

Drugs used in Rx of peptic ulcer

✱ Definition:

☞ Stomach or duodenal lesion that occurs due to imbalance between aggressive factors and mucosal protective mechanisms

☞ Aggressive factors:

1. pepsin
2. acid

☞ Protective mechanisms:

- 1- PG E2- I2
- 2- mucus and bicarbonate
- 3- mucosal blood flow
- 4- so, rapid turnover of gastric mucosa

☞ Risk factors:

1. H pylori infection
2. Alcohol
3. Smoking
4. Diet
5. Stress
6. Drugs: NSAIDS, corticosteroids, stress
7. Genetic factors
8. Diseases (Zollinger Ellison syndrome)
9. people with blood group O

➡ Complications:

- 1) GI hemorrhage
- 2) pyloric stenosis
- 3) chronic iron deficiency
- 4) Anemia
- 5) perforation

➡ Symptoms:

- 1) NV
- 2) anorexia
- 3) upper abdominal pain
- 4) Weight loss
- 5) heart burn

➡ Gastric secretion:

- 1) pepsinogens (chief cells)
- 2) HCL and intrinsic factors (parietal cells)
- 3) mucus ,bicarbonate (mucus secreting cells)

➡ Regulation of gastric secretion:

- 1) histamine (local hormone)
- 2) Gastrin (hormone) (*inhibited by somatostatin*)
- 3) ACH (neurotransmitters)

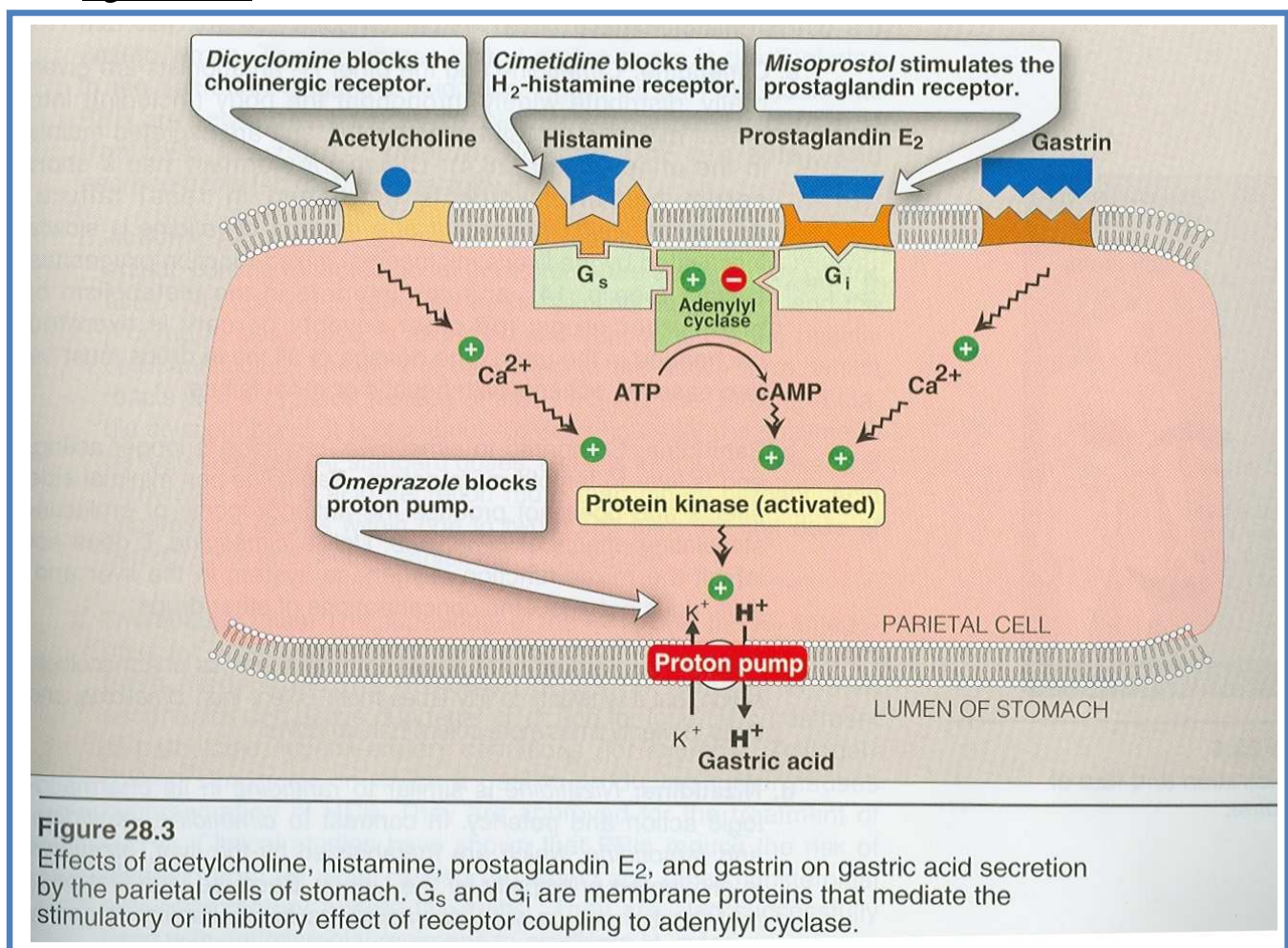
💡 Aims of Ulcer treatment:

1. symptoms relief of pain
2. promotion of ulcer healing
3. prevention of recurrence
4. prevention of complications

☺ Drugs used in treatment of peptic ulcer

1. Gastric hypo-secretary drugs:
 - a) H₂ receptor blocker
 - b) Anti histamine
 - c) Proton Pump Inhibitors
2. Eradication of H pylori
3. mucosal cyto-protective agents
 - a) sucralfate
 - b) colloidal bismuth
 - c) PG analogues
4. Neutralizing agents (antacids)

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① *Gastric Hypo secretory agents:*

- decrease gastric acid secretion >> promotion of healing and relieve the pain
- decrease absorption of keto kenazole and iron preparation ,digoxin
- they are subdivided into:
 - a) anti muscarinics
 - b) H2 receptor blockers
 - c) PPIs

a) Anti cholinergic drugs:

1- non selective: (oxyphenonium –Dicyclomine)

- decrease gastric motility
- delay gastric emptying → side effect
- cause heart burn (b/c they decrease motility → accumulation of food → increase Hcl)
- Atropin like side effects

2- selective Anti cholinergic : (pirenzepine – Telenzepine)

- blocks M1 receptors in the parital cells
- selectivity in gastric acid secretion
- no effect on gastric acid secretion
- no effect on gastric motility
- no effect on CNS
- Dose: 50 Mg for 4-6 weeks
- uses:
 1. Adjuvant to H2 receptors blockers
 2. Decrease nocturnal pain in peptic ulcer

b) H₂ receptor blockers:

- × **Cimetidine**
- × **Ramitedine**
- × **Famotidine** (! Most potent)
- × **Nizatidine**

✂ Mechanism of action :

- They competitively and reversibly bind to H₂ receptor on the parietal cells

❖ Pharmacokinetics:

- Good oral absorption
- Plasma half life (1-3hr)
- Duration of action (4 – 12hr)
- 1st pass metabolism (50% EXCEPT Nizatidine 100% Bioavailability)
- Given before meals
- Metabolized by liver
- Excreted mainly in urine
- Cross placenta & excreted by milk

❖ Pharmacological action:

1. Reduce basal & food stimulated.
2. Inhibit histamine, gastrin, and cholinergic drug induced secretions.
3. Reduce pepsin activity.
4. Promote mucosal healing & ↓ pain.

❖ Clinical uses:

1. Duodenal ulcer (6-8 weeks)
2. Benign gastric ulcer (8-12 weeks)
3. Reflux esophagitis
4. Zollinger Ellison Syndrome (large dose)
5. Preanesthetic medication (to prevent aspiration pneumonitis)
6. Eradication of H pylori.

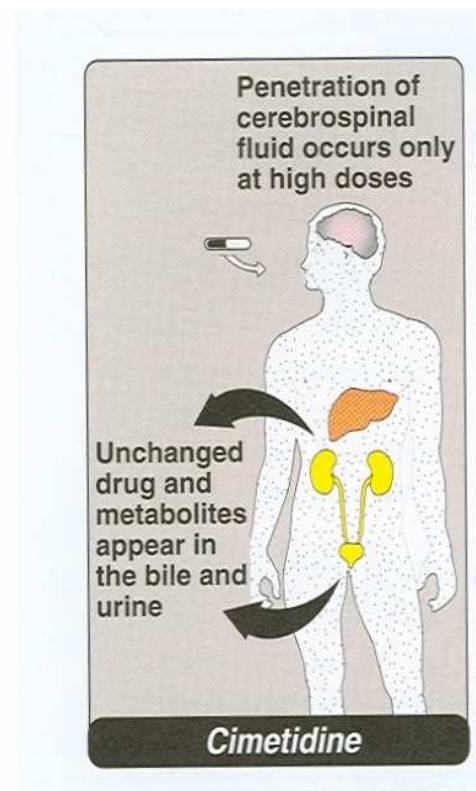


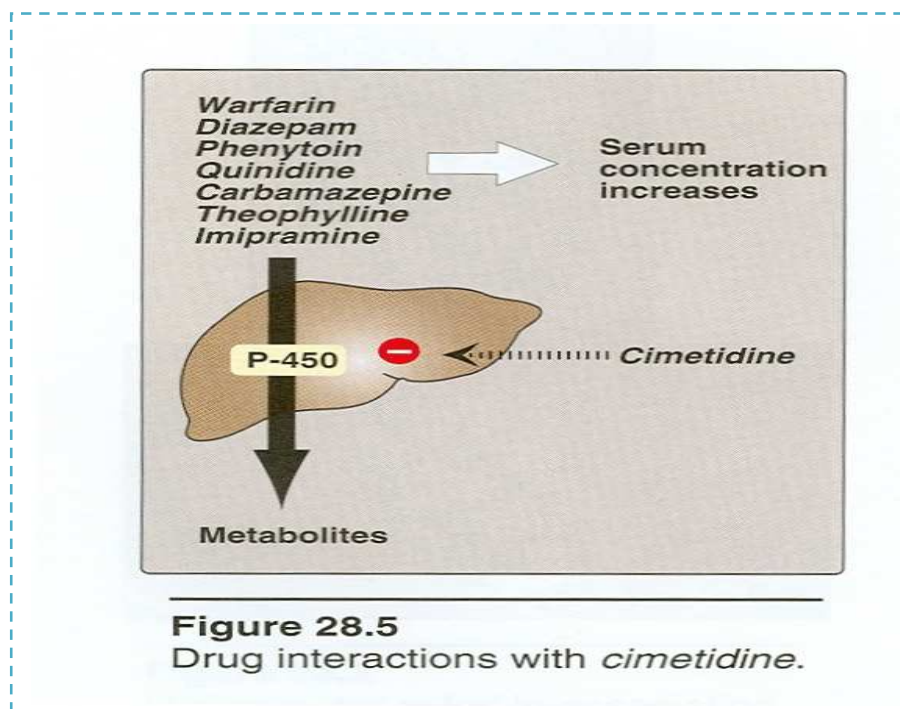
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Administration and fate of cimetidine.

🧠 Adverse effects:

1. GIT disturbances: N& V
2. CNS effects (mainly with IV route): Headache , confusion , (elderly , renal or hepatic dysfunction)
3. Bradycardia & hypotension (in rapid I V So, we can't give it as bolus → we give it as slow IV infusion)
4. Endocrine effect (with cimetidine only)
 - ✗ ↑ in serum prolactine level.
 - ✗ Inhibit binding of dihydrotestosterone to androgen receptors.
 - ✗ Antiandrogenic action (gynecomastia, impotence)
 - ✗ Galactorrhea in women.
5. Cytochrome P450 inhibition (cimetidine only) ↓ metabolism of oral anticoagulant(phenytoine , Thiophiline , BDZs).

⚠️ Precautions:

- ✓ Maintains dose (b/c relapse may occur)
- ✓ Dose reduction in severe renal or hepatic failure & elderly.



c) Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) :

- **Omperazole**
- **Iansoprazole**
- **Pantoprazole**

- Irreversible inhibition of proton pump (H⁺/K⁺ ATPase) that is responsible for final step in gastric acid secretion from the parietal cell.

Pharmacokinetics:

- All are :
 - ✗ prodrugs
 - ✗ taken orally
- ☞ Are given as enteric coated capsules to protect them from destruction by acidity in gastric lumen.
 - rapidly absorbed from the intestine.
 - They are activated in the acidic medium of the secretory parietal cell canaliculus.
- ☞ Inactivated if at neutral PH (combined with H₂ receptor blockers)
 - Have long duration of action =(12 - 24)hr
 - Once daily dose is sufficient.
 - Given 1 hr before meal.
 - Bioavailability is reduced by food
 - Are metabolized in the liver by CYP450
 - Dose reduction is required in severe liver failure
 - Excreted in the bile
 - Inhibit basal & stimulated acid secretion
- * They are more potent than H₂receptor blockers.

❖ *Clinical uses: (1st choice in all of them)*

1. Zollinger Ellison Syndrome (1st choice)
2. Resistance severe peptic ulcer (4-8 weeks).
3. Reflux esophagitis .
4. Eradication of H pylori.

👹 *Adverse effects:*

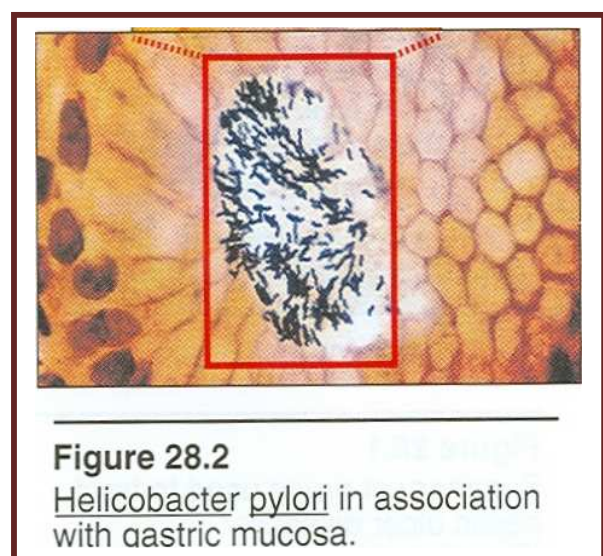
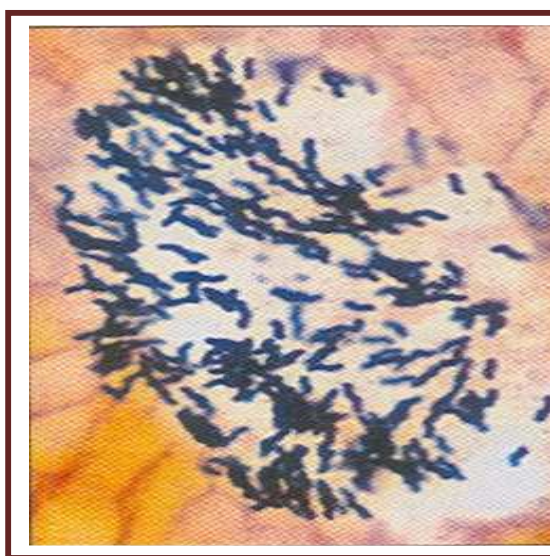
1. GIT disturbances (N&V).
2. Achlorhydria – hypergastrinaemia
3. ↑ bacterial flora (Nitrosamine)
4. Gastric hyperplasia

② Eradication of *H-pylori*

- ✓ H-pylori: Is a bacteria that causes chronic inflammation of the inner lining of the stomach.
 - Duodenal ulcer-Gastric ulcer.
 - Produce enzymes (tissue damage).
 - Risk factor for gastric cancer.
 - High acid content-inflammation-ulcer.
 - Eradication is important to prevent recurrence of ulcer.

➡ Drugs:

- Bismuth compounds → cytoprotective & bactericidal.
- Metronidazole
- Clarithromycine, tetracycline, amoxicillin. (antibiotics)
- Omeprazole or H₂ blockers.
- Resistance may develop to antibiotics.
- Combined therapy is used. → Triple or quadruple therapy.
- Better eradication is obtained using PPIs (omeprazole) & clarithromycine.
- Omeprazole used in exchange with bismuth or H₂ blockers.



③ Mucosal protective agents

- 1) **sucralfate.**
- 2) **prostaglandine analogue.**
- 3) **colloidal bismuth.**

① Sucralfate :

✓ Sucrose octaphosphate + aluminium hydroxide

Mechanism of action:

1. In acidic PH, sucralfate dissociates into its components.
2. The negatively charged sucrose, octaphosphate binds with positively charged protein molecules found in damaged mucosa (coat over the ulcer).
3. Promote ulcer healing. → so, it should not be systemically absorbed.
4. Inhibition of pepsin. → through adsorption, coz it's not hyposecretory.
5. Stimulation of mucosal protective mechanisms (mucus & bicarbonates secretion).

Pharmacokinetics:

- Orally, poor systemic absorption.
- Duration (6h).
- Excreted in feces.
- Avoid co-administration of antacid or H₂ blocker.
- Better taken on empty stomach.

Therapeutic uses:

- Benign gastric & duodenal ulcer.
- Chronic gastritis.

🧠 *Adverse effects:*

- Constipation & dry mouth.
- Interferes with absorption of some drugs (e.g. : tetracycline, theophylline, TCA).

② Misoprostol

✓ Prostaglandine analogue (PGE1).

- Decreases HCL secretion
- Promote tight junction of gastric cells → prevent back diffusion of HCL
- Increases mucus & bicarbonate secretion.
- Increases blood flow of mucosa ,improve healing of ulcer.

Pharmacokinetics:

- Orally
- $T_{1/2}$ = 30 min.
- Is converted into active metabolite.
- Excreted in urine - must be taken 3-4 times /day.

Therapeutic uses:

- ❖ Prevention of NSAIDs induced peptic ulcer :)

🧠 Adverse effects:

- Abdominal cramps (sever colicky pain).
- Diarrhea → due to ↑ motility & secretion.
- Uterine contraction dysmenorrhea or abortion.
- Vaginal bleeding.

③ Colloidal bismuth compounds:

✓ Colloid means high molecular wt → low absorption

- Bismuth substrate
- Tripotassium dicitrato bismutate

✂ Mechanism of Action:

- It forms a precipitate with mucous that cover the ulcer with a protective coat which prevents the effect of HCl
- Promote healing of the ulcer
- Bactericidal effect against campylobacter pylori
- Decrease activity of pepsin
- Increase mucous & bicarbonate secretion
- No effect on HCl

💔 Adverse effects:

- Black stool (due to bismuth)
- Teeth discoloration
- Encephalopathy → in renal dysfunction (impaired excretion)

Clinical uses:

- 1) Triple therapy for eradication of H-pylori
- 2) Benign gastric & duodenal ulcer
- 3) Traveler's diarrhea

④ *Drug that Neutralize Hcl: Antiacids:*

- They are used to relief gastric pain associated with hypersecretion of Hcl
- They are subdivided into:

1. Systemic antacids
2. Nonsystemic antacids

❖ *Mechanism Of action:*

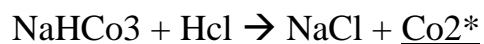
- Neutralization of Hcl
- Inhibition of pepsin (inactive @ PH=5)

❖ *Clinical uses:*

- Relief gastric ulcer pain
- Dyspepsia

1) Systemic antacids

a) Sodium bicarbonate



☠ Disadvantages:

- × Rebound acidity
- × Stomach distension due to CO_2 liberation \rightarrow pain sensation
- × Sodium load \rightarrow salt & water retention (# in cardiac pts)
- × Systemic alkalosis

b) Calcium carbonate:



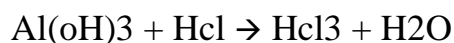
Disadvantages:

- Liberation of $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow$ stomach distention
- 10% is absorbed \rightarrow hypercalcaemia
- Rebound acidity
- Milk alkali syndrome (hypocalcaemia, renal failure b/c it precipitates in kidney \rightarrow nephrocalcinosis)



2)Non - systemic antacids:

- Aluminum hydroxyl gel
- Magnesium trisilicate



Advantages:

- Longer duration of action
- Gradual neutralization of HCl >> no rebound hyperacidity
- Adsorbs pepsin (b/c it contains Al)
- Minimal change in acid base balance
- No stomach distention

Disadvantages of :

★ $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$:

- Constipation
- Drug interaction: decrease absorption of tetracycline, digoxin, & iron

★ magnesium trisilicate:

- Diarrhea
- CNS depression (in renal failure pts)

☞ they r given together b/c one causes constipation & the other causes diarrhea