

# Diuretics

- ❖ Define and classify diuretics
- ❖ Identify the site of action of each class of diuretics in the nephron
- ❖ Describe the mechanisms of action of diuretics
- ❖ Detail on the pharmacodynamic actions and pharmacokinetic aspects of diuretics
- ❖ List ADRS, therapeutic uses, contraindications and drug- drug interactions of diuretics



# Diuretics

## Definitions:

- Diuretics: Drugs that increase urine volume.
- Diuresis: The process of excretion of **water** in the **urine**.

**Can we use water as a diuretic? Yes**

## Indications of diuretics:

- Edema of any origin
- Congestive heart failure
- Hypertension (mild)
- Elimination of toxins

All Diuretics have naturetic effect.

Natriuresis: is the process of excretion of **sodium** in the urine

## Mechanism of action of diuretics:

Most diuretics act by interfering with **normal sodium reabsorption** by the renal tubules resulting into sodium and water excretion.

## Site of action for diuretics:

Target molecules for diuretics are **carriers or transporters in luminal membrane of renal tubule cells** required for tubular reabsorption of sodium from filtrate back into blood.

## Classification:

- Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors
- Loop diuretics
- Thiazide diuretics
- K<sup>+</sup> sparing diuretics
- \*Osmotic diuretics

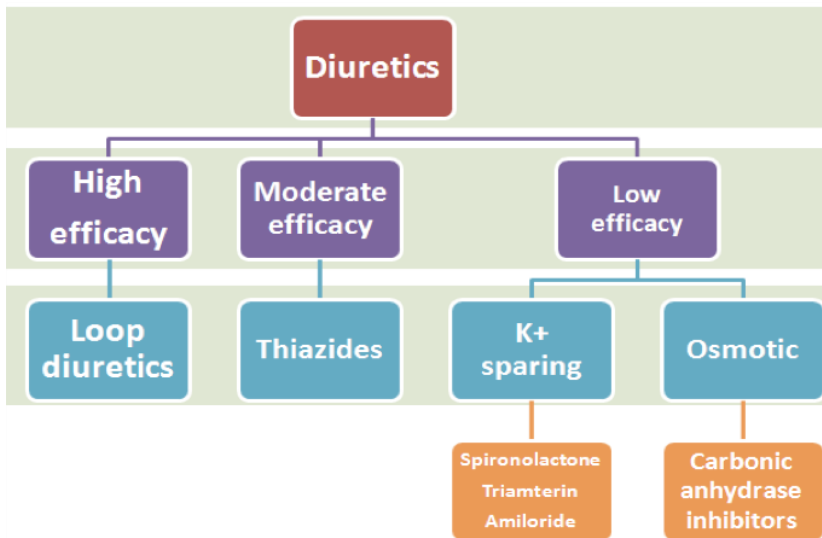
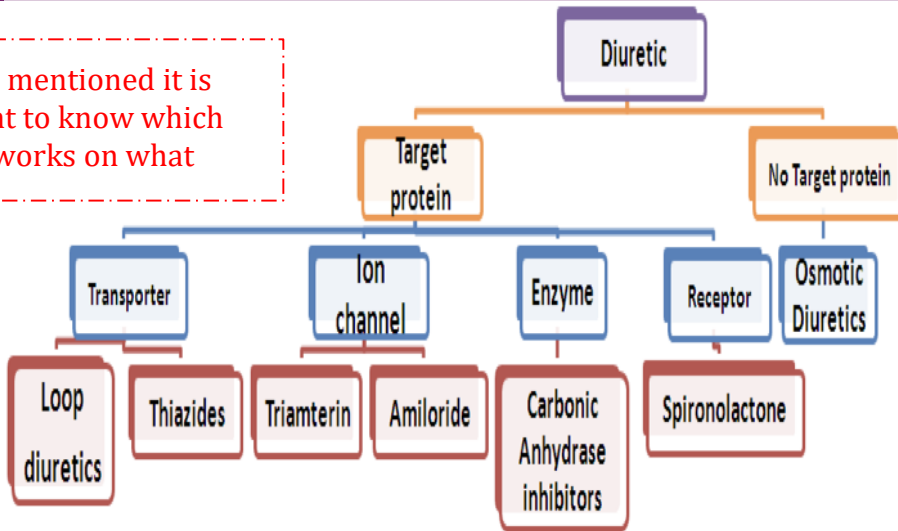
\*Osmotic diuretic has **no target**, it gives the action by it's physical character

**physical character :**

sugar or salt يسحب موية لانه اما

# Classification of Diuretics

dr hanan mentioned it is important to know which diuretic works on what



# Site of action of diuretics

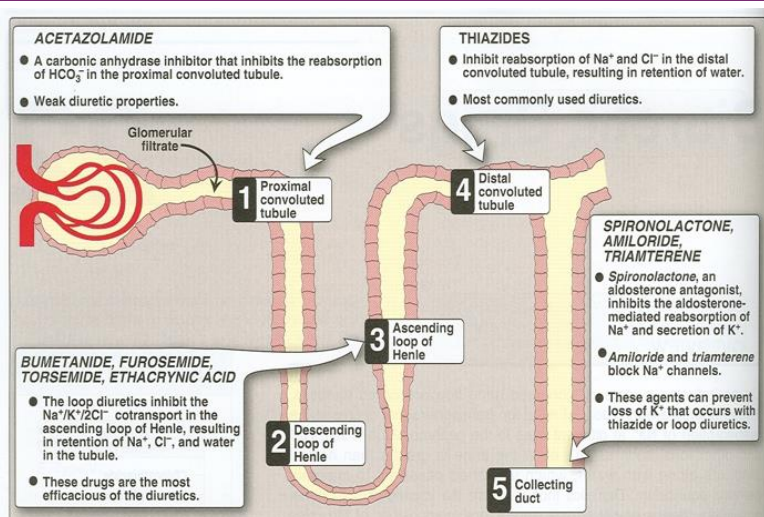
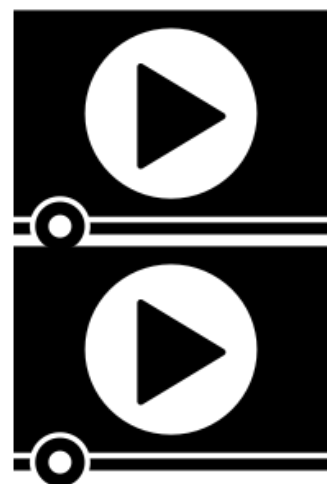


Figure 22.2 Major locations of ion and water exchange in the nephron, showing sites of action of the diuretic drugs.

Helpful Videos!



# Site of action of diuretics

## Normal sodium reabsorption

Segment	Function	Filtered Na + reabsorbed	Transporter	Diuretics
<p><b>Proximal convoluted tubules</b></p> <p>site for the reabsorption of large amount of sodium, but sodium get reabsorbed in the form of sodium bicarbonate</p>	<p>Reabsorption of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 66% Na, K, Mg, Ca</li> <li>- 100% glucose and amino acids</li> <li>- 85% NaHCO<sub>3</sub></li> </ul>	<p>85 % Na, HCO<sub>3</sub> 65 % As NaHCO<sub>3</sub></p>	<p>Na/H transporter *Carbonic anhydrase enzyme</p> <p>*Enzyme required for the reabsorption of bicarbonate &gt;Once bicarbonate get reabsorbed , as a sequence Na will get reabsorbed</p>	<p><b>Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors</b> work on: Na/H transporter Carbonic anhydrase enzyme</p>
<p><b>Proximal straight tubules</b></p>	<p>Secretion and reabsorption of organic acids and bases</p>		<p>Acid and base transporter</p>	
<p><b>Thick ascending loop</b></p>	<p>Active reabsorption 25% Na, K, Cl Secondary Ca, Mg reabsorption</p>	<p>20-30% Active reabsorption Na, K, Cl Ca and Mag</p>	<p>Na/K/2Cl* cotransporter *Sodium potassium dichloride</p>	<p><b>Loop diuretics</b> work on: Na/k/2Cl co-transporter</p>
<p><b>Distal convoluted tubule</b></p>	<p>Active tubular reabsorption of 5% Na, Cl, Ca</p>	<p>5-10% Active reabsorption Na, Cl</p>	<p>Na/Cl Cotransporter</p>	<p><b>Thiazide diuretics</b> work on: Na/Cl co-transporter</p>
<p><b>Collecting tubules</b></p>	<p>Na reabsorption K &amp; H secretion</p>	<p>5% Na reabsorption K &amp; H secretion</p>	<p>Na channels K and H transporter Aldosterone Antidiuretic hormone</p>	<p><b>K-sparing diuretics</b> work on: Na+ channels and aldosterone</p>

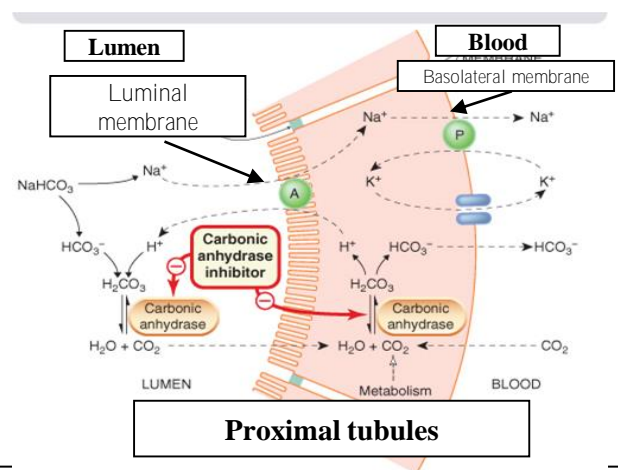
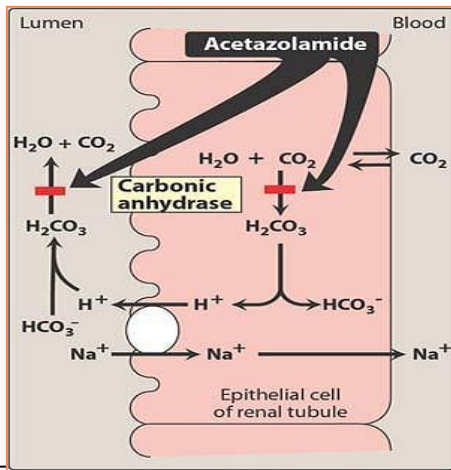
# Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors

Dorzolamide

Acetazolamide

Inhibits **carbonic anhydrase (CA) enzyme** in proximal convoluted tubules thus interferes with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> re-absorption and causes diuresis.

**Carbonic anhydrase** is required for reversible reaction in which



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Pharmacokinetics

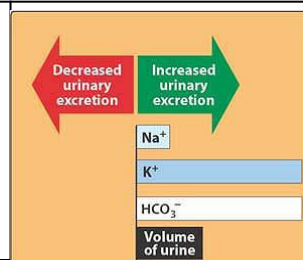
- given orally once a day.
- Onset of action is rapid (30 min).
- Duration of action (9-12 h) **long duration of action**.
- Excreted by active secretion in proximal convoluted tubules.
- Produces **alkaline urine** because of the loss of bicarbonate in the urine due to inhibiting the enzyme responsible for reabsorbing it, we will produce an alkaline urine but = metabolic acidosis

Pharmacological actions

- ↑ Mild increase in urine volume
  - ↑ urinary excretion of sodium, potassium, bicarbonate (**alkaline urine**).
  - Metabolic acidosis.
  - ↑ Urinary phosphate excretion.
  - \*Promotes K<sup>+</sup> excretion by ↑ the load of Na<sup>+</sup> delivered to the distal tubules.
- العادة الدايروتيكس هذي تزيد الصوديوم اكسكريشن لو تشتغل على الجزء الأول من النفرون ، بعدين الصوديوم وهو DCT راح يلقى الالديسترون اللي بيصوي reabsorption of Na and excretion of K ماشي يوصل عند \* >> Hypokalemia

NOTE

- Why do CA inhibitors have weak diuretic properties?
- Diuretic properties decreases after several days as the blood bicarbonate falls. it's dependent on the bicarbonate so when it is limited it's effect will decrease



# Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors CONT

Therapeutic uses

## 1..Open angle glaucoma

carbonic anhydrase inhibitors decrease aqueous humour formation and ↓ IOP by reducing aqueous humor formation in ciliary body of eye. (tolerance doesn't develop to this effect so we can use it continuously)

## 2.As prophylactic therapy, in acute mountain sickness ↓ CSF of brain

given nightly 5 days before the ascent ↓ weakness, breathlessness, dizziness, nausea, cerebral & pulmonary oedema. who will need this drug? mountain climbers

IOP: Intraocular pressure; CSF: Cerebrospinal fluid

## 3.Formation of CSF:

(↓ of carbonic anhydrase in the choroid plexus → ↓ formation of CSF. Useful in treating benign intracranial hypertension).

4.\*Urinary alkalization to enhance renal excretion of acidic substances (uric acid, methotrexate cancer drug and cysteine in cystinuria).

## 5.Hyperphosphatemia

## 6.Adjunct for treatment of epilepsy:

Glial cells contain carbonic anhydrase. Nerves are highly responsive to rise in pH 7.4 → 7.8 causes convulsions. ↓ neuronal carbonic anhydrase → ↓ pH in the vicinity of neurons → ↓ convulsions.

## 7.Metabolic alkalosis

Useful for correcting a metabolic alkalosis, especially an alkalosis caused by diuretic-induced increases in H<sup>+</sup> excretion & metabolic alkalosis of heart failure.

\* المجموعة الوحيدة التي تعمل  
loss of sodium as a sodium bicarbonate  
بالتالي تغير في pH وتخليه في ال  
alkaline range  
this will enhance metabolic acidosis

ADRs

-Hypokalemia (potassium loss).

-Metabolic acidosis.

-Renal stone formation (calcium phosphate stones).

-Hypersensitivity reaction.

because this group of drugs is a derivative of sulfa medications

Contraindication : In patient with liver cirrhosis (alkaline urine ↓ excretion of NH<sub>4</sub> → hyperammonemia and hepatic encephalopathy)

-Drowsiness

-Disturbance of vision

-Tingling sensation of the face and extremities

-Numbness

## Dorzolamide

-Is a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor present in eye aqueous humor and in kidney

-Used topically for treatment of open-angle glaucoma only use of dorzolamide.

-no diuretic or systemic side effects (Why?) cause it's used locally as eye drops

لا يمتص orally

# Osmotic Diuretics

منان تجنن مثل السكر. اسمها د  
Osmotic diuretics= Mannitol (sugar)

Mannitol

Thanks Team 436 for  
the mnemonic!

## Pharmacokinetics

منان ما تأخذ وتعطي مع أي أحد  
Mannitol not secreted or  
reabsorbed

- **Poorly absorbed**
- Given I.V, not absorbed from the GIT, ↑water excretion with relatively less effect on Na+
- \*If given orally --> **osmotic diarrhea**.
- Little/not metabolized.
- Excreted by glomerular filtration, **without being reabsorbed or secreted, within 30-60 minutes**.
- $t_{1/2}$  0.25-1.7h, prolonged in renal failure to 36h

لما أخذه ما يصير له امتصاص ويضل قاعد في GIT طبعا هذا الدواء ما يشتغل على أي Receptor  
كل اللي يسويه انه يشد معاه موية

>Withdrawal water from the surrounding cells > osmotic diarrhea

## Pharmacological Actions

منان تعرف تجذب البنات بشرحها.  
(cell the of out water drag)  
وتخلي المحاضرة زي المويه سهله  
(only drag the water)

- Acts in **proximal tubules and descending loop of Henle** by **osmotic effect**.
- Mannitol increases urine output by osmosis, drawing water out of cells and into the bloodstream
- Expand the extracellular fluid volume, decrease blood viscosity, and inhibit renin release, ↑renal blood flow. by
- IV administration of any solute filtered by glomeruli may produce osmotic diuresis when the amount delivered to tubules exceeds their absorptive capacity
- The dissolved compound exert an osmotic pressure → ↓water & Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption
- increase Water excretion with relatively less effect on Na<sup>+</sup> (water diuresis)

## Therapeutic Uses

- Acute renal failure due to shock or trauma (maintain urine flow – preserve kidney function) To maintain urine volume & prevent anuria resulting from large pigmentation load to the kidney e.g. haemolysis, rhabdomyolysis
- In acute drug poisoning:  
to eliminate drugs that are reabsorbed from renal tubules e.g. salicylates, barbiturates. **just to increase urine volume**
- To decrease intraocular & intracranial pressure before ophthalmic or brain procedures (cerebral edema)
- To prevent acute renal necrosis after severe injury, haemorrhage, hypovolemia (because the absorption will be only in proximal tubules and the distal tubule and loop of henle will be dry) → ↓ GFR, absorption of water & salts is complete, distal part dries up → irreversible damage.
- we can use it with kidney stones.

## ADRS

Headache, nausea, vomiting → hyponatremia  
Extracellular volume expansion, complicates heart failure and pulmonary edema.  
Excessive use > dehydration & hypernatremia (adequate water replacement is required).  
**Contraindication:** Chronic heart failure, Anuric patients or patients not responding to a test dose of mannitol

# Loop Diuretics

Potency, t <sub>1/2</sub>	Bumetanide "Most potent"	Torsemide "Longest duration"	Furosemide	Ethacrynic Acid (non-sulphanamid derivative)
Efficacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● High natriuresis as 25-30% Na<sup>+</sup> is reabsorbed.</li> <li>● The most potent diuretic, termed "high ceiling diuretic" = starts strong then decreases</li> </ul>			
Mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Inhibit Na<sup>+</sup> / K<sup>+</sup> / 2 Cl<sup>-</sup> co-transporter in the luminal membrane of the thick ascending loop of Henle (TAL).</li> <li>● Inhibit Ca<sup>++</sup> and Mg<sup>++</sup> reabsorption.</li> </ul>			
Pharmacokinetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Given orally or I. V.</li> <li>● Have fast onset of action (suitable for emergency).</li> <li>● Have short duration of action.</li> <li>● Excreted by active tubular secretion of weak acids into urine (avidly bound to plasma proteins).</li> <li>● Interfere with uric acid secretion (hyperuricemia).</li> </ul>			
Pharmacological Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ↑ Urinary excretion of Na<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup>.</li> <li>● ↑ Urinary excretion Ca<sup>++</sup> and Mg<sup>++</sup>.</li> <li>● ↑ Urine volume. <span style="border: 1px dashed green; padding: 2px;">↑Prostaglandin &gt; vasodilation &gt; ↑ renal blood flow</span></li> <li>● ↑ Renal blood flow.</li> <li>● Induce expression of COX, PGE ↓ salt transport in TAL.</li> <li>● ↓ Renal vascular resistance &amp; ↑ renal blood flow → PGs.</li> <li>● Furosemide and ethacrynic acid reduce pulmonary congestion and left ventricular filling pressures in heart failure → ↑ venous capacitance.</li> </ul>			
Uses	<p>Drugs of choice for <b>emergency</b> situations as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Edema associated with congestive heart failure, nephrotic syndrome. (Increase Na Excretion to 25% of Filtered Load).</li> <li>● Acute Pulmonary Edema (Increase Venous Capacitance).</li> <li>● Acute Hyperkalemia (Increase K<sup>+</sup> Excretion).</li> <li>● Acute Hypercalcemia (Increase Ca Excretion).</li> <li>● Oliguric ARF (Increase Urine Volume).</li> <li>● Toxicity of Br, F &amp; I (Anion Overdose).</li> </ul>			
Drug-drug Interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● *NSAIDS → ↓ Diuretic response. <span style="border: 1px dashed green; padding: 2px;">*because NSAIDS ↓ prostaglandin production</span></li> <li>● Digitalis → Arrhythmias.</li> <li>● Aminoglycosides → ↑ Ototoxicity of loop diuretic.</li> <li>● Loop diuretic → ↑ Nephrotoxicity of aminoglycosides.</li> </ul>			



## ADRs

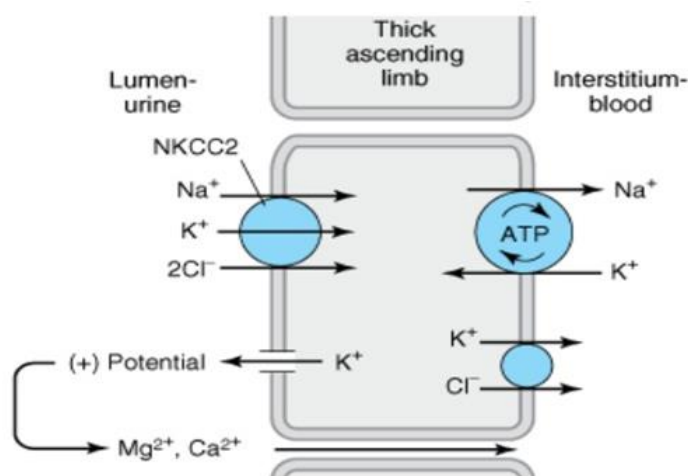
- Hypovolemia (profound ECFV depletion).
- Hyponatraemia ( $\downarrow$  blood  $\text{Na}^+$ ).
- Hypokalemia ( $\downarrow$  blood  $\text{K}^+$ ).  
*Dietary K supplementation or K-sparing diuretics should be used to avoid hypokalemia.*
- Hypomagnesaemia ( $\downarrow$  blood  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ).
- Hypocalcaemia ( $\downarrow$  blood  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ).
- Metabolic alkalosis.
- Postural hypotension.
- Hyperuricemia (*increase blood uric acid and gouty attack*).
- Hyperglycemia.
- **Ototoxicity** (*risk increased if combined with aminoglycosides so reduce dose and follow up patient*).
- Allergic reactions. **another sulfa derivative**

## Contra- indications

- Severe Na and volume depletion.
- Hypersensitivity to sulfonamides.
- Anuria unresponsive to a trial dose of loop diuretic.

## Ascending Loop of Henle

- Is impermeable to water.
- In thick ascending loop of Henle (TAL) is responsible for active reabsorption of Na, K and Cl (25-30%  $\text{Na}^+$  is reabsorbed) via transport system in luminal membrane called  **$\text{Na}^+ / \text{K}^+ / 2\text{Cl}^-$  co-transporter**.
- Ca and Mg are reabsorbed and enter the interstitial fluid via paracellular pathway.



# Thiazide diuretics

**Chlorothiazide**  
Potency 0.1,  
t<sub>1/2</sub> 2h

**Metolazone**  
Potency 5  
t<sub>1/2</sub> 5h

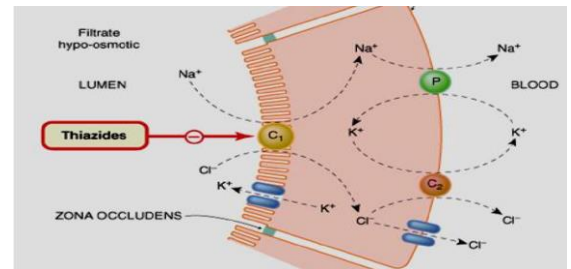
**Chlorthalidone**  
Potency 10  
t<sub>1/2</sub> 26h

**Indapamide**  
Potency 20  
t<sub>1/2</sub> 16h

**Hydrochloro  
thiazide**  
Potency 1  
t<sub>1/2</sub> 3h

## M.O.A

- Acts via inhibition of Na/Cl co-transporter on the luminal membrane of distal convoluted tubules.
- Weak inhibitors of carbonic anhydrase, but this does not contribute to their action



## Efficacy

- Moderate natriuresis (5-10% of filtered load of sodium is reabsorbed).

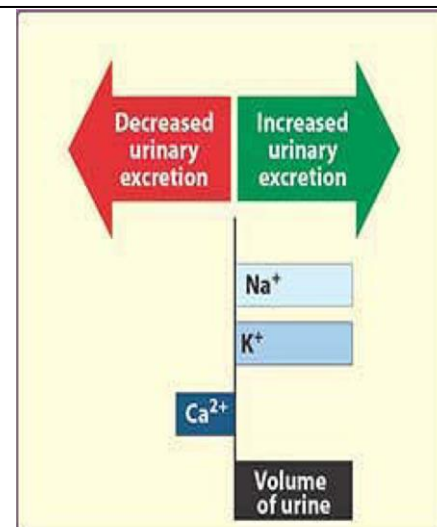
## P.K

- Thiazides are **lipid soluble**
- Given orally, slow of onset
- Efficiently absorbed from the GIT
- Long duration of action (40 h)
- Are secreted by active tubular secretory system of the kidney
- Eliminated by glomerular filtration & tubular secretion, some is reabsorbed
- May interfere with uric acid secretion and cause **hyperuricemia**

## Pharmacological effects

- ↑ urinary NaCl excretion
- ↑ urinary K excretion (**Hypokalemia**)
- ↑ urinary magnesium excretion
- ↑ Calcium re-absorption (**hypercalcemia**).
- ↓ urinary calcium excretion

Can be an adjuvant in osteoporosis, because it enhances the reabsorption of calcium.



# Thiazide diuretics

## Cont- Pharmacological Effects

- May give rise to hypokalemic alkalosis
- Causes vasodilatation, diazoxide, non diuretic thiazide is a potent vasodilator
- ↓ of urine volume in case of diabetes insipidus

## Uses

- Treatment of essential hypertension (**cheap-well tolerated**).
- Treatment of mild heart failure (**to reduce extracellular volume**).
- **Treatment for Mild Edema**
- Treatment for Osteoporosis
- Calcium nephrolithiasis due to hypercalciuria (**to increase calcium reabsorption and decrease renal calcium stones**)
- Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus (**decrease blood volume + GFR**)

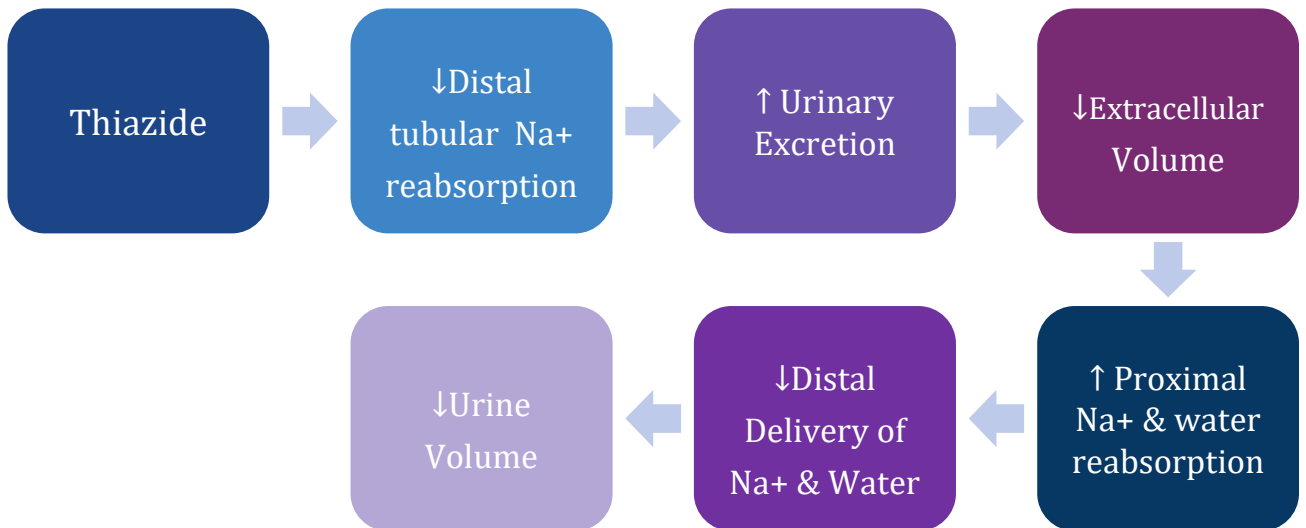
## ADRs

- Fluid and electrolyte imbalance
- Hyponatremia
- Hypovolemia (volume depletion)
- Hypokalemia
- Metabolic **alkalosis**.
- Hyperuricaemia (gout)
- Hyper**er**calcemia
- Hyperglycaemia
- Hyperlipidemia

## Drug-drug interaction

- Uricosurics , Sulphonylurea **→** Thiazides Diminish effect
- Digitalis , Diazoxide **→** Thiazides Increase effect. (Toxicity)
- NSAIDs **→ Reduce thiazide efficacy**

# Mechanism of antidiuretic effect of thiazide in Diabetes Insipidus



Thank you Team  
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## MEMORIZING STATION

Thiazides diuretics Hyper / Hypo effects:

**HYPER** effects in serum: (Ugly Girls Like Cars)

**HYPER**uricemia (precipitate acute gouty arthritis)

**HYPER**glycemia

**HYPER**lipidemia (increase cholesterol and LDL)

**HYPER**calcemia (renal calcium resorption, decrease calcium in urine)

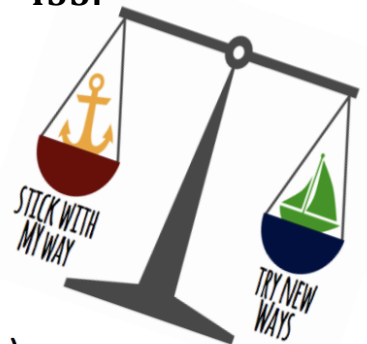
**HYPO** effects in serum: (Miss Nora Volunteered in Kuwait)

**Hypo**magnesaemia

**Hypo**natremia

**Hypo**volemia and thus **HYPO**tension (decreases blood volume and peripheral vascular resistance)

**HYPO**kalemia



# Potassium Sparing Diuretics

All potassium sparing diuretics work on the connecting ducts, and the collecting tubules..

## Potassium Sparing Diuretics

recall: steroids are of two types Mineralocorticoids (aldosterone is naturally occurring), and glucocorticoids that are concerned with metabolism.

### Steroids

### Non-Steroids

#### Competitive Aldosterone Antagonists:

also called K-Sparing Diuretics or Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists

- ❖ Spironolactone
- ❖ Eplerenone

#### Na<sup>+</sup> Channels Inhibitors:

- ❖ Amiloride
- ❖ Triamterene

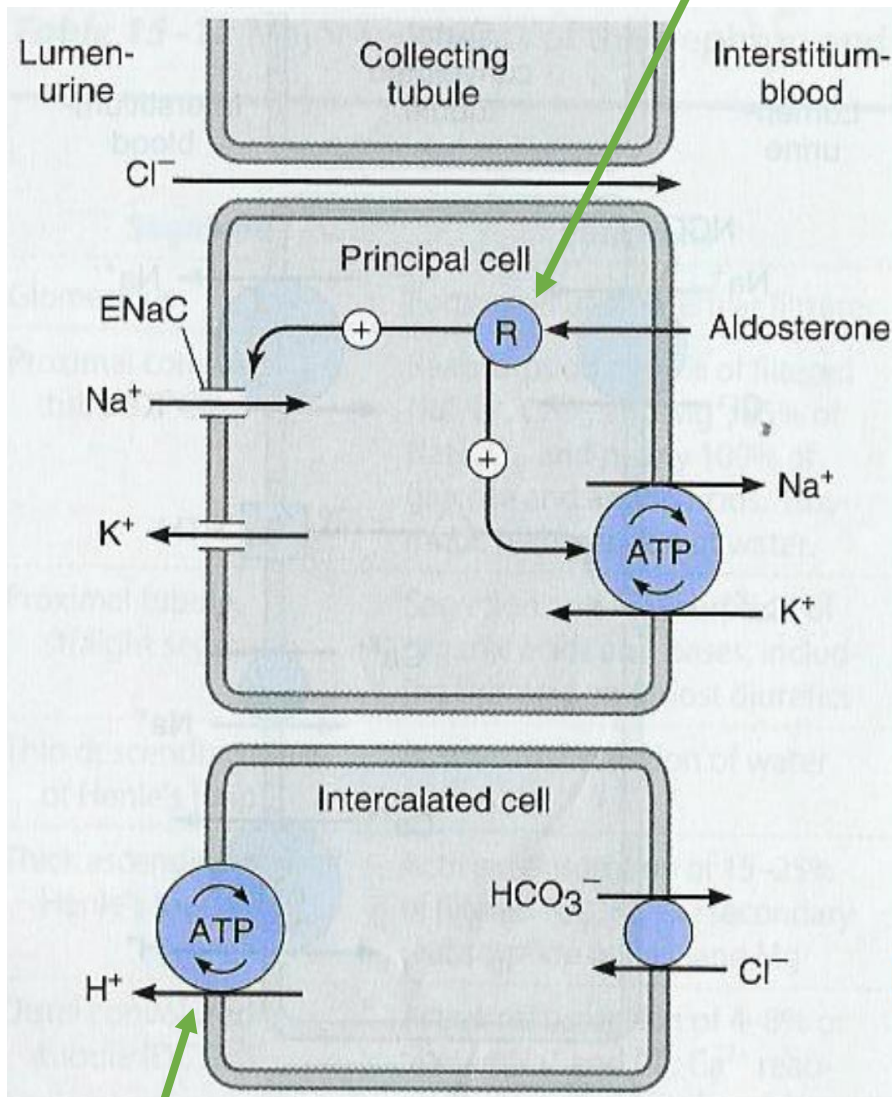
عشان نفهم محاضرة اليوم لازم نعرف وظيفة الالدوستيرون لأن كثير من الأدوية تتمحور حوله reabsorption of Sodium, and excretion of potassium.

Drug	Spironolactone
<b>M.O.A</b>	act at the collecting duct by competitive inhibition of cytoplasmic aldosterone receptors → ↑ Excretion of Na <sup>+</sup> , Cl <sup>-</sup> & ↓ Excretion of K <sup>+</sup> , H <sup>+</sup>
<b>P.K.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well absorbed from the GIT, t<sub>1/2</sub>=1.6h</li> <li>• Highly protein-bound</li> <li>• Undergoes enterohepatic recycling</li> <li>• Delayed onset of action (nuclear receptor), maximum diuretic action 4 days.</li> <li>• Converted in gut &amp; liver to active metabolite, t<sub>1/2</sub>=16h]</li> </ul>
<b>Pharmacodynamics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ↑ urinary Na<sup>+</sup> excretion</li> <li>● ↓ urinary K<sup>+</sup> excretion <b>Hyperkalemia</b></li> <li>● ↓ H<sup>+</sup> excretion (<b>acidosis</b>)</li> <li>● <b>has antiandrogenic action</b></li> </ul>

spare= يحفظ resulting in hyperkalemia.

# Collecting Tubules

aldosterone receptor that stimulates reabsorption of sodium in exchange for potassium. spironolactone will block aldosterone effect on this receptor. sodium will be excreted in addition to water in the urine , potassium will be retained leading to hyperkalemia.



potassium excretion is linked to hydrogen , once potassium is retained hydrogen will also be retained which may lead to metabolic acidosis.

# Competitive Aldosterone Antagonists:

<p><b>Uses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Treatment of hypertension usually used combined with thiazide or loop diuretics to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enhance natriuresis caused by other diuretics</li> <li>- Correct for hypokalemia</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Treatment of primary hyperaldosteronism (<u>Conn's syndrome</u>)</li> <li>● Treatment of secondary hyperaldosteronism in diseases as <u>CHF, Edema of hepatic cirrhosis, Nephrotic syndrome</u></li> <li>● Treatment of <u>hirsutism, acne</u> due to the antiandrogenic effects                  <u>hirsutism: excess production of hair.</u></li> </ul>
<p><b>ADRs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hyperkalaemia.</li> <li>● Metabolic acidosis.</li> <li>● Gynecomastia ( <u>enlargement of the breast in men</u>)</li> <li>● Impotence</li> <li>● Menstrual irregularities</li> <li>● GIT upset and peptic ulcer</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contraindications</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hyperkalaemia:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ chronic renal failure</li> <li>→ K<sup>+</sup> supplement use</li> <li>→ β-blockers</li> <li>→ ACE inhibitors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Liver disease (dose adjustment is needed).</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="861 1166 1155 1301" style="border: 1px dashed green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>who may have hyperkalemia?</p> </div>
<p><b>Drug-Drug Interactions</b></p>	<p>Patients using:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ACE inhibitors</li> <li>● B-Blockers</li> <li>● K supplements</li> <li>● K-sparing diuretics</li> <li>● Aliskiren</li> <li>● Salicylates → decrease secretion of canrenone and decrease efficacy of spironolactone</li> <li>● Digitalis ← Spironolactone alters it's clearance</li> </ul> <p>Because it will lead to ↑Hyperkalemia induced by K-Sparing diuretics</p>

Explanation by Dr. Hanan : how does K sparing diuretics enhance the natriuresis of loop and thiazide diuretics? when I give a diuretic that works on the proximal part of the tubules, sodium will be retained in the filtrate. as the filtrate passes to the distal and collecting parts , and if aldosterone IS NOT BLOCKED , aldosterone will cause reabsorption of some of that sodium. giving an aldosterone antagonists with other diuretics prevents the reabsorption of sodium from any part of the tubules. (الصوديوم يوصل ويلاقي السكه مقفوله .)

# Na<sup>+</sup> Channels Inhibitors:

Triamterene  
Potency 0.1,  
t<sub>1/2</sub> 4.2 h,

Amiloride  
Potency 1,  
t<sub>1/2</sub> 21h,

<p><b>Mechanism of action</b></p>	<p>• Inhibition of Na influx through directly blockade of the <a href="#">epithelial sodium channel</a> epithelial sodium channel (ENaC) on the lumen side of the kidney <a href="#">collecting tubule</a></p>	
<p><b>Uses</b></p>	<p>o Used in Combination with Loop &amp; Thiazide Diuretics o Treatment for lithium-Induced Diabetes Insipidus. (lithium structurally similar to sodium)</p>	
<p><b>Adverse effects</b></p>	<p>Triamterene</p>	<p>Amiloride</p>
	<p>Hyperkalemia Renal stones <span style="border: 1px dashed green; padding: 2px;">both cause metabolic acidosis</span></p>	<p>Hyperkalemia</p>
<p><b>Contra-indications</b></p>	<p>The risk of developing hyperkalemia is increased in patients who are also on <a href="#">ACE inhibitors</a>, <a href="#">angiotensin II receptor antagonists</a>, other <a href="#">potassium-sparing diuretics</a>, or any potassium-containing supplements.</p>	

**K<sup>+</sup> sparing diuretics make the K<sup>+</sup> stay (not go down in the urine) STAY  
Spironolactone Triamterene Amiloride.**

**Thank You Team 435!!**



# Therapeutic applications of diuretics

<b>Hypertension</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thiazide diuretics: used alone or in combination with beta blockers at low doses (fewer side effects)</li><li>• Loop diuretics are used in the presence of renal failure. <b>because loop diuretics secrete prostaglandins that cause vasodilation and increase the blood flow to the kidney helping in kidney failure.</b></li></ul>
<b>Edema states</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mild edema with normal renal function &gt; Thiazide diuretics</li><li>• Impaired renal function &gt; Loop diuretics</li></ul>
<b>Congestive heart Failure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mild cases: thiazides may be used with well preserved renal function</li><li>• Severe cases: loop diuretics are much preferred, especially when GFR is lowered. E.g. In life-threatening acute pulmonary edema, furosemide is given <b>I.V</b></li></ul>
<b>Renal failure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thiazides are used till <math>GFR \geq 40-50</math> ml/min</li><li>• Loop diuretics are used below given values, with increasing the dose as GFR goes down.</li></ul>
<b>Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In nephrogenic DI, Large volume (&gt;10 L/day) of dilute urine thiazide &gt; diuretics are used to reduce urine volume.</li></ul>
<b>Hepatic cirrhosis with ascites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Spironolactone</b> is the drug of choice.</li></ul>

# Summary

Diuretics	CA Inhibitors		Osmotic Diuretic	Loop Diuretics	Thiazide Diuretics	K-sparing Diuretic
	Dorzolamide	Acetazolamide	Mannitol	Furosemide	Hydrochlorothiazide	Spironolactone
MOA	Inhibition of NaHCO <sub>3</sub> reabsorption in PCT		Osmotic effect in PCT	Na/K/2Cl transporter in TAL <u>the most effective</u>	Na and Cl cotransporter in DCT	competitive antagonist of aldosterone in CCT
Effect	-Urinary Na HCO <sub>3</sub> , K. -Urinary alkalosis. -Metabolic acidosis.		-Urine excretion. -Little Na.	Urinary Na, K, Ca, Mg	-Urinary Na, K, Mg -BUT ↓ urinary Ca (hypercalcemia). -Metabolic alkalosis.	↑ Urinary Na ↓ K, H secretion Metabolic acidosis
Uses	-Glaucoma, epilepsy. -Mountain sickness. -Alkalosis. -Phosphatemia.		-Cerebral edema. -glaucoma. -Acute renal failure. -drug toxicities.	-Acute pulmonary edema (Drug of choice). -Heart failure. -Hyperkalemia. -Hypercalcemia.	-Commonly used -Hypertension -mild heart failure. -nephrolithiasis -diabetes insipidus.	Hepatic cirrhosis (Drug of choice)
Side Effects	-Metabolic acidosis. -Urinary alkalosis. -Hypokalemia.		-Extracellular water expansion. -Dehydration. -Hypernatremia.	-Hypokalemia. -hyponatremia. -hypomagnesemia. -hypovolemia. -alkalosis. -precipitate gout -hyperglycemia		-Gynaecomastia. -Hyperkalaemia. -Metabolic acidosis. -GIT upset -peptic ulcer
				-hypocalcemia.	-Hyperlipidemia. -hypercalcemia.	

# Questions

## MCQs:

1-Which one of the following diuretics is used in the treatment of glaucoma?

- A-Mannitol
- B-Dorzolamide
- C-Eplerenone

2-Which one of the following statement about diuretics is false?

- A-All potassium sparing diuretic may be taken orally
- B-osmotic diuretic can cause an expansion of the extracellular fluid
- C-spiro lactone and amiloride produce potassium loss by the same mechanism

3-what is the target for thiazides ?

- A-proximal convoluted tubules
- B-Ascending loop of henle
- C-distal convoluted tubules

4-which class of diuretics work by acting on the proximal tubules?

- A-Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors
- B-Loop diuretics
- C-K-sparing diuretics

5-which of the following diuretics is an epithelial sodium channel blockers?

- A-Mannitol
- B-Acetazolamide
- C-Amiloride

6-which of the following diuretics has antiandrogenic action?

- A-Chlorothiazide
- B-Furosemide
- C-Spiro lactone

7-Your 60 year old male hypertensive patient who had an MI a year ago is now showing signs of CHF. You therefore add spiro lactone to his drug regimen. What side effect should you warn him about?

- A-ototoxicity
- B-hypokalemia
- C-gynecomastia

8-Which of the following is NOT a therapeutic use of acetazolamide?

- A-Acute mountain sickness
- B-Potassium sparing
- C-Urinary alkalinization

9-Which drug functions at the proximal convoluted tubule?

- A-Mannitol
- B-Furosemide
- C-Spiro lactone

10-The net effect of what type of drug is to pull water out of the body in excess of electrolytes?

- A-Thiazide diuretics
- B-Osmotic diuretics
- C-Loop diuretics

# Questions

- 11) A hypertensive patient was prescribed diuretics along with beta blockers. She later developed renal failure and was prescribed a different class of diuretic. Which of the following was she prescribed?
- A) Furosemide then Metolazone
  - B) Furosemide then Ethacrynic acid
  - C) Hydrochlorothiazide then Furosemide
  - D) Hydrochlorothiazide then Metolazone
- 12) Which of the following is a Potassium sparing diuretics can be used to treat hyperaldosteronism?
- A) Spironolactone
  - B) Amiloride
  - C) Triamterene
  - D) Indapamide
- 13) A CHF patient undergoing an ophthalmic procedure was given a drug. She later developed pulmonary edema and died. What was she given?
- A) Bumetanide
  - B) Dorzolamide
  - C) Acetohexamide
  - D) Mannitol
- 14) A patient was admitted to the ER with acute pulmonary edema. Which of the following is the drug of choice?
- A) Hydrochlorothiazide
  - B) Furosemide
  - C) Spironolactone
  - D) Chlorthalidone
- 11- C  
12- A  
13- D

## SAQ:

62 year old African-American man who has had poorly controlled hypertension for the past 10 years, and now presents with signs of ankle edema, a low GFR and a serum creatinine of 2.5 mg/dL.

1-The most effective drug for producing a diuresis and fall in blood pressure

Since his GFR is low, a loop diuretic is the drug of choice.

2-what is the mechanism of action of loop diuretics?

- inhibit  $\text{Na}^+$  /  $\text{K}^+$  /  $2 \text{Cl}^-$  co-transporter in the luminal membrane of the thick ascending loop of Henle (TAL).
- inhibit  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  and  $\text{Mg}^{++}$  re-absorption.

3-what are the adverse effects of loop diuretics? (mention three)

Metabolic alkalosis, Hypovolemia and Hypokalemia.



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