Allopurinol is metabolized by xanthine oxidase into alloxanthine (oxypurinol) which is pharmacologicaly active



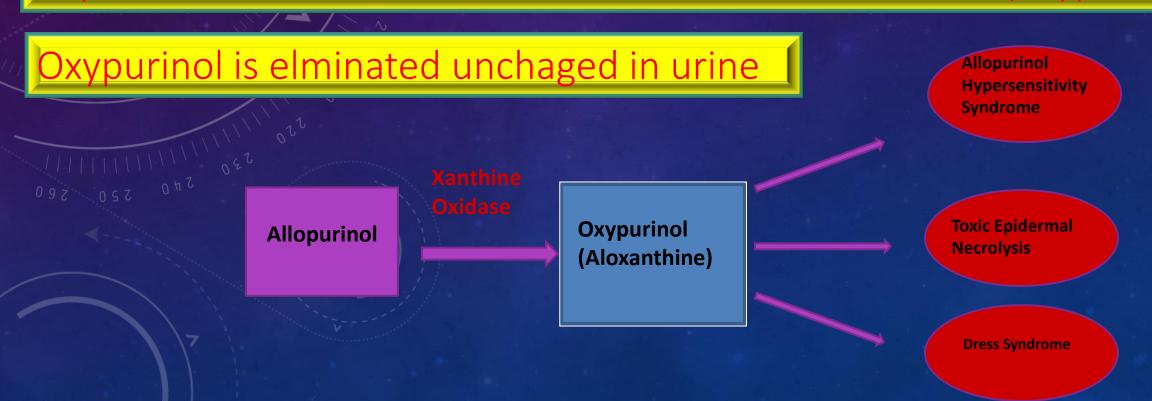
# **ALLOPURINOL**

## PHARMACOKINETICS

Absorption 70%

Protein binding negligble, 5%

Hepatic metabolism, 70% converted to active metabolite(oxypurinol)



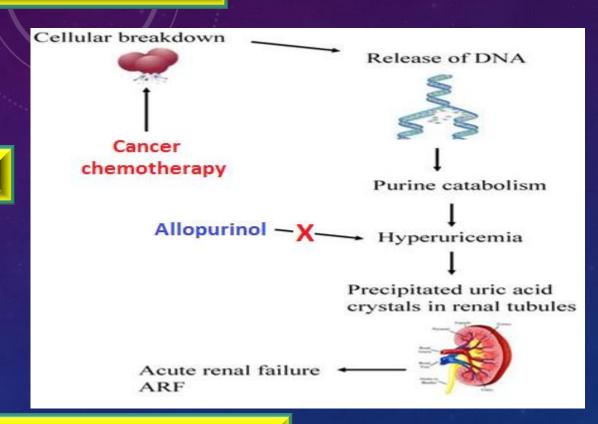
#### **ALLOPURINOL**

#### CLINICAL USES

Management of hyperuricemia of gout

Uric acid stones or nephropathy

It is a drug of choice in patients with both gout & ischemic heart disease



Severe tophaceous deposits (uric acid deposits in tissues)

Management of hyperuricemia associated with chemotherapy

Prevention of recurrent calcium oxalate kidney stones

# **ADRS**

Diarrhea, nausea, abnormal liver tests

Acute attacks of gout

Fever, rash, toxic epidermal necrolysis, hepatotoxicity, marrow suppression, vasculitis

DRESS syndrome
Drug Reaction, Eosinophilia,
Systemic Symptoms
20% mortality rate

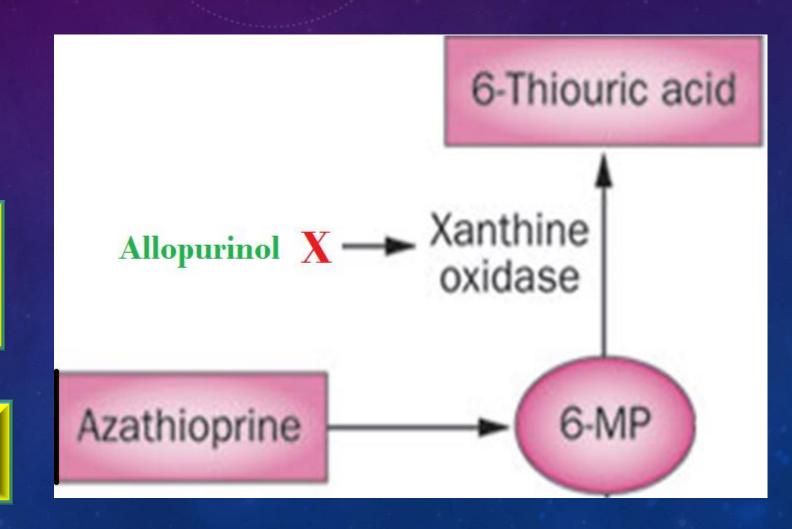


# **Drug Interactions**

Inhibits metabolism of Warfarin & dicumarol

Reduce the metabolism of **6-mercaptopurine** and **azathioprine** 

With ampicillin: Increases frequency of skin rash



#### **FEBUXOSTAT**

Oral specific xanthine oxidase inhibitor

Indicated for the chronic management of hyperuricemia in patients with gout

Chemically distinct from allopurinol (non purine)

Can be used in patients with renal disease





\*P<0.001 vs allopurinol

Becker MA et al. N Engl J Med. 2005;353:2450-2461

# **FEBUXOSTAT**

#### **PHARMACOKINETICS**

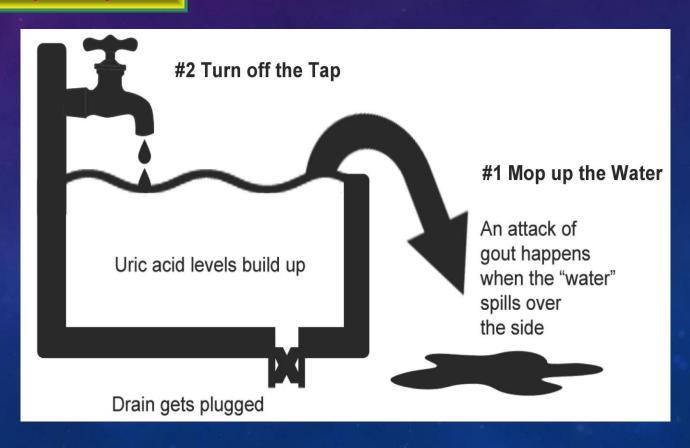
Given orally once daily, well absorbed(85%)

Metabolized in liver, mainly conjugated to glucouronic acid

Given to patients who do not tolerate allopurinol

99% protein bound

t½ 4-18hours



# **FEBUXOSTAT**

# **ADRS**

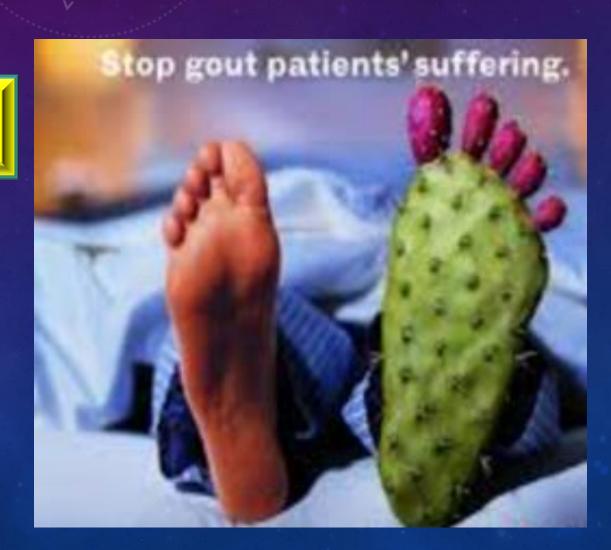
Increase number of gout attacks during the first few months of treatment

Increase level of liver enzymes

Nausea, Diarrhea

Headache

Numbness of arm or leg



# URICOSURIC DRUGS

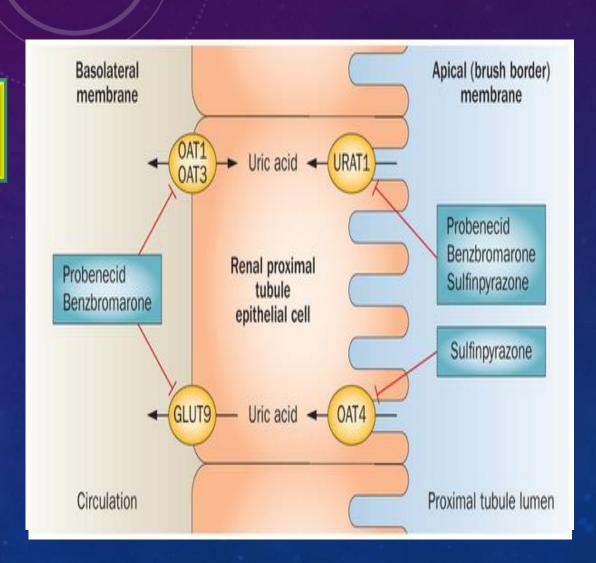
#### Mechanism

Blocks tubular reabsorption of uric acid & enhances urine uric acid excretion

Probenecid inhibits Urate
Transporters (URAT1) in the apical
membrane of the proximal tubule

It also inhibits organic acid transporter(OAT)→↑plasma concentration of penicilin

Sulfinpyrazol inhibits URAT1 & OAT4



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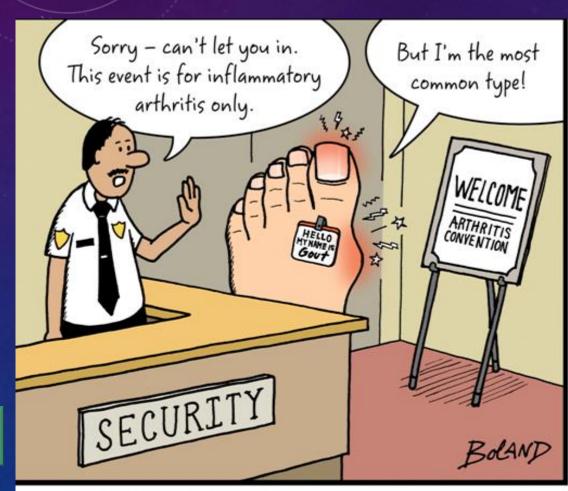
Control hyperuricemia and prevent tophus formation

Probenecid moderately effective

Increases risk of nephrolithiasis

Not used in patients with renal disease

Some drugs reduce efficacy (e.g. aspirin)



Gout is the most common type of inflammatory arthritis, but 7 in 10 adults don't know that gout is a form of arthritis.

# **ADRS**

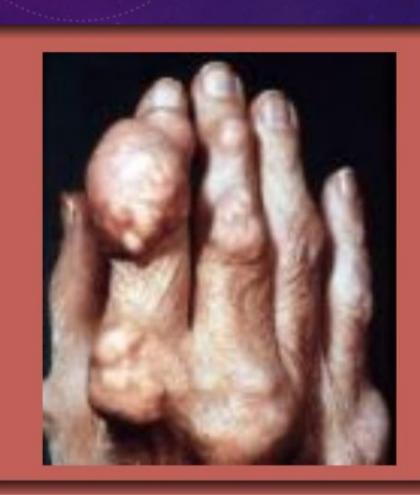
# PROBENECID

Exacerbation of acute attack

Risk of uric acid stone

GIT upset

Allergic rash



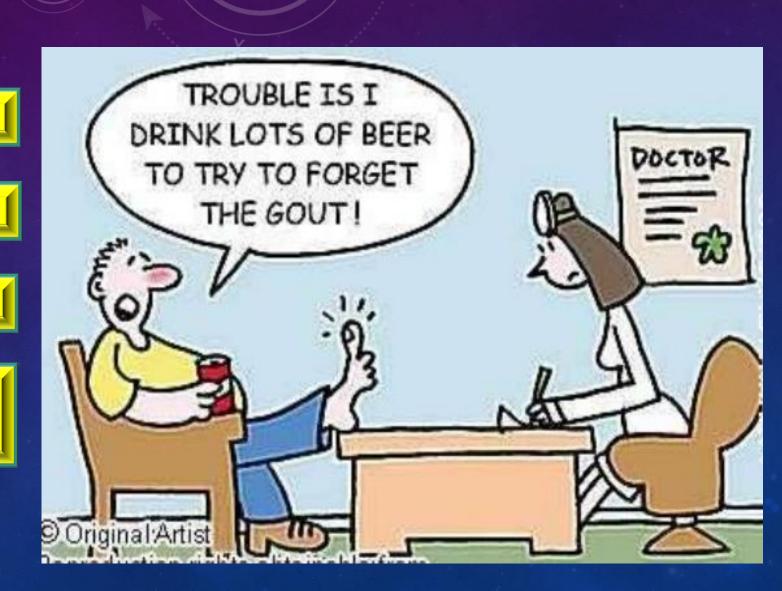
#### CONTRA-INDICATIONS

History of nephrolithiasis

Recent acute gout

Existing renal disease

Less effective in elderly patients



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# SULFINPYRAZONE

Sulfinpyrazone can aggravate peptic ulcer disease

Aspirin reduces efficacy of sulfinpyrazone

Sulfinpyrazone enhances the action of certain antidiabetic drugs

#### Typical Tophaceous Manifestations



Helix of the ear



Hands, fingers, and wrists

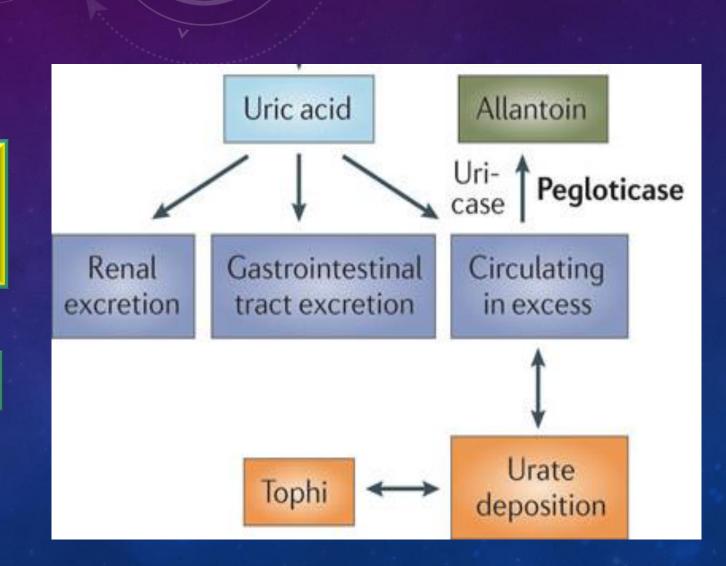
# RECOMBINANT MAMMALIAN URICASE

# PEGLOTICASE

A uric acid specific enzyme which is a recombinant modified mammalian uricase enzyme

Converts uric acid to allantoin

Given I.V. → peak decline in uric acid level within 24-72 hours



# **PEGLOTICASE**

Used for the treatment of chronic gout in adult patients refractory to conventional therapy

## **ADRS**

Infusion reactions

Anaphylaxis

Gout flare

Arthralgia, muscle spasm

**Nephrolithiasis** 

