

# **$\beta$ -ADRENOCEPTORS BLOCKERS**

**$\beta_1$**

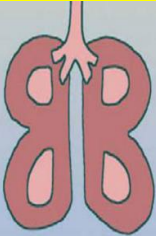
-Blockers affect  
(1 heart)



The Heart

**$\beta_2$**

-Blockers affect  
(2 lungs)



The Lungs

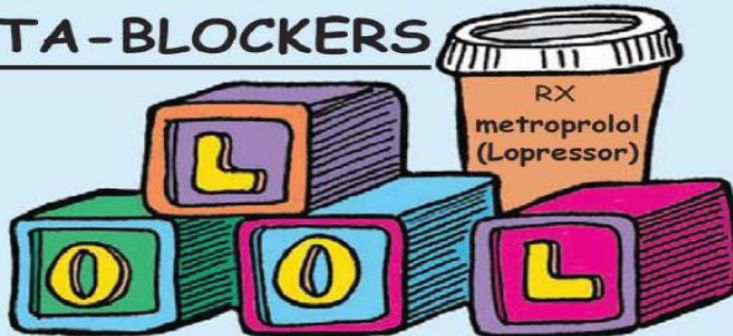


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## Classify $\beta$ - blockers

Discuss pharmacokinetic properties, pharmacodynamic actions, clinical uses, ADRs & contraindications of  $\beta$ -blockers

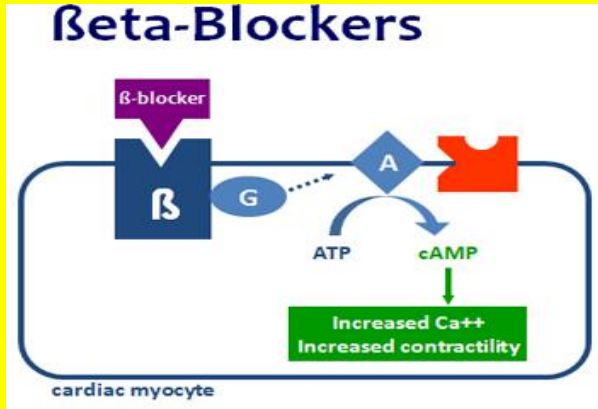
BETA-BLOCKERS



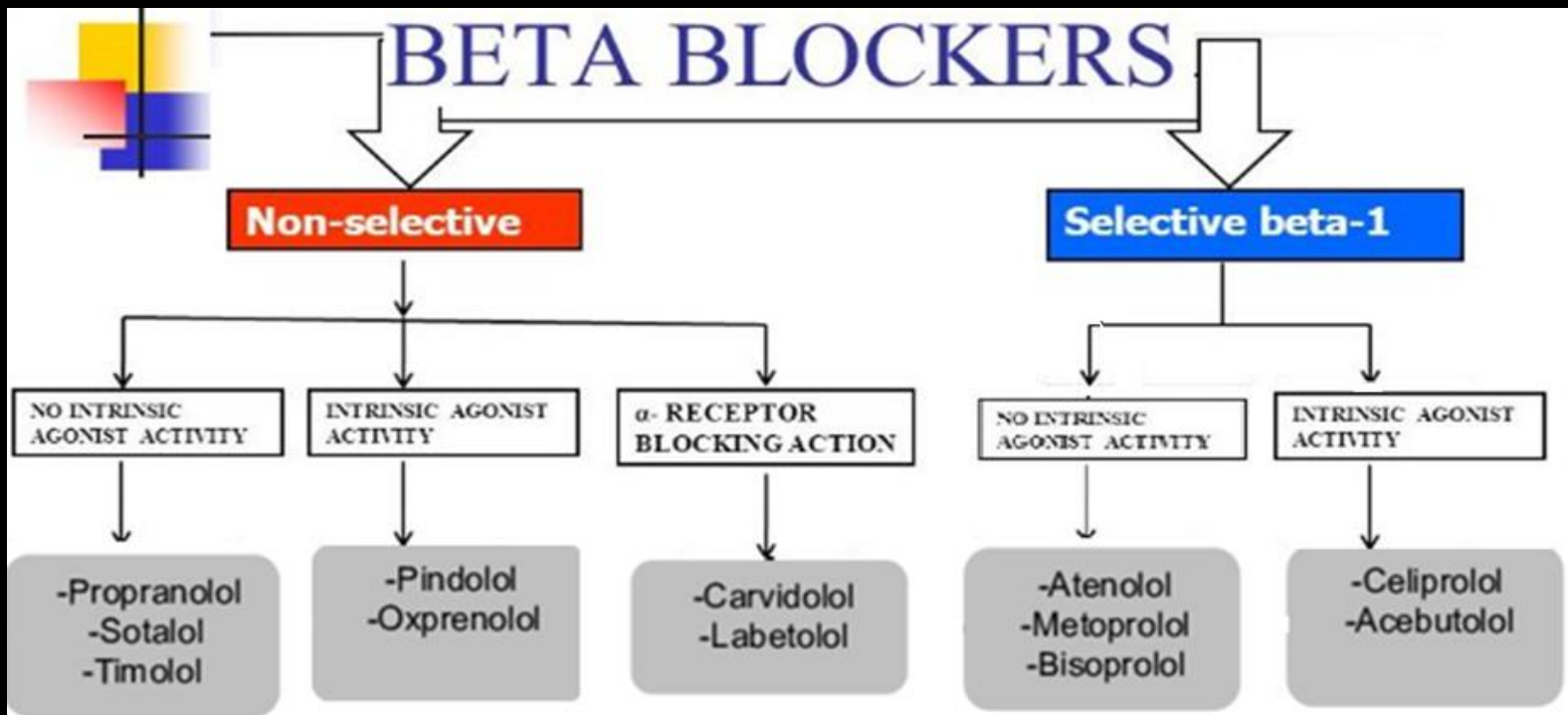
(Ends in OLOL)

Study in detail the pharmacokinetic properties & pharmacodynamic effects of selected  $\beta$ - blockers

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# Classification of $\beta$ -Adrenoceptors Blockers





**ACCORDING TO WATER & LIPID SOLUBILITY**

	<b>Lipophilic</b>	<b>Hydrophilic</b>
Oral absorption	Complete	Irregular
Liver metabolism	Yes	No
$t_{1/2}$	Short	Long
CNS side effects	High	low
	Metoprolol Propranolol, Timolol Labetalol , Carvedilol	Atenolol, Bisprolol, Esmolol Sotalol

1-First generation:- Non-selective  $\beta$ - blockers

2-Second generation:-  $\beta_1$ - selective blockers

3-Third generation:-  $\beta$ - blockers with additional effects

*$\alpha_1$  adrenergic receptor blockade (labetalol, carvedilol)*

*Increased production of NO (celiprolol, nebivolol)*

*Ca<sup>2+</sup> entry blockade (carvedilol)*

*$\beta_2$  agonist properties (celiprolol)*

*Antioxidant action (carvedilol)*

*Opening of K<sup>+</sup> channels (tilisolol)*

# PHARMACOKINETICS

Most of them are lipid soluble

Lipid soluble  $\beta$ -blockers are well absorbed orally

are rapidly distributed, cross readily BBB

Have CNS depressant actions

Most of them have half-life from 3-10 hrs except Esmolol (10 min. given intravenously).

Most of them metabolized in liver & excreted in urine

# PHARMACODYNAMIC EFFECTS

CVS:- Negative inotropic, chronotropic, dromotropic → ↓ CO

Antianginal effects (ischemic heart disease):

- ↓ Heart rate (bradycardia)
- ↓ force of contraction → ↓ cardiac work
- ↓ Oxygen consumption due to bradycardia

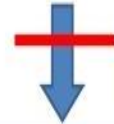
Anti-arrhythmic effects:

- ↓ excitability, ↓ automaticity & ↓ conductivity (due to its sympathetic blocking)

Sympathetic Stimulation



Beta -1 receptors



Beta Blockers

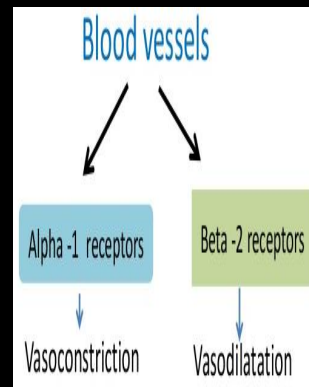
Myocardial contractility  
Heart Rate  
Cardiac output  
Cardiac work  
Oxygen consumption



# PHARMACODYNAMIC EFFECTS

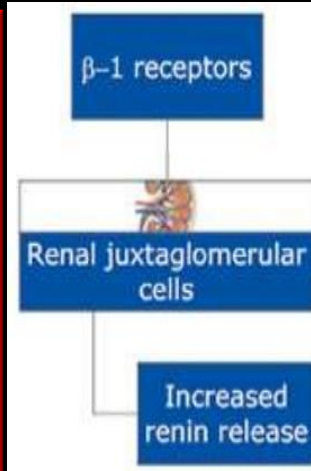
## Blood vessels $\beta_2$

- ↑ peripheral resistance (PR) by blocking vasodilator effect
- ↓ blood flow to organs → cold extremities. **Contraindicated** in peripheral diseases like **Reynaud's disease**



**Blood pressure:- Antihypertensive** → ↓ BP in hypertensive patients due to effects on:

- ⊕ Inhibiting heart properties → ↓ cardiac output ( $\beta_1$ )
- ⊕  $\beta$  Blockade ↓ renin secretion ↓ Ang II & aldosterone secretion ( $\beta_1$ ).
- ⊕ Presynaptic inhibition of NE release from adrenergic nerves





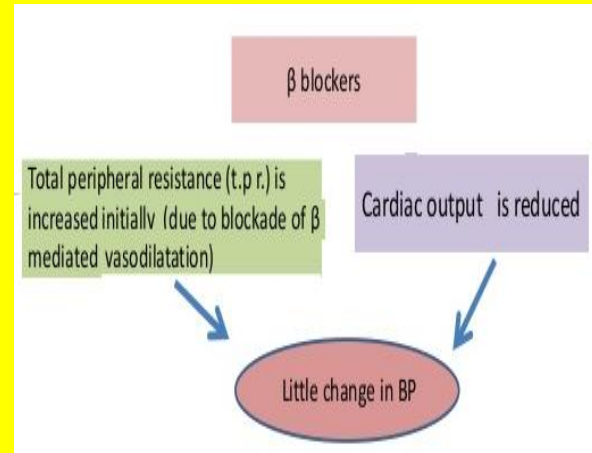
Respiratory tract:  $\beta_2$

- Bronchoconstriction
- Contraindicated in asthmatic patients

Intestine: ↑ Intestinal motility

Eye:

- ↓ Aqueous humor production from ciliary body
  - ↓ Reduce intraocular pressure (IOP)
- e.g. timolol as eye drops



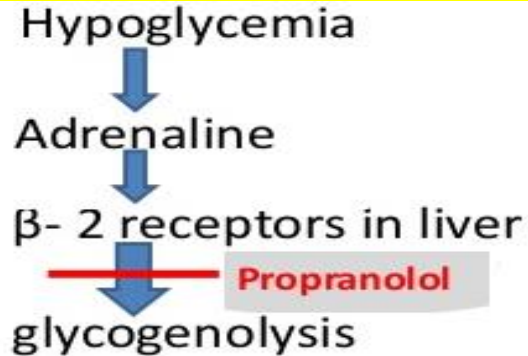


Metabolic effects:

-Hypoglycemia

-↓ glycogenolysis in liver

-↓ glucagon secretion in pancreas



-↓ lipolysis in adipocytes

-Na<sup>+</sup> retention 2<sup>nd</sup>ry to ↓BP → ↓renal perfusion

-All β-Adrenergic blockers mask hypoglycemic manifestations in diabetic patients → **COMA**



## CLINICAL USES



In Hypertension:  
Propranolol,  
atenolol,  
bisoprolol  
**Labetalol:**  $\alpha$ ,  
 $\beta$  blockers  
in  
hypertensive  
pregnant  
women &  
hypertensive  
crisis.

In cardiac  
arrhythmias:

In  
supraventricu  
lar &  
ventricular  
arrhythmias.

Bisoprolol  
and carvedilol  
are preferred

Angina  
pectoris:

- $\downarrow$  heart rate,  $\downarrow$   
cardiac work  
& oxygen  
demand.

- $\downarrow$  the  
frequency of  
angina  
episodes.

# CLINICAL USES

Congestive heart failure:

e.g. carvedilol:

○ antioxidant and non selective  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$  blocker

○  $\downarrow$  myocardial remodeling &  $\downarrow$  risk of sudden death.

Myocardial infarction:

Have cardio-protective effect

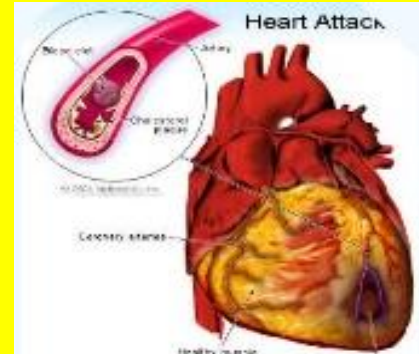
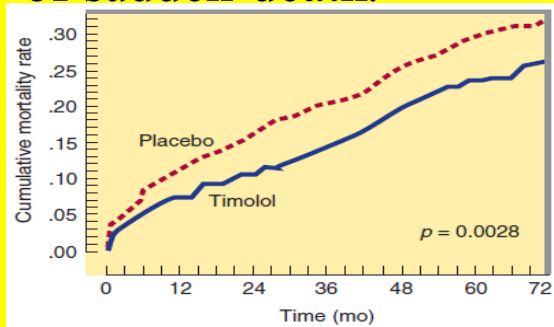
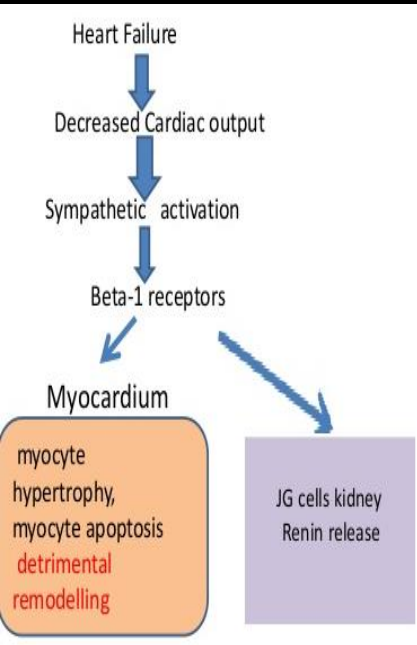
$\downarrow$  infarct size

$\downarrow$  morbidity & mortality  $\rightarrow$

$\downarrow$  myocardial O<sub>2</sub> demand.

○ Anti-arrhythmic action.

○  $\downarrow$  incidence of sudden death





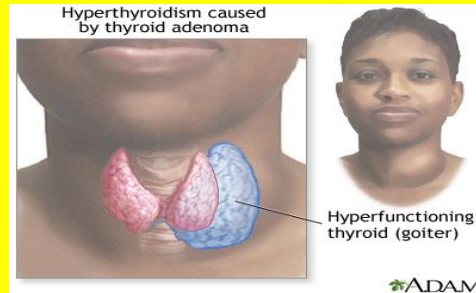
## CLINICAL USES

In  
glaucoma  
e.g.  
Timolol  
as eye  
drops



In Hyperthyroidism

- Protect the heart against sympathetic over stimulation
- Controls symptoms; tachycardia, tremors, sweating.



In anxiety (Social and performance type)  
e.g. Propranolol  
Controls symptoms; tachycardia, tremors, sweating.





## CLINICAL USES

### Migraine:

Prophylactic

↓ reduce episodes of chronic migraine

↓ catecholamine-induced

vasodilatation in the brain vasculature

e.g. propranolol

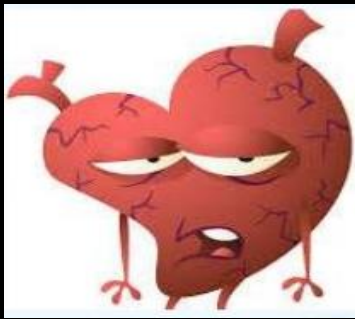


**Pheochromocytoma**  
used with  $\alpha$ -blockers  
(never alone)

⊙  $\alpha$ -blockers lower the elevated blood pressure.

⊙  $\beta$ -blockers protect the heart from NA.





Due to blockade of  $\beta_1$ - receptor:

- Bradycardia, hypotension, heart failure

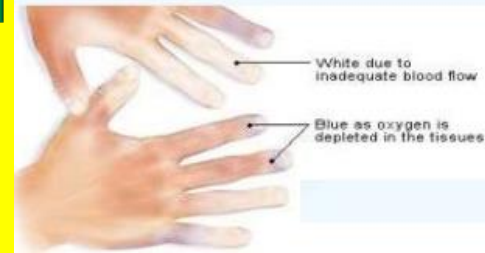
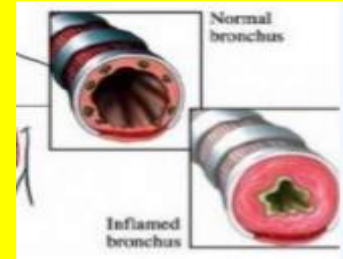
Due to blockade of  $\beta_2$ - receptor:  
(only with non-selective  $\beta$  blockers)

- Hypoglycemia

- Bronchoconstriction (#  
Asthma, emphysema).

- Cold extremities &  
intermittent claudication  
➔ by vasoconstriction

**ADRS**







▪Erectile dysfunction & impotence, Nebivolol → **NO**

▪↑ TG → hypertriglyceridemia

▪Coronary spasm → in variant angina patients

▪Fatigue

▪All  $\beta$ -Adrenergic blockers mask hypoglycemic manifestations i.e. tachycardia, sweating, → COMA



**ADRS**



**ADRS**

- Depression, and hallucinations
- Gastrointestinal disturbances
- Sodium retention

Precautions: Sudden stoppage will give rise to a withdrawal syndrome:  
Rebound angina, arrhythmia, myocardial infarction & Hypertension WHY ? → Up-regulation of  $\beta$ -receptors.  
To prevent withdrawal manifestations → drug withdrawn gradually.

# CONTRAINDICATIONS



○ Heart Block (beta blockers can precipitate heart block)

■ Peripheral vascular disease (safer with cardio-selective  $\beta$ -blockers)

■ Bronchial Asthma (safer with cardio-selective  $\beta$ -blockers)?

■ Diabetic patients → Masking of hypoglycaemia /  
GIVEN CAUSIOUSLY

■ Hypotension

■ Alone in pheochromocytoma (must be given with an  $\alpha$ -blockers).

# PROPRANOLOL

**Non-Selective Competitive Blocker of  $\beta_1$  &  $\beta_2$**

**Membrane stabilizing action/ quinidine-like /local anesthetic effect  
sedative actions /No ISA**

## PHARMACOKINETICS

**Lipophilic, completely absorbed, 70% destroyed during 1<sup>st</sup> pass  
hepatic metabolism, 90-95% protein bound, cross BBB and excreted in  
urine.**

**Can be given p.o. or parenteral**

# PHARMACODYNAMIC EFFECTS

**Membrane Stabilization:** Block Na channels → direct depressant to myocardium → has local anesthetic effect (anti-arrhythmic effects).

**CNS Effect:** Has sedative action, ↓ tremors & anxiety → used to protect against social anxiety & performance anxiety.

Heart; by block  $\beta_1$

Inhibit heart properties → ↓ cardiac output

Has anti-ischemic action → ↓ cardiac work + ↓  $O_2$  consumption

Has anti-arrhythmic effects → ↓ excitability, automaticity & conductivity + by membrane stabilizing activity

# PHARMACODYNAMIC EFFECTS

BP; by **block  $\beta_1$**

Has antihypertensive action by →

- ⊕ Inhibiting heart properties → **↓ cardiac output**
- ⊕  $\beta$  blockade : **↓ renin & RASS system**
- ⊕ Presynaptic inhibition of NE release from adrenergic nerves
- ⊕ Inhibiting sympathetic outflow in CNS

Blood Vessels [BV]; by **blocking  $\beta_2$**  → Vasoconstriction

→ **↓ blood flow specially to muscles, other organs except brain** → cold extremities

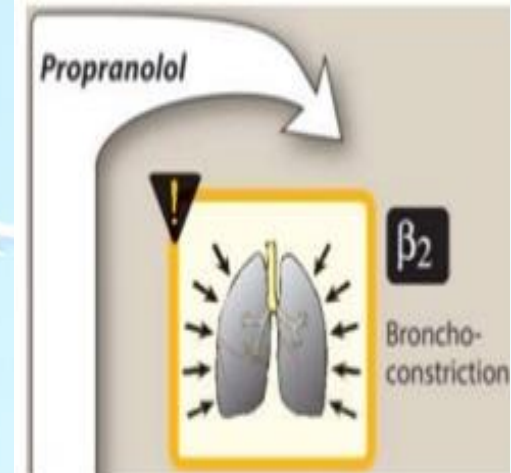
# PHARMACODYNAMIC EFFECTS

Bronchi: by **block  $\beta_2$** . Bronchospasm specially in susceptible patients

Intestine: by **block  $\beta_2$**   $\uparrow$  Intestinal motility

Metabolism: by **blocking mainly  $\beta_2$**   
In liver;  $\downarrow$  **Glycogenolysis**  $\rightarrow$  Hypoglycemia  
In pancreas;  $\downarrow$  **Glucagon secretion**  
In adipocytes;  $\downarrow$  **Lipolysis**  
In skeletal muscles;  $\downarrow$  **glycolysis**

On peripheral & central nervous systems: **-Has local anesthetic effect.**  $\downarrow$  tremors &  $\downarrow$  anxiety



# INDICATIONS



○Hypertension)

○Angina

○Arrhythmias

○Tremors

○Pheochromocytoma; used with  $\alpha$ -blockers  
(never alone)

○Anxiety; (*specially social & performance type*)

○Myocardial infarction

○Hyperthyroidism

○Chronic glaucoma

Migraine [*Prophylaxis*]



# LABETALOL

Blocks  $\alpha_1$  &  $\beta$

Rapid acting, non-selective with ISA & local anesthetic effect

Does not alter serum lipids or blood glucose

Used in:- (given p.o and i.v)

Hypertensive crisis (e.g. during abrupt withdrawal of clonidine)

Used in pregnancy-induced hypertension

ADRs:- Orthostatic hypotension, sedation & dizziness

# CARVEDILOL

Blocks  $\alpha_1$  &  $\beta$

Non-selective with **no ISA & no local anesthetic effect**

Has **ANTIOXIDANT** action

Favorable metabolic profile

Used effectively in → **CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE** → reverses its pathophysiological changes.

ADR;- Edema



**etoprolol**

**isoprolol**

**arvedilol**