

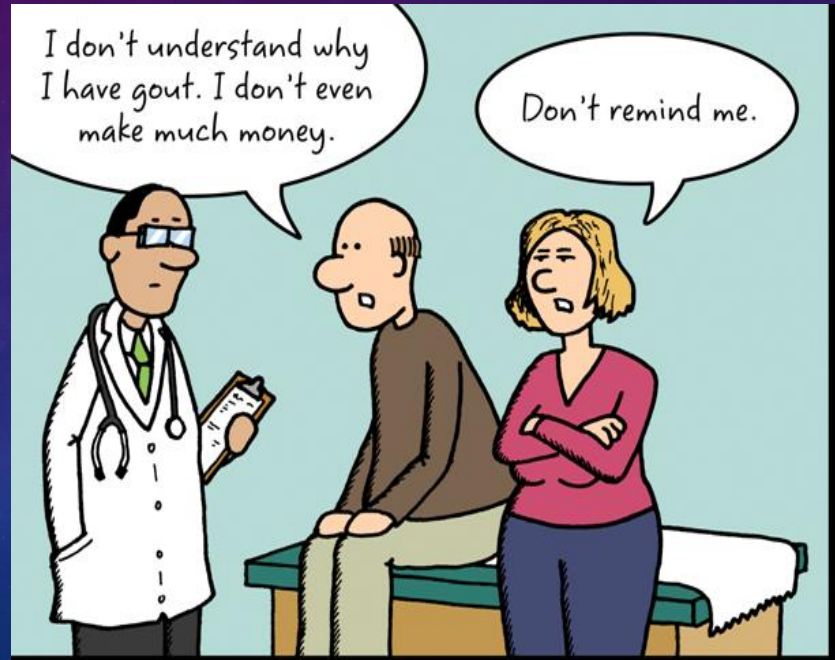
DRUGS IN GOUT

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Prevalence of hyperuricemia 5%

Prevalence of gout 0.2%

Male to female ratio 10:1



DRUGS IN GOUT

ILOS

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

Classify drugs used for treatment of gout

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

Describe drug and non drug treatment of gout

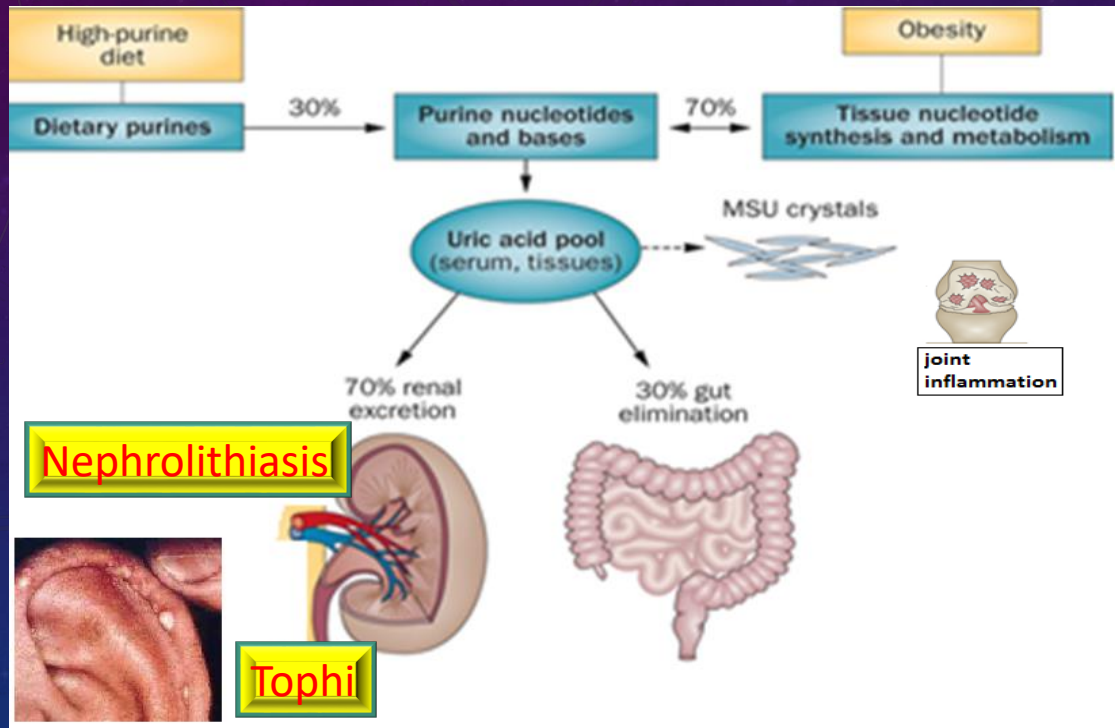
Study in details the pharmacology of drugs used for treatment of gout



WHAT IS

GOUT?

DRUGS IN GOUT



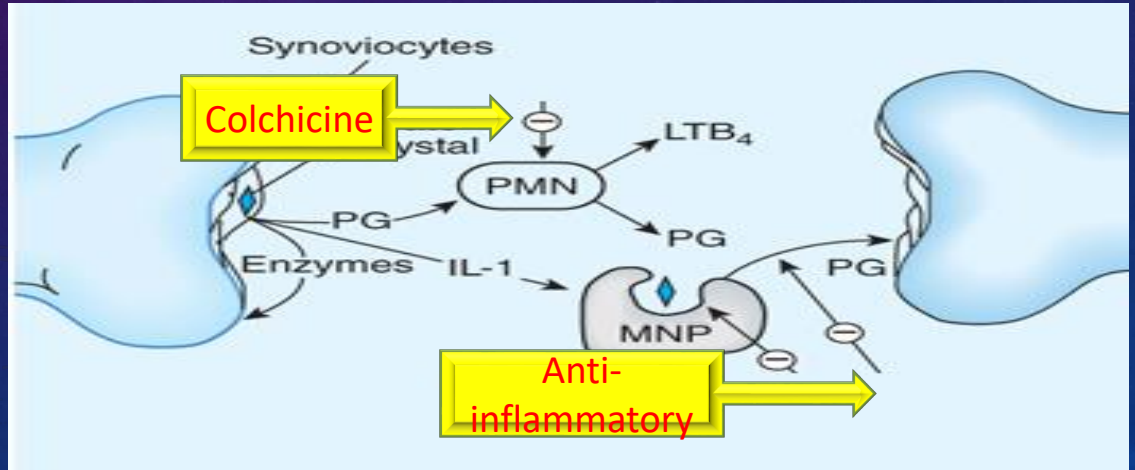
Pathophysiology

Uricosstatic

Uricosuric

Under excretion

Over production



DRUGS IN GOUT

Uricosstatic

Allopurinol,
Febuxostat

Uricosuric

Probenecid,
Sulfinpyrazone

Anti-inflammatory

NSAIDs, Steroids

Tubulin inhibitors

Colchicine



**Asymptomatic
Hyperuricemia**

>7mg/dl (M)
>6mg/dl (F)

CAUSE →

Hypertension
CV Disease
Stroke
Renal Disease
Metabolic
Syndrome

STAGES OF GOUT & GOAL OF THERAPY

Asymptomatic hyperuricemia

Elevated serum urate
with no clinical
manifestations of gout

Treat or not
to treat?

Acute flares

Acute inflammation
in joint caused
by free urate crystals

Terminate
The attack

Intercritical gout

The intervals
Between acute flares

Prevent
recurrent
attacks

Chronic gout

Long-term gout
complications

-Prevent
complications
-Lower serum uric
acid

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Treatment
of gout

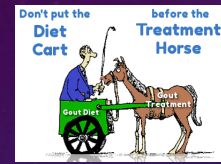


Non-
pharmacologic

Pharmacologic



NON-PHARMACOLOGIC THERAPY



LIFESTYLE MODIFICATIONS

Loss of weight

Exercise

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.



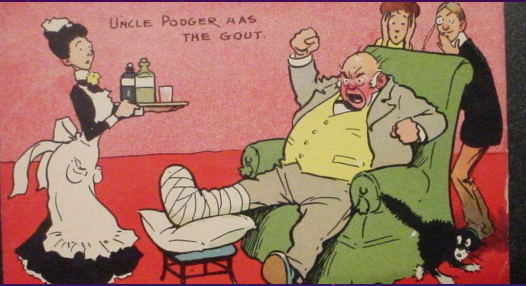
Avoid eatables sweetened with high-fructose corn syrup.



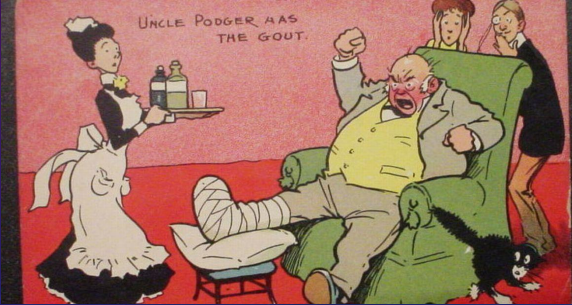
Avoid alcohol.



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

Full doses of NSAID should be initiated immediately and tapered after resolution of symptoms

Avoid NSAIDs:

- G-I ulcer
- Bleeding or perforation
- Renal insufficiency
- Heart failure
- Use of oral anticoagulants



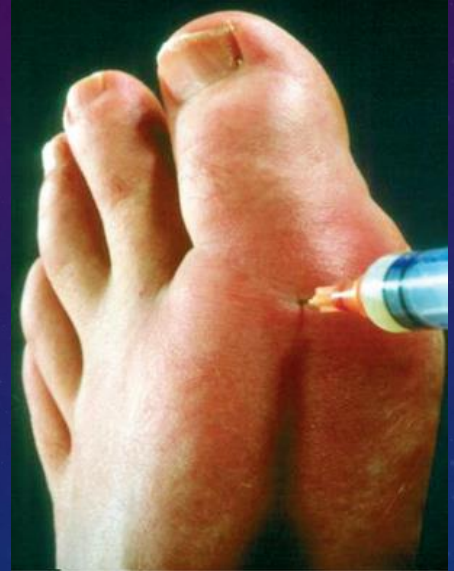
STERIODS

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



Colchicine
relieves a painful
gouty attack by
going to work right
in the joint. It can
have you running
smoothly again.



DRUGS IN GOUT

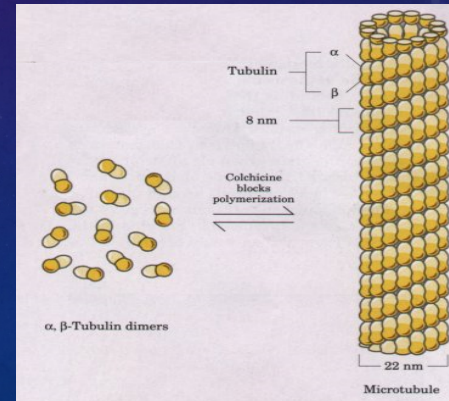
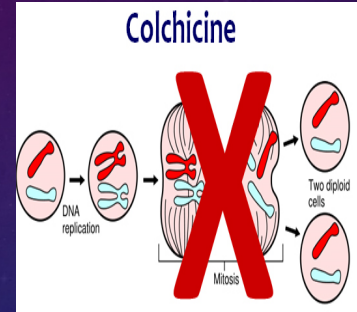
MECHANISM

Binds to microtubules in neutrophils

Inhibits cell division

Inhibits chemotactic factors

Inhibits inflammasomes & 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.

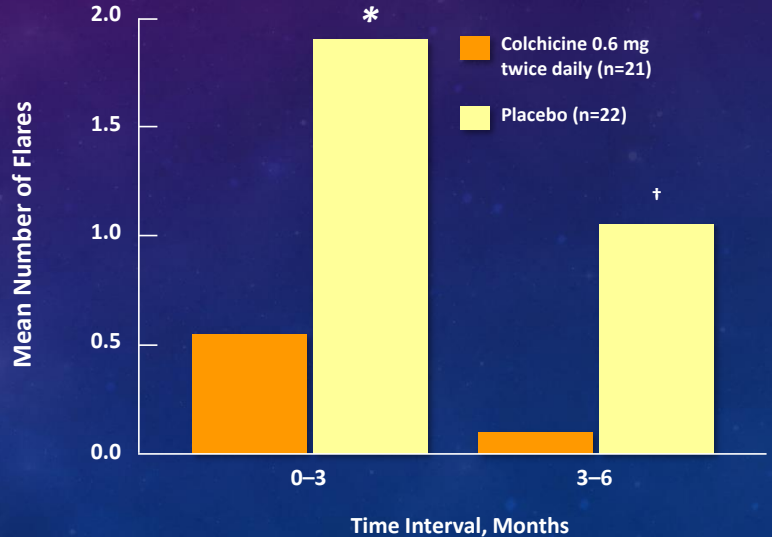
COLCHICINE

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



Uricostatic Drugs

- Allopurinol
- Febuxostat

Uricosuric Drugs

- Probenecid
- Sulfinpyrazone

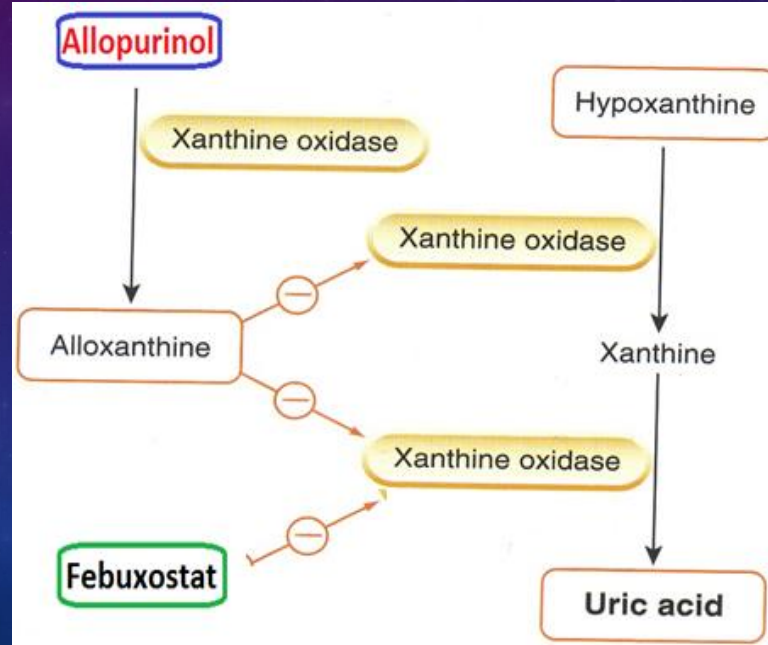
Mamalian
Uricase

INHIBITORS OF URIC ACID SYNTHESIS

Inhibit xanthine oxidase

Include allopurinol & febuxostat

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



ALLOPURINOL

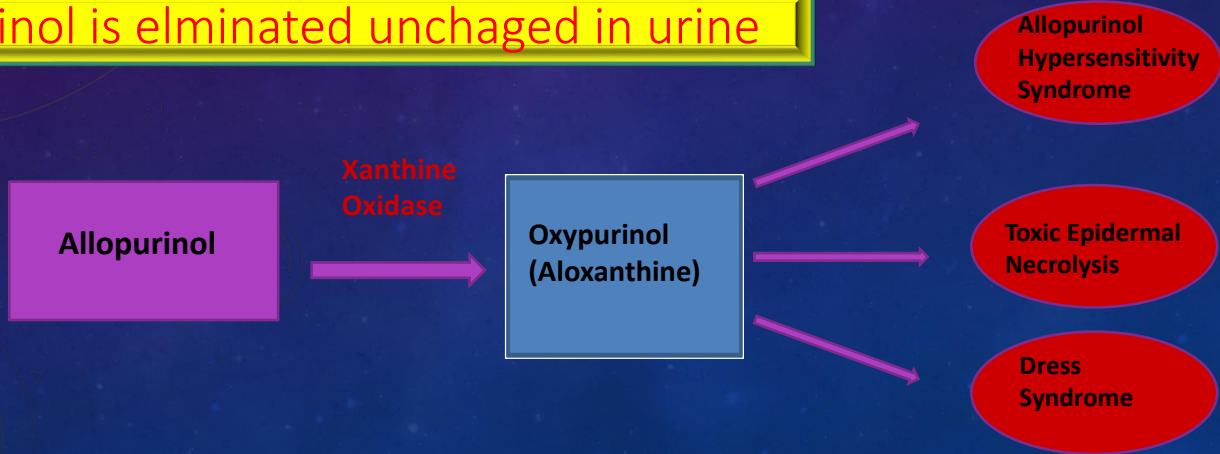
PHARMACOKINETICS

Absorption 70%

Protein binding negligible, 5%

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

Oxypurinol is eliminated unchanged in urine



ALLOPURINOL

CLINICAL USES

Management of hyperuricemia of gout

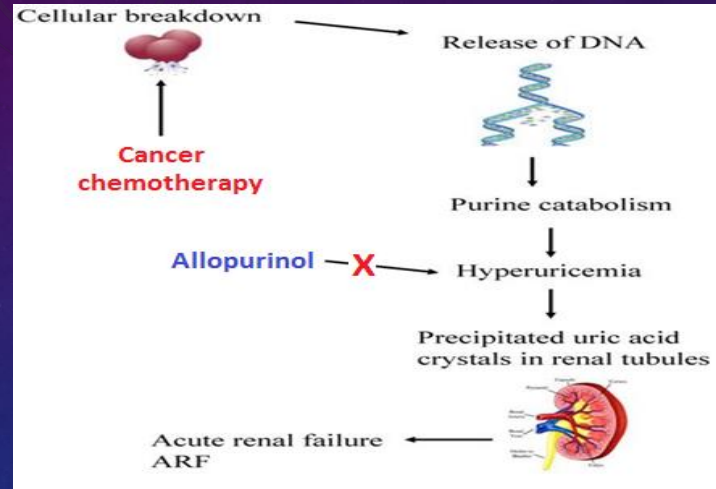
Uric acid stones or nephropathy

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

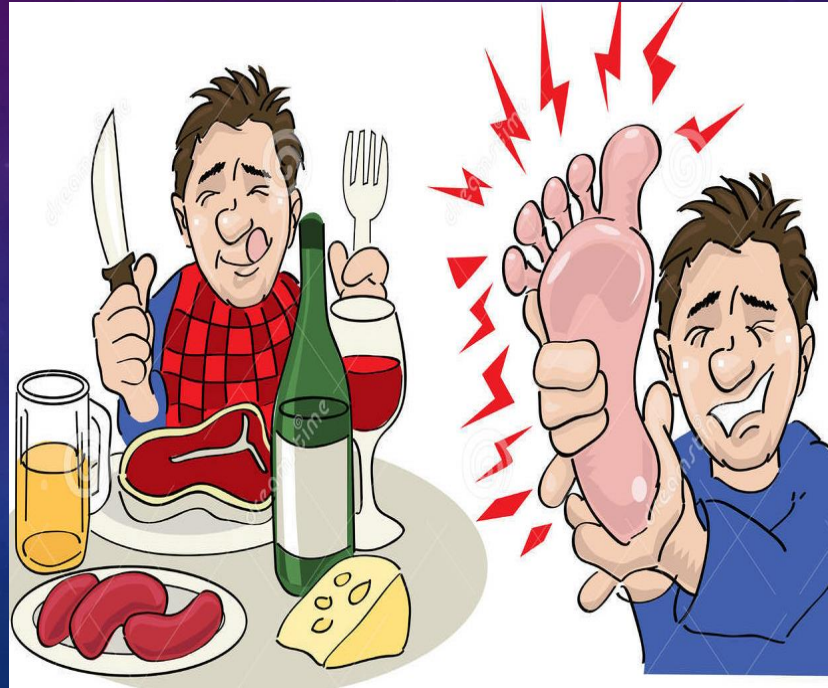
Acute attacks of gout

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

DRESS syndrome

Drug Reaction, Eosinophilia,
Systemic Symptoms

20% mortality rate

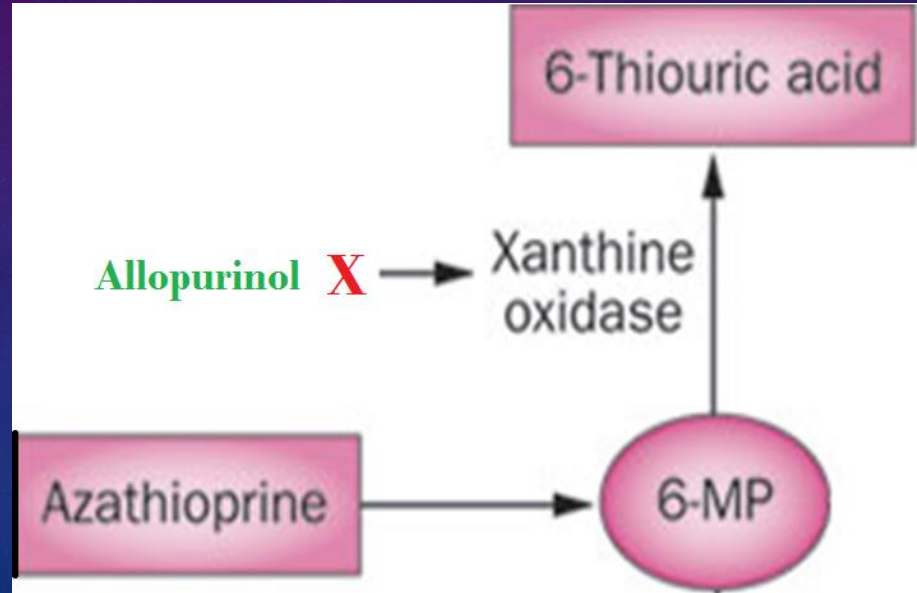


Drug Interactions

Inhibits metabolism of
Warfarin & dicumarol

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

With ampicillin : Increases
frequency of skin rash



FEBUXOSTAT

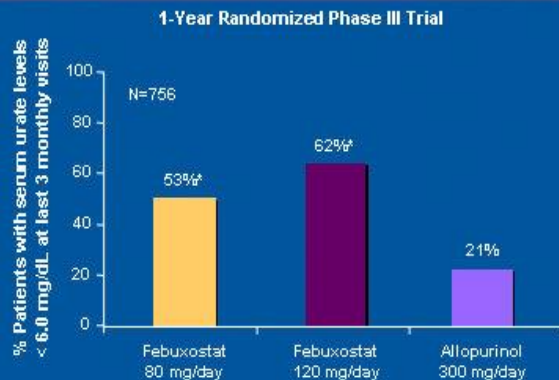
Oral specific xanthine oxidase inhibitor

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

Febuxostat vs Allopurinol: Serum Urate



*P<0.001 vs allopurinol

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

FEBUXOSTAT

PHARMACOKINETICS

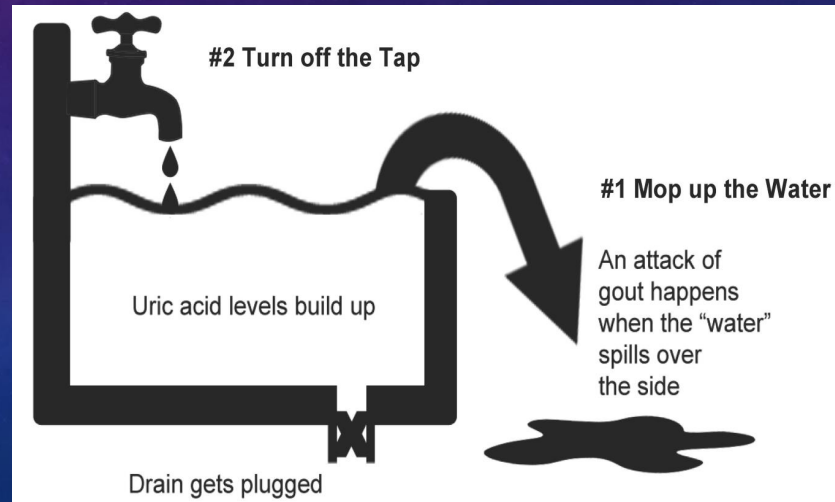
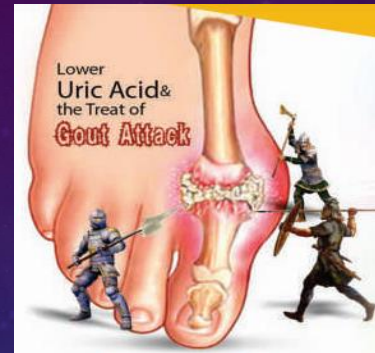
Given orally once daily, well absorbed(85%)

Metabolized in liver , mainly conjugated to glucouronic acid

Given to patients who do not tolerate allopurinol

99% protein bound

$t_{1/2}$ 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

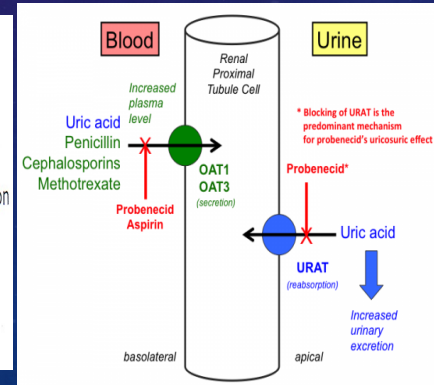
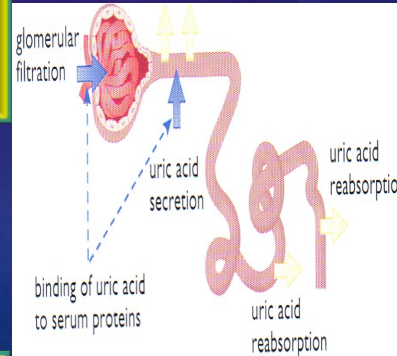
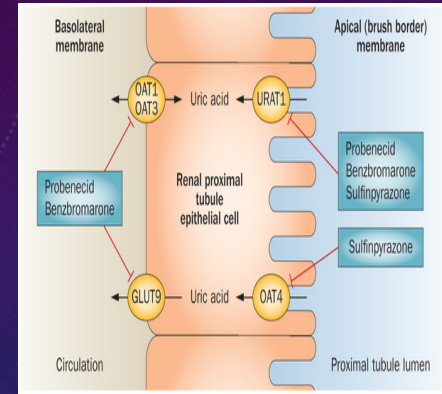
Mechanism

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 penicillin

Sulfinpyrazol inhibits URAT1 & OAT4



URICOSURIC DRUGS

Control hyperuricemia and prevent tophus formation

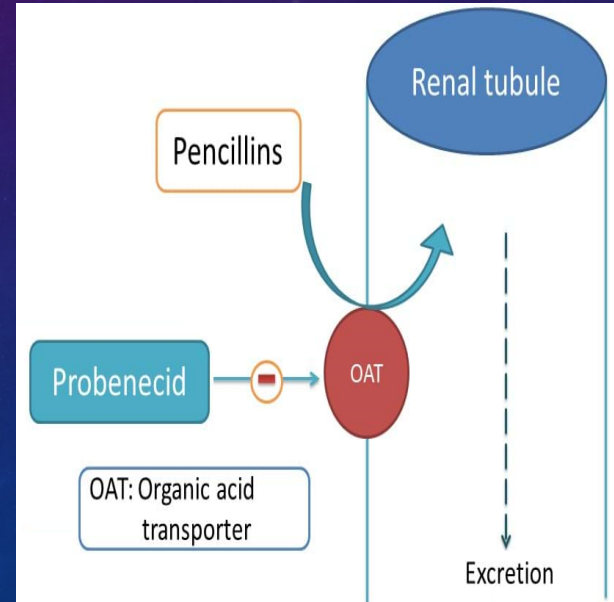
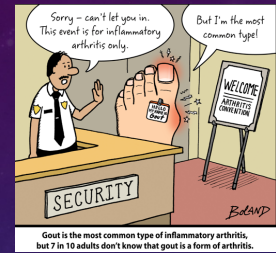
PROBENECID

Moderately effective

Increases risk of nephrolithiasis

Not used in patients with renal disease

Some drugs reduce efficacy (e.g. aspirin)



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

Probenecid and sulfinpyrazone shouldn't be used to treat an acute gouty attack.

CAUTION!



Typical Tophaceous Manifestations



Helix of the ear



Hands, fingers, and wrists

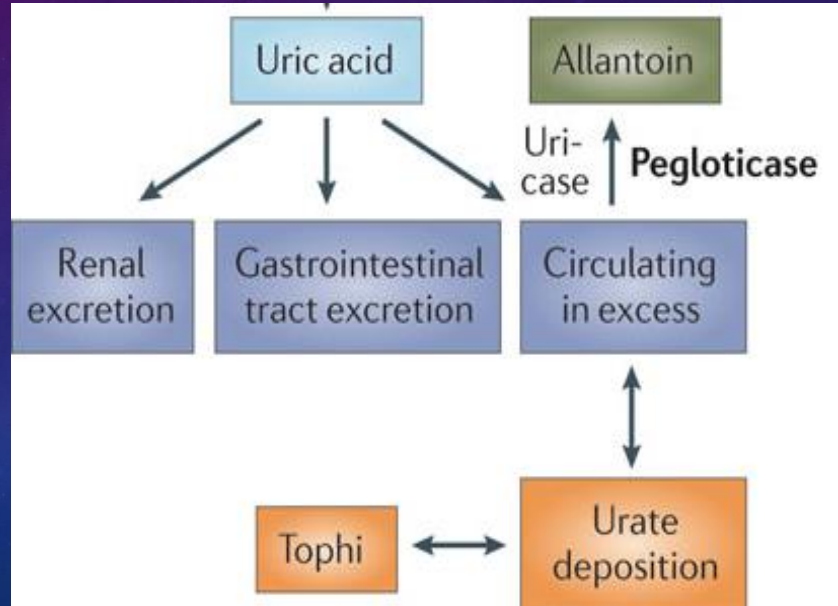
RECOMBINANT MAMMALIAN URICASE

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

