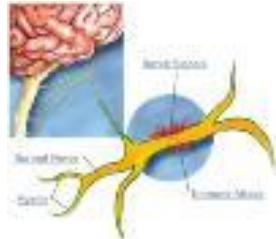


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**PHARMACOLOGY OF DRUGS INFLUENCING  
ON EFFERENT INNERVATION.**

**AGENTS INFLUENCING  
ON CHOLINERGIC RECEPTORS  
(CHOLINOMIMETICS, CHOLINOBLOCKERS)**



# NERVOUS SYSTEM

**PERIPHERAL**

**CENTRAL**

**EFFERENT**

**AFFERENT**

**VEGETATIVE**

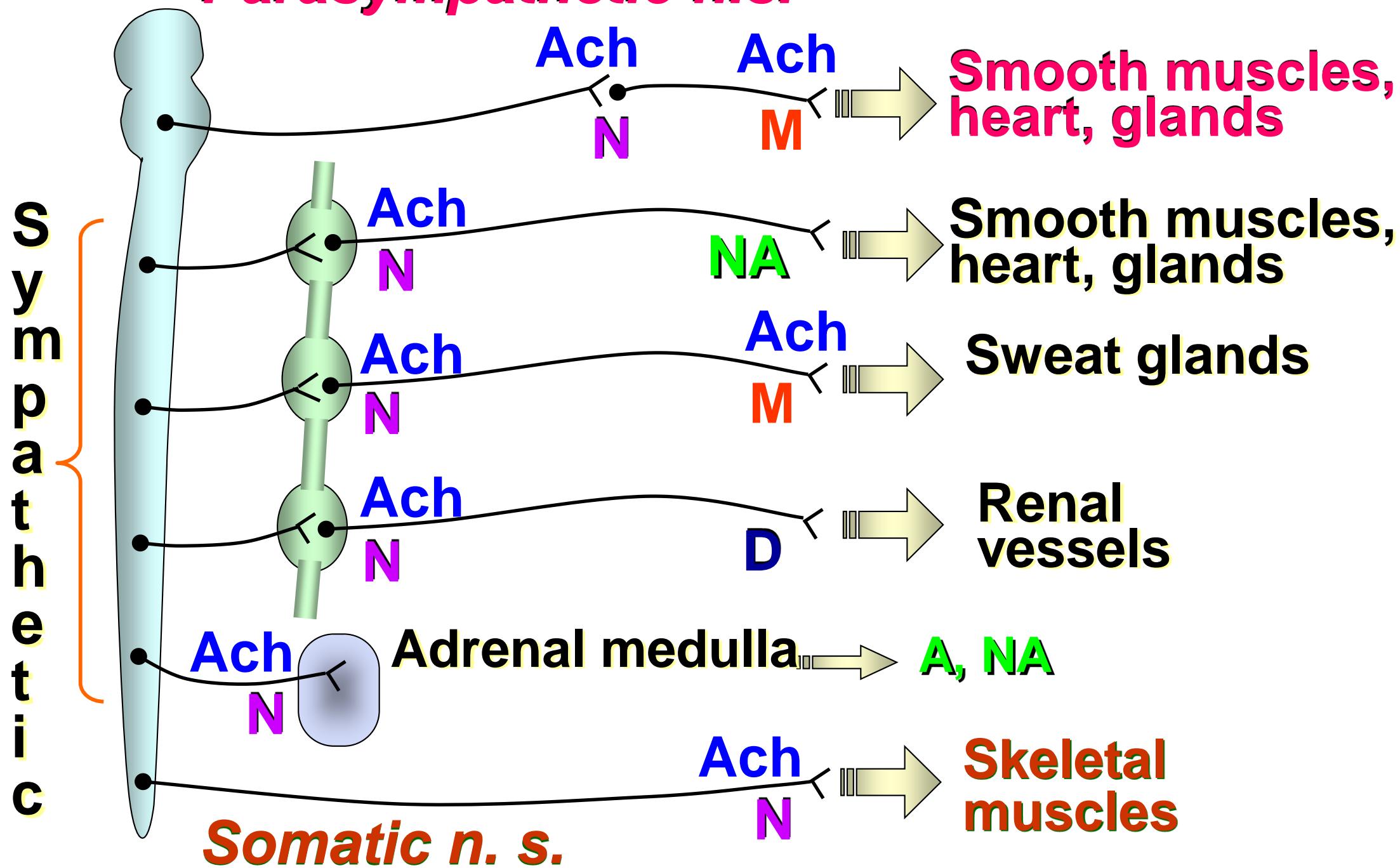
**SOMATIC**

**SYMPATHETIC**

**PARASYMPATHETIC**

# SCHEME ON NEURONAL TRANSMISSION

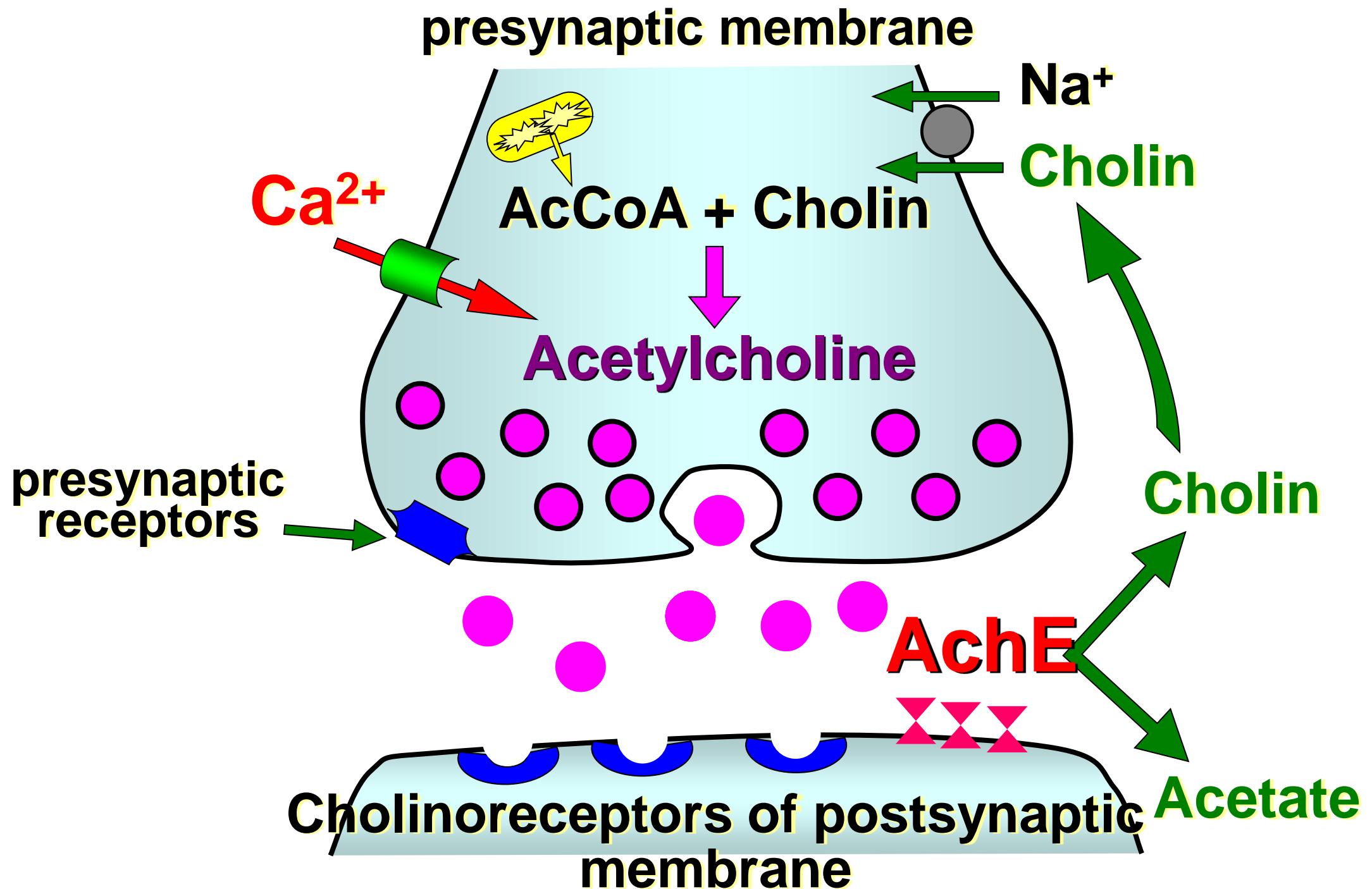
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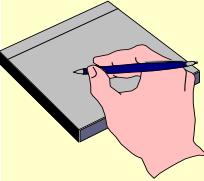


# SITES OF N-CHOLINORECEPTORS

- **Central nervous system**
- **Vegetative ganglia**
- **Adrenal medulla**
- **Sinocarotid zone**
- **Skeletal muscles**

# CHOLINERGIC SYNAPSIS





# CLASSIFICATION OF CHOLINOMIMETICS

M-	N-	direct action	M-, N-
Pilocarpine Aceclidine	 Nico- rette Cytiton	Acetyl- choline Carbo- choline	<b>reversible:</b> Neostigmine Physostigmine Galantamine Pyridostigmine <b>irreversible:</b> POC, insecticides

# ACTIONS OF M-CHOLINOMIMETICS

**heart**

«-» **ino**, «-» **chrono**,  
«-» **dromotropic**

**blood vessels**

**dilation**

**bronchi**

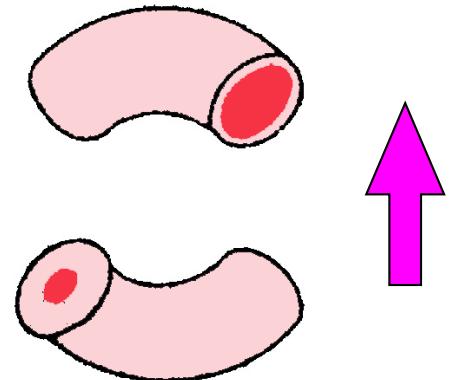
**spasm**

**GIT**

**peristalsis – increasing**,  
**sphincters – relaxation**,  
**secretion - increasing**

**urinary bladder**

**detrusor – increasing**,  
**sphincters – relaxation**



# ACTIONS OF M-CHOLINOMIMETICS



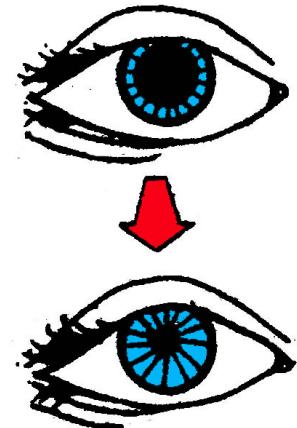
**glands**

*(sweat, lachrymal, salivary, bronchial)* increasing secretion;



**eye**

miosis,  
spasm of accommodation,  
increasing of intraocular pressure



**CNS**

hyperkinesis



# USES OF M-CHOLINOMIMETICS

## indications:

- Glaucoma (*pilocarpine*)
- Atony, paralytic obstruction of intestine (*aceclidine*)
- Atony of urinary bladder (*aceclidine*)

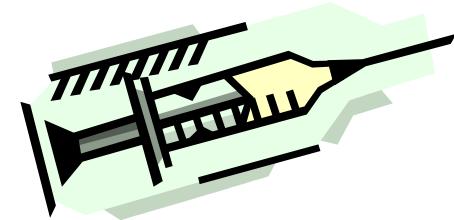


## contra-indications:

- Bronchial asthma
- Peptic ulcer of stomach
- Mechanic obstruction of intestine
- Bradyarrhythmia
- Epilepsy

# ANTICHOLINESTERASES

**Neostigmine, physostigmine, galantamine,  
pyridostigmine**



## ACTIONS

- M-cholinomimetic effects
- +
- Neuro-muscular transmission – increasing

## INDICATIONS

- Glaucoma (*physostigmine*)
- Atony of urinary bladder, atony and paralytic obstruction of intestine (*neostigmine*)
- Myasthenia, paralysis, paresis, polyomyelitis, after-trauma recovery period (*galantamine*, *neostigmine*)
- Decurarization (*galantamine*, *neostigmine*)

# ACUTE POISONING BY MUSCARINE

## Symptoms:

- CNS excitation (hallucination)
- bradycardia, atrio-ventricular blockage



- bronchospasm
- vomiting, diarrhea
- sweating, hypersalivation
- miosis, spasm of accommodation, lacrimation

## First aid:

I.V. administration of  
antidote – **ATROPINE (10-15 mg !)**



# ACUTE POISONING BY POC

## Symptoms:

- See muscarine poisoning +
- Tonic-clonus convulsions



## First aid:

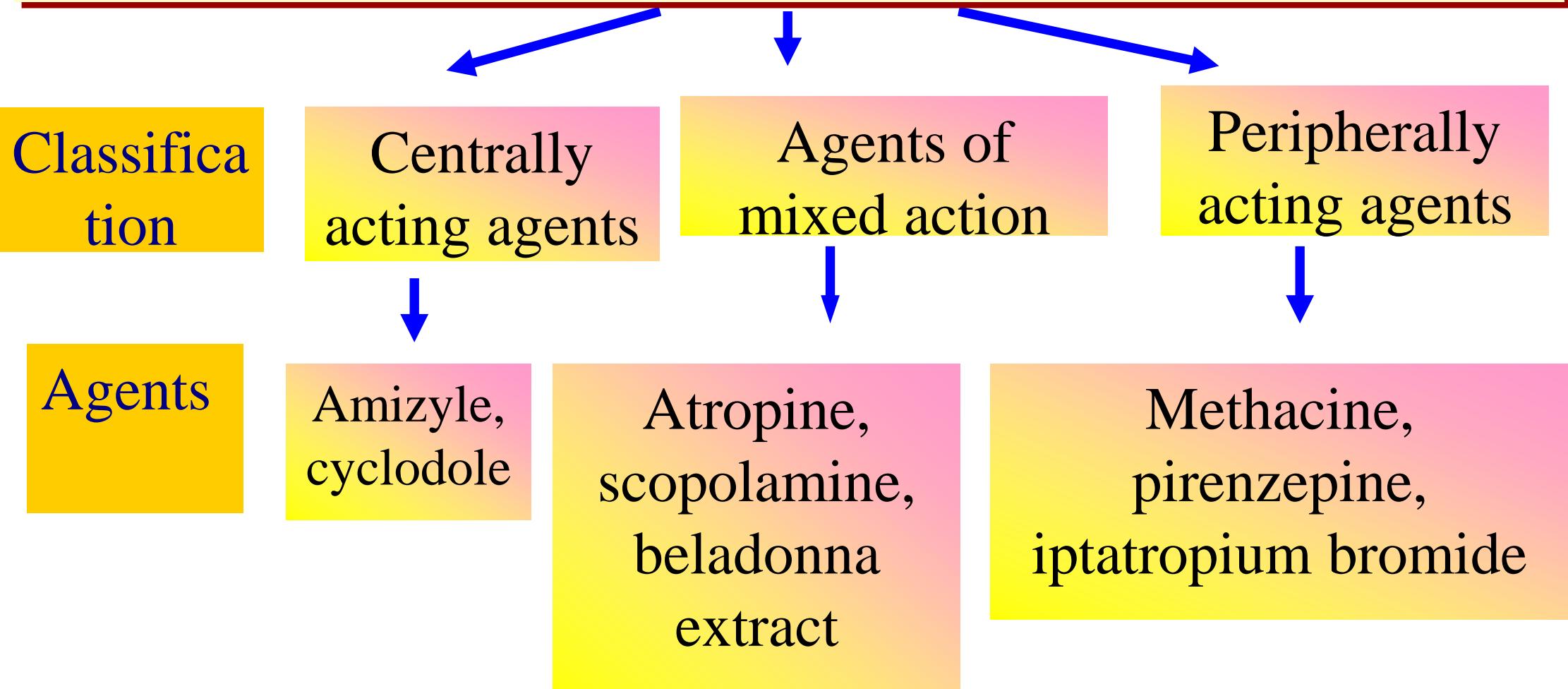
- ✓ cholinesterase re-activators – aloxim, dipyroxim, isonitrosin
- ✓ administration of atropine

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**CHOLINERGIC  
ANTAGONISTS**

# M-CHOLINOBLOCKERS



# LOCALIZATION OF CHOLINOBLOCKERS ACTION

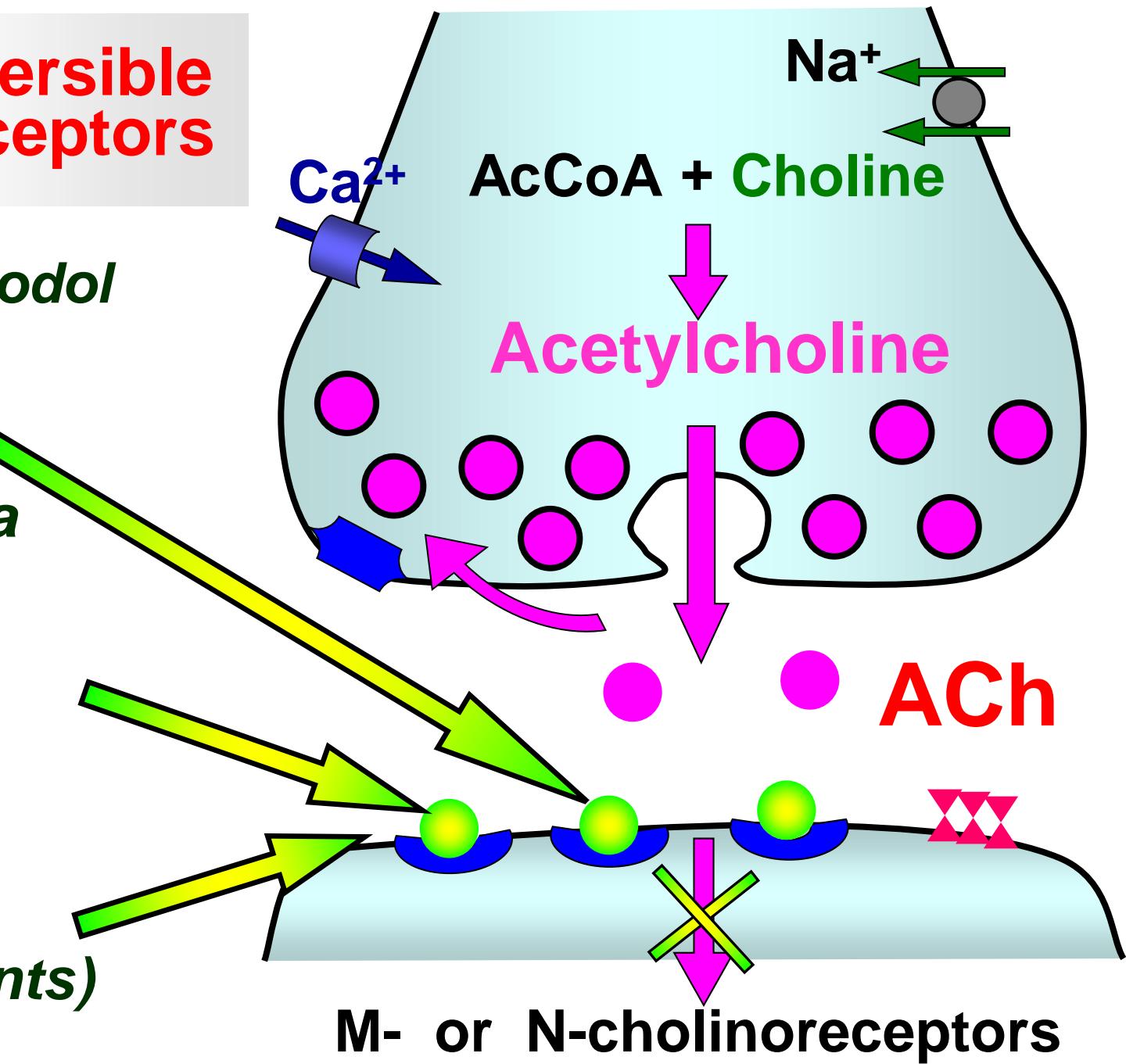
Direct action – reversible blockers of the receptors

M-, H- (central) (cyclodol  
(trihexyphenidyl))

M-  
(atropine, belladonna  
preparations ,  
scopolamine etc)

M<sub>1</sub>-  
(pirenzepine)

H- (ganglionic  
blockers, myorelaxants)



# **PHARMACODYNAMICS OF M-CHOLINOBLOCKERS**

*together with depression of parasympathetic tonus, raising of sympathetic tonus*



## **CNS (tertiary amines)**

In therapeutic doses – **sedative**, in toxic – **excitation, hallucination, agitation, convulsions;**  
**↓ tremor, vestibular disturbances**

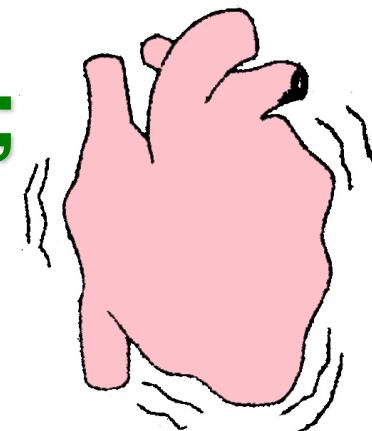
## **heart (in moderate doses)**

**«+» chronotropic (especially in young people), improvement of AV-conductivity;  
↑ oxygen demand of myocardium**

## **blood**

## **vessels**

**in toxic doses – vasodilation**



# PHARMACODYNAMICS OF M-CHOLINOBLOCKERS



**GIT**

**peristaltic – decreasing,  
sphincters – contraction,  
secretion – decreasing**

***urinary bladder***

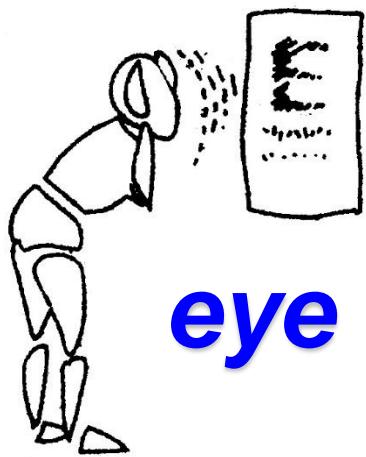
**detrusor – relaxation,  
sphincters – contraction**



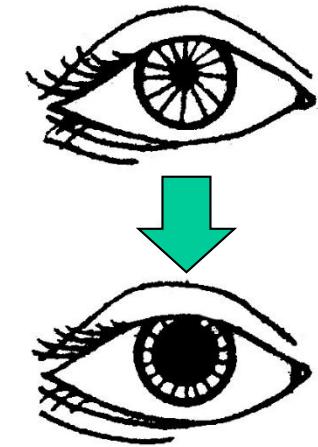
***bronchi***

**dilation, decreasing of secretion**

# PHARMACODYNAMICS OF M-CHOLINOBLOCKERS



**mydriasis,  
paralysis of accommodation  
(cycloplegia, far sightness), ↑  
intraocular pressure,  
photophobia, ↓ secretion**



**atropine (upto 12 days) > scopolamine (3-5 days) >  
homatropine (15-20 hrs) > platyphyllin (5-6 hrs,  
without cycloplegia) > tropicamid (2-6 hs)**

**glands**

**(sweat, lachrymal, salivary,  
gastrointestinal, bronchial) ↓ secretion,  
↑ body temperature (small children !)**

**Also possess weak local anesthetic and  
analgesic actions**

# USES OF M-CHOLINOBLOCKERS

- Preanesthetic medication (*atropine*)
- Vagus hyperactivity at heart
- Bronchial asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (*ipratropium, tiotropium*)
- In ophthalmology with diagnostic (*platyphyllin, homatropine*) and treatment purpose (*atropine*)
- Peptic ulcer of stomach, hyperacidic gastritis (*pirenzepine*)
- Spasm of smooth muscles (*platyphyllin, metacinchonine*)
- Diarrhea (*belladonna agents, atropine*)
- Motion sickness (*agents, containing scopolamine*)
- Parkinson disease (*central M-cholinoblockers - cyclodol*)
- Poisoning by muscarine, anticholinesterases (*atropine*)



# M-CHOLINOBLOCKERS

## Actions

Reduce tonus of smooth muscles of internal organs and inhibit secretion of exocrine glands; cause mydriasis and cycloplegia; increase intraocular pressure, cause tachycardia and central cholinolytic action

## Therapeutic uses

Bronchial asthma, spasm of smooth muscles, stomach and duodenum ulcer, premedication, cardiac arrest, diagnostic and treatment of ocular diseases, motion sickness, Parkinson's disease, vomiting, nausea

## Adverse effects

Dryness of mouth, tachycardia, constipation, attack of glaucoma



# ACUTE POISONING BY ATROPINE

## Symptoms:

- adults – 100 mg, children – 10 mg  
(2-3 belladonna berries)
- **CNS excitation** (hallucination, delirium, agitation), followed by depression
- tachycardia
- mydriasis
- dry, warm and red skin and mucosa
- hyperthermia (especially children < 2 years). Dose of atropine 2 mg can be lethal !



*henbane*



*belladonna*

## First aid:

- ✓ symptomatic
- ✓ Intravenous physostigmine  
(1-4 mg for adults, 0,5-1 mg for children!)



*datura*

# GANGLIONIC BLOCKERS

- ✓ short acting (15-20 min) – hygronium, arphonad
- ✓ intermediate acting (1-6 hrs) – benzohexonium, pentamine, pachycarpin
- ✓ long acting (6-12 hrs) – pirilen

## PHARMACOKINETICS

**Absorption:** quaternary amines (benzohexonium, pentamine, hygronium) **badly** absorbed in GIT  $\Rightarrow$  I.V., I.M. administration; tertiary amines (pirilen, pachycarpin) **well**  $\Rightarrow$  + oral way

**Distribution:** tertiary well cross BBB  $\Rightarrow$  central effects (psychical disturbances, tremor etc); quaternary amines **don't** cross BBB

**Excretion:** mainly, through kidneys

# **GANGLIONIC BLOCKERS**

## **PHARMACODYNAMICS**

**block of N-cholinoreceptors of vegetative ganglia,  
so-called "pharmacological denervation"**

***blood vessels:*** sharp hypotension, especially up-right  
***(orthostatic collapse !)*** because of :

- ➡ depression of venous tonic innervations ⇒ dilation of veins ⇒ decreasing of cardiac preload
- ➡ depression of arterial innervations ⇒ dilation of arteries ⇒ ↓ BP
- ➡ Depression of central cardiac stimulation ⇒ ↓ cardiac output ⇒ unloading of left ventricle

# **GANGLIONIC BLOCKERS**

## **PHARMACODYNAMICS**

**heart:** ↓ contractility, moderate tachycardia

**GIT:** peristalsis – ↓, sphincters – contraction,  
secretion of gastric and intestinal glands – ↓

**urinary and reproductive:** urine retention, ↓ erection

**uterus:** stimulation of contractive activity  
(pachycarpin)

**eye:** mydriasis, paralysis of accommodation  
(cycloplegia, far sightness), ↑ intraocular pressure

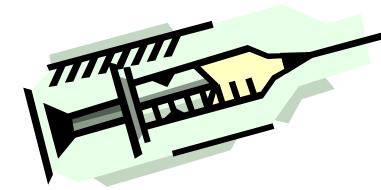
**CNS:** tertiary – sedation, tremor, psychical  
disturbances

*Практически все эти эффекты не нашли  
клинического применения (одновременные  
неконтролируемые нарушения сердечно-сосудистой  
функции) и рассматриваются как отрицательные !*

# **GANGLIONIC BLOCKERS**

## **THERAPEUTIC USES**

- hypertonic crisis
- pulmonary edema
- moment-to-moment (artificial) hypotension during surgery
- delivery (pachycarpin)



## **OVERDOSING**

- acute hypotension
- tachycardia
- unconsciousness
- dry warm skin



# MYORELAXANTS (NEURO-MUSCULAR BLOCKERS)

## ► *Drugs relaxing the skeletal muscles*

- Peripheral (curare-type)
- Central (for treatment of spasticity): tranquilizers (diazepam), baclofen, etc.

Myorelaxants of peripheral action — the drugs relaxing the skeletal muscles due to depression of neuromuscular transmission at the level of postsynaptic membrane of the end plate

## Classification

- + **Nondepolarizing (competitive) action** — tubocurarine, pipecuronium bromide (arduan), pancuronium bromide, vecuronium bromide, etc.
- + **Depolarizing action** — dithyline (succinylcholine, succametonium chloride, listerone)
- + **Mixed action** — dioxonium

# PHARMACODYNAMICS OF MYORELAXANTS

## Nondepolarizing:

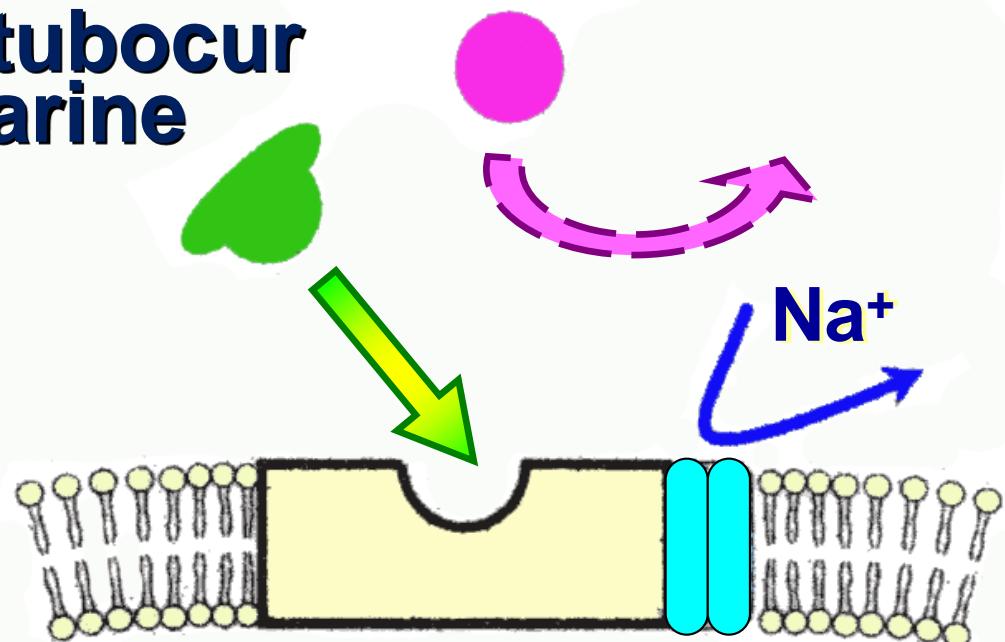
competitive blockade  
of N-cholinoreceptors

on postsynaptic membrane

of the skeletal muscles  $\Rightarrow$  removal  
of block by the anticholinesterase  
drugs ( $\uparrow$  Ach content)

acetylcholine (AC)

tubocur  
arine

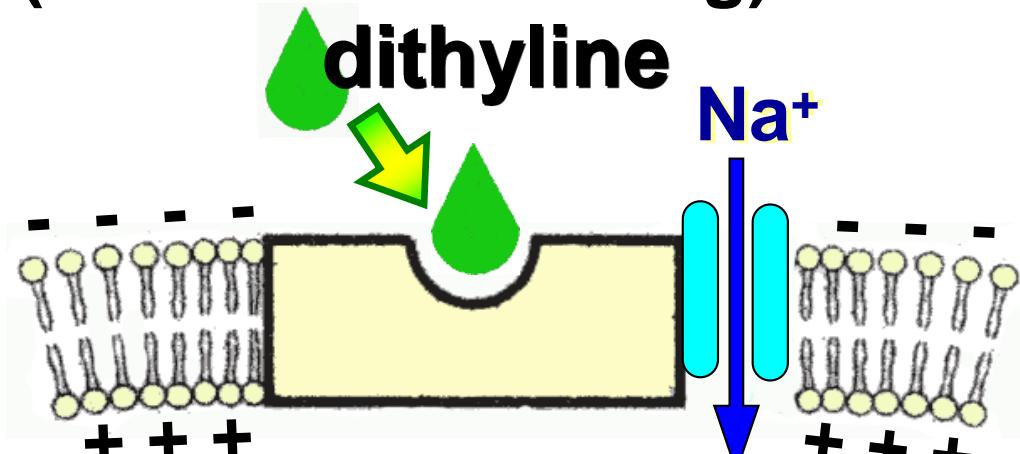


N-cholinoreceptors of the skeletal muscles

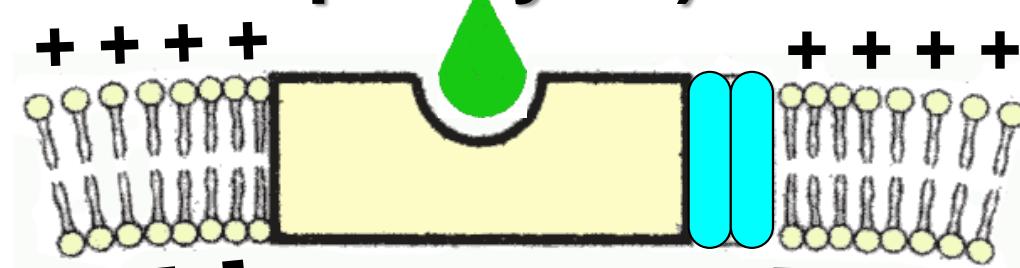
## Depolarizing:

activate N-cholinoreceptors (like Ach), causing  
prolong depolarization of  
postsynaptic membrane  $\Rightarrow$  ↓ block of  
pseudocholinesterase

**Phase I — depolarization**  
(muscular twitching)



**Phase II — desensitization**  
(muscle paralysis)



# PHARMACODYNAMICS OF MYORELAXANTS

## Skeletal muscles:

***nondepolarising:*** during first 1–5 min there is muscle weakness, followed by muscles paralysis in the following order: first - muscles of the eyes, jaws, then extremities, trunk, diaphragm (breathing arrest); recovery appear in the reverse order

♦ ***depolarizing:***

phase I (within 1 min) — temporary fasciculation (muscular twitching), especially of the chest, stomach, following by  
phase II — relaxation of muscles of the neck, extremities, face, throat, diaphragm

# MYORELAXANTS APPLICATION

- Relaxation of the muscles of larynx and throat during intubation for the inhalation anaesthesia and artificial lung ventilation
- Relocation and reposition of bone fragments in case of fractures
- Surgical operations on the abdominal and chest organs under anaesthesia with artificial ventilation of lungs
- Convulsions in case of poisoning by substances which depress the respiratory center, in case of meningitis, cerebral and cranial traumas for transition to AVL
- Spasticity with Parkinson disease, encephalitis and other dysfunctions of the pyramidal and extrapyramidal system

# MYORELAXANTS

## Adverse effects

- **Bronchi:** *tubocurarine* — bronchial spasm
- **Electrolyte balance:** *dithyline* — hyperkaliemia
- **Eyes:** *dithyline* — ↑ intraocular pressure
- **GIT:** *dithyline* — ↑ intragastric pressure ⇒ vomiting
- **Muscular pains in the postoperative period:** *dithyline* (in 20% of people)
- **Long-term block (> 2 hrs instead of 2–10 min) and apnoea:**  
*dithyline* in people with genetic insufficiency of cholinesterase
- **Interactions:** potentiation of action — by inhaled general anesthetics, antibiotics-aminoglycosides, by the low doses of locally anesthetics (high doses weaken block)

# MYORELAXANTS DISTINCTIONS

Action	Competitive	Depolarizing
<b>Mechanism of action</b>	<b>Competition with Ach</b>	<b>Steady membrane depolarization</b>
<b>Interaction with Ach</b>	↓ Block	↑ Block
<b>Removal of block (decurarization)</b>	<b>Anticholinesterase drugs (proserin)</b>	<b>Blood transfusion (pseudocholinesterase)</b>
<b>Loss of K+ by the muscle</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Fibrillations</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Marked (phase I)</b>
<b>Penetration to the muscular tissue</b>	<b>Does not penetrate</b>	<b>Penetrates deeply</b>
<b>Anaesthesia influence</b>	<b>Strengthens</b>	<b>Does not influence</b>