

# NSAIDS EPIDEMIOLOGY

NSAIDs account for 3.8% of all prescriptions

A significant quantity is sold over the counter (OTC)

Use increases with age

90% of all NSAIDs prescriptions are issued to patients at ages over 65 years

NSAIDs is the most prominent risk for gastric ulceration, hemorrhage & perforation

The prevalence of NSAID-induced ulcers is 10% to 30% .

# ILOS

To focus on the general mechanism of action of NSAIDs

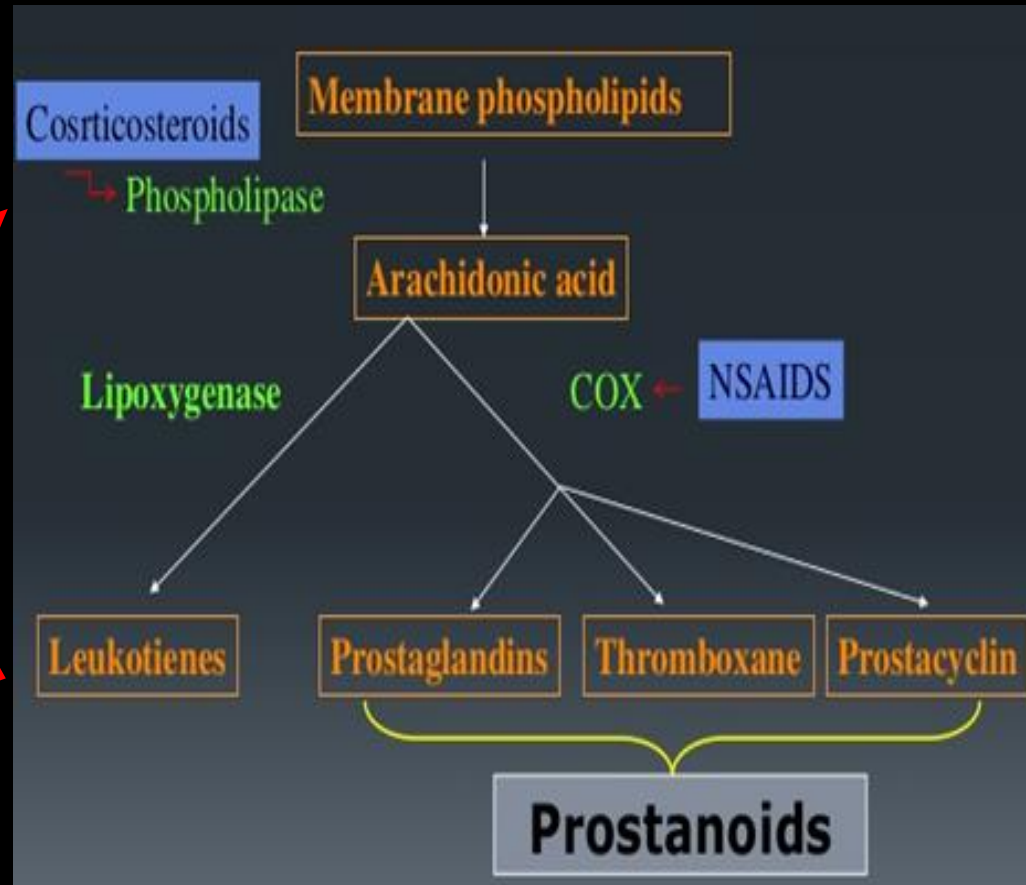
To classify NSAIDs on basis of their specificity to COX isoenzymes

To outline the common pharmacodynamic effects & ADRs of NSAIDs

To detail on the pharmacokinetic properties & pharmacodynamic effects of **selected** NSAIDs.

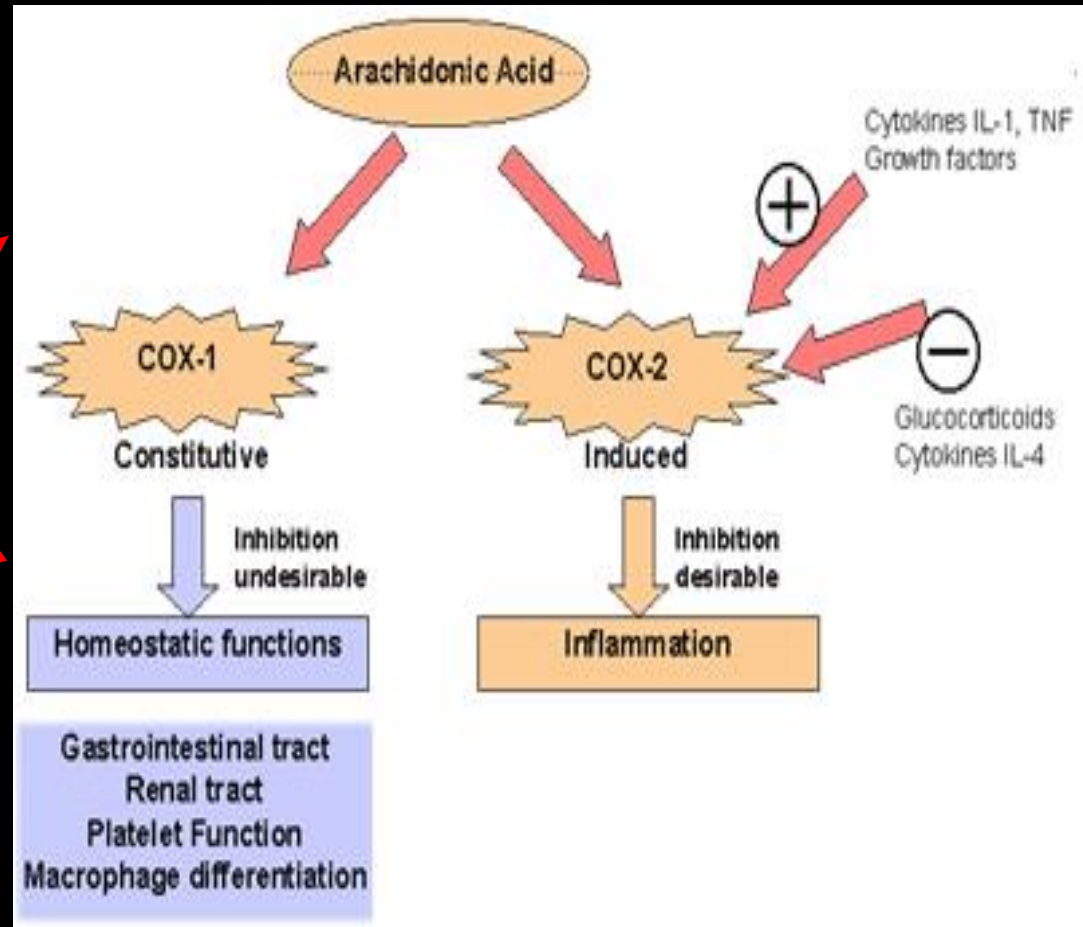
# MECHANISM OF ACTION OF NSAIDS

NSAIDs  
inhibit cyclo  
oxygenase  
enzyme



# COX ISOFORMS

**COX<sub>3</sub> is  
found in  
the brain**



# CLASSIFICATION OF NSAIDS

Nonselective COX-1/COX-2  
Inhibitors

Aspirin, Diclofenac  
Ibuprofen, naproxen

Selective COX-2  
Inhibitors

Coxibs

Preferential COX-2  
inhibitors

Meloxicam

COX-3 inhibitors

Paracetamol

Inflammatory factors

NSAIDs

Bradykinin  
Histamine

PHARMACODYNAMIC  
EFFECTS

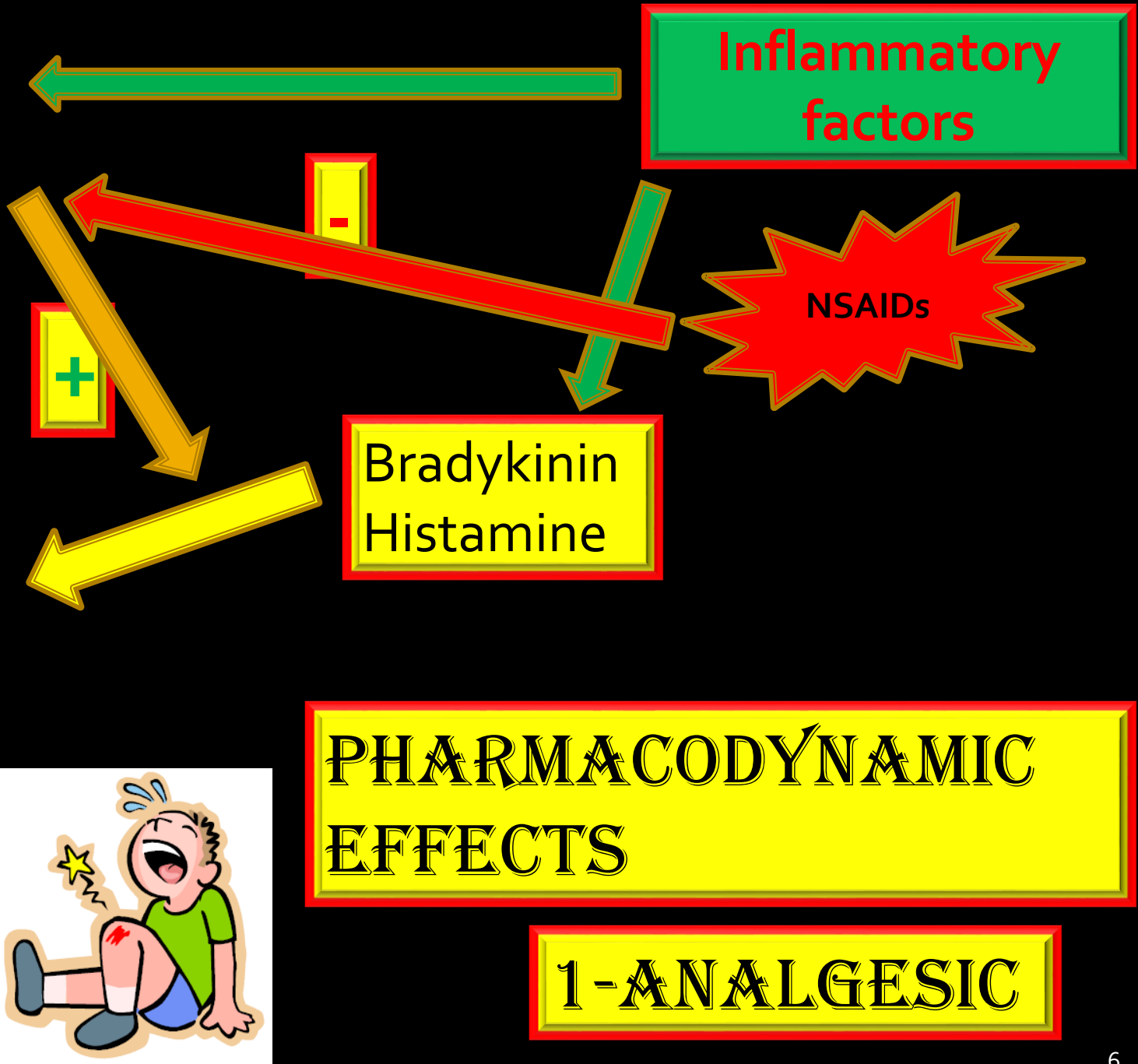
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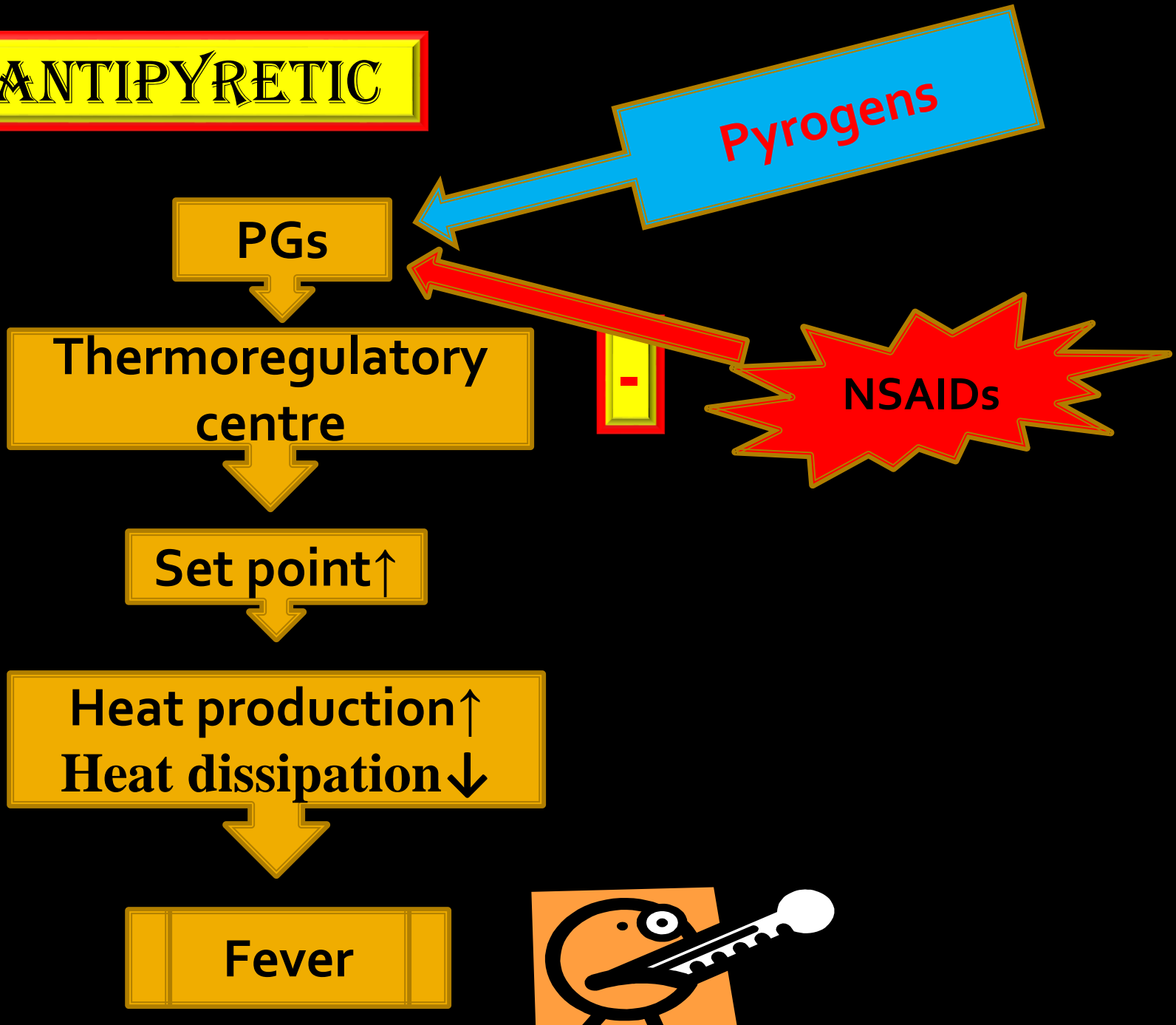
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Nociceptors at  
nerve endings

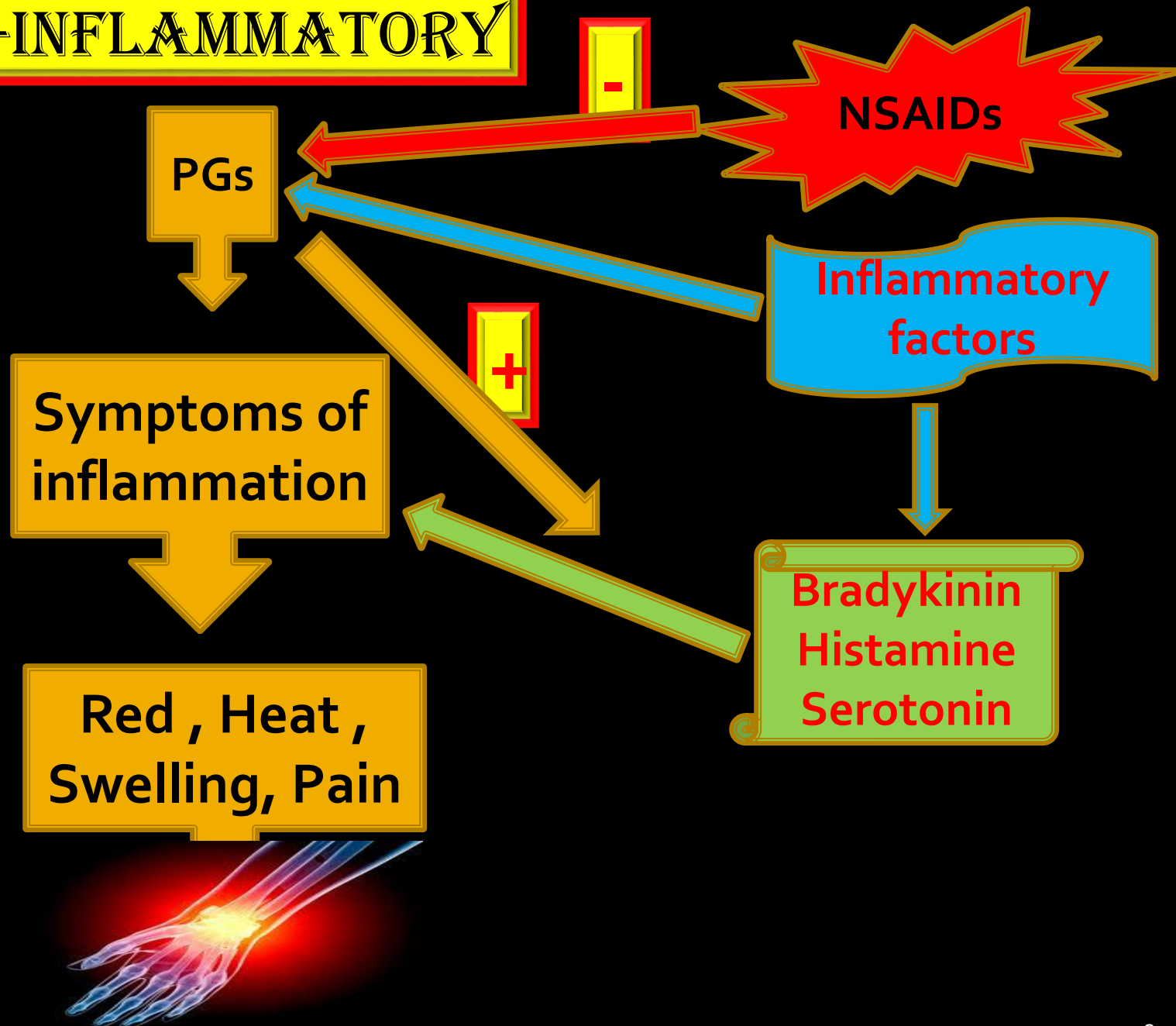
PAIN



# 2-ANTIPYRETIC



# 3-ANTI-INFLAMMATORY





# CLINICAL USES

Fever

Headache, Migraine,  
Dental pain, Dysmenorrhea

Common cold

Rheumatoid  
arthritis / myositis

# ADRS

GIT upsets (nausea, vomiting)

GIT bleeding & ulceration

Hypersensitivity reaction

Inhibition of uterine contraction

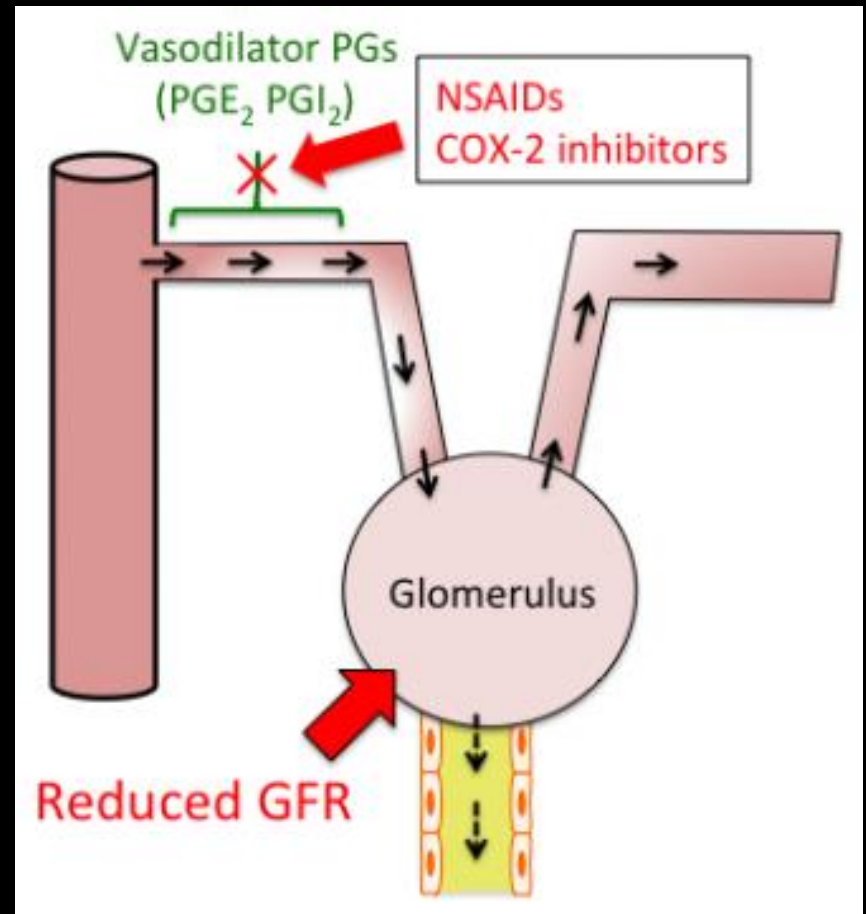
Salt & water retention

# ADRS

Impairment  
of  
kidney  
function



NSAIDs cause  
hemodynamically-  
mediated acute  
renal failure



# NON SELECTIVE COX INHIBITORS

Aspirin

Diclofenac

Ibuprofen

Ketoprofen

Naproxen

Piroxicam

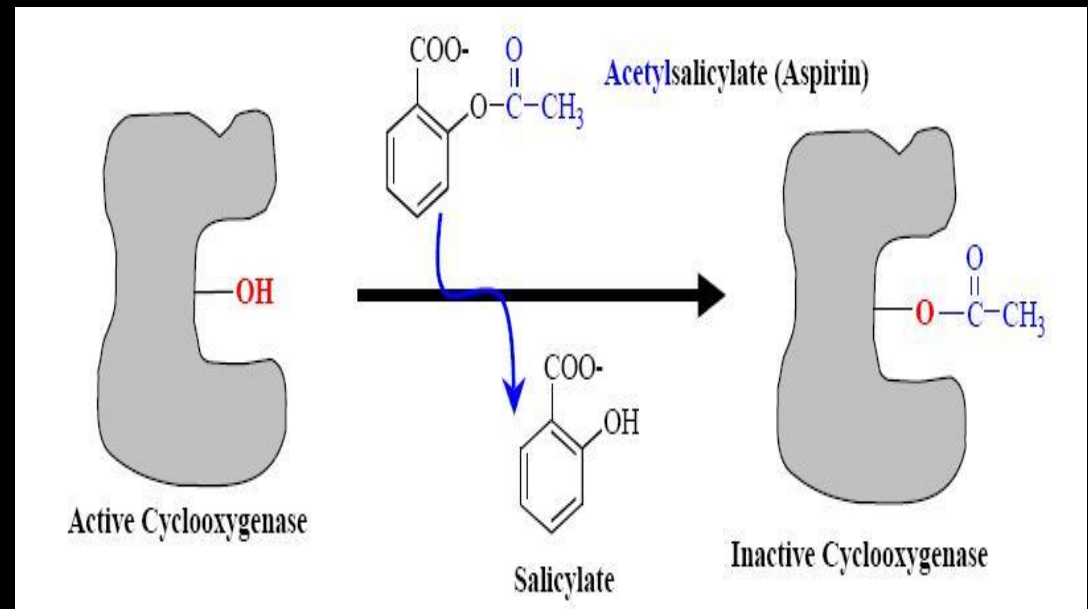
Indomethacin

# NON SELECTIVE COX INHIBITORS



## MECHANISM OF ACTION

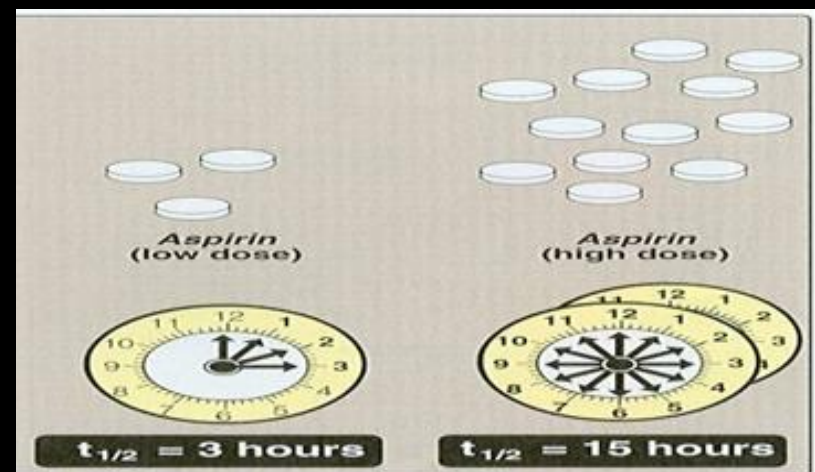
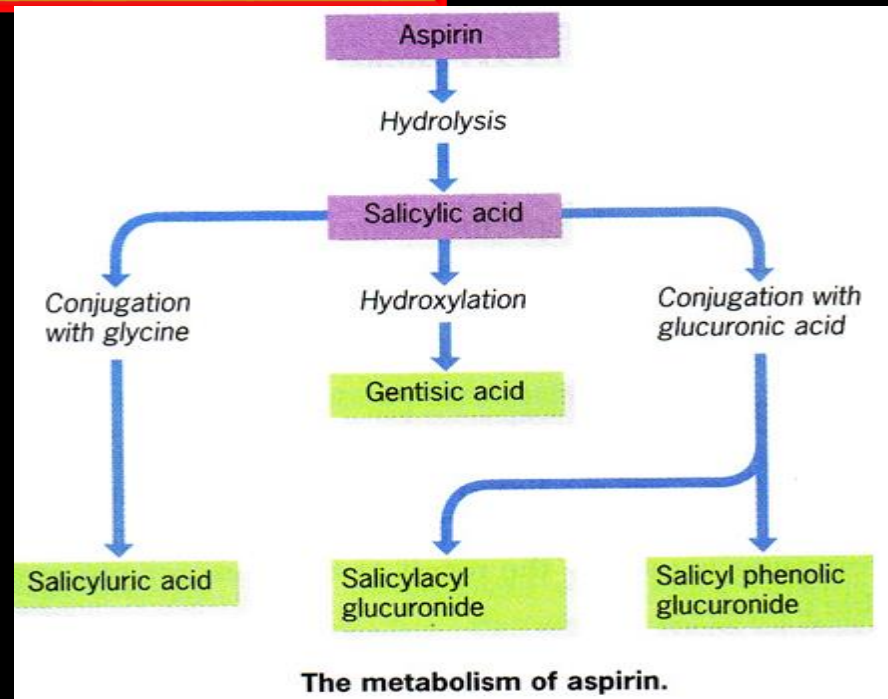
Aspirin  
inhibits COX  
irreversibly



# PHARMACOKINETICS

Metabolized by hydrolysis & then conjugation

Why a high dose has a long plasma half-life?



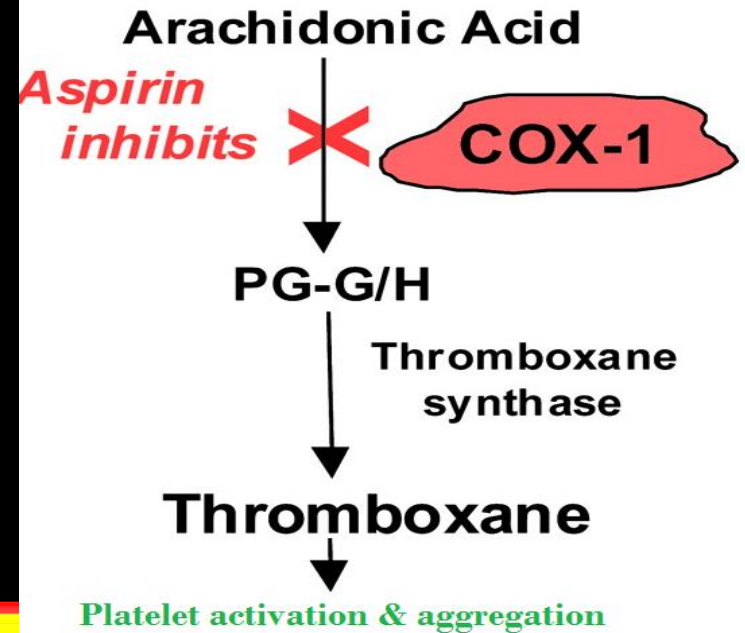
# CLINICAL USES

Acute rheumatic fever

Reducing the risk of myocardial infarction (cardioprotective)

Prevention of pre-eclampsia

Chronic use of small doses ,  
reduce the incidence of  
colon cancer



Because they relieve muscle ache and reduce temperature, salicylates help treat symptoms of colds and influenza.



# ADRS AT CLINICAL DOSES

Hypersensitivity

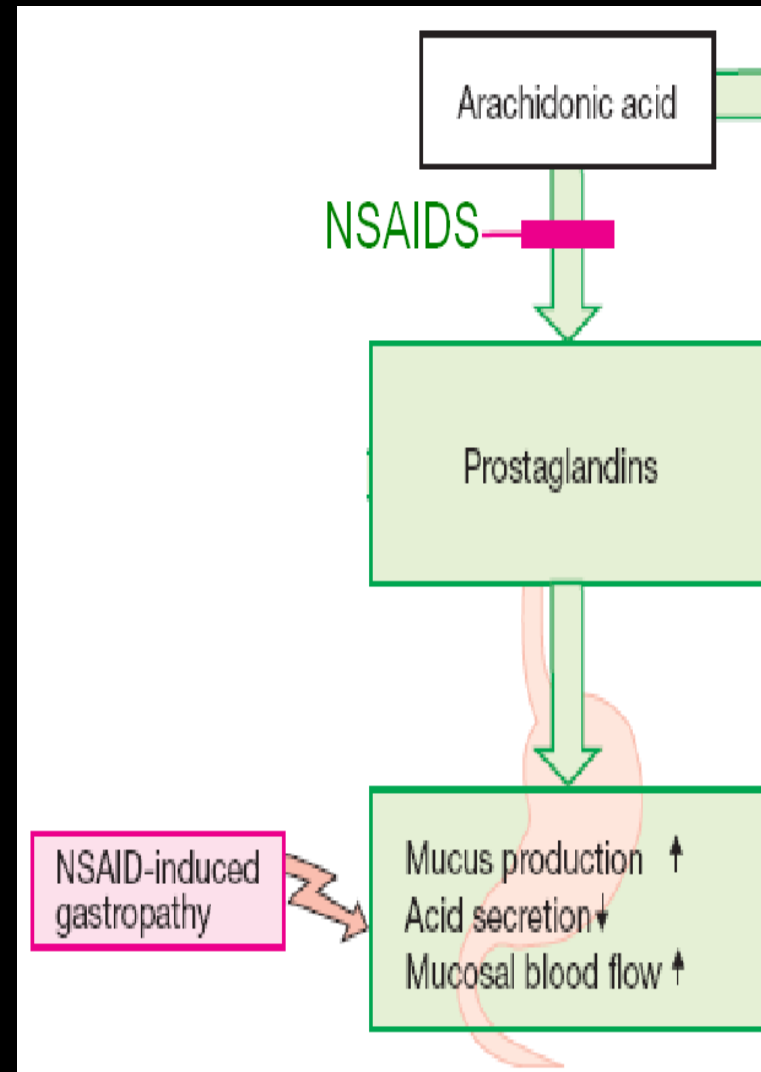
Acute Gouty arthritis

Reye's syndrome

Impaired haemostasis

GIT side effects, dyspepsia,  
nausea, vomiting

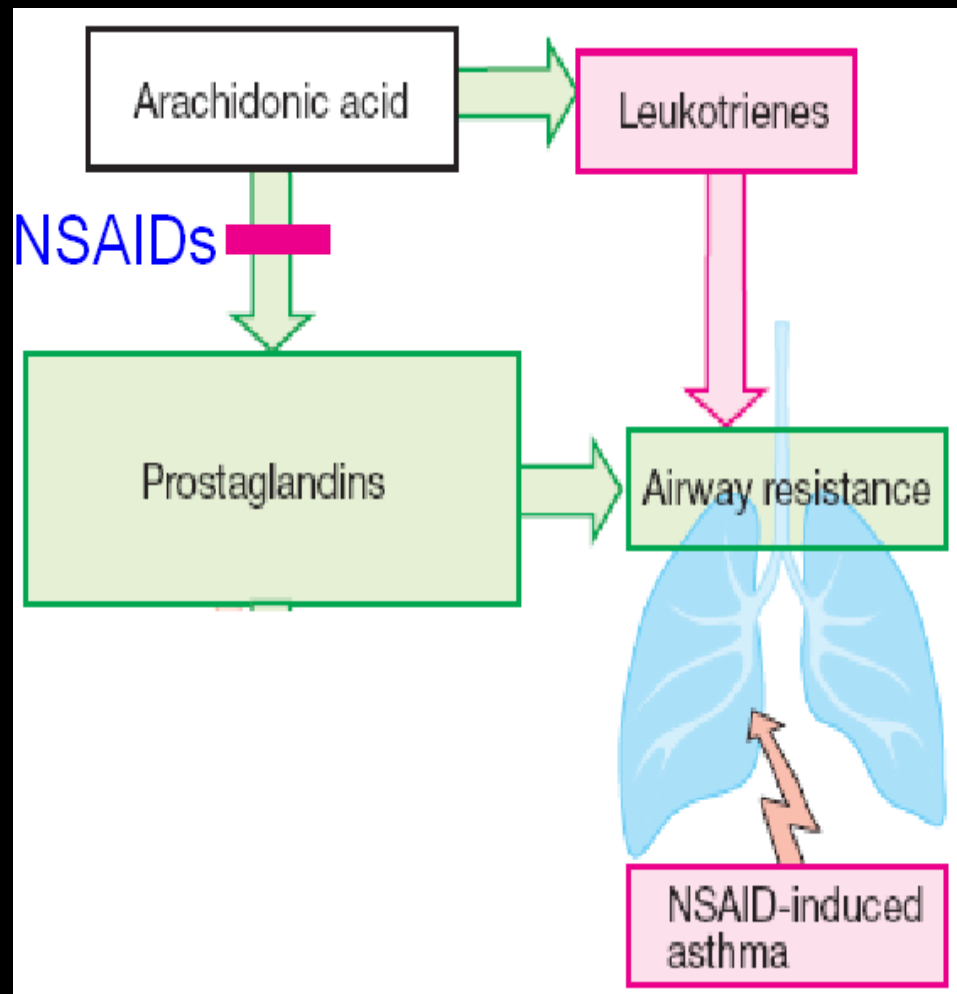
Mucosal damage → hemorrhage





# ADRS AT CLINICAL DOSES

■ Bronchospasm in aspirin-sensitive asthmatics

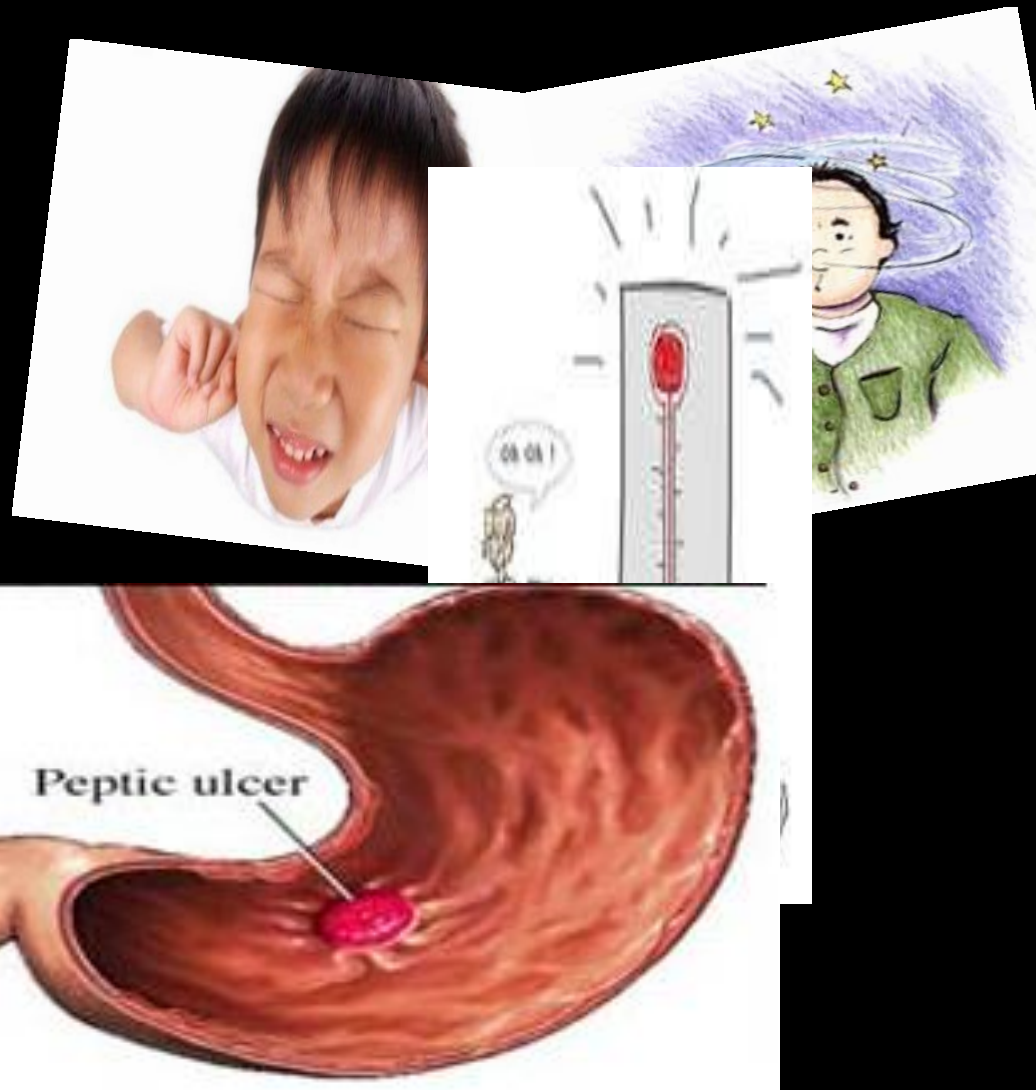


# ADRS AT OVERDOSE

Salicylism (ringing of ear , vertigo)

Hyperthermia

Gastric ulceration & bleeding



# CONTRAINDICATIONS

Peptic ulcer

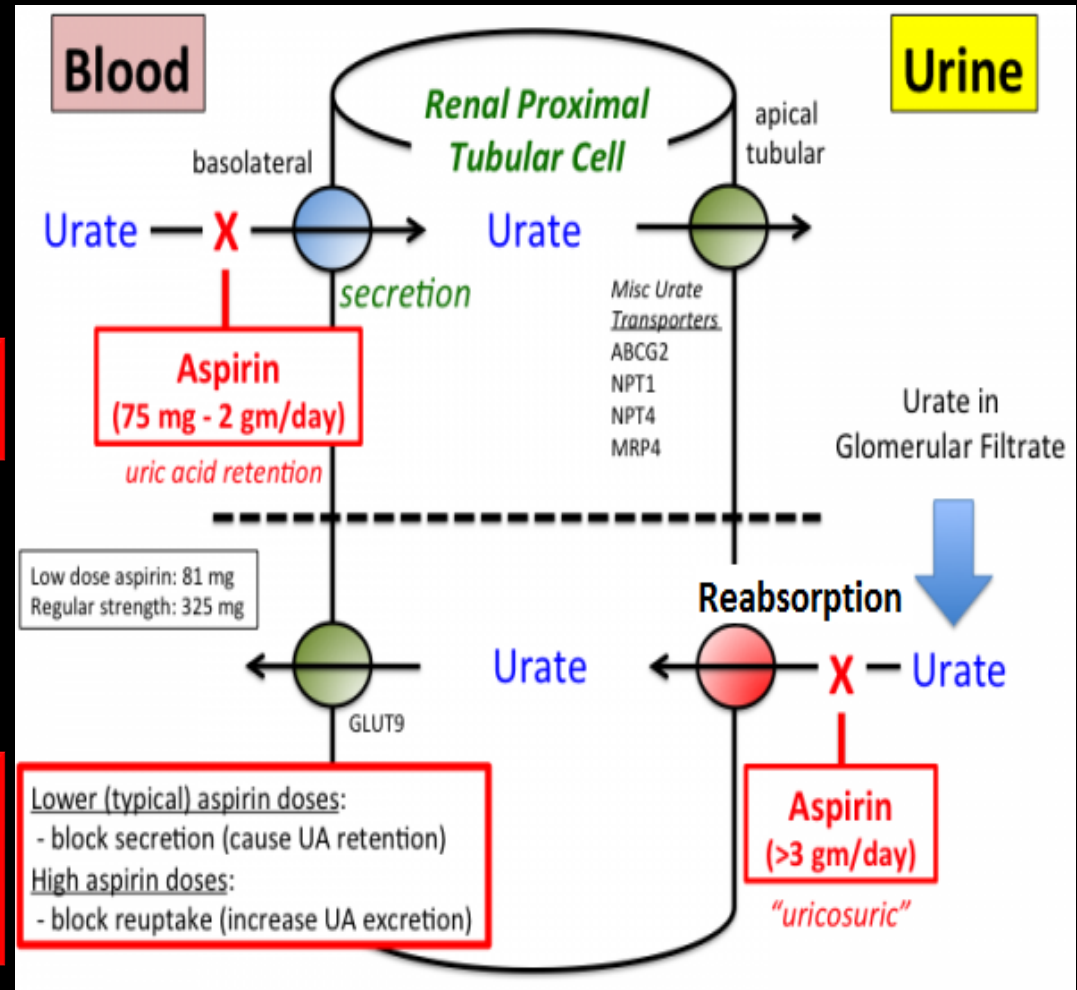
Pregnancy

Hemophilic patients

Patients taking anticoagulants

Children with viral infections

Gout (small doses)



# NON SELECTIVE COX INHIBITORS



## CLINICAL USES

○Analgesic

○Antipyretic

○Anti-inflammatory

○Acute gouty arthritis

○Locally to prevent post-operative ophthalmic inflammation (solution)

# PREPARATIONS

Diclofenac with **misoprostol** decreases upper gastrointestinal ulceration, but result in diarrhea

Diclofenac with **omeprazole** to prevent recurrent bleeding

0.1% ophthalmic preparation for postoperative ophthalmic inflammation

A topical gel 3% for solar keratoses

Rectal suppository as analgesic

Oral mouth wash

IM preparations for pain & fever.



# SELECTIVE COX-2 INHIBITORS: coxibs

○ Celecoxib

○ Etoricoxib

○ Paracoxib

○ Lumiracoxib

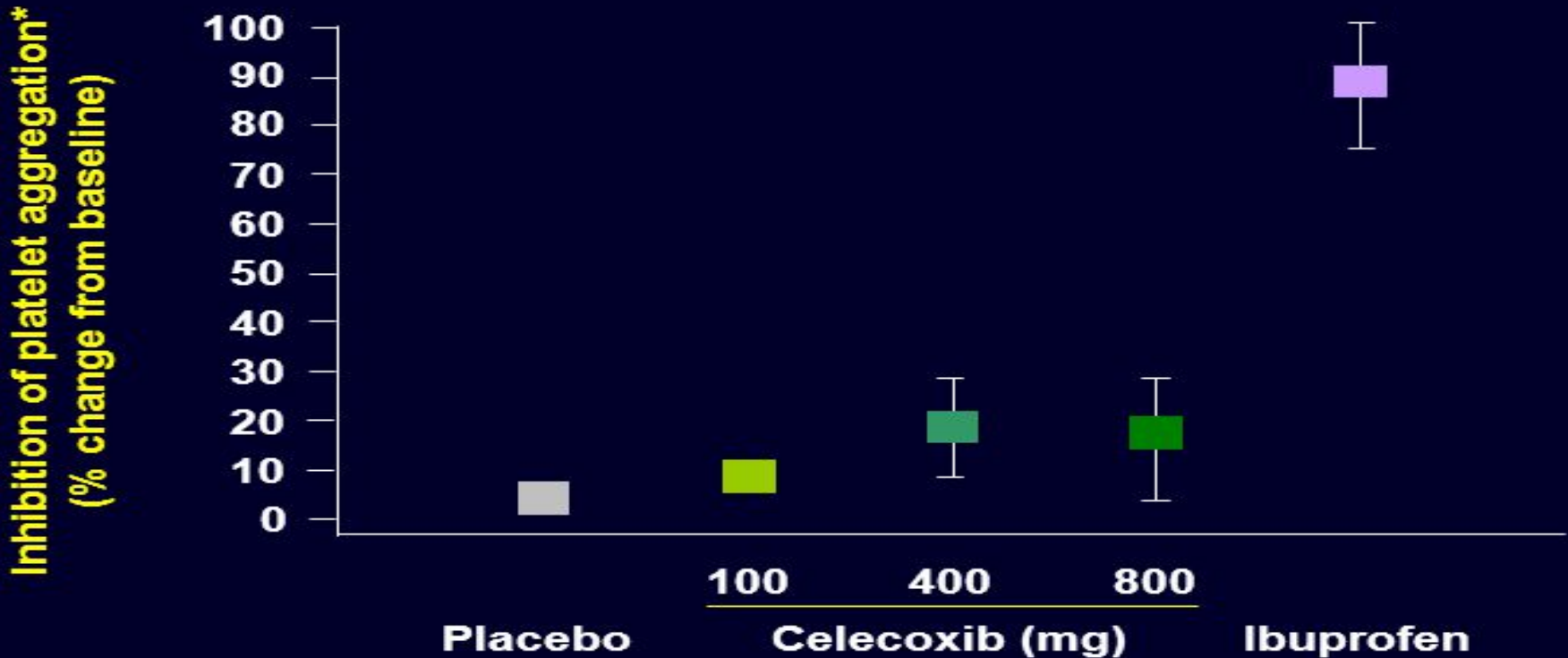
○ Rofecoxib

○ Valdecoxib



Withdrawn  
because of  
risk of  
myocardial  
infarction &  
stroke

# SELECTIVE COX-2 INHIBITORS



- No effect on platelet aggregation (COX-1)

# GENERAL ADRS

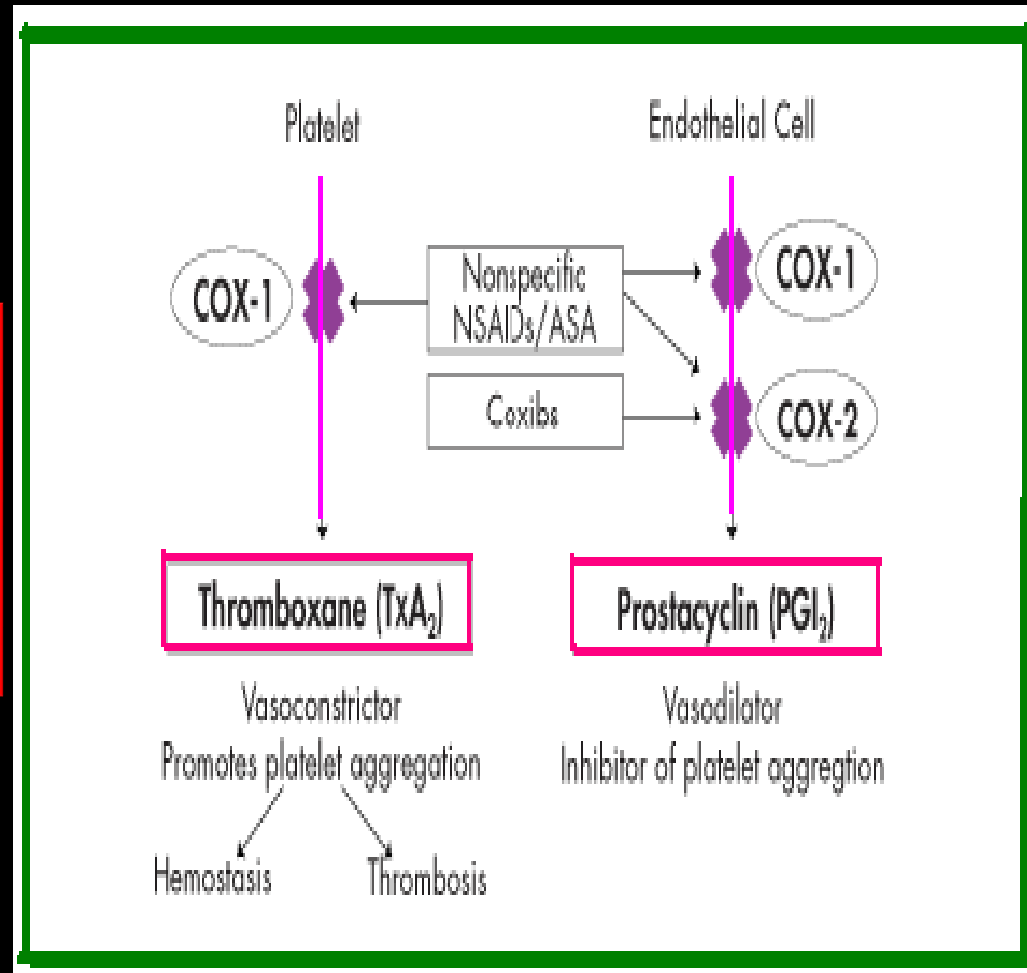
Renal toxicity

Dyspepsia & heartburn

Allergy

Cardiovascular (do not offer the cardioprotective effects of non-selective group)

Should not be given to a patient with CV disease





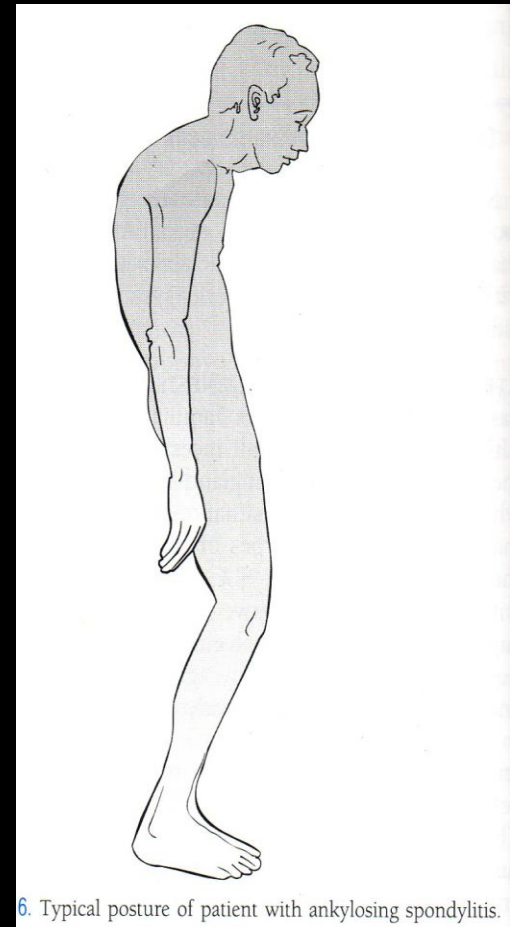
# GENERAL CLINICAL USES

Short-term use in postoperative patients

Acute gouty arthritis

Acute musculoskeletal pain

Ankylosing spondylitis



6. Typical posture of patient with ankylosing spondylitis.

# SELECTIVE COX-2 INHIBITORS

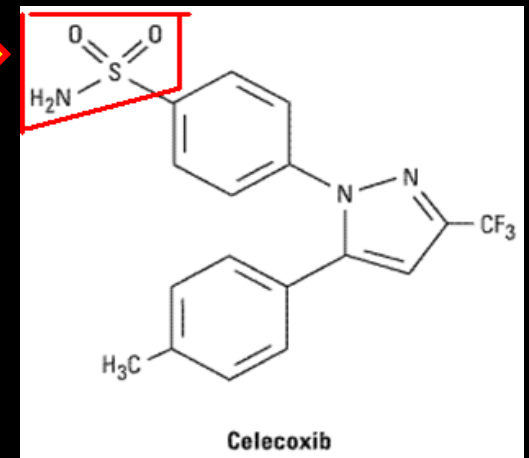


Half-life 11 hours

Food decrease its absorption

Highly bound to plasma proteins

Contraindicated in patients allergic to sulphonamides.



# PREFERENTIAL COX-2 INHIBITORS



- Meloxicam, nimesulide, nambumetone
- Preferentially inhibits COX-2 over COX-1, particularly at low dose
- Associated with lower GIT symptoms & complains, compared to non –selective COX inhibitors
- $t_{1/2}$ =20 hours
- Used for osteoarthritis & rheumatoid arthritis.

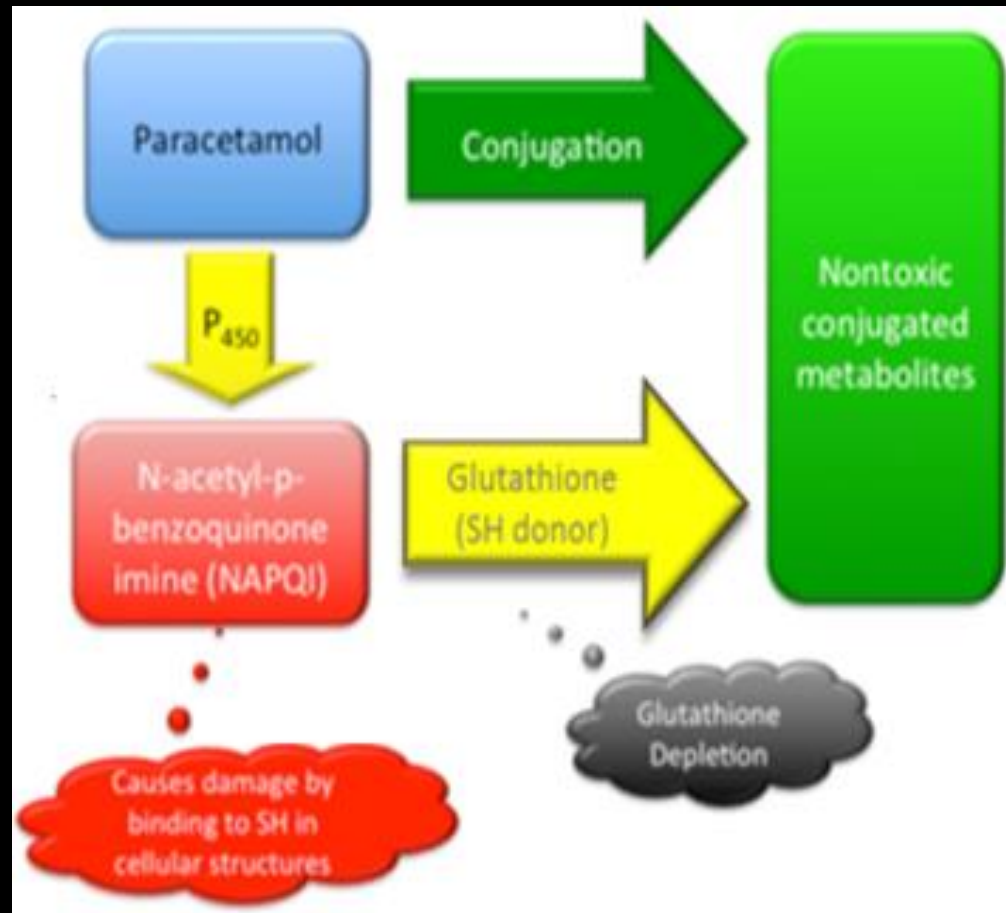
# COX-3 INHIBITORS



Given orally, well absorbed.

$t_{1/2} = 2-4h$

Metabolized by conjugation at therapeutic doses

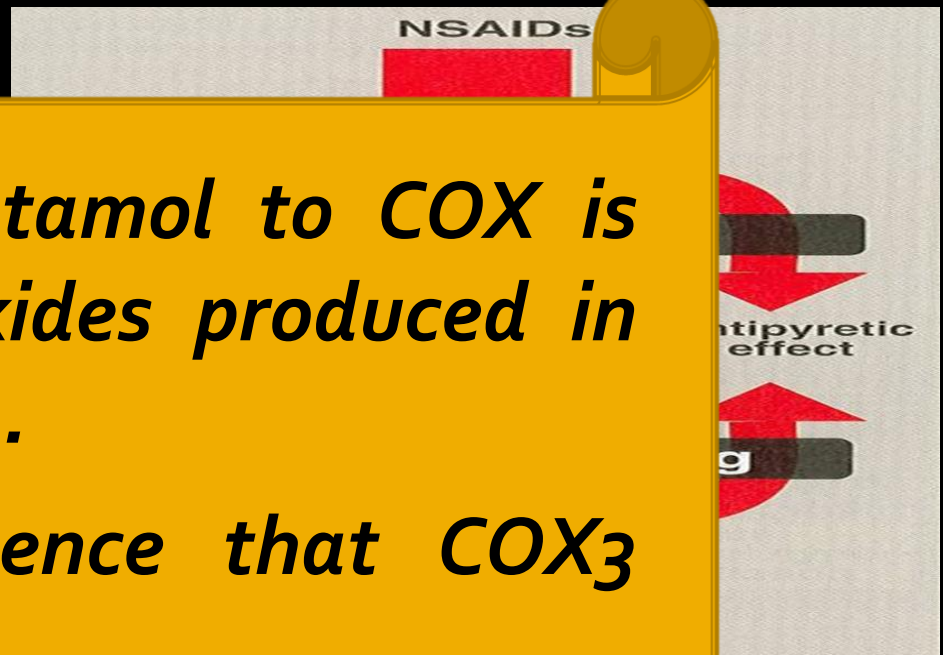


# COX-3 INHIBITORS



*Binding of paracetamol to COX is inhibited by peroxides produced in inflammatory sites.*

*There is no evidence that COX<sub>3</sub> exists in humans.*



# CLINICAL USES

Commonly used analgesic antipyretic instead of aspirin in cases of:-

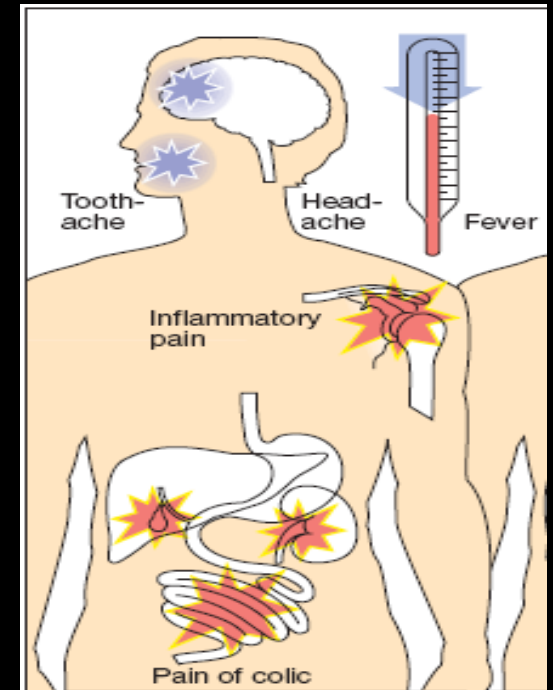
Peptic or gastric ulcers

Bleeding tendency

Allergy to aspirin

Viral infections in children

Pregnancy



Acetaminophen is the drug of choice to treat fever and flu-like symptoms in children.



# ADRS

Mainly on liver due to its active metabolite

Therapeutic doses elevate liver enzymes

In large doses it is metabolized into N-acetyl-p-benzoquinone imine, which causes liver damage

Treatment of toxicity of paracetamol is by **N-acetylcysteine** to neutralize the toxic metabolite.

