

# ANTIANGINAL DRUGS

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Recognize variables contributing to a balanced myocardial supply versus demand

Expand on the drugs used to alleviate acute anginal attacks versus those meant for prophylaxis & improvement of survival

Detail the pharmacology of nitrates, other vasodilators, & other drugs used as antianginal therapy.



# MINICASE

Helmi, a 62-year-old male smoker with T2DM & hypertension presents with a 4-month history of exertional chest pain.

Physical examination shows a BP of 152/90 mm Hg but is otherwise unremarkable.

The ECG is normal, & laboratory tests show a fasting blood glucose value of 110 mg/dL, glycosylated hemoglobin 6.0%, creatinine 1.1 mg/dL, total cholesterol 160, LDL 120, HDL 38, & triglycerides 147 mg/dL.

He exercises for 8 minutes, experiences chest pain, & is found to have a 2-mm ST-segment depression at the end of exercise.

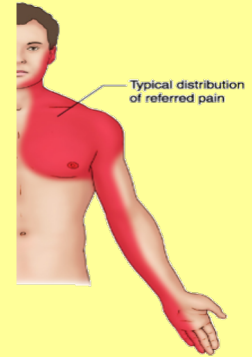
## MINICASE



**WHAT LIFE STYLE MODIFICATIONS  
SHOULD HELMI CARRY OUT?**

# WHICH SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS OF HELMI SUGGEST DIAGNOSIS OF ANGINA PECTORIS?

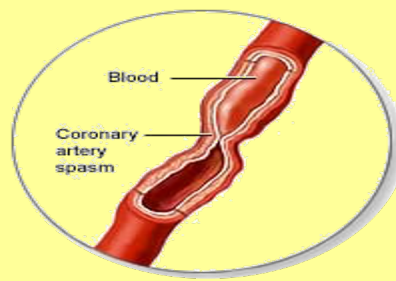
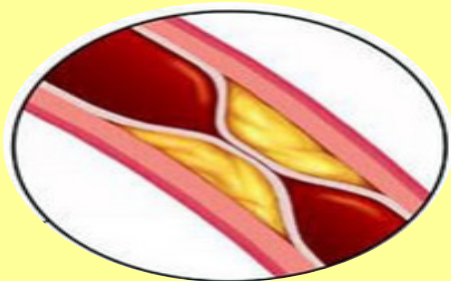
A clinical syndrome of chest pain (varying in severity) due to ischemia of heart muscle



Pain is due to (accumulation of metabolites  $K^+$ , PGs, Kinins, Adenosine....) secondary to the ischemia

Pain is caused either by obstruction

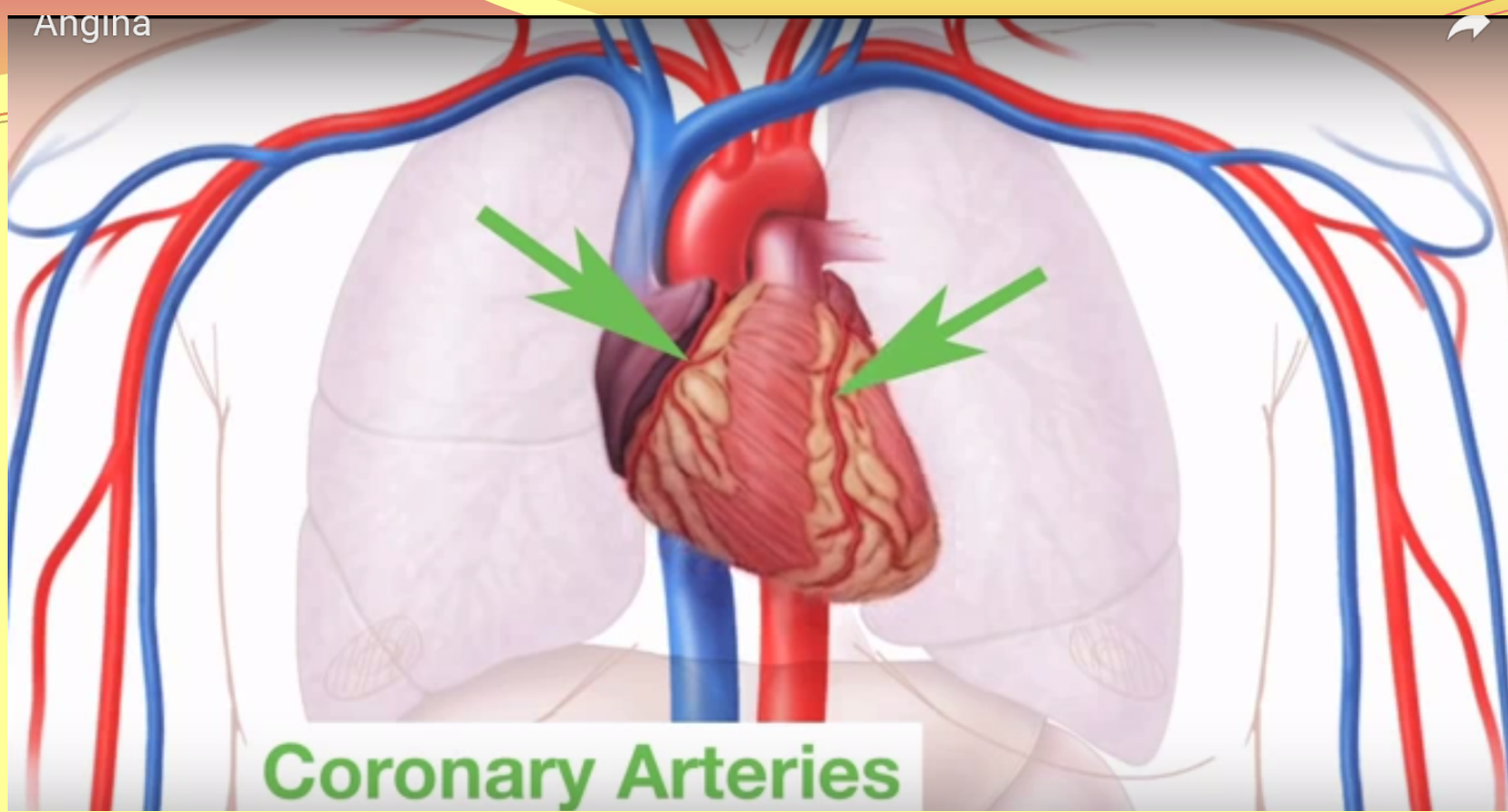
Or spasm



## MINICASE



**WHAT IS THE POSSIBLE UNDERLYING  
CAUSE OF HELMI'S EXERTIONAL PAIN?**

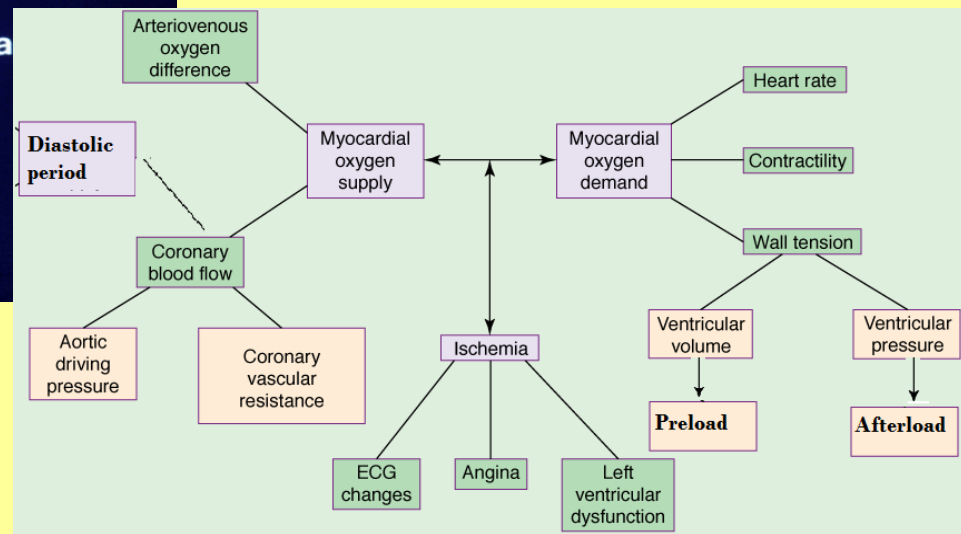
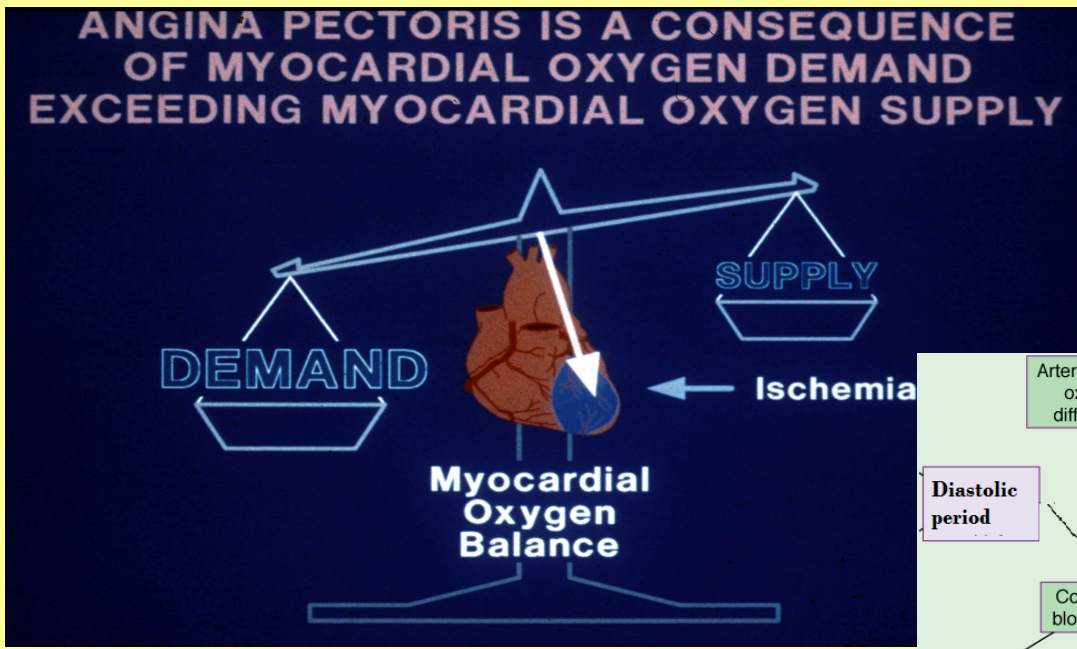


## In Exercise

- Respiration in sk m ↑, Demand for O<sub>2</sub> & glucose ↑, So CO has to ↑
  - Greater amount of bld to be delivered to sk m (we need perfusion to ↑)
- So we need to ↑ the amount of bld that go into the hrt (CO) to ↑.

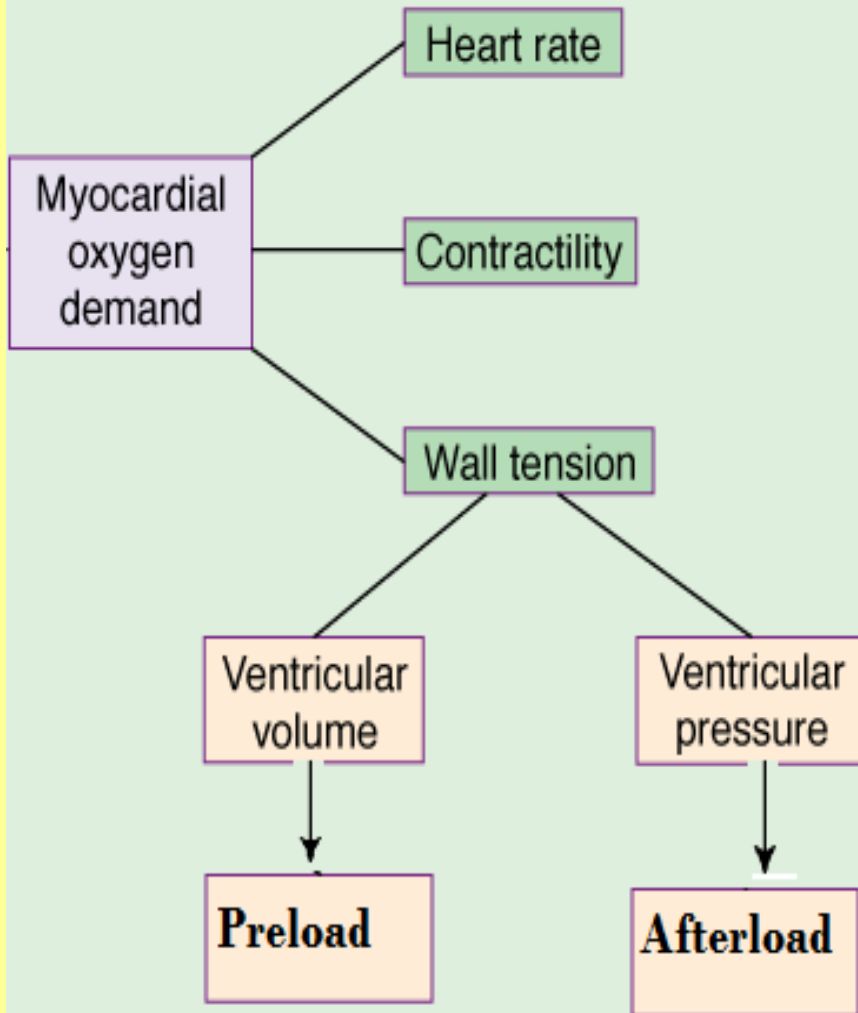
# WHAT IS BASIC MECHANISM OF ANGINA PECTORIS?

## WHAT ARE THE DETERMINANTS OF OXYGEN DEMAND & SUPPLY?



MYOCARDIAL OXYGEN  
**DEMAND** IS DETERMINED BY:-

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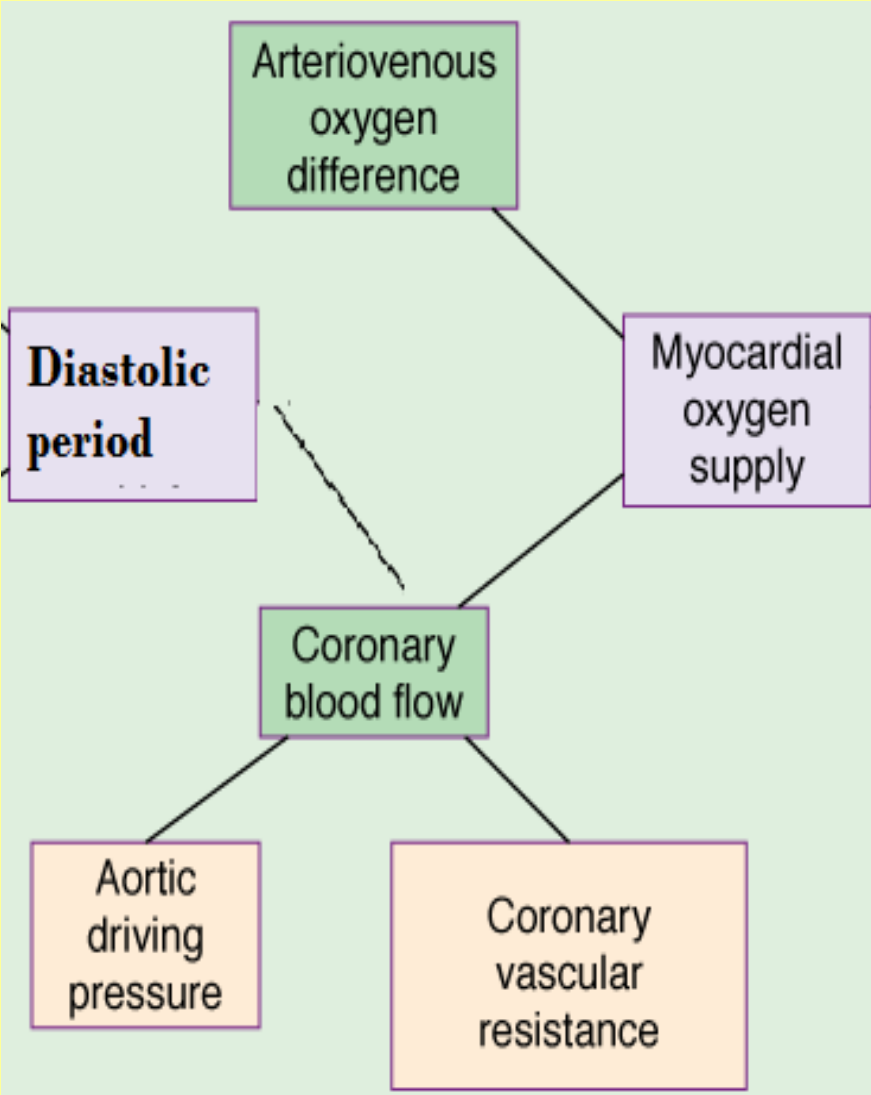


**Reducing contractility**  
**Reducing heart rate**  
**Reducing the preload**  
**Reducing the afterload**



MYOCARDIAL OXYGEN  
**SUPPLY** IS DETERMINED BY:-

MYOCARDIAL OXYGEN  
SUPPLY IS ENHANCED BY:-



Reducing coronary vascular resistance  
Prolonging diastolic period  
Reducing external compression  
Dilating collateral vessels

## MINICASE



WHAT TRIGGERS THE ONSET OF SYMPTOMS IN HELMI?

WHAT FACTORS WORSEN THE SYMPTOMS IN CASE OF HELMI?

WHAT IS THE POSSIBLE UNDERLYING CAUSE OF ANGINA IN HELMI?

# Types of Angina Pectoris

## Stable Angina

**Effort ,  
Typical.**

Atherosclerosis.

**Exercise,  
Emotion,  
Heavy meal.**

**Pain**

## Variant Angina

**Prinzmetal.**

**$\alpha$ - receptor  
mediated V.C.**

With or without  
atherosclerosis.

**Pain even at rest**

## Unstable Angina

**Accelerated.**

**Severe type.**

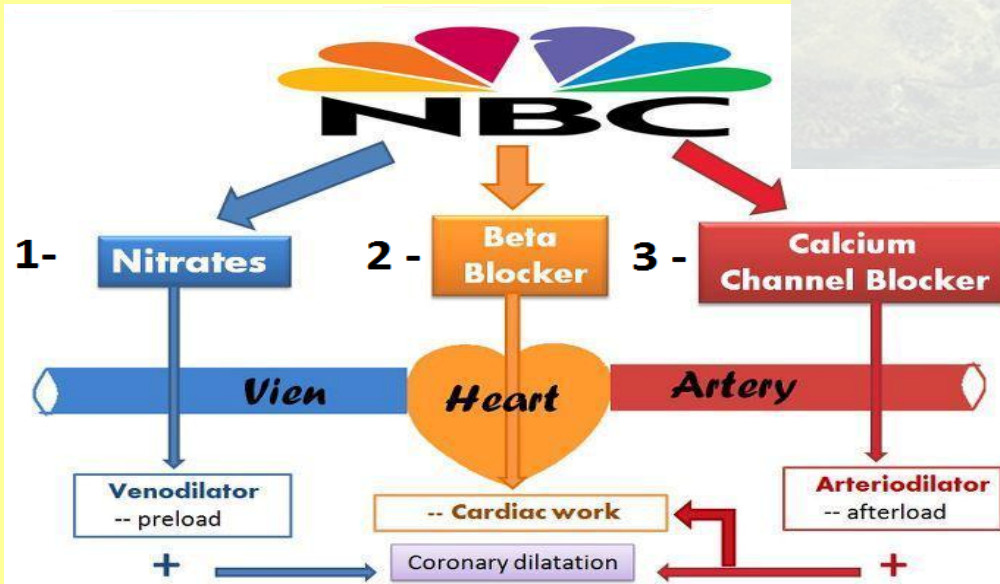
change in pattern.

↑ frequency & or  
duration of pain.

# TREATMENT OF ANGINA PECTORIS

## 1-Agents that improve symptoms & ischemia

### Traditional Approach



### New approaches

Metabolic modulation  
(Trimetazidine)

K<sup>+</sup> channel opener  
(Nicorandil)

Sinus node inhibition  
(Ivabradine)

Late Na<sup>+</sup> current inhibition  
(Ranolazine)

# TREATMENT OF ANGINA PECTORIS

## 2-Agents that improve prognosis

 Aspirin / Other antiplatelets

 Statins

 ACE Inhibitors

  $\beta$ -AD blockers

# ORGANIC NITRATES

LONG ACTING

ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE

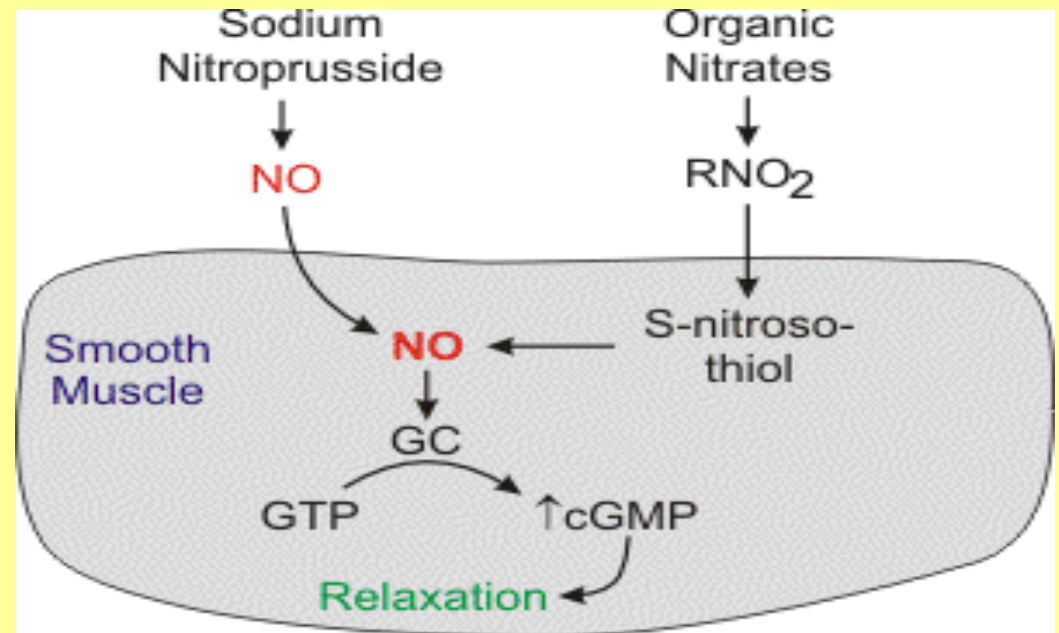
SHORT ACTING

NITROGLYCERINE



# ORGANIC NITRATES

## MECHANISM OF ACTION



**Nitric oxide binds to guanylate cyclase in vascular smooth muscle cell to form cGMP.**

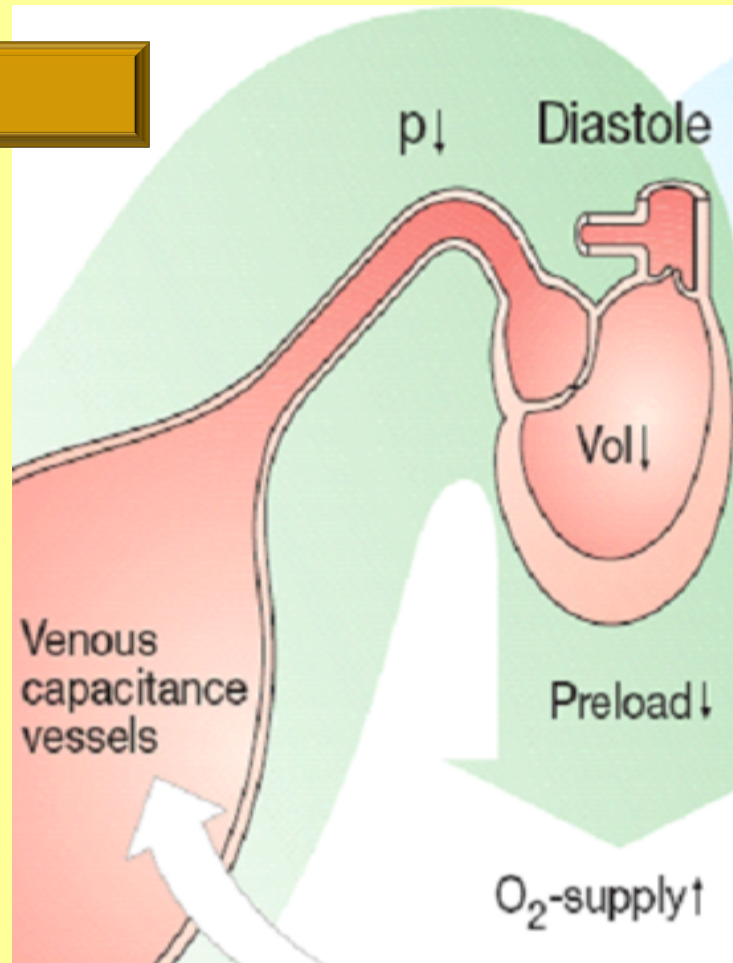
**cGMP activates PKG to produce relaxation**

# HEMODYNAMIC EFFECTS OF NITRATES

Shunting of flow from normal area to ischemic area by dilating collateral vessels



Preload





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Coronary vasodilatation

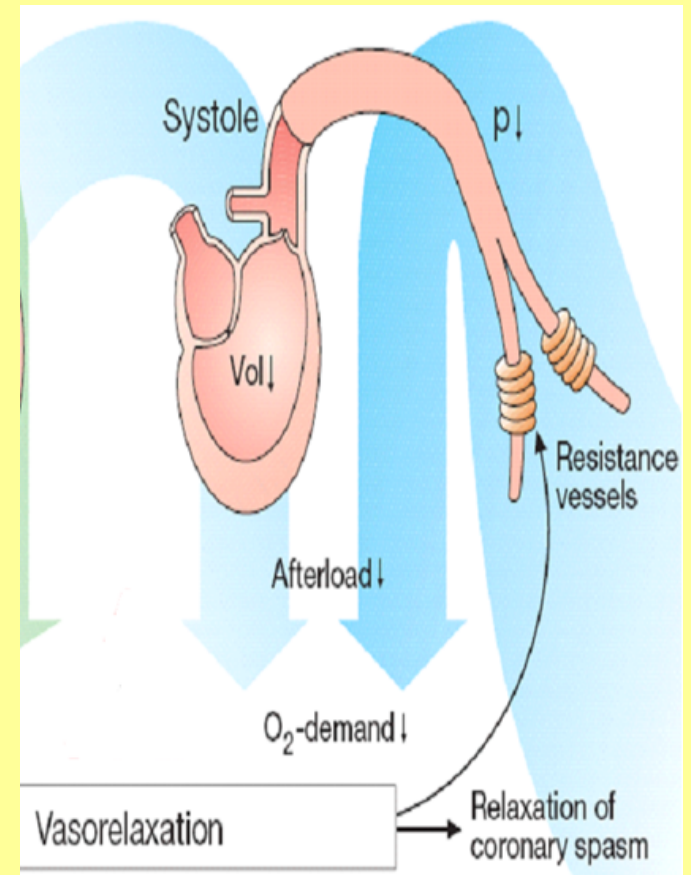


Myocardial perfusion

Arterial vasodilatation



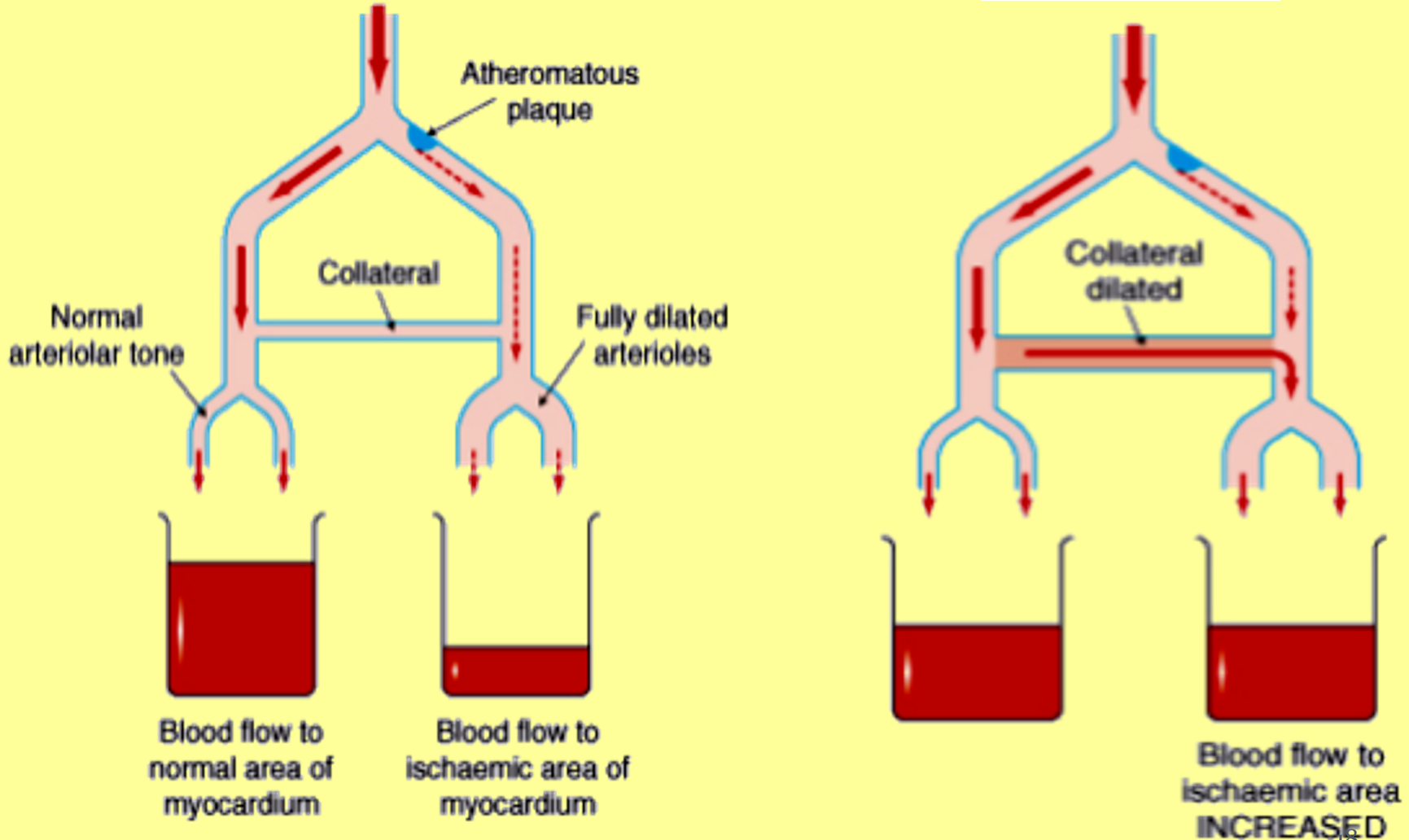
Afterload



# HEMODYNAMIC EFFECTS OF NITRATES

Shunting of flow from normal area to ischemic area by dilating collateral vessels

With Nitrates

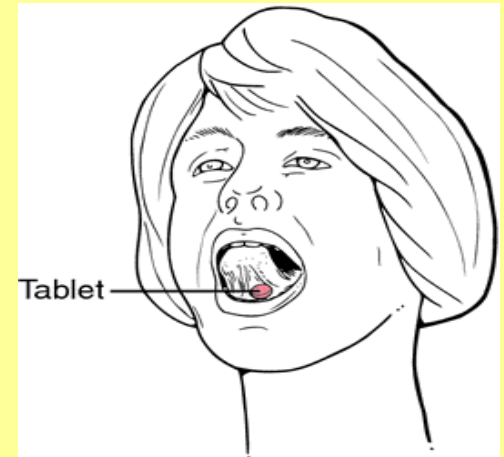


# PHARMACOKINETICS

## Nitroglycerine [GTN]

Significant first pass metabolism occurs in the liver (10-20%) bioavailability

Given sublingual or via transdermal patch, or parenteral



# PHARMACOKINETICS

## Oral isosorbide dinitrate & mononitrate

Very well absorbed & 100% bioavailability

The dinitrate undergoes denitration to two mononitrates → both possess antianginal activity

( $t_{1/2}$  1-3 hours)

Further denitrated metabolites conjugate to glucuronic acid in liver. Excreted in urine.

# INDICATIONS

**IN STABLE ANGINA;**

**IN VARIANT ANGINA** → **sublingual GTN**

**Prevention; Persistent prophylaxis** → **Isosorbide mono or dinitrate**

**Heart Failure**

**Refractory AHF** → **IV GTN**

**CHF** → **Isosorbide mononitrate + hydralazine**  
*[ if contraindication to ACEIs ]*

**AMI** → **IV GTN**

## **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

**Known sensitivity to organic nitrates**

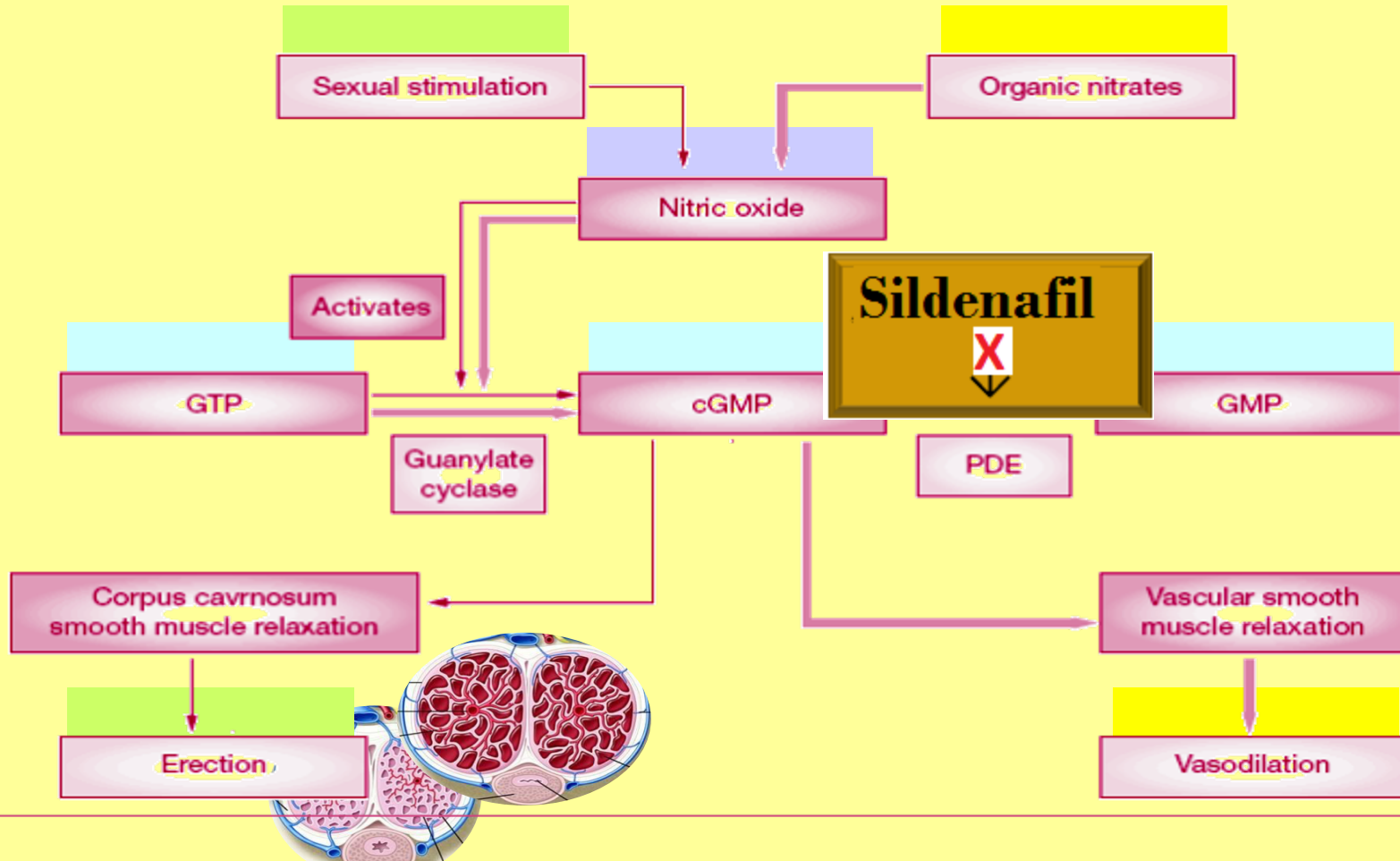
**Glaucoma; nitrates → ↑ aqueous humour formation**

**Head trauma or cerebral haemorrhage → Increase intracranial pressure**

**Uncorrected hypovolemia**

# CONTRAINDICATIONS

## Concomitant administration of PDE<sub>5</sub> Inhibitors



**Sildenafil + nitrates → Severe hypotension & death**

# ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS

THROBBING HEADACHE



FLUSHING IN BLUSH AREA



TACHYCARDIA & PALPITATION



POSTURAL HYPOTENSION, DIZZINESS & SYNCOPE



RARELY METHEMOGLOBINEMIA

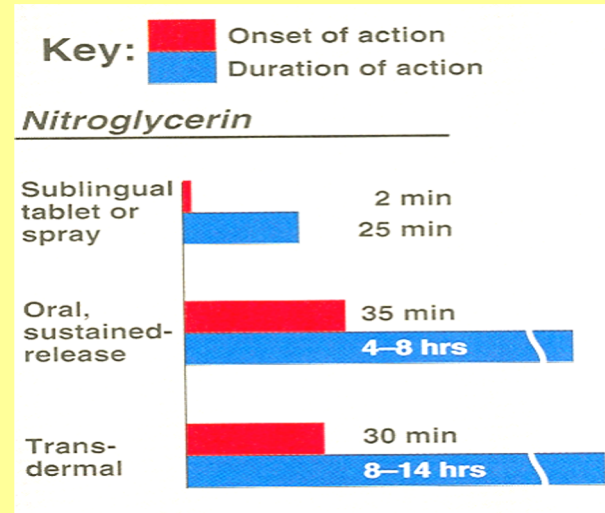
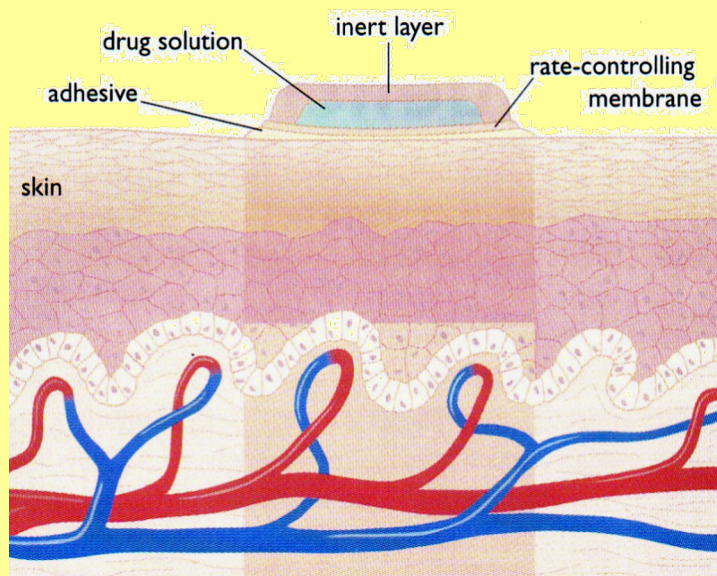


# PREPARATIONS

## Nitroglycerine

### Sublingual tablets or spray

### Transdermal patch



## Oral or bucal sustained release I.V. Preparations

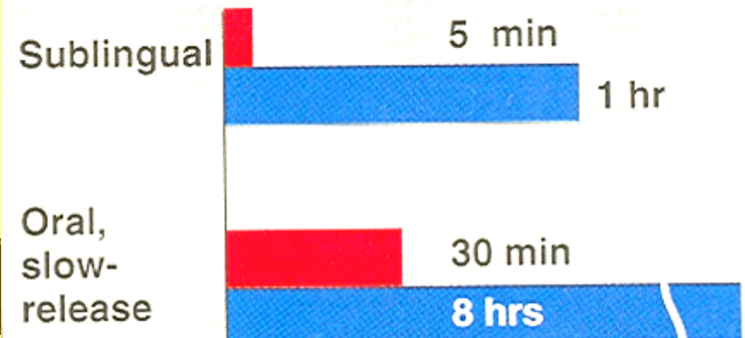
## PREPARATIONS

### Isosorbide dinitrate

- Dinitrate Sublingual tablets
- Dinitrate Oral sustained release
- Infusion Preparations

- Mononitrate Oral sustained release

### *Isosorbide dinitrate*



### *Isosorbide mononitrate*



## **Nitrates tolerance**

**Loss of vasodilator response of nitrates on use of long-acting preparations (oral, transdermal) or continuous IV infusions, for more than a few hours without interruption.**

### **MECHANISM**

**1-Compensatory neurohormonal counter-regulation**

**2-Depletion of free-SH groups**

## MINICASE



If Helmi was prescribed nitrates & tolerance developed to its effect, how to overcome tolerance to nitrates?

**Nitrate tolerance can be overcome by:**

**Smaller doses at increasing intervals (Nitrate free periods twice a day).**

**Giving drugs that maintain tissue SH group e.g. Captopril.**

# THINK-PAIR-SHARE

Match the effects of nitrates in treatment of angina with their results

## Effects

1-↓ Ventricular volume

2-Reflex ↑ in contractility

3-↓ Arterial pressure

4-↑ Collateral flow

5-Reflex tachycardia

6-↓ Left ventricular diastolic pressure

7-↓ Diastolic perfusion time due to tachycardia

8-Vasodilation of epicardial coronary arteries

## Results

A-↓ O<sub>2</sub> demand

B-↑ O<sub>2</sub> demand

C-Relief of coronary artery spasm

D-Improved perfusion to ischemic myocardium

E-Improve subendocardial perfusion

F-↓ myocardial perfusion

# TASK- SELECTION OF A P-DRUG

## Instructions:

- 1- Select a leader for your group
- 2- Discuss the case according to the steps shown in the sheet
- 3- Use your internet access to obtain evidence for efficacy, toxicity, convenience & cost.
- 4- Due to time constrains divide yourself into groups of five, each doing one search e.g. evidence for efficacy.
- 5- You have 10 minutes to do this and 1 minute to report to the class.

## Mechanisms of Clinical Effect

The beneficial and deleterious effects of nitrate-induced vasodilation are summarized in [Table 12–2](#).

**TABLE 12–2** Beneficial and deleterious effects of nitrates in the treatment of angina.

Effect	Mechanism and Result
<b>Potential beneficial effects</b>	
Decreased ventricular volume Decreased arterial pressure Decreased ejection time	Decreased work and myocardial oxygen requirement
Vasodilation of epicardial coronary arteries	Relief of coronary artery spasm
Increased collateral flow	Improved perfusion of ischemic myocardium
Decreased left ventricular diastolic pressure	Improved subendocardial perfusion
<b>Potential deleterious effects</b>	
Reflex tachycardia	Increased myocardial oxygen requirement; decreased diastolic perfusion time and coronary perfusion
Reflex increase in contractility	Increased myocardial oxygen requirement