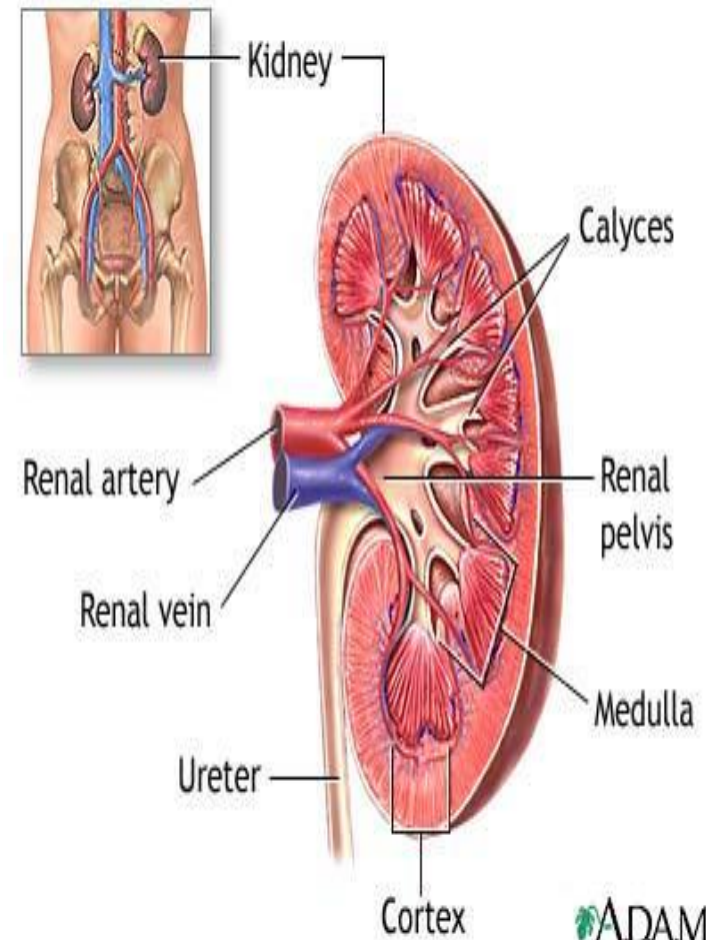


DIURETICS

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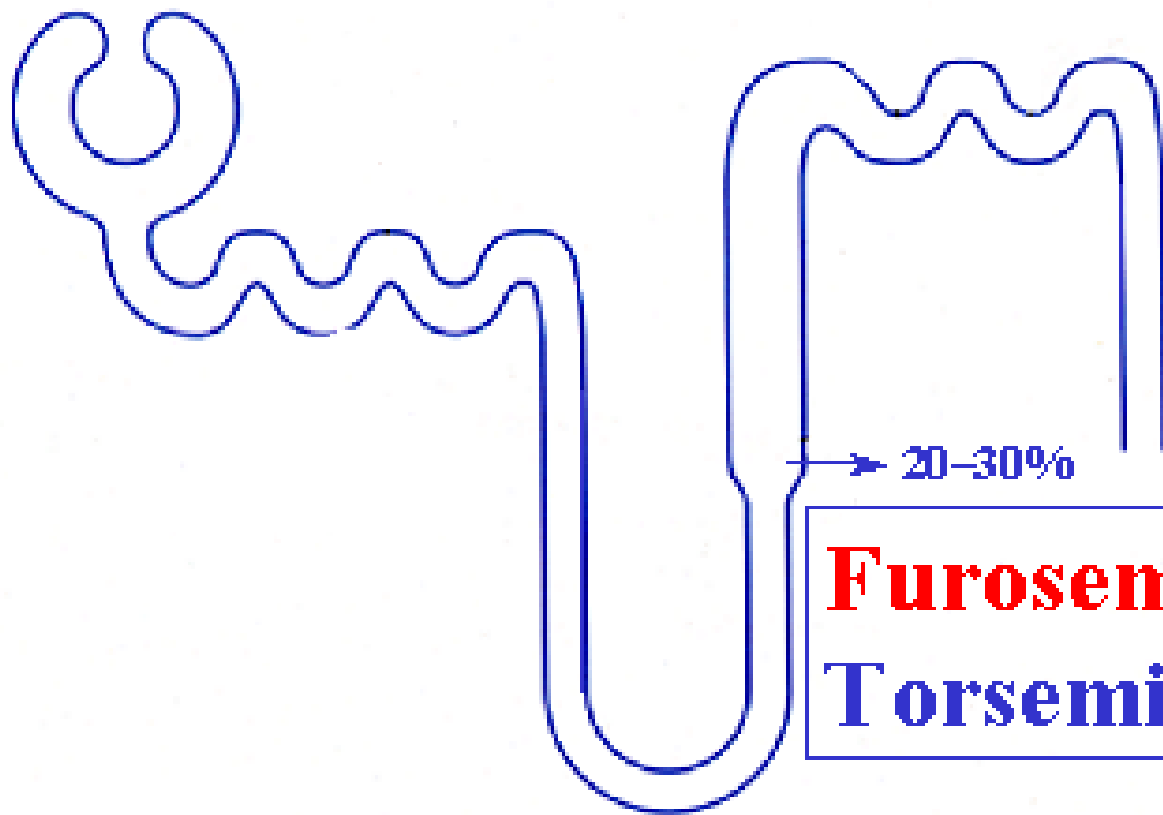


Classification of diuretics

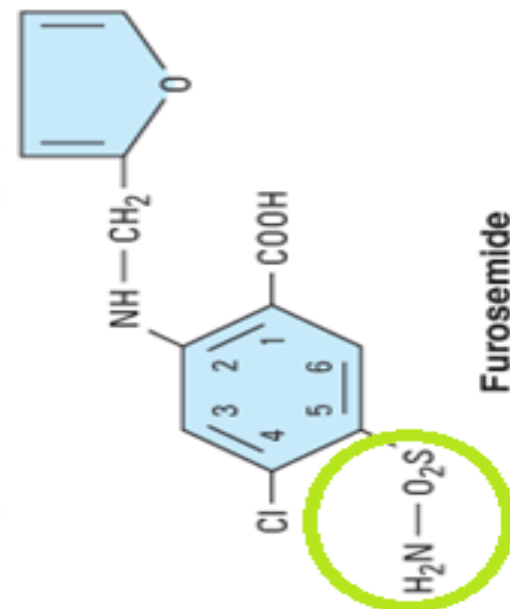
- **Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors**
- **Loop Diuretics**
- **Thiazides**
- **Potassium-Sparing Diuretics**
- **Osmotic Diuretics**



Loop Diuretics



Furosemide
Torsemide



LOOP DIURETICS

High Ceiling diuretics

- The most potent diuretic, termed “**high ceiling diuretic**”

Efficacy: High natriuresis as 25-30% Na^+ is reabsorbed.

- **Drugs as:**

- Furosemide - Torsemide
- Bumetanide – Ethacrynic acid



Loop Diuretics

High Ceiling Diuretics

Bumetanide

Potency 40, $t_{1/2}$ 0.8 h

**Ethacrynic
Acid**

Potency 0.7, $t_{1/2}$ 1h

Furosemide

Potency 1, $t_{1/2}$ 1.5h

Torsemide

Potency 3, $t_{1/2}$ 3.5h



LOOP DIURETICS

Mechanism:

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

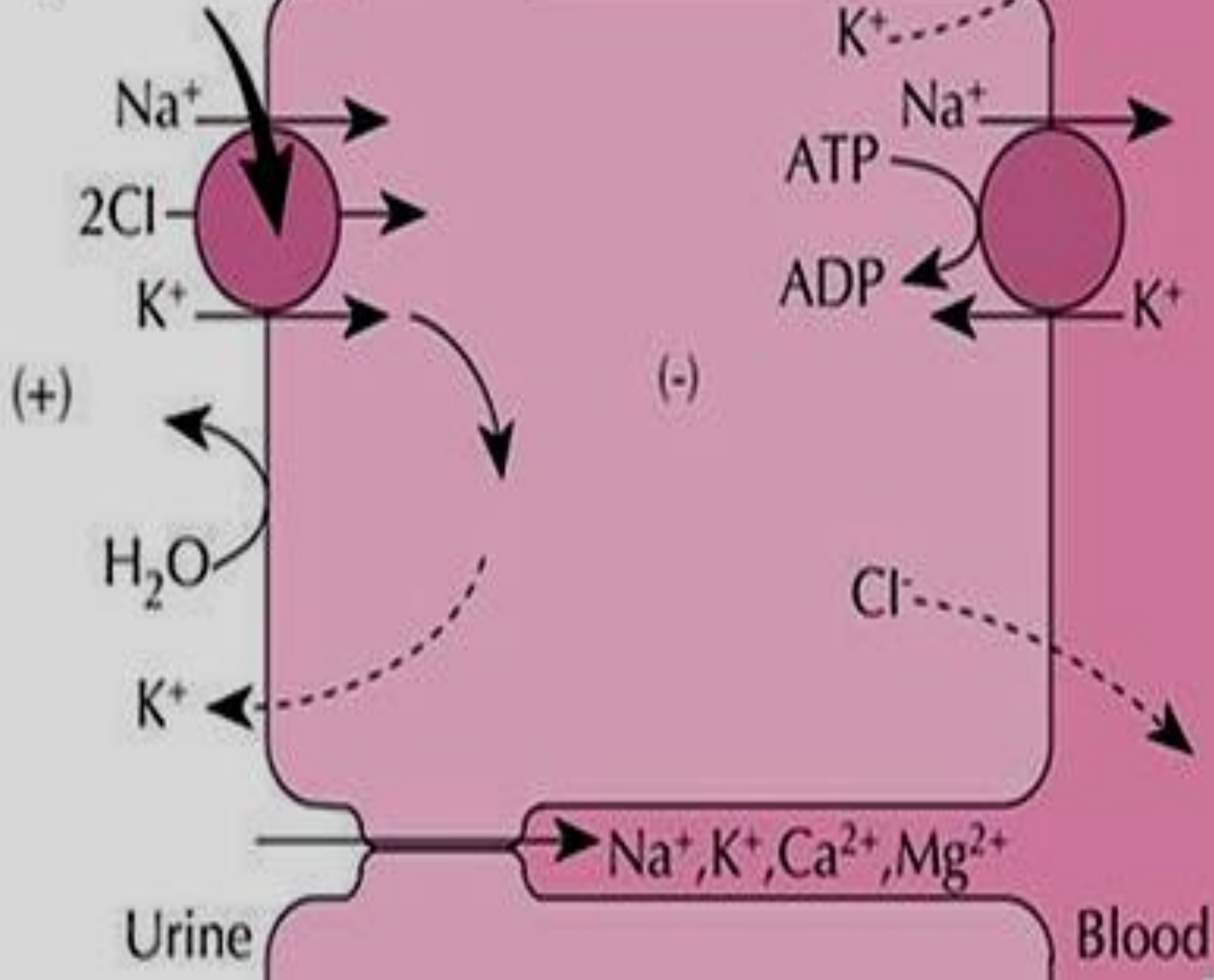


Ascending loop of Henle

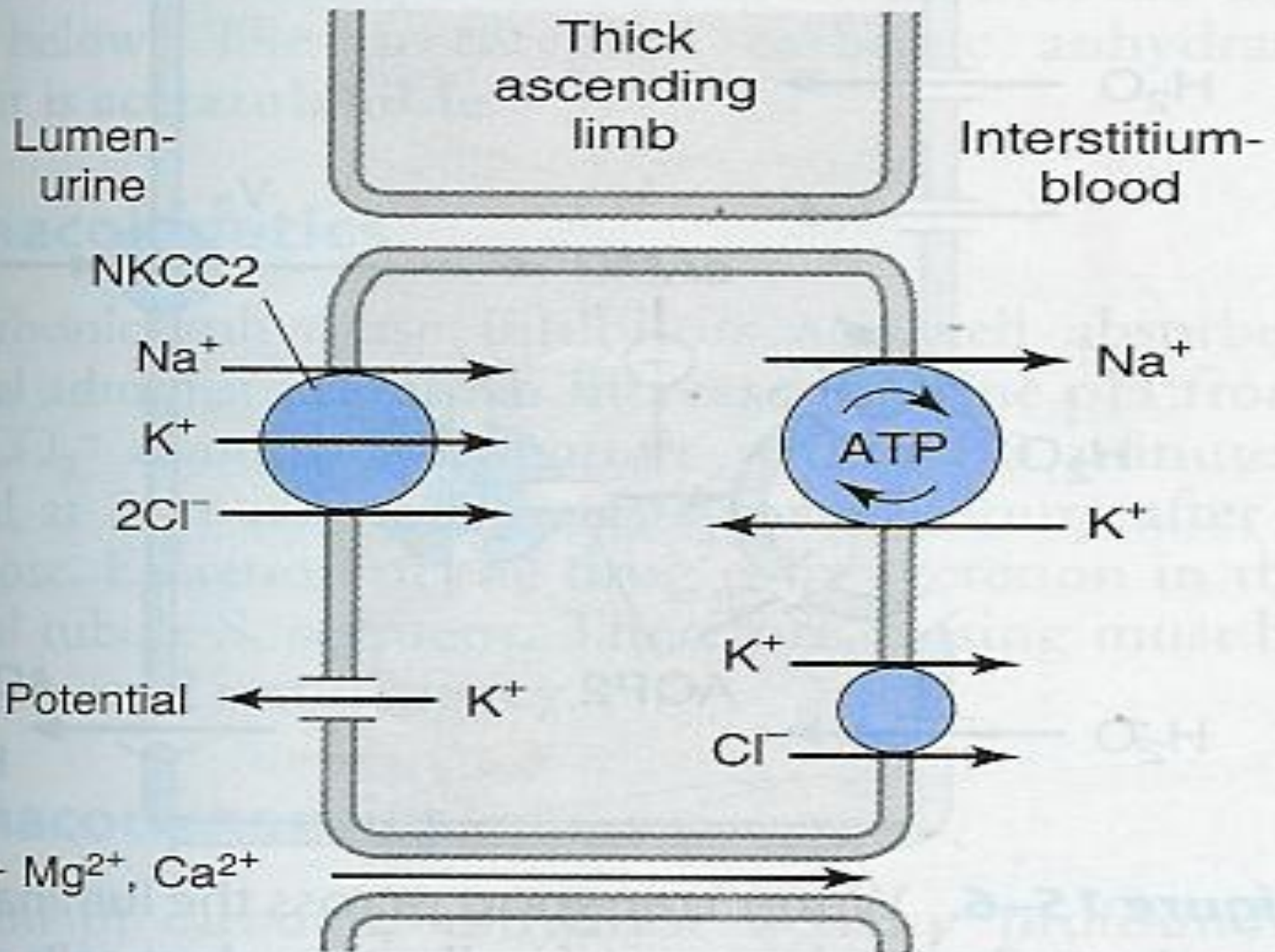
- Is impermeable to water
- **In thick ascending loop of Henle (TAL)** is responsible for active reabsorption of Na, K and Cl (**25-30% Na⁺ is reabsorbed**) via transport system in luminal membrane called **Na⁺/ K⁺ / 2Cl⁻ co-transporter**
- Ca and Mg are reabsorbed and enter the interstitial fluid via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

Ascending loop of Henle

Loop diuretics



ASCENDING LOOP OF HENLE



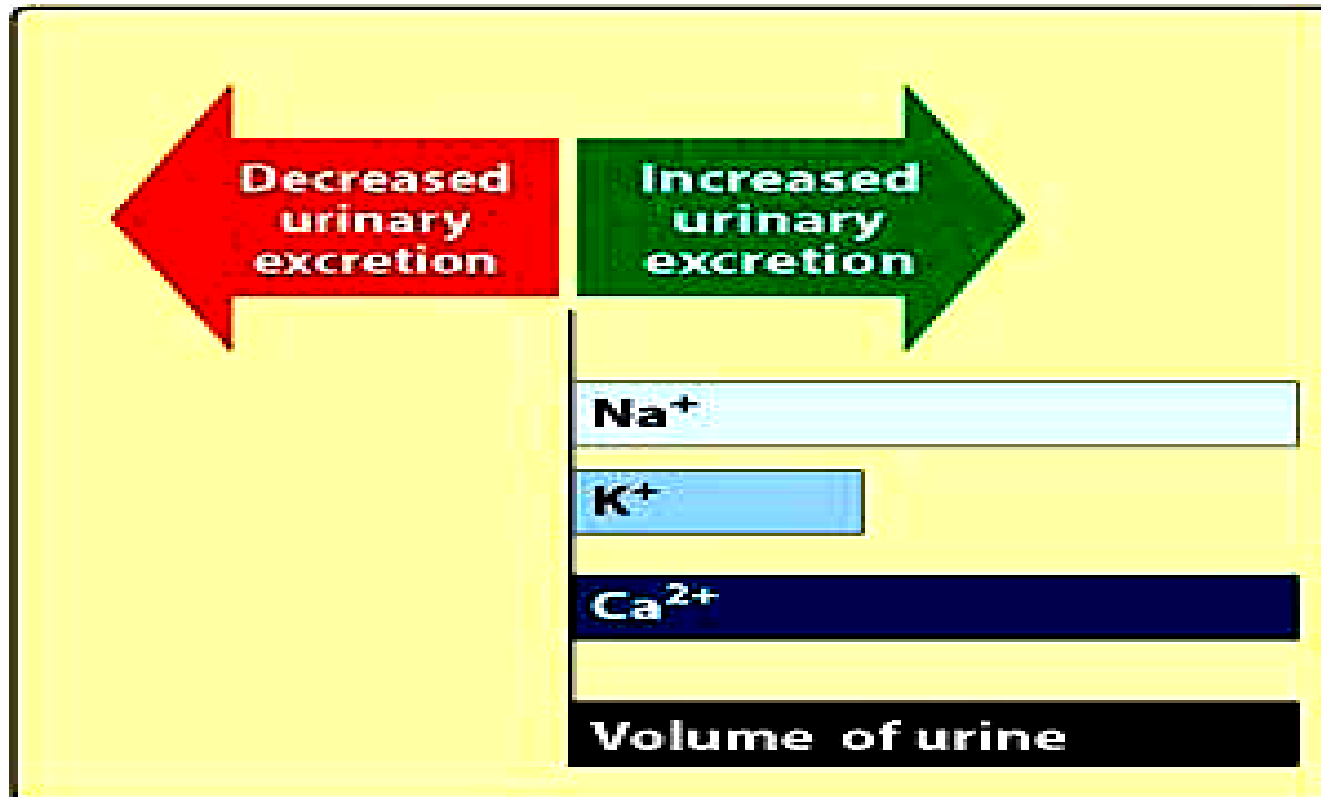
Pharmacokinetics

- Given orally or I. V.
- Have fast onset of action (suitable for emergency)
- Have short duration of action.
- Excreted by active tubular secretion of weak acids into urine
- Interfere with uric acid secretion (hyperuricemia).



Pharmacological effects:

- ↑ urinary excretion of Na^+ and K^+
- ↑ urinary excretion Ca^{++} and Mg^{++}
- ↑ urine volume
- ↑ renal blood flow.



Uses:

are drug of choice for emergency situations as:

- Edema associated with congestive heart failure, nephrotic syndrome
- **Acute** pulmonary edema
- **Acute** hyperkalaemia.
- **Acute** hypercalcemia



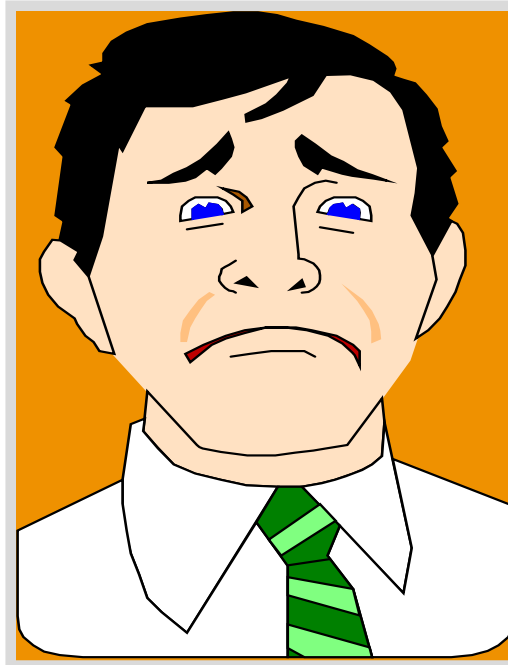
ADVERSE EFFECTS

**Volume
Depletion**

Hypokalemia

Hypocalcaemia

Hypomagnesaemia



**Metabolic
Alkalosis**

Ototoxicity

Hyperuricemia

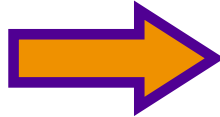
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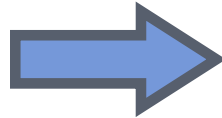
DRUG- DRUG INTERACTIONS

NSAIDS



↓ Diuretic Response

Digitalis



Arrhythmias

Aminoglycosides

↑ Ototoxicity of Loop Diuretic



Adverse effects :

- Hypovolemia
- Hyponatraemia (\downarrow blood Na^+).
- Hypokalemia (\downarrow blood K^+)
- Hypomagnesaemia (\downarrow blood Mg^{2+})
- Hypocalcaemia (\downarrow blood Ca^{2+})
- Metabolic alkalosis.
- Postural hypotension
- Dietary K supplementation or K-sparing diuretics should be used to avoid hypokalemia .



Adverse effects :

- **Hyperuricemia** (*increase blood uric acid and gouty attack*).
- **Ototoxicity** (*risk increased if combined with aminoglycosides*)
- **Allergic reactions**



Thiazide diuretics

Drugs as:

- **Chlorothiazide**
- **Hydrochlorothiazide**
- **Chlorthalidone**
- **Metolazone**
- **Indapamide**



THIAZIDE DIURETICS

Chlorothiazide

Potency 0.1, $t^{1/2}$ 2h

Chlorthalidone

Potency 10, $t^{1/2}$ 26h

Metolazone

Potency 5, $t^{1/2}$ 5h

Hydrochlorothiazide

Potency 1, $t^{1/2}$ 3h

Indapamide

Potency 20, $t^{1/2}$ 16h

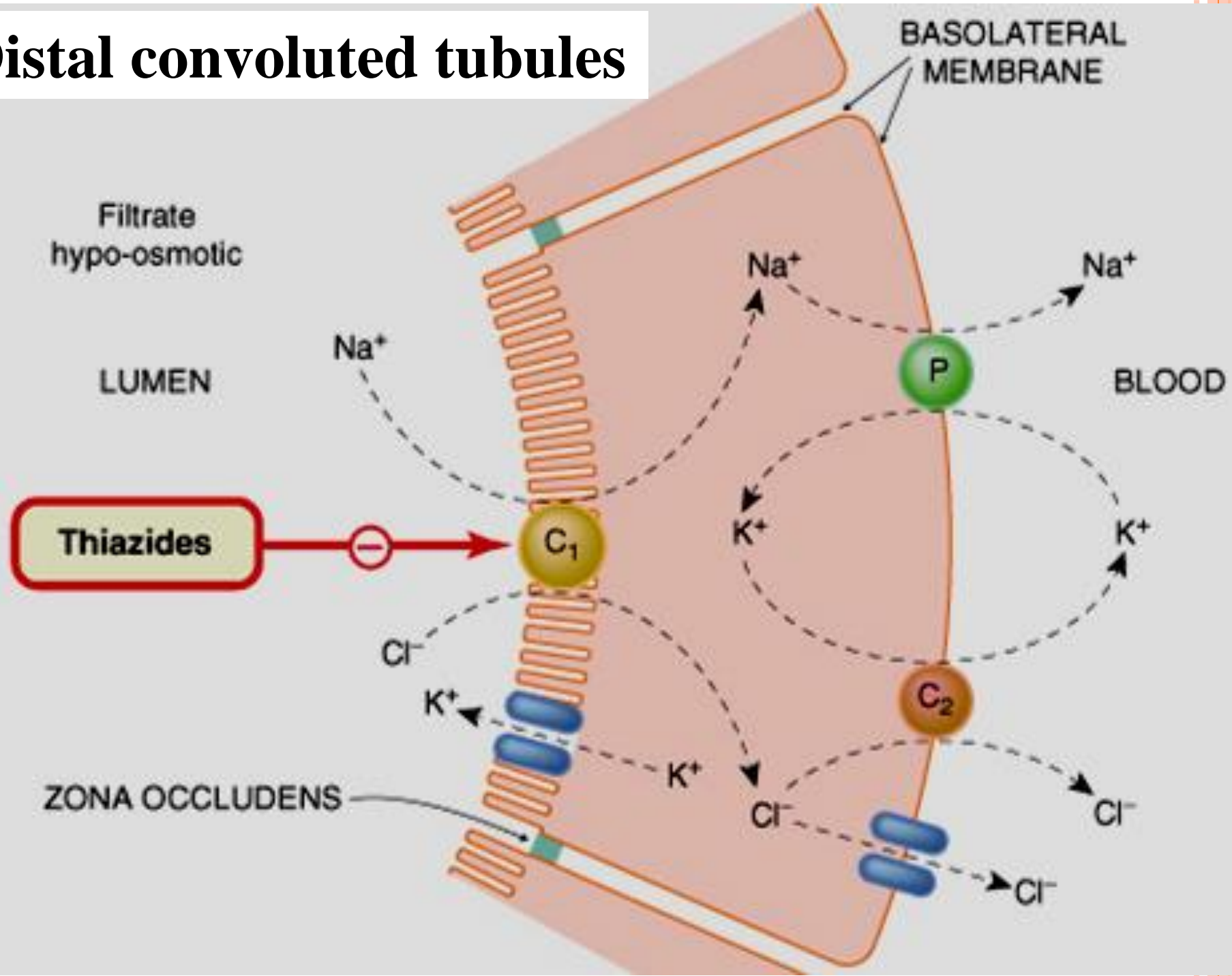
Thiazide diuretics

Mechanism of action:

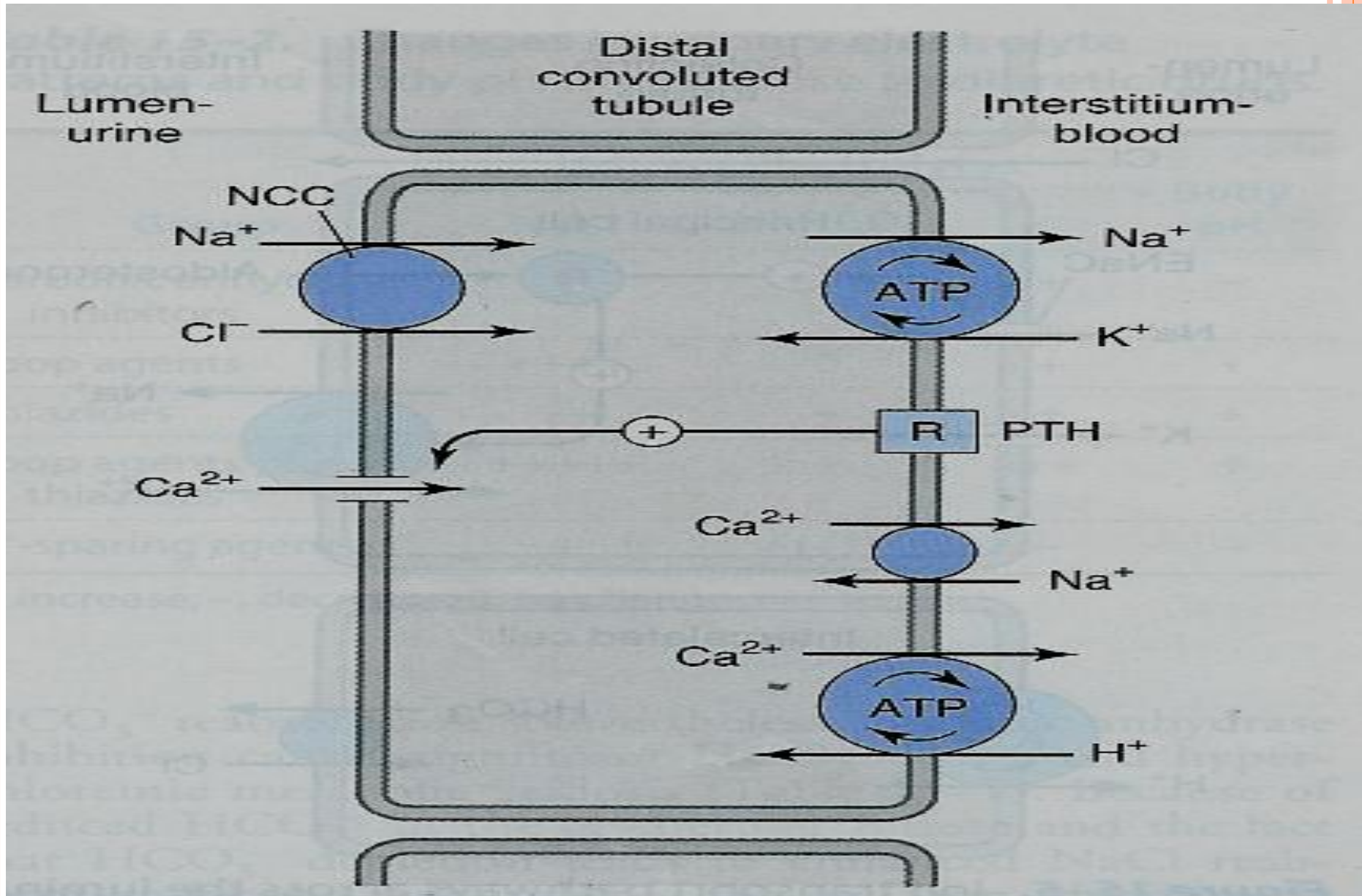
- acts via inhibition of Na/Cl co-transporter on the luminal membrane of distal convoluted tubules.
- **Efficacy:** Moderate natriuresis (5-10% of filtered load of sodium is reabsorbed).



Distal convoluted tubules



Mechanism of action of thiazide diuretics



Pharmacokinetics:

- Given orally, slow of onset
- long duration of action (40 h)
- are secreted by active tubular secretory system of the kidney
- may interfere with uric acid secretion and cause *hyperuricemia*



Pharmacological effects:

↑ urinary NaCl excretion

↑ urinary K excretion (Hypokalemia)

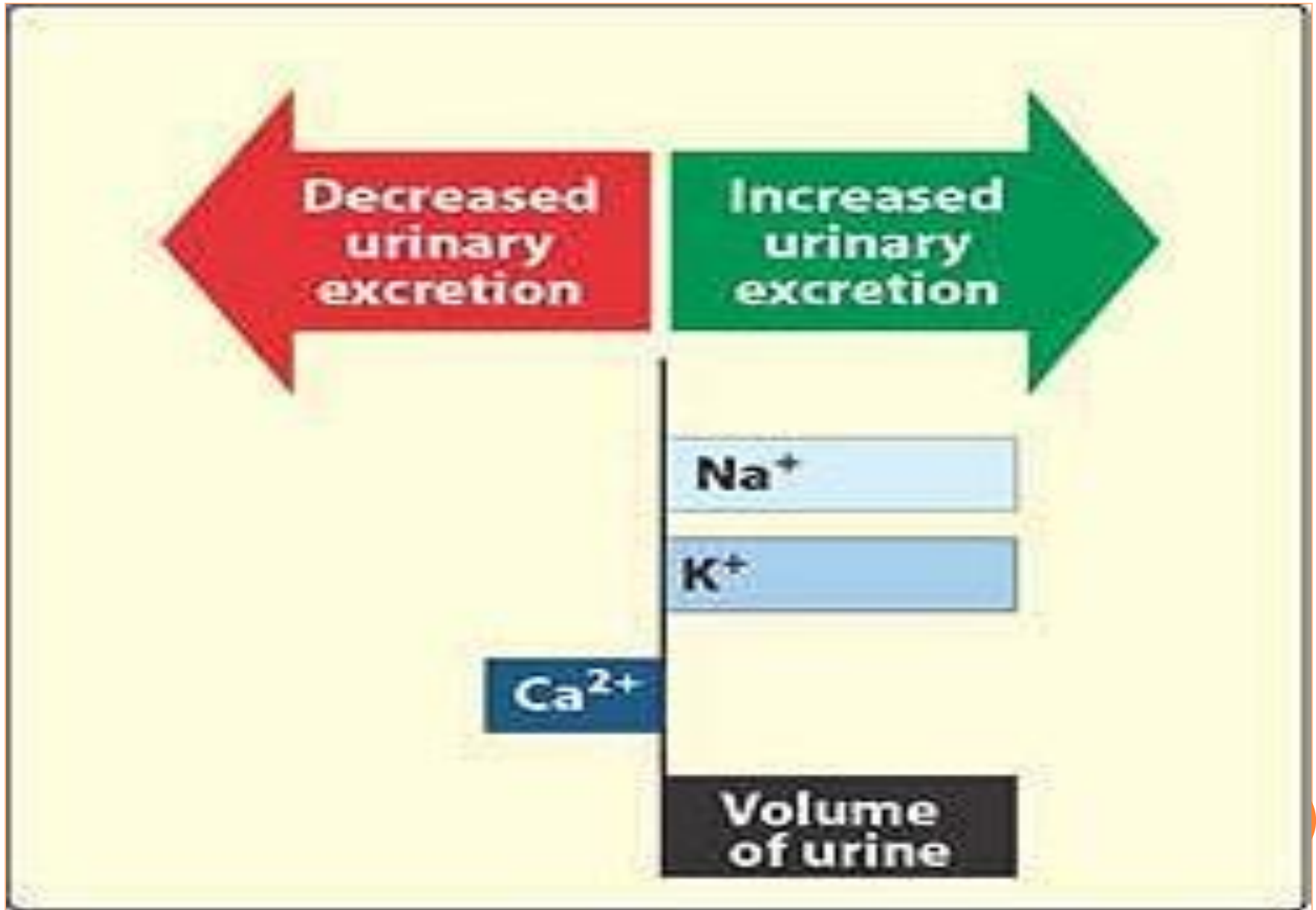
↑ urinary magnesium excretion

↓ urinary calcium excretion

↑ calcium re-absorption hypercalcemia



Thiazide diuretics



Uses:

- Treatment of essential hypertension (*cheap-well tolerated*).
- Treatment of mild heart failure (*to reduce extracellular volume*).
- Treatment of osteoporosis

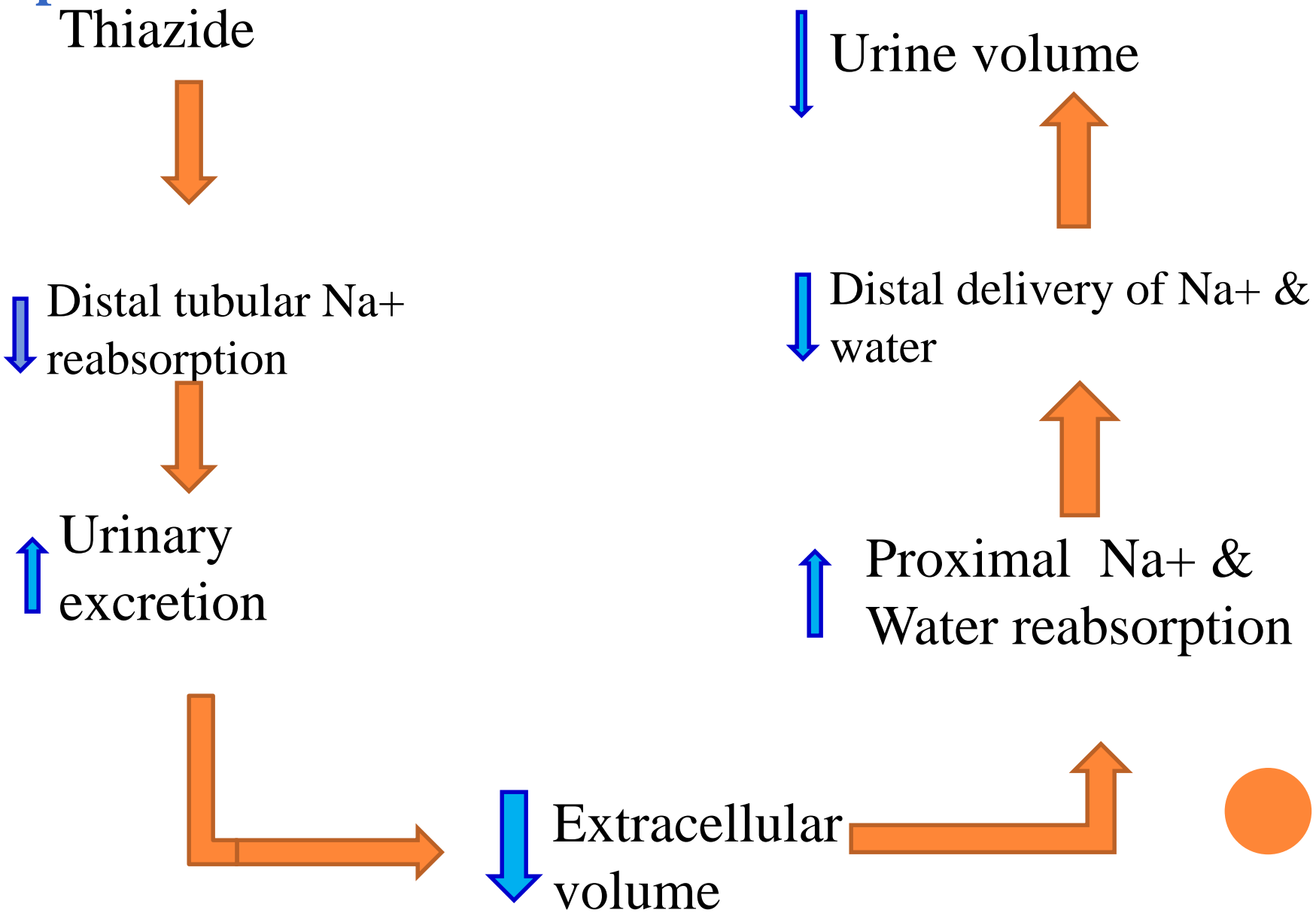


Uses:

- Calcium nephrolithiasis due to hypercalciuria (*to increase calcium re-absorption and decrease renal calcium stones*)
- Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus (*decrease blood volume and GFR*)



Mechanism of antidiuretic effect of thiazide in diabetes insipidus



Adverse effects:

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



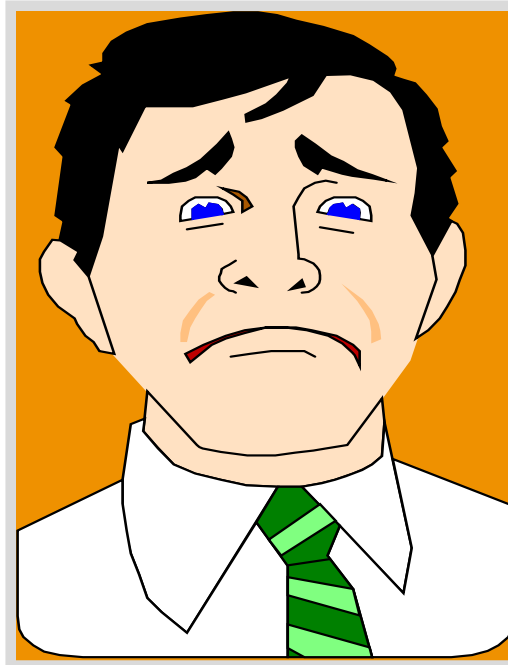
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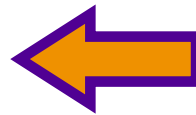
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THIAZIDE DIURETICS

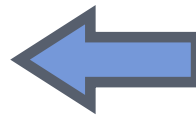
DRUG- DRUG INTERACTIONS

Uricosurics
Sulphonylurea



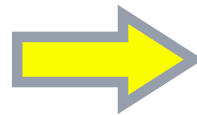
Thiazides
Diminish
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Digitalis
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Thiazides
Increase effect

NSAIDs



Reduce thiazide
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