

# NSAIDs Pharmacology



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# ANTIINFLAMMATORY, ANALGESICS, ANTIPYRATICS



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↓ PLA<sub>2</sub>

Corticosteroids

Arachidonic Acid

COX-I (Constitutive) NSAIDs

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"Housekeeping Funct"

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- ↑ Mucus & ↓ HCl

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Aggregation

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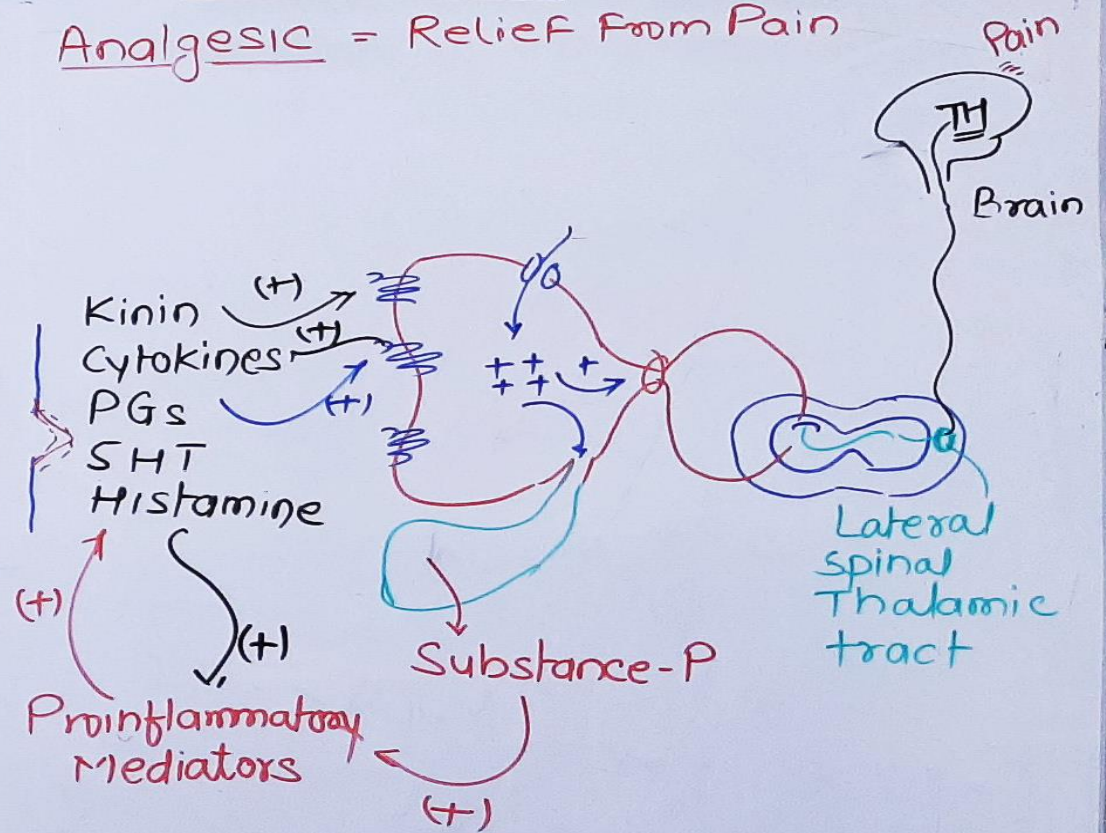
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Brain/spinal cord - Nocicept<sup>n</sup>  
Physiological Pain

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Cytokines  
Carcinogen  
Interleukin  
TNF $\alpha$

Analgesic = Relief from Pain



# More Effective against Inflam. pain

# Peripheral & centrally

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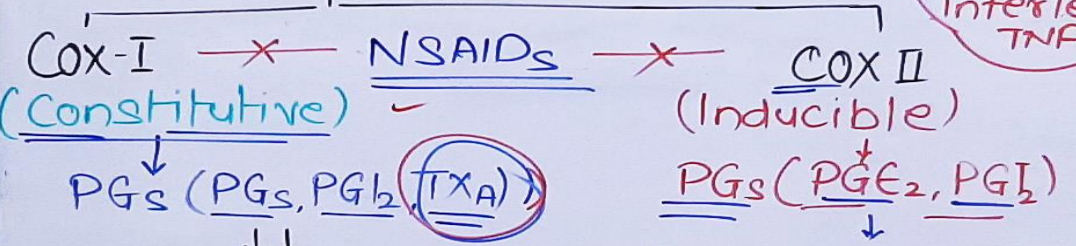


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- ② Antipyretic - ↓ body temp in fever
- ③ Anti inflammatory → ↓ Inflammation

## Side Effects

- ① GI - ↓ PGE<sub>2</sub>, PGI<sub>2</sub> → GI bleeding, Ulcer,  
dyspepsia, Nausea
- ② ↓ TXA<sub>2</sub> - ✓ Anti platelet effects (Aspirin)  
→ ↑ bleeding time
- ③ Kidney - ↓ PGE<sub>2</sub>, PGI<sub>2</sub>  
→ Kidney injury  
✓ Fluid Retention
- ④ delayed labour
- ⑤ Selective Cox-2 - ↑ TXA<sub>2</sub>  
Vasoconstrict<sup>n</sup>  
Ischemic Heart-disease

# PHARMACOLOGY OF ASPIRIN

## PHARMACOKINETICS :-

Abs. - in stomach & intestine, Poor water soluble (limiting factor for Abs), microfining & add<sup>n</sup> of alkali enhance it absorpt<sup>n</sup>. Higher pH - ionization

Metabolism - Rapidly deacetylated in Gut wall, liver, plasma & release Salicylic a #

Distribut<sup>n</sup> - 80% PB, vd = 0.17 L/kg, easily cross

# placenta, slowly in Brain

Eliminat<sup>n</sup> - Exc. through G.P. & T.S. after Conjugat<sup>n</sup> with glycine & Glycuronic acid

ADR = ① At Analgesic dose - "G.I." (Ulcer) #

② Hypersensitivity & Idiosyncrasy = Allergy  
- Rashes, urticaria, (Asthma), Anaphylactic react<sup>n</sup>  
Rhinorrhoea, angioedema

③ At inflammatory dose - "Salicylism Syndrome"  
↳ Dizziness, tinnitus, vertigo, impairment on hearing & vision, electrolyte imbalance, Hyperventilation  
↳ child → liver damage

# ↳ "Reye's Syndrome" - hepatic encephalopathy

4) Acute Salicylate Poisoning - more common in children in adult (15-30g)

\* Treatment = IV fluids (Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>), glucose, vitk

Uses - ① Analgesic, Antipyretic

② Acute Rheumatic fever - 4-5g/day

③ Rheumatoid arthritis - 3-5g/day

④ Osteoarthritis

⑤ Postmyocardial infarct<sup>n</sup> - 75-150 mg/day

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## Interactions

① Aspirin - displace the warfarin, sulfonylurea, phenytoin, MTX from its PB site

② - ↓ T.S. of uric acid (at analgesic dose)

③ Aspirin - ↓ Diuretic act<sup>n</sup> of furosemide, Thiazide, etc. due to compete with Active transport system in T.S.

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# PROPRIONIC ACID DERIVATIVES NSAIDs

Ibuprofen	400-600 mg	2-4 h
Naproxen	250 mg	12-16 h
Ketoprofen	50-100 mg	2-3 h
Flubiprofen	50-100 mg	4-6 h

P'DYNAMIC/MOA ⇒ Inhibit COX → ↓ PGs Synthesis

⇒ ↓ PGs mediated - Inflammation, Pain & Fever

# All NSAIDs have similar Mode of Action

# Ibuprofen introduced in 1969 as a better tolerated alternative aspirin

# Naproxen is being most potent to inhibit COX,  
in vitro ≈ in vivo anti-inflammatory property

# Platelet aggregation - short lasting with Ibuprofen \*  
long-lasting with Naproxen

ADR :- mild side effects as compared to Aspirin

# GI discomfort, nausea, vomiting, Ulcer (long term)

# CNS - dizziness, tinnitus, blurred vision

# Allergy infrequent, However precipitate Aspirin induced asthma

✓ CI = Ulcers & Pregnancy

P'KINETIC = Orally active, 90-99% PB.

# Not clinically significant Displacement occurs thus no need to dose alteration of oral antihyperglycemic & oral anticoagulant drugs

# Cross BBB & Placenta

# Metabolised in liver by hydroxylation & Glucuronide conjugation & Exc. through Urine & Bile

Uses ① Antipyretic & Analgesic

② Pain management in Rheumatoid arthritis, Osteoarthritis, musculoskeletal disorder

③ Indicated for soft-tissue injury, Fractures, high fever, tooth extraction

\* Ibuprofen → weaker anti-inflammatory

\* Naproxen → stronger anti-inflammatory  
S(-) enantiomer ↓ leucocyte migration

→ more valuable in acute Gout 750mg → 250mg

→ may cause GI bleeding due to ↓ platelet aggregation

# Ketoprofen - ↓ COX & LOX, similar Anti-inflammatory effects as Ibuprofen but having more side effects

# Flubiprofen - anti-inflammatory actions & side effects both are more than Ibuprofen.  
used in ocular inflammation



## NSAIDs

Mefenamic Acid → Anthranilic acid derivative,  
(Fenamate) → Analgesic, Antipyretic & weaker  
anti-inflammatory drugs. ⇒ ↓ PGs Synthesis

Pharmacokinetic - oral active, High PB, Partially metabolised  
& excreted through urine & bile,  $t_{1/2} = 2-4h$ .

ADR - Diarrhoea is common - dose-related  
↳ GI distress, CNS manifestation may occur  
↳ Haemolytic Anaemia - Rare but serious

Use - Analgesic - Muscle, Joint, Soft Tissue pain

## ENOLIC ACID DERIVATIVES (Oxicams)

PEROXICAM :- Long-acting potent anti-inflammatory  
similar as Indomethacin and good analgesic-  
antipyretic action.

MOA - Non selective reversible COX inhibitor  
⇓ PG Synthesis & ↓ Platelet aggregation  
↓ ROS production & ↓ IgM Rheumatoid Factor  
↓ Leucocyte chemotaxis

Pharmacokinetics - Rapidly oral Absorption, (99% PB)

# Metabolised in liver by Hydroxylation & Glucuronide conjugation. Exc. through urine & bile  
# Enterohepatic Circulation  
#  $t_{1/2} = 2$  days, dose - 10-20 mg BD → OD

## ADR :-

# GI Side effect > Ibuprofen, < Indomethacin  
# Allergy ~ 1% patient  
# Edema & Reversible Azotaemia occurs

## Uses =

# Rheumatoid, Osteoarthritis, Spondylitis  
due to long-term anti-inflammatory but not  
1<sup>st</sup> choice due to toxicity  
# It can be also used in Acute gout,  
musculoskeletal injury & dentistry

## GAAT

# PYRAZOLONES - Antipyrin (Phenazone) &  
Amidopyrin (Aminopyrin) = Banned Globally  
due to higher incidence of Agranulocytosis

# Propyphenazone - Still available in "India"

## ACETIC ACID DERIVATIVES

KETOROLAC - "Aryl Acetic Acid" #

↳ Potent analgesic & Modest anti-inflammatory  
↳ In postoperative pain management ~ Morphine

MOA →  $\rightarrow \text{X-COX} \rightarrow \downarrow \text{PG Synthesis} \rightarrow \downarrow \text{Pain}$

Pkinetic → Orally active, im., high PB, 60% Exc.  
unchanged through urine, Metabolised  
in liver by Glucuronid Conj.,  $t_{1/2} = \underline{5-7 \text{ h}}$

ADR: # GI → Nausea, Abdominal pain, dyspepsia, loose stool, Ulceration,

# CNS - Headach, Dizziness, Nervousness

# ↑ Serum Transaminase & Fluid Retention

USES :- # Postoperative, Dental, musculoskeletal  
pain (15-30 mg, im, every 4-6 h → 90 mg/day max)

# Renal Colic, Migraine - pain management

# Topical - noninfective ocular condition

Not Recommended =  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} > 5 \text{ days} \\ \text{preanesthetic medicat}^n \end{array} \right.$

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INDOMETHACIN :- # "Indole Acetic acid"  
↳ Potent anti-inflammatory & prompt antipyretic  
↳ It relieves only inflamm. & tissue injury related pain

MOA -  $\downarrow \text{PG Synthesis}$ ,  $\downarrow$  neutrophil motility & in  
toxic dose it uncouples oxidative P<sup>o</sup> as Aspirin

Pkinetic :- oral active, PB = 90%, Partially meta-  
-bolised by liver & excrete through urine,  
 $t_{1/2} = \underline{2-5 \text{ hours}}$

ADR - \* 50% incidence of GI & CNS side effects

# GI - irritation, Nausea, diarrhoea, anoxia,  
GI bleeding, ulcerat<sup>n</sup>

# CNS - Confusion, hallucinat<sup>n</sup>, Dizziness,  
depression, psychosis

# others - Leukopenia, Allergy, bleeding,

Contraindicat<sup>n</sup> - Machinery operator, Driver,  
psychotic, kidney patients

USES - Reserve for anti-inflammatory  
→ Spondylitis, Arthropathies, arthritis, Gout,  
Rheumatoid arthritis

# ↘ Bartter's Syndrome

## PREFERENTIAL COX-2 INHIBITORS

NIMESULIDE ⇒ Weak inhibitor of COX-1 mediated PGs Syn. & Moderately COX-II Selective

Anti-inflammatory Act<sup>n</sup> ⇒ ↓ COX-II, ↓ ROS, ↓ PAF Syn.  
↓ TNF $\alpha$  release, ↓ Metalloproteinase activity in cartilage

# Uses - short-lasting painful inflammatory cond<sup>n</sup> like sport injury, dysmenorrhoea etc

# PKinetics - Oral Active, 99% PB, Metabolised by liver & exc. through urine, t<sub>1/2</sub> 2-5 h

# ADR - ① GI - Epigastralgia, Acidity, Loos motion

② Allergy - Rash, pruritis

③ CNS - Dizziness, Somnolence

④ Instances of "Fluminant Hepatic Failure"

\* Withdrawn or Banned → Spain, Singapore, Ireland, Turkey.

# Contraindicated in children in many countries including "India"

DICLOFENAC = Anti-inflammatory, Analgesics, Antipyretic - Similar to Nefroxam  
MOA = ↓ COX-II mainly, ↓ ROS, ↓ chemotaxis of Neutrophil

PKinetic - Oral Active, 99% PB, Metabolised in liver, excreted through Urine & Bile, t<sub>1/2</sub> 2 h

\* Good Tissue permeability & conc. in synovial fluids & maintained 3 times longer than plasma → ↑ action in Joint

USES - Rheumatoid Arthritis, Osteoarthritis, toothach, dysmenorrhoea, Spondylitis etc.

ADR - Mild Epigastric Pain, nausea, ulceration, nausea, Dizziness, Rashes - less common

# It may enhance the risk of Heart attack, and stroke due to lack of antiplatelet activity

# ↑ Serum Amino-transferase - Liver toxicity

# ↓ Renal blood flow, ↓ GFR at higher Dose

ACLOFENAC - chondroprotective property due to ↑ Glycosaminoglycan Synthesis



# PARACETAMOL (ACETAMINOPHEN)

- ↳ Para-Amino Phenol Derivative
- ↳ Deethylated active metabolite of Phenacetin



MOA: - 1. Central Analgesic Action - Similar to Aspirin, Increase the pain threshold

2. Antipyretic: - ↓ COX-3 in the Brain that could account for its Analgesic - Antipyretic action

However it unable to ↓ COX in presence of peroxides, which generated at inflammatory site (Absent in brain). So shows very poor Anti-inflammatory action.

# In contrast to Aspirin, PCM does not →

- ✓ ↳ Stimulate Respiration
- ✓ ↳ Acid-base balance
- ✓ ↳ Cellular metabolism
- ✓ ↳ CVS
- ✓ ↳ platelet

# Little effect on GI irritation and bleeding

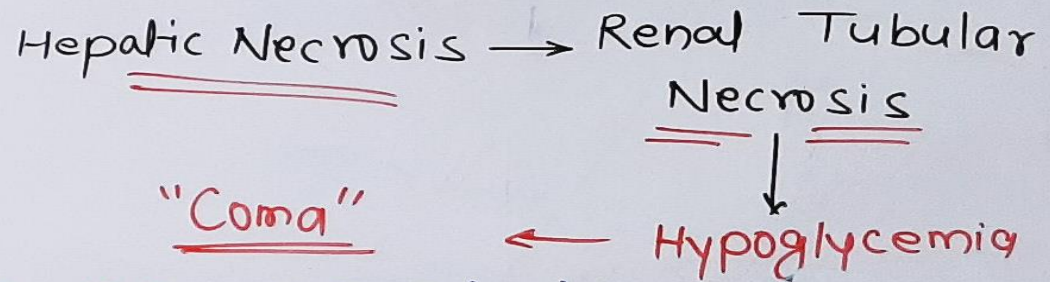
PKINETICS - Orally Active, PB 25% well & uniform distribution in the body, metabolized by conjugation with glucuronic acid & Sulfate. Excrete through urine.  $t_{1/2} = 2-3h$

ADR - # Liver toxicity at high dose

# N-Acetyl-p-benzoquinone imine (NABQI) reactive metabolite which damage liver

\* Toxicity appears at - > 10g/day or > 150 mg/kg/day  
Fetal Action = > 250 mg/kg/day

others → Nausea, Vomiting, Abdominal Pain



Antidote - N-Acetylcysteine #

use - ✓ ↳ Fever  
✓ ↳ Mild Pain Management

