H_2 blockers and proton pump inhibitors

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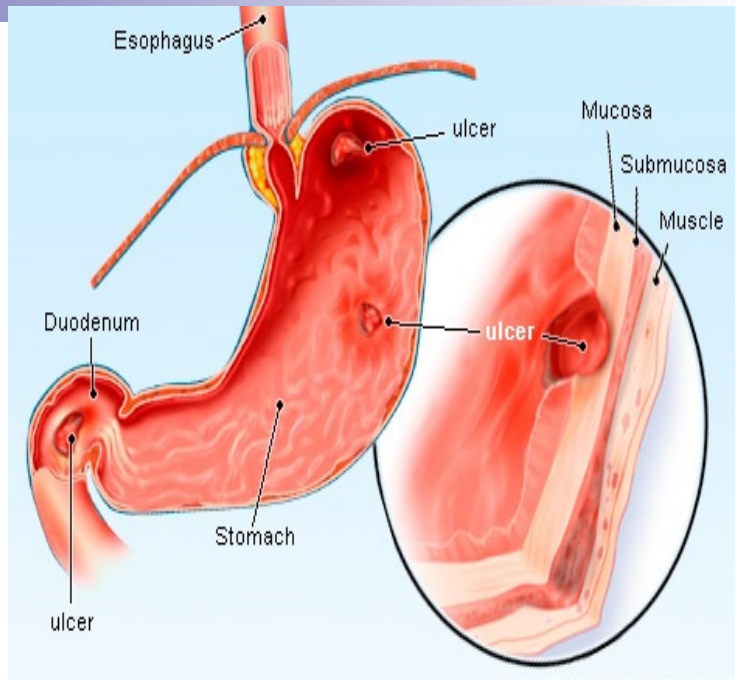
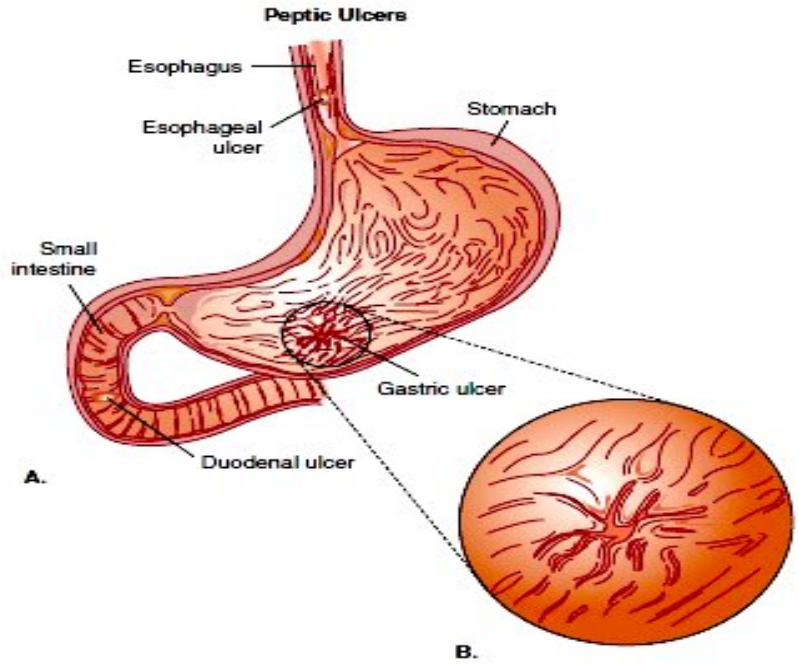
Objectives:

- Understand the key points of pathophysiology of the peptic ulcer disease
- Enumerate various classes of dugs used in peptic ulcer disease
- Know the characteristic pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and side effects of drugs used in peptic ulcer disease.
- Know the cytoprotective drugs mainly misoprostol and its use in NSAIDs-induced peptic ulcer.
- Identify different antacids that are used to relief pain of peptic ulcer.
- Identify potential adverse drug interactions of anti-ulcer drugs.

Peptic ulcer disease (PUD)

- a localized lesion of the mucous membrane of the stomach (gastric ulcer) or duodenum (duodenal ulcer), typically extending through the muscularis mucosa.



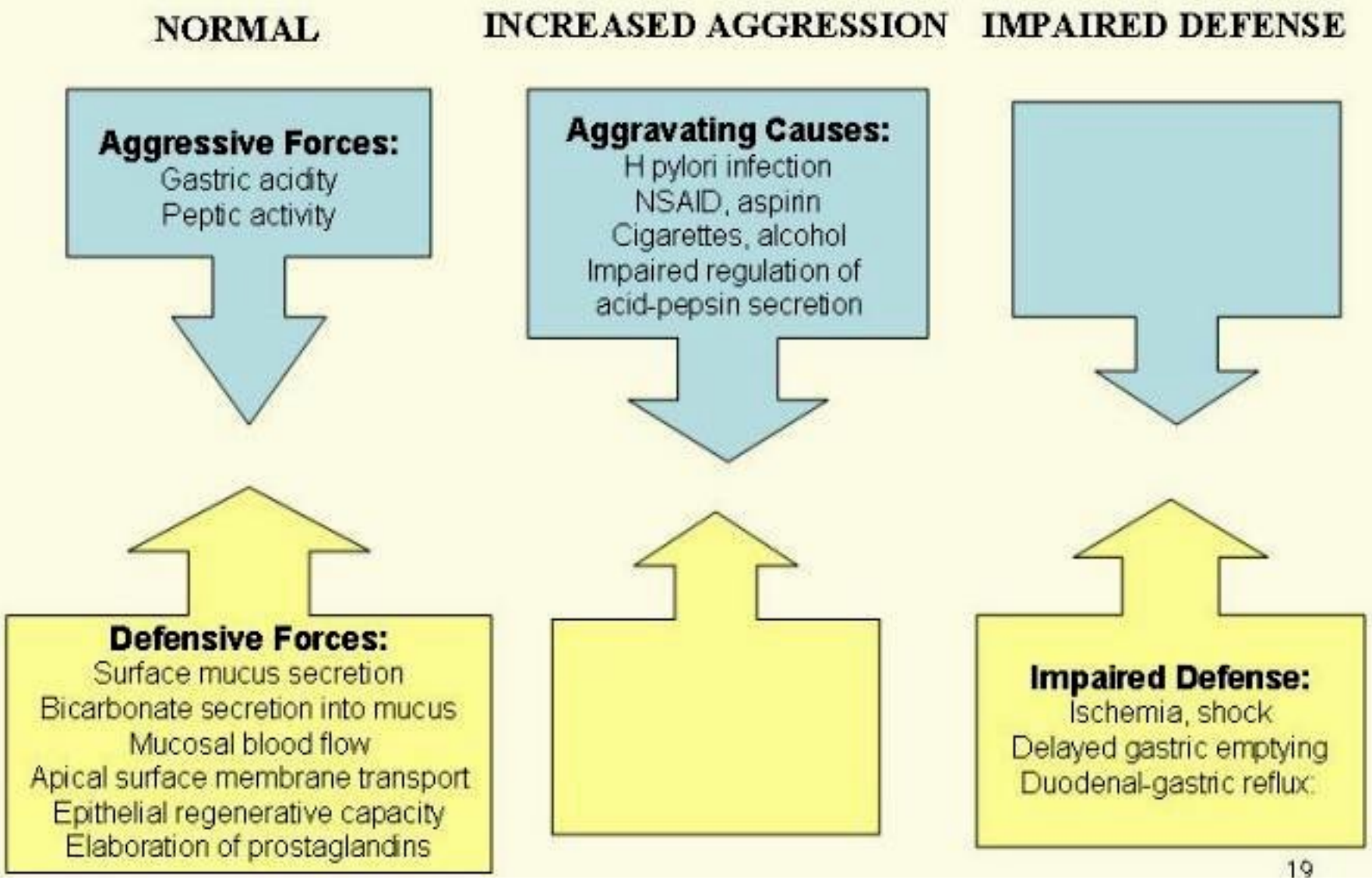


Pathophysiology:

is imbalance between **aggressive factors (acid & pepsin)** and **defensive factors (e.g. prostaglandins, mucus & bicarbonate layer).**

However, nowadays, it seems that **H. pylori** theory is very important.

Peptic Ulcer Disease



Pathophysiology:

Aggressive factors

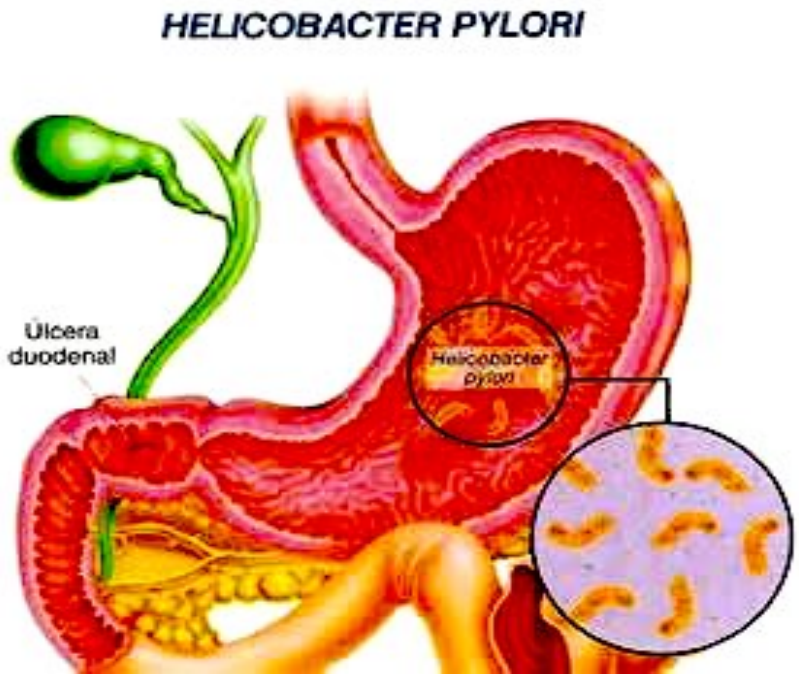
1. **Hydrochloric acid and pepsin** destroy gastric and duodenal mucosa.

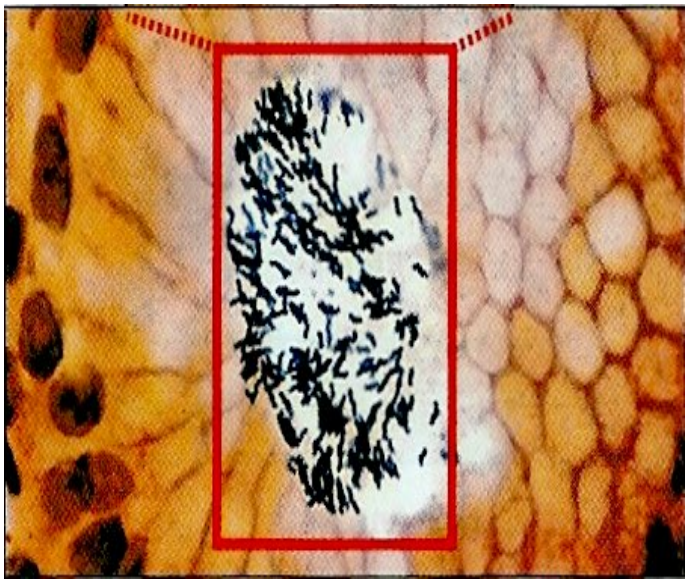
Defensive factors

1. **Mucus and bicarbonate** ion secretions protect mucosa
2. **Prostaglandins** (PGE_2 & PGI_2) protect mucosa by:
   - inhibiting acid secretion
   - increasing mucus and bicarbonate production
   - enhancing mucosal blood flow.

Pathophysiology:

Helicobacter pylori is the major etiological factor in peptic ulcer disease (95% in duodenal and 80% in gastric ulcer).





Etiology:

- **H. pylori infection**
- **Drugs (e.g.) NSAIDs; corticosteroids**
- **Alcohol**
- **Smoking**
- **Caffeine**
- **Genetic factors**
- **Diet**
- **Hypersecretory states (Zollinger Ellison syndrome)**

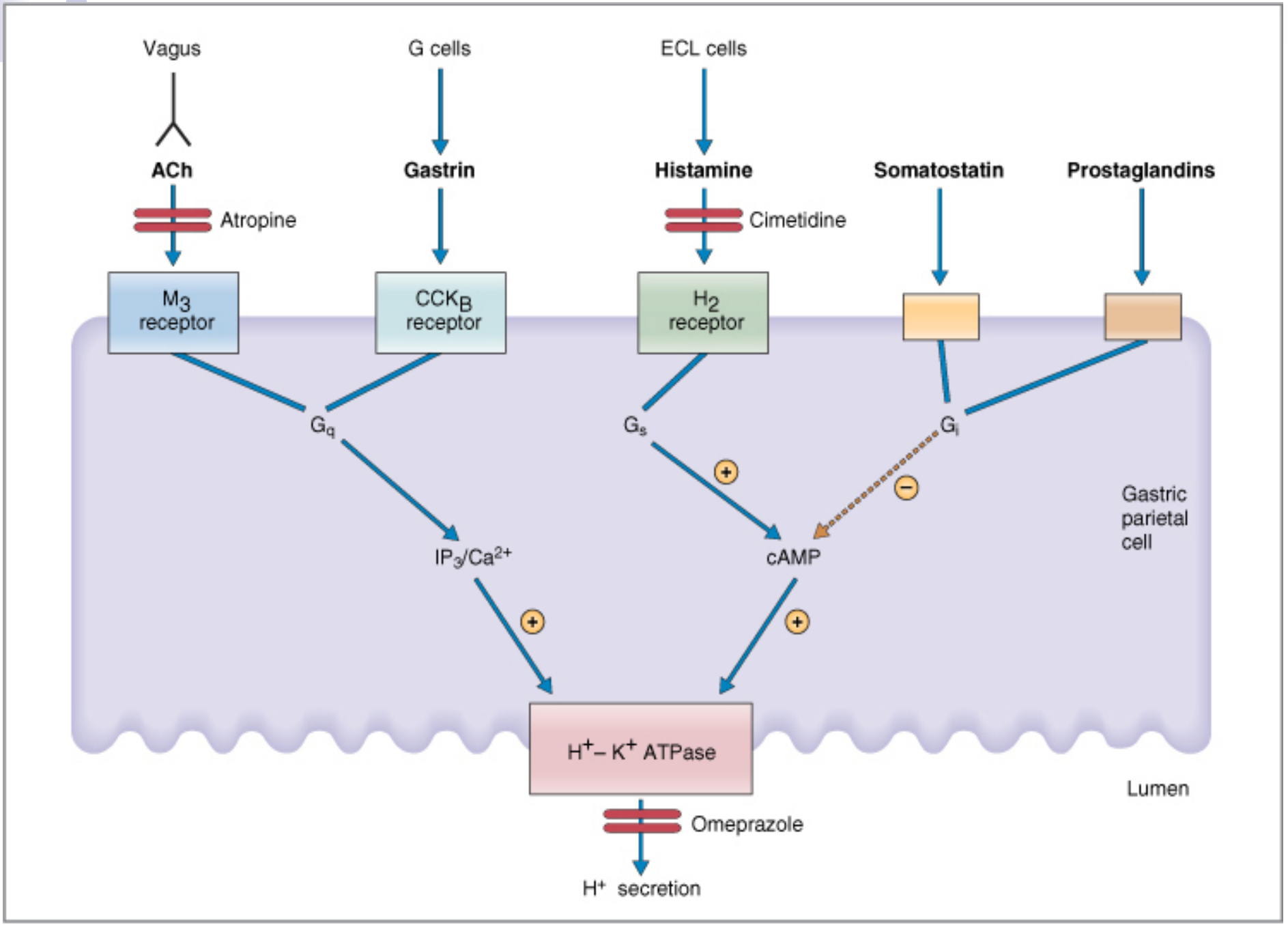
Gastric secretions

1. **HCl and intrinsic factor (Parietal cells).**
2. **Pepsinogens (Chief cells).**
3. **Mucus, bicarbonate (mucus-secreting cells).**

Regulation of gastric secretions

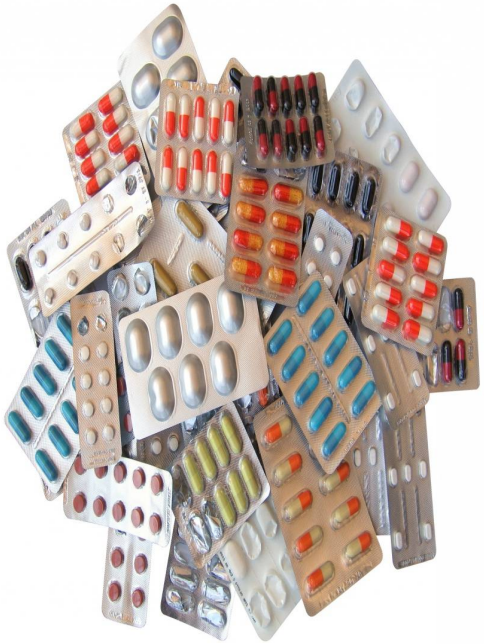
Parietal cells secrete acid in response to:

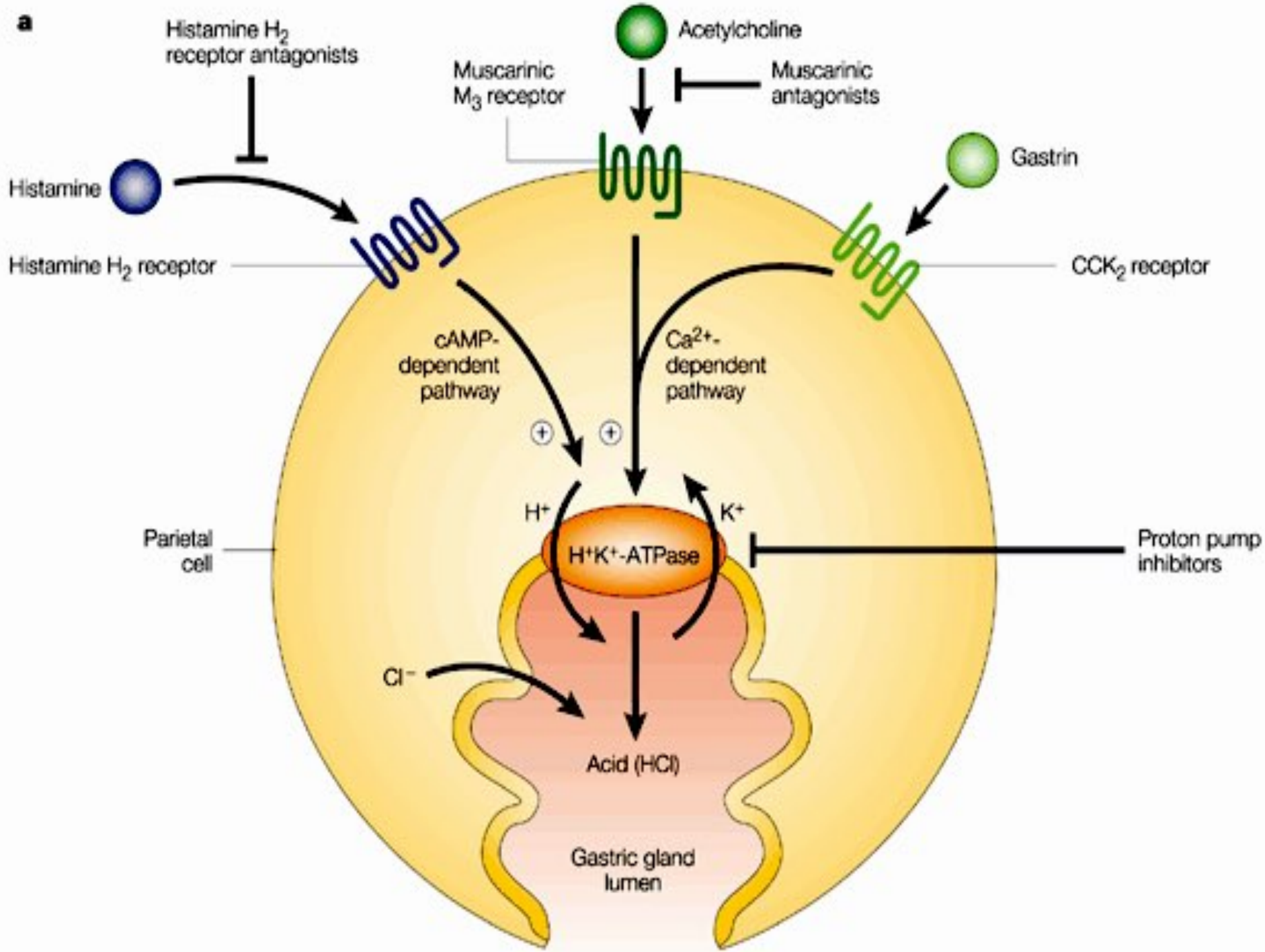
1. **Ach (neurotransmitter): M_3 receptors**
2. **Gastrin (hormone): CCK_2 receptors** (cholecystokinin)
3. **Histamine (local hormone): H_2 receptors**
4. **Proton pump (H^+/ K^+ ATPase)**



Treatment of peptic ulcer

- Eradication of H. pylori infections
- Hyposecretory drugs.
  - Proton pump inhibitors
  - H_2 receptor blockers
  - Antimuscarinic drugs
- Mucosal cytoprotective agents.
  - Prostaglandin analogues
- Neutralizing agents (antacids).

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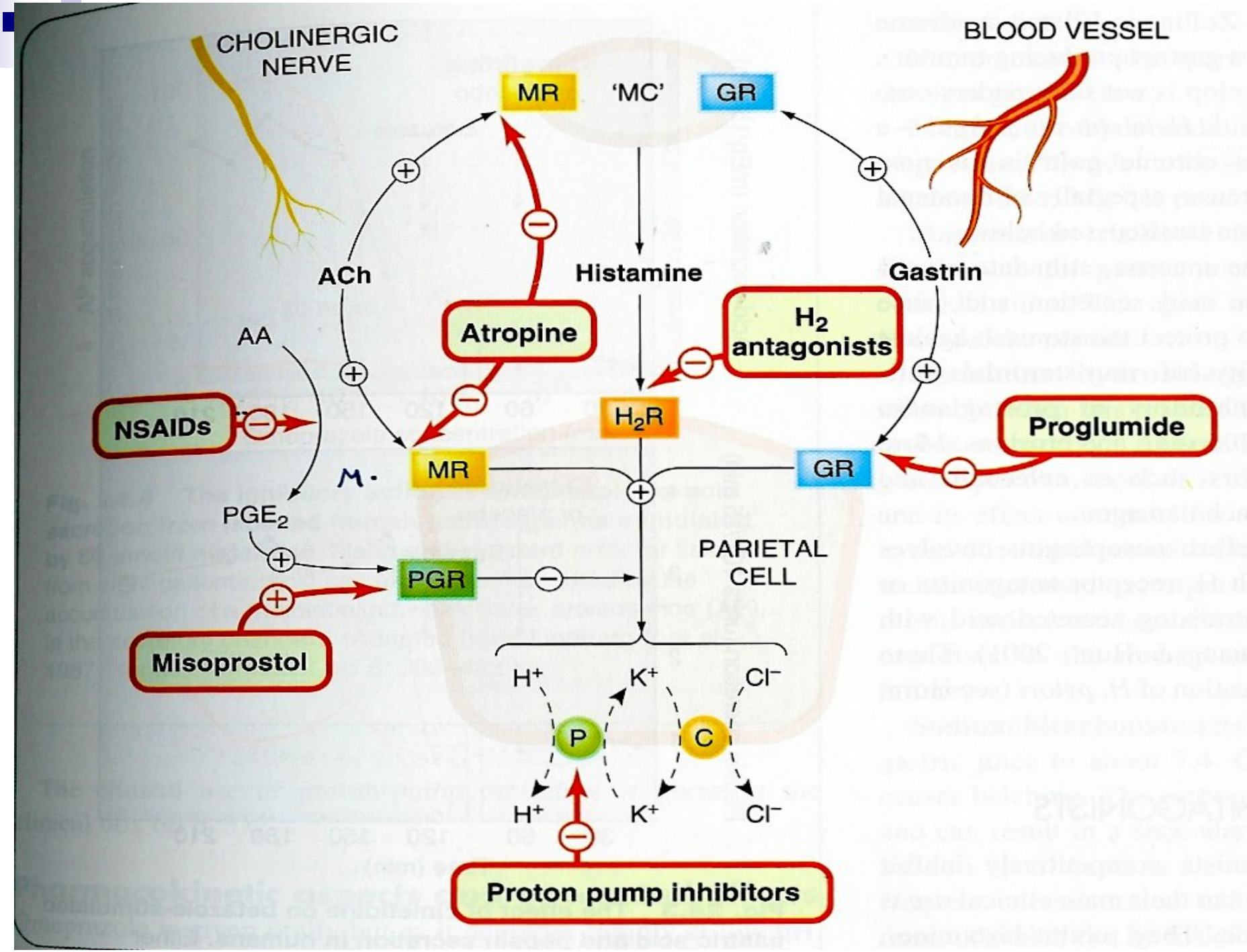
Histamine H2 receptor antagonists
Acetylcholine
Muscarinic M3 receptor
Muscarinic antagonists
Gastrin
Histamine
Histamine H2 receptor
CCK2 receptor
cAMP-dependent pathway
Ca2+-dependent pathway
H+
K+
Parietal cell
H+K+-ATPase
Proton pump inhibitors
Cl−
Acid (HCl)
Gastric gland lumen


CHOLINERGIC NERVE
BLOOD VESSEL
MR
'MC'
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ACh
Histamine
Gastrin
Atropine
H_2 antagonists
AA
NSAIDs
H_2R
Proglumide
MR
GR
PGE_2
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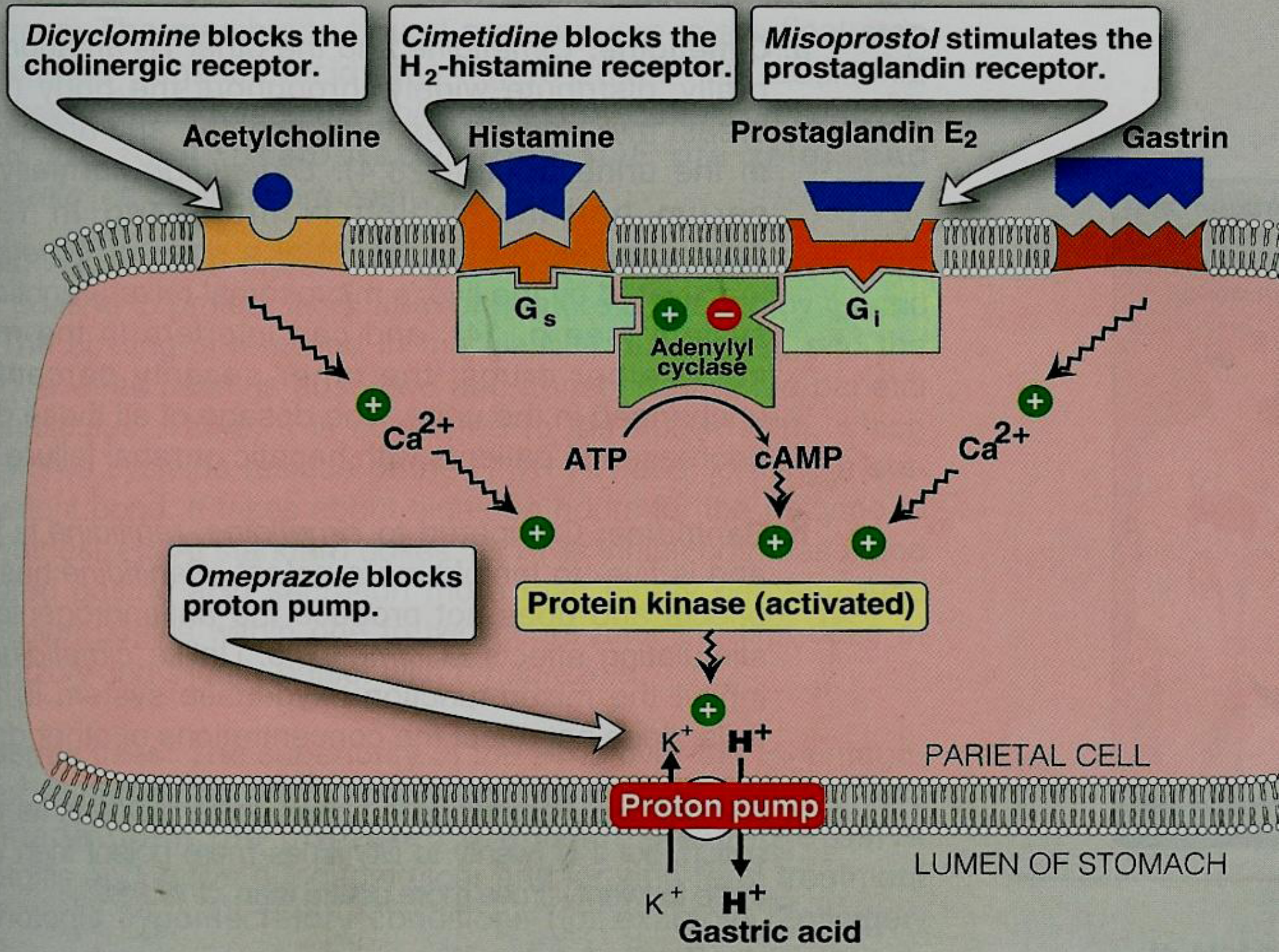
Proton pump inhibitors


Dicyclomine blocks the cholinergic receptor.
Cimetidine blocks the H_2-histamine receptor.
Misoprostol stimulates the prostaglandin receptor.
Acetylcholine
Histamine
Prostaglandin E_2
Gastrin
G_s
G_i
Adenylyl cyclase
Ca^{2+}
ATP
cAMP
Ca^{2+}
Omeprazole blocks proton pump.
Protein kinase (activated)
K^+
H^+
PARIETAL CELL
Proton pump
LUMEN OF STOMACH
K^+
H^+
Gastric acid

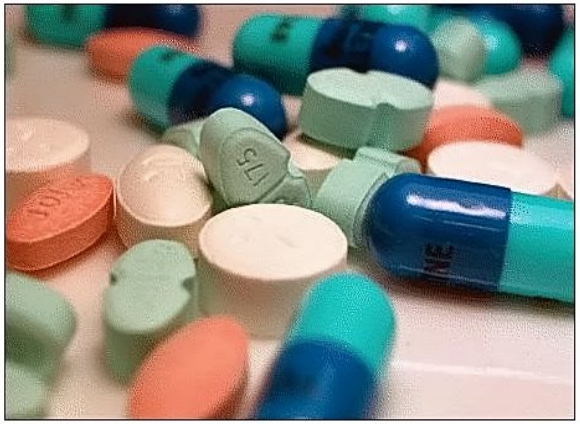
Gastric hyposecretory drugs

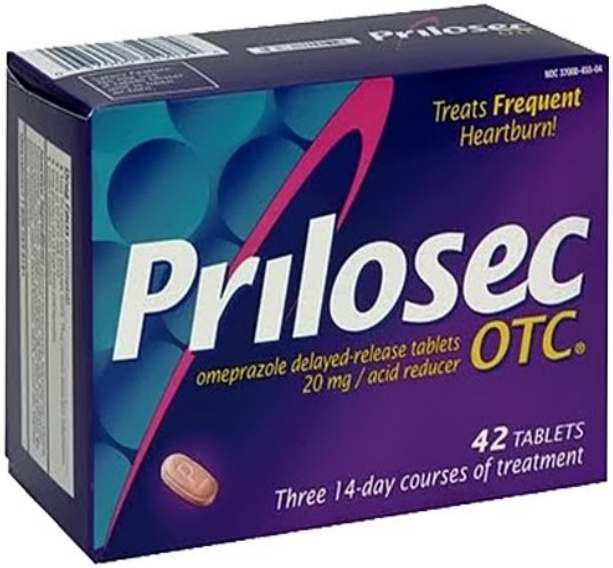
Hyposecretory drugs decrease gastric acid secretion ➔Promote healing & relieve pain.

Include:

- Proton pump inhibitors
- H_2 receptor blockers
- Antimuscarinic drugs

Proton Pump Inhibitor Drugs





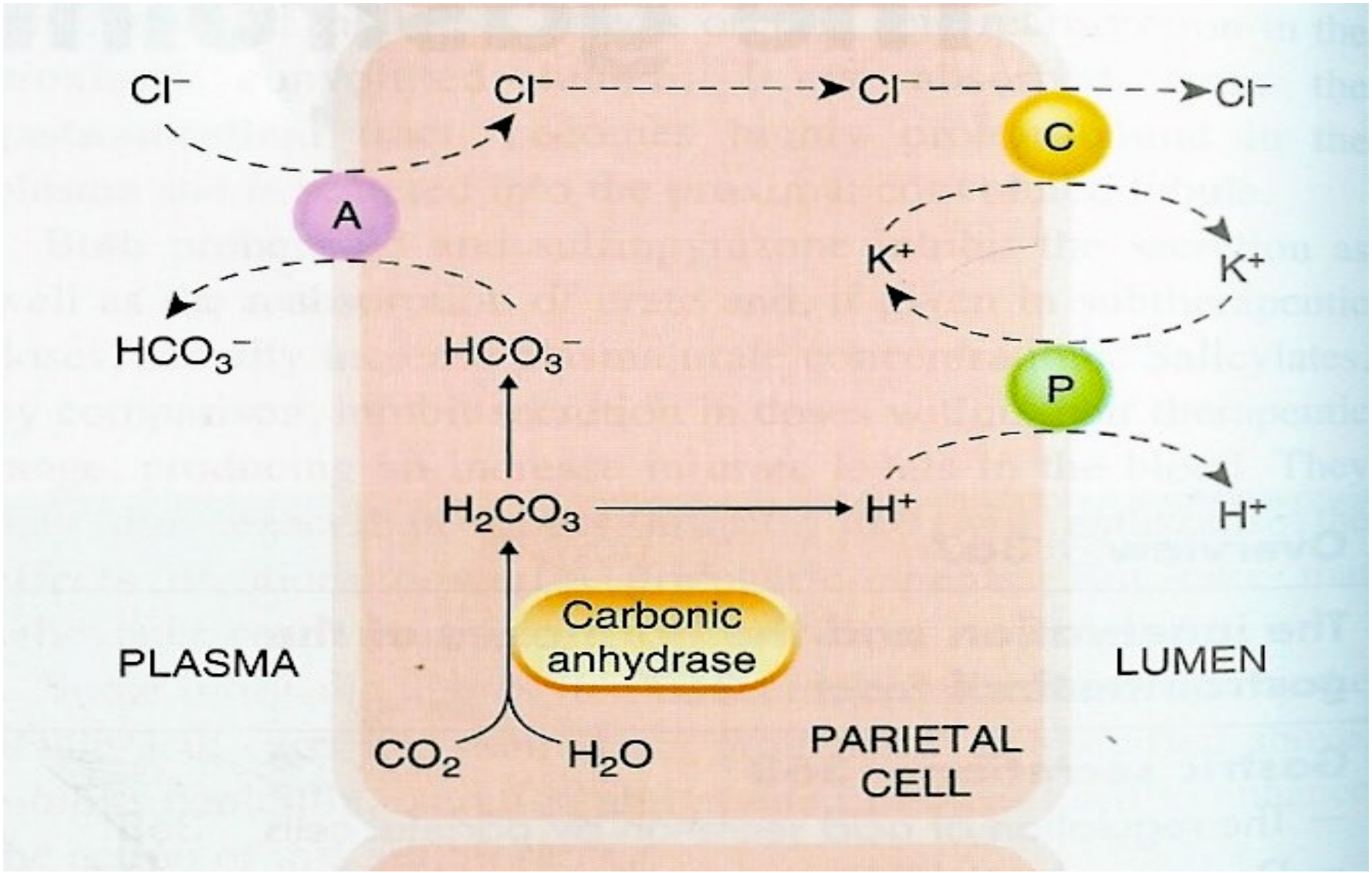
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)

Omeprazole – Lansoprazole

Pantoprazole -Raprazole

Acts by irreversible inhibition of proton pump (H+/ K+ ATPase) that is responsible for final step in gastric acid secretion from the parietal cell (they covalently bind to the pump).

Gastric secretion by parietal cells



Pharmacodynamics

- They are the most potent inhibitors of acid secretion available today.
- Produce marked inhibition of basal & meal stimulated-acid secretion (90-98%).
- Reduce pepsin activity.
- Promote mucosal healing & decrease pain.
- Proton pump inhibitors heal ulcers faster than H_2 blockers, and have H. pylori inhibitory properties.

Pharmacokinetics of PPIs

- Given orally
- Are pro-drugs
- Given as enteric coated formulations (unstable in acidic medium in stomach).
- Are rapidly absorbed from the intestine.
- Are activated within the acidic medium of parietal cell canaliculi.
- At neutral pH, PPIs are inactivated.
- Should not combined with H_2 blockers or antacids.

- **Bioavailability is reduced by food.**
- **Given one hour before the meal.**
- **Have long duration of action (> 12 h-24 h).**
- **Once daily dose is sufficient**
- **Metabolized in the liver by Cyt-P450.**
- **Dose reduction is required in severe liver failure.**

USES of PPIs

- Eradication of H. pylori (combined with antimicrobial drugs).
- Resistant severe peptic ulcer (4-8 weeks).
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).
- Hypersecretory conditions as Zollinger Ellison syndrome and gastrinoma (First choice).

Zollinger Ellison syndrome

is a disease in which Gastrin -secreting tumor cause the stomach to produce too much acid, resulting in peptic ulcers.

Symptoms: abdominal pain and diarrhea.

Gastrin produces:

- Parietal cell hyperplasia (trophic factor).
- Excessive gastric acid production.
- Diarrhea

Adverse effects to PPIs

- **CNS:** Headache
- **GIT:** Diarrhea & abdominal pain.
- Achlorhydria & hypergastrinaemia.
- **Gastric mucosal hyperplasia.**
- **Infection**
  - Increased bacterial flora
  - Increased risk of community-acquired respiratory infections & nosocomial pneumonia

Long term use may lead to

- Vitamin B_{12} deficiency
- Hypomagnesaemia
- Osteoporosis

Adverse effects to PPIs

- Precaution should be given not to combine omeprazole (CYP2C19 inhibitor) and clopidogrel (CYP2C19 is required for activation of clopidogrel).

H2 receptor blockers

- Cimetidine - Ranitidine
- Famotidine - Nizatidine

Mechanism of action

They reversibly and competitively block H_2 receptors on the parietal cells.

Pharmacokinetics

- Good oral absorption
- Given before meals.
- Famotidine is the most potent drug.
- Exposed to first pass metabolism (except nizatidine that has the greatest bioavailability)
- Duration of action (4-12 h).
- Metabolized by liver.
- Excreted mainly in urine.

	CIMETIDINE	RANITIDINE	FAMOTIDINE	NIZATIDINE
Efficacy	+++	++ +	+++	+++
Potency	+	++	+++	++
Dose	400 mg bid	150 mg bid	20mg bid	150 mg bid
Route	orally, IV	orally, IV	orally, IV	orally
T 1/2	short (2 h)	longer (3h)	longer (3h)	shortest (1
Duration	5-6 h	10 h	12 h	11 h
CYT P 450	++	-	-	-
Antiandrogenic	++	-	-	-
Drug interactions	many	No	No	No

Pharmacological actions:

- **Reduce basal and food stimulated-acid secretion**
- **Block 90% of nocturnal acid secretion (which depend largely on histamine) & 60-70% of total 24 hr acid secretion. Therefore, it is better to be given before night sleep.**
- **Reduce pepsin activity.**
- **Promote mucosal healing & decrease pain**

Uses:

- GERD (heartburn/ dyspepsia).
- Acute ulcer healing in moderate cases
  - Duodenal Ulcer (6-8 weeks).
  - Benign gastric ulcer (8-12 weeks).
  - Prevention of bleeding from stress-related gastritis.
- Pre-anesthetic medication (to prevent aspiration pneumonitis).
- Post–ulcer healing maintenance therapy.

Adverse effects of H_2 blockers

- **GIT disturbances:** Nausea & vomiting.
- **CNS effects:** Headache - confusion

(elderly, hepatic dysfunction, renal dysfunction).

- **Bradycardia and hypotension (rapid I.V.)**
- **CYT-P450 inhibition (Only Cimetidine)**

  decrease metabolism of warfarin, phenytoin, benzodiazepines.

Endocrine effects (Only Cimetidine)

- **Galactorrhea (Hyperprolactinemia)**
- **Antiandrogenic actions (gynecomastia – impotence) due to inhibition of dihydrotestosterone binding to androgen receptors.**

Precautions

Dose reduction of H_2 receptor blockers in severe renal or hepatic failure and elderly.

Prostaglandin analogues
Misoprostol

- Prostaglandin analogues (PGE1)
- ↓ HCL secretion.
- ↑ protective measures (↑ mucous/bicarbonate & gastric mucosal blood flow).
- Orally, must be taken 3-4 times/day.
- Used for NSAIDS-induced peptic ulcer.

Adverse effects:

- Abdominal cramps; diarrhea.
- Uterine contraction (dysmenorrhea or abortion).
- Vaginal bleeding.

Antacids

These drugs are mainly inorganic salts

e.g.: $NaHCO_3$; $CaCO_3$; $Al(OH)_3$; $Mg(OH)_2$

- acts by direct chemical neutralization of HCL and decrease pepsin activity.
- used to relief pain of peptic ulcer & dyspepsia.
- All antacids ↓absorption of some drugs as tetracycline, fluoroquinolones, iron.

NaHCO3 (Sodium bicarbonate):

Effective, but systemic alkalosis may occur.

* Contraindicated in CVS patients

Aluminum hydroxide:

- Constipation
- Hypophophatemia (weakness, malaise, anorexia)
- Seizure

Magnesium hydroxide:

- Diarrhea
- Hypotension & Cardiac arrest

Calcium carbonate

- Milk-alkali syndrome
- Hyercalcemia
- Renal failure
- ↓ absorption of tetracycline

Summary

- Test for H. pylori prior to beginning therapy.
- Acid-reducing medications are prescribed in case of PUD **without H pylori infections.**
- Acid-reducing medications for PUD include:
  - H_2 receptor blockers
  - PPIs should be used for acute therapy only if H2RAs fail or cannot be used, or as part of treatment for H. pylori.
- Complete H. pylori eradication is required to prevent relapse.
- **PUD with H pylori infections can be treated with** triple therapy or quadrable therapy