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**PSYCHOTROPIC PREPARATIONS**

**THAT SUPPRESS CNS**

**(NEUROLEPTICS,**

**TRANQUILIZERS,**

**PSYCHSEDATIVES]**

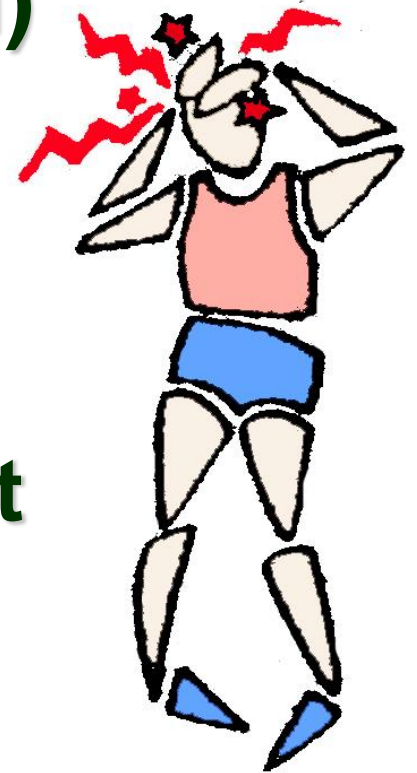
# NEUROLEPTICS (ANTIPSYCHOTICS) –

*neuron – nerve; lepticos – hold*

*Psychotropic agents that inhibit CNS, remove hallucinations, delusion without inhibition of conciseness*

## 5 signs (J. Delay and P. Deniker):

- remove psychosis (antipsychotic action)
- abort psychomotor excitement of different origin
- predominantly influence on subcortex structures of the brain
- possible psychodysleptic action without hypnotic action
- oftenly produce neurologic and neurovegetative reactions



**(3 «H»: hypodynamia, hypothermia, hypotension)**

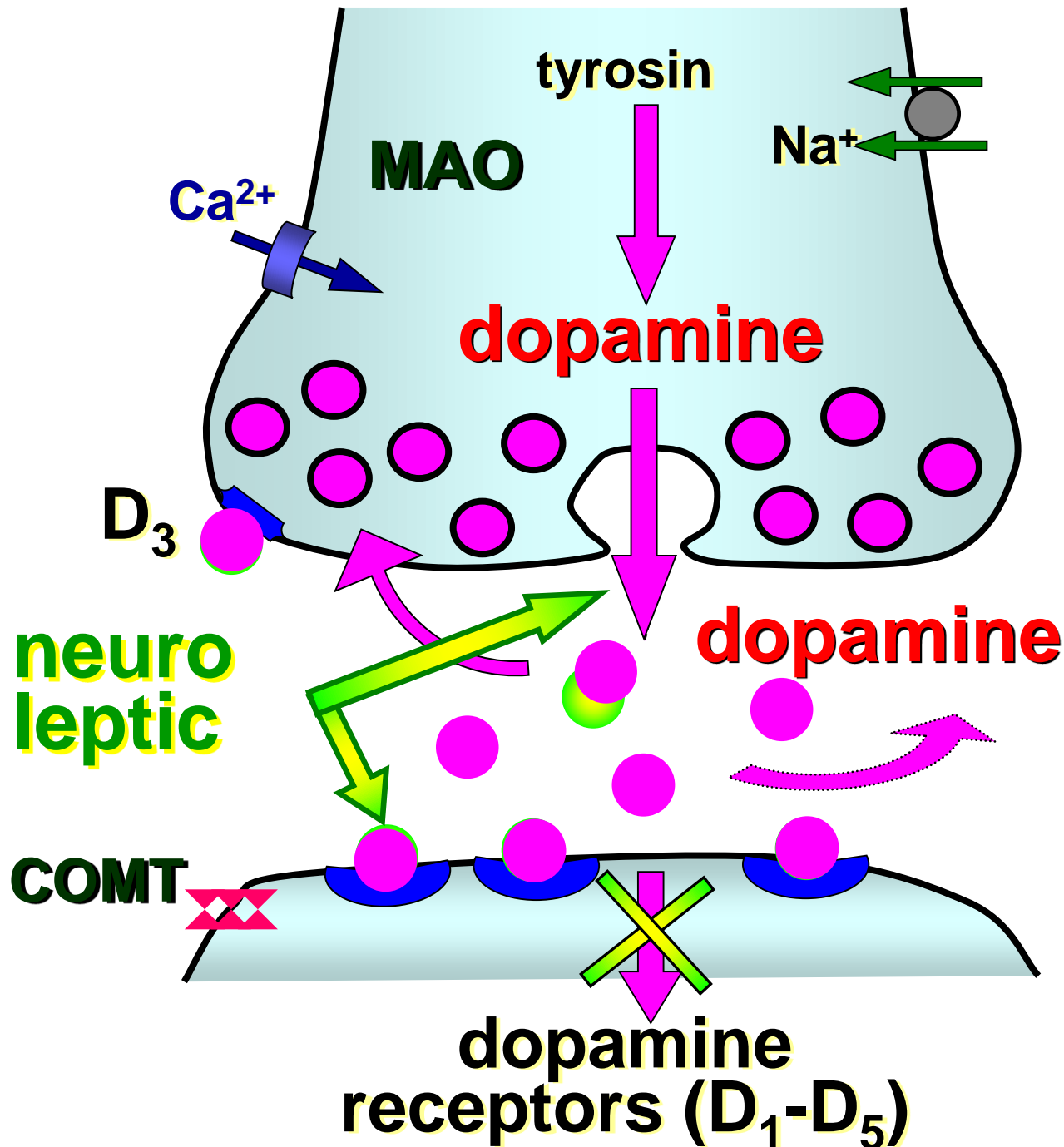




# CLASSIFICATION OF NEUROLEPTICS

- derivatives of **phenothiazins** (typical neuroleptics)
  - ✓ *aliphatic* – chlorpromazin (aminazin), levomepromazin
  - ✓ *piperazin* – ethaperazin, triptazin
  - ✓ *piperidin* – neuleptil
- derivatives of **buterophenone** – haloperidol, droperidol
- derivatives of **benzamid** – sulpirid, metoclopramid
- derivatives of **piperidin** – fluspirilen, pimosid
- derivatives of **different chemical groups** – reserpin, clozepin, olenzepin etc

# MECHANISM OF ACTION OF NEUROLEPTICS



## *Main dopaminergic routes*

**Mesolimbic and mesocortical systems**  
(antipsychotic action, mental depression)

**Hypothalamus-pituitary**  
(hypothermia, ↑ prolactin)

**Extrapyramidal system**  
(symptoms of parkinsonism)

**Trigger zone of vomiting center**  
(antiemetic effect)



# SPECTRUM OF PSYCHOTROPIC ACTION OF NEUROLEPTICS

**chlorpromazin** –  $\alpha > 5\text{-HT}_2 \geq D_2 > D_1$

**haloperidol** –  $D_2 > D_1 = D_4 > \alpha_1 > 5\text{-HT}_2$

**antipsychotic**

**sedatives:**

droperidol >

aminazin >

chlorprotixen >

clozepin > neuleptil

**antipsychotics:**

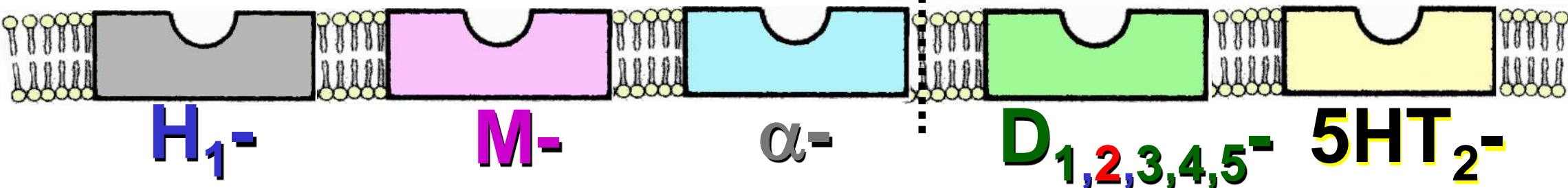
haloperidol >

pimozid > fluspirilen

> triftazin >

etaperazin > sulpirid

**neuroleptic**



# PHARMACODYNAMICS OF NEUROLEPTICS

## neuroleptic (sedative)

- ✓ apathy, drowsiness, lethargy
- ✓ depression of initiative, “paralysis” of will, emotional indifference to environment
- ✓ inhibition of motor activity
- ✓ quick onset of action
- ✓ vegetative disturbances (collaptoid reaction etc), especially at the beginning of treatment

## antipsychotic

- ✓ removing of persistent changes of personality and asocial features of behaviour
- ✓ removing of hallucination, delirium
- ✓ enhancement of motives and initiative, interest to surrounding
- ✓ develops in 1–2 weeks
- ✓ extrapyramidal disorders (increasing during the therapy course)



# PHARMACODYNAMICS OF NEUROLEPTICS

## CNS:

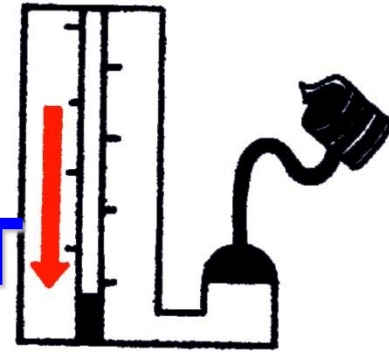
- **hypothermia** (↓ the center of heat release because of blockade of  $\alpha$ -adreno- and serotonin receptors of hypothalamus + dilatation of the skin vessels)
- **hypodynamia** (muscular tone as a result of activating influence of reticular formation and spinal cord through  $\alpha$ -adrenoblockade)
- **anti-vomiting (anti-emetic) and anti-hiccup effects** (blockade of D<sub>2</sub>-receptors of the trigger zone of the vomiting center)
- **disorders in the motor sphere with systematic intake:** parkinsonism, acute dystonia, tardive dyskinesia, etc. (D<sub>2</sub>-receptors blockade of extrapyramidal system)
- **potentiation of anaesthesia and analgesia, especially with sedatives** (blockade of  $\alpha$ -adrenoreceptors of the reticular formation and ↓activating influence on the cerebral cortex)



# PHARMACODYNAMICS OF NEUROLEPTICS

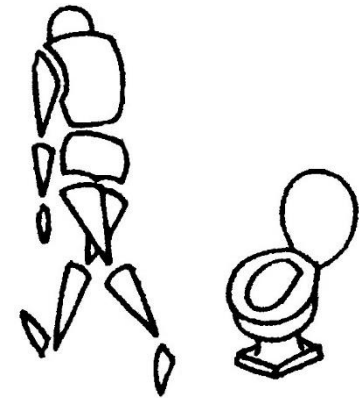
## Vegetative reactions:

- acute hypotension, ↑ HR
- ↓ tone of hollow organs, motility and GIT secretion
- disturbance of accommodation, dry mouth



## Endocrinic and other disorders:

- ↑ prolactin, ↓ gonadotropins, estrogens, gestagens
- in women — amenorea, ↑ libido; in men — gynecomastia, impotence
- ↓ STH, ACTH, ADH, oxytocin
- ↑ melanostimulating hormone
- ↑ appetite and body weight antiallergic and antipruritic action ( $H_1$ -receptors blockade)



# PHARMACOKINETICS OF NEUROLEPTICS

**Administration:** with oral administration absorption is unpredictable (first pass metabolism, change of GIT motility because of cholinolytic action; partial biotransformation in the intestine), bioavailability – 30-60 %; at I.M. – ↑ in 10-40 times, but also is unpredictable (precipitation in the muscle)

**Plasma protein binding:** 90-95 %

**Distribution:** accumulate in tissues of the brain, lungs and other well vascularized organs; penetrate well through the BBB, placenta; penetrate well through the BBB, placenta!

**Biotransformation:** takes place by various ways (oxidization, conjugation) not only in the liver, but also in the lungs, brain, kidneys and intestine with formation of active and nonactive metabolites

**Excretion:** via the kidneys and bile mainly as nonactive metabolites;  $T_{1/2}$ : in majority – 20-40 hrs  
⇒ there are slow-release forms – flushpirilen, pimozide (4-20 days)



# APPLICATION OF NEUROLEPTICS

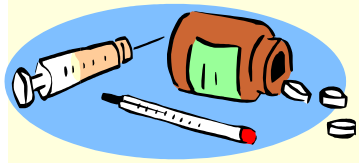
- **schizophrenia**
- **attack (relapse) of endogenous psychoses with delirium, hallucinations, aggressiveness**
- **acute psychical disorders (psychologic traumatic situations, traumas)**
- **delirium, abstinence syndrome — haloperidol, sedative neuroleptics**
- **neuroleptanalgesia — haloperidol, droperidol in combination with opioids (fentanyl) and premedication**
- **vomiting of the central origin, hiccup (chemotherapy of oncologic patients) — pimozide, haloperidol, etaperazine**



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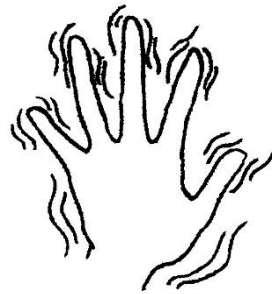
- **shock (traumatic and burn) — droperidol, aminazine**
- **hypertensive crisis — levomepromazine, droperidol, aminazine**
- **hyperthermia (resistant to NSAIDs) — aminazine**
- **vegetoneuroses (ischemic heart disease (IHD), peptic ulcer, climax) — sulpiride, thioridazine**
- **neurodermatosis (pruritis) — aminazine, levomepromazine, chlorprotixen**
- **migraine — sulpiride**
- **in gastroenterology — metoclopramide**



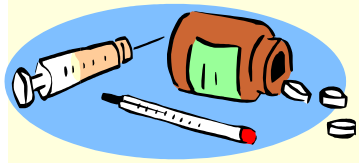


# ADVERSE EFFECTS OF NEUROLEPTICS

- **“behavioral” affects like “pseudodepressions”**  
(flaccidity, lack of initiative, indifference, etc.)
- **as a result of dopamine blockade extrapyramidal disorders (neuroleptic syndrome):**
  - at the early stages: parkinsonism*  
(rigidity, tremor)
  - at the late stages (in months and years), tardive dyskinesia (winking, spasm of eyelids, choreoathetosis as usual in women)*
- **malignant neuroleptic syndrome (malignant hyperthermia) — rigidity of muscles, high temperature, arrhythmia, coma**







# ADVERSE EFFECTS OF NEUROLEPTICS

- **collapse** ( $\alpha$ -adrenoblockage)
- **M-cholinolytic action** (dryness of mouth, mydriasis, urine retention, constipation etc.)
- **endocrinic disturbance:**
  - ✓ «castration effect» (dopamine blockade  $\Rightarrow$  ↑ prolactin, ↓ gonadotropic hormones, in women galactorrhea, amenorrhea, in men gynecomastia, ↓ libido, importance)
- **hepatotoxicity** (cholestatic hepatitis)
- **cardiotoxicity**
- **allergic reaction** (rash, hemolysis, agranulocytosis)
- **corneal and lenticular opacity** (20-30 %)
- **teratogenic, embryo-, fetotoxic action**
- **local irriation** (phenothiazines)



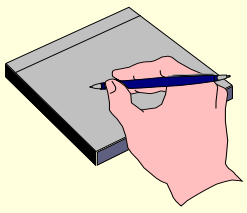
# TRANQUILIZERS (ANXIOLYTICS)

*tranquillum* — rest; *anxious* — worried, frightened  
*ataractics* (*ataraxia* — coolness)

– depriving psychotropic drugs, selectively removing emotional instability, anxiety, fear (phobia), tension

## HISTORY OF CREATION

- 1954 г. a new tranquilizer meprobamate was introduced in the USA
- 1957 г. swiss scientists synthesized the first tranquilizer from a series of derivatives of 1,4-benzodiazepine — chlordiazepoxide (elenium)
- 1963 г. diazepam (valium) was applied



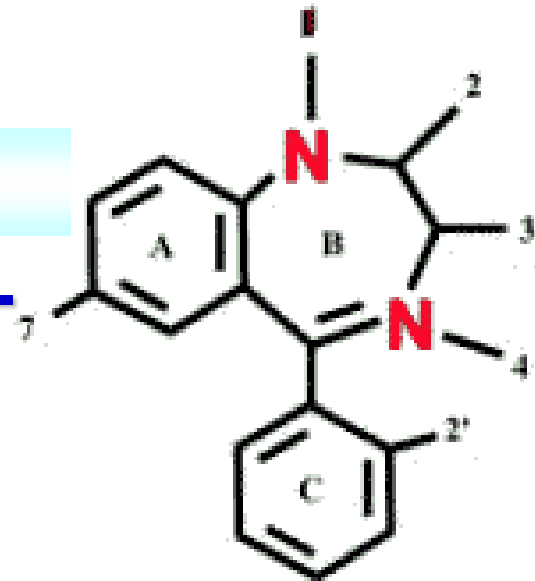
# CLASSIFICATIONS OF TRANQUILIZERS

## historically:

- **I generation:** meprobamate, hydroxyzine (atharax), amizil, (benactizine), mebicar, etc.
- **II generation:** benzodiazepine derivatives (chlordiazepoxide, diazepam, etc.)
- **III generation:** buspirone, etc.

## according to chemical structure:

- **benzodiazepine derivatives (typical)** – chlordiazepoxide, diazepam, phenazepam, lorazepam, flunitrazepam, alprazolam, etc.)
- **different chemical groups (atypical)** – buspirone, mebicar, amizyl, trioxaxine, oxalidine, meprobamate, etc



# SPECTRUM OF TRANQUILIZERS' PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECTS

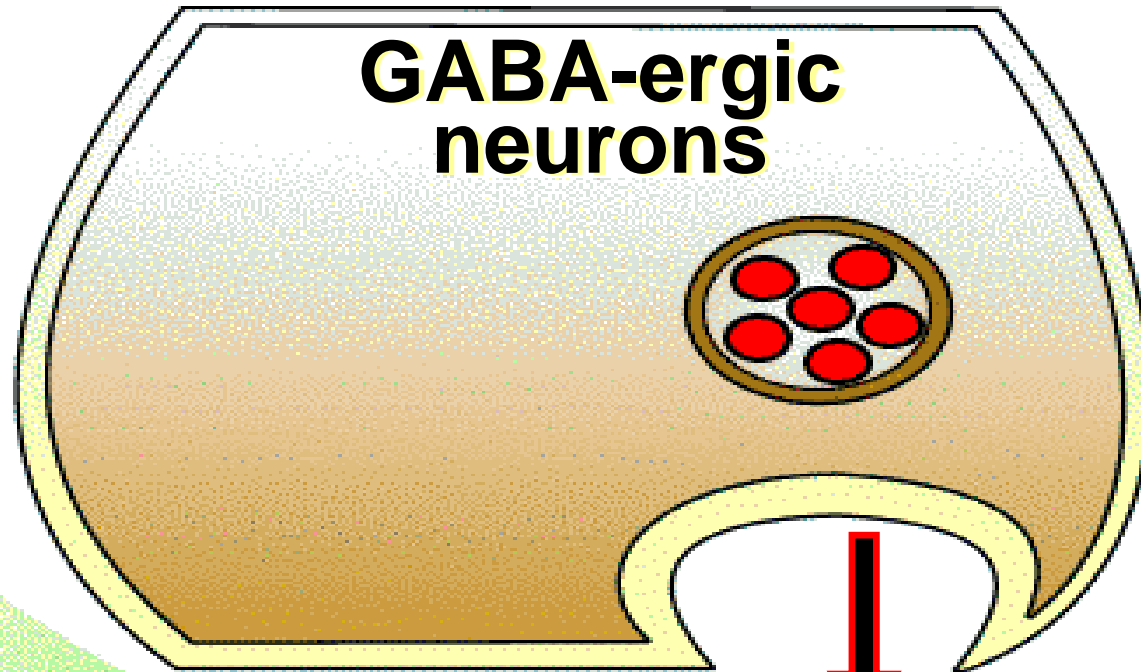
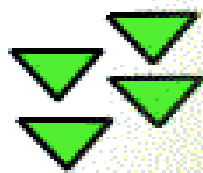
- **anxiolytic (reduction of anxiety + stress-protective + antiphobic)**
- **sedative**
- **hypnotic**
- **myorelaxant**
- **anticonvulsant**
- **vegetostabilizing**
- **amnestic (anterograde amnesia)**
- **activate action of hypnotics, narcotic analgesics, alcohol**

## according to spectrum of action:

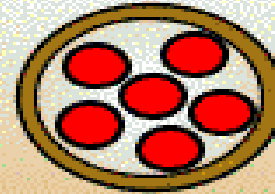
- **sedative («major», night)** – nitrazepam, flurazepam, diazepam, phenazepam, etc.
- **daily («minor»)** – mezepam, gidazepam, buspirone, mebicar

# MECHANISM OF BENZODIAZEPINES ACTION

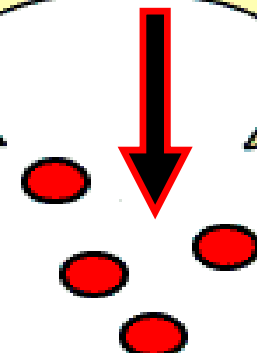
derivatives of benzodiazepines



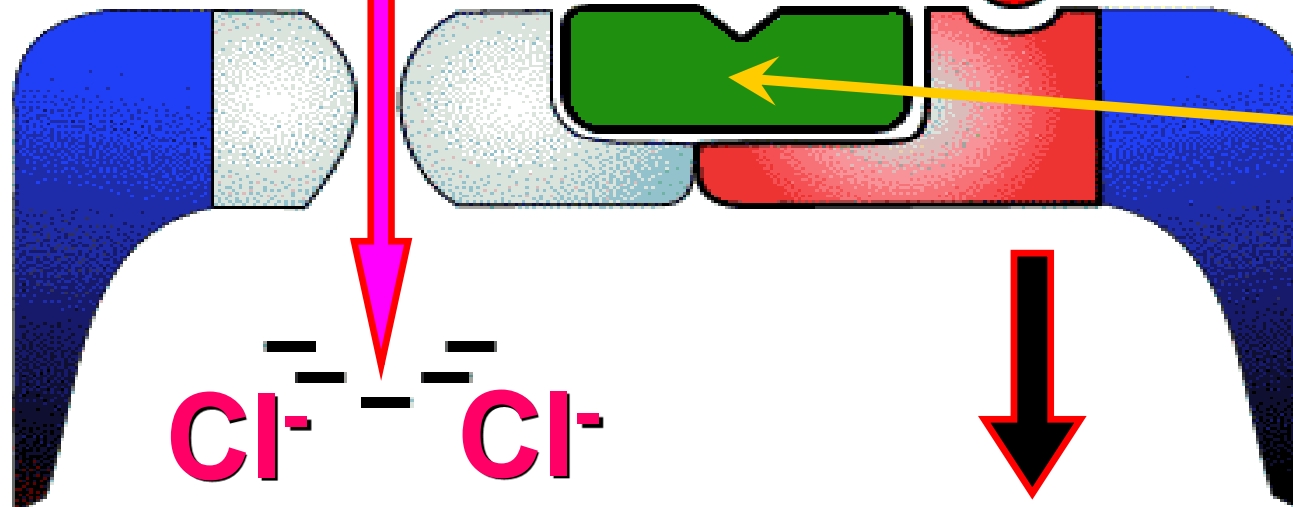
GABA-ergic neurons



GABA



Cl<sup>-</sup>



benzodiazepine receptor

Cl<sup>-</sup> Cl<sup>-</sup>



# PHARMACODYNAMICS OF BENZODIAZEPINES

- benzodiazepine → stimulation of BZ-receptor of the
- complex GABAA-receptor-chlorionic channel ⇒
- ↑ sensitivity of GABA-receptors to GABA ⇒
- ↑ the rate of chlorine channels opening, which ↑ the entering current of Cl<sup>-</sup> ⇒
- hyperpolarization of the neuron postsynaptic membrane ⇒
- ↑ GABA-transmission ⇒ inhibition process development in definite departments of the CNS (limbic system, cerebral cortex, hypothalamus, thalamus, reticular formation, spinal cord, etc.)
- ⇒ suppressing effect on the **emotional sphere** (anxiolytic, sedative-hypnotic, amnestic), **motor and vegetative systems** (myorelaxation, relief of seizures, vegetostabilization)

# PECULIARITIES OF BENZODIAZEPINES' CLINICAL ACTION

- with pronounced **anxiolytic** effect — phenazepam, diazepam, lorazepam, alprazolam, etc.; **moderate** — chlordiazepoxide, gidazepam, oxazepam, etc.; **“daily”** (anxioselectivity with activating component) — medazepam, tophizopam, gidazepam, etc.
- with pronounced **hypno-sedative** effect — nitrazepam, flunitrazepam, phenazepam, diazepam, lorazepam, chlordeazepoxide, oxazepam, triazolam, midazolam, etc.
- with pronounced **anticonvulsant** effect — clonazepam, diazepam, phenazepam, lorazepam, nitrozepam

# PHARMACOKINETICS OF BENZODIAZEPINES

$T_{1/2}$  depend on:

- ✓ age (in newborns — 31, infants — 8–14, & 24–72, aged — 100 hrs)
- ✓ concomitant diseases of the liver, kidneys, etc.



**according to duration of action:**

- **short acting ( $T_{1/2}$  upto 6 hrs): triazolam, medazolam**
- **intermediate ( $T_{1/2}$  – 6-24 hrs): lorazepam, oxazepam, flunitrazepam, etc.**
- **long acting ( $T_{1/2}$  more than 24 hrs): nitrazepam, phenazepam, diazepam, flurazepam (prodrug,  $T_{1/2} \approx 100$  hrs), etc.**

# APPLICATION OF TRANQUILIZERS

- all the kinds of phobic disorders (neuroses, psychopathy, accompanied with alertness, fear, emotional stress, etc.) - **phenazepam, alprazolam, lorazepam**
- anxiety with a background of depressive conditions of various genesis — **with antidepressants alprazolam, lorazepam, oxazepam**
- endogenic psychiatric diseases (schizophrenia) — **diazepam, phenazepam, etc.**
- acute conditions (psychomotor agitation, alcohol abstinence, delirium) — **diazepam, phenazepam**
- in somatic diseases therapy (IHD, peptic ulcer, hypertension, cholecystitis, bronchial asthma, etc.)

# APPLICATION OF TRANQUILIZERS

- sleep disorders — nitrazepam, phenazepam
- epilepsy, epileptic status, seizures of various genesis, tetanus — clonazepam, diazepam, etc.
- neurologic disorders accompanied with muscular hypertonus — diazepam, lorazepam
- for premedication and anesthesia (atharalgesia — diazepam + phentanyl), during the postoperative period — flunitrazepam, midazolam, diazepam, etc.
- acute reactive stress conditions in healthy people in extreme situations (**but not** with everyday stress)



# ADVERSE EFFECTS OF TRANQUILIZERS

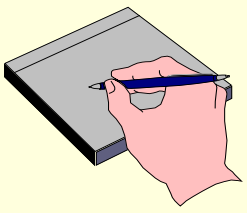
- **“behavioral” reactions:** ↓ apprehensive and psychomotor processes, disturbance of orientation, anterograde amnesia
- **after-effect (hangover), especially in elderly people** (dose-dependent hypersedation, dyscoordination of movement)
- **“paradoxal” reactions:** movement anxiety, nightmares, ↑ aggressiveness, inadequate conduction (in children, elderly and mentally ill patients)
- **tolerance**
- **drug dependence (psychic and/or physical) neuroses-like.** The risk of arising with administration for more than 6 months, especially high doses



# ADVERSE EFFECTS OF TRANQUILIZERS

- rebound syndrome
- ↓ myocardial contractility, hypotension  
(diazepam, lorazepam with parenteral introduction in elderly people)
- moderate depressive influence on the respiratory center (in pulmonary patients)
- dry mouth, dyspepsia, ↑ appetite, ↑ intraocular pressure, impotence; seldom allergy, hematologic changes (leukopenia)
- teratogenic, embryo- and fetotoxic action





# CLASSIFICATION OF PSYCHOSEDATIVES

- **plant-origin:** valeriana, common motherwort, passiphlorea
- **bromides:** potassium and sodium bromide
- **combined:**
  - valocardin, corvalol (ethyl ether of bromine isovaleric acid + phenobarbital + oil of peppermint + ethanol),
  - valocormid (extract of valeriana, lily of the valley, belladonna, sodium bromide, mentol),
  - novopassit etc.

*valeriana*



*motherwort*



# PSYCHOSEDATIVES

## pharmacodynamics

- ↓ excitability of reticular structure, medulla oblongata and hypothalamus
- ↑ threshold of neuronal excitability
- ↓ emotional and motive excitation
- ↓ threshold of convulsive activity (especially in children)
- adrenolytic activity (↓ ABP, “-” ino-, chronotropic effects)
- ↓ afferent impulsation to the cerebral cortex
- spasmolytic action (↓ vessels of the heart and brain,
- ↓ tone of smooth muscles of the intestine)
- potentiation of action of hypnotic drugs



# PSYCHOSEDATIVES

## indications

- **insomnia** (caused by vegetative disorders)
- **emotional overexcitation**
- **neurotic disorders**
- **angina pectoris with background of neurotic disorders**
- **arrhythmias** (extrasystole, paroxysmal tachycardia)
- **initial stage of hypertension**
- **climacteric disorders**
- **intestinal colic** (especially in children) **ИНСОМНИЯ**  
(на почве вегетативных расстройств)



# BROMIDES

## adverse effects

- general weakness, fatigue, indifference to surrounding,
- weakening of memory, drowsiness
- irritation of gastric mucous, anorexia, constipation
- excessive sweating
- sexual dysfunction (↓ libido, potentia)
- cumulation ⇒ acute and chronic poisoning (bromism): sleep, apathy, hallucinations, delirium, tremor of eyelids, tongue, hands, speech disorder, conjunctivitis, rhinitis, bronchitis, acne-like rash

## bromism treatment

- withdrawal of drug
- antidote — sodium chloride (5–10 g on 3–4 l of liquid)
- diuretics (aminophyllin, ammonium chloride)
- hemodialysis
- symptomatic treatment

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**HYPNOTICS.**

**ANTICONGVULSANTS**

## NORMAL SLEEP

**NREM (non-rapid eye movement)**, orthodox, or slow-wave EEG sleep. NREM sleep progresses through four stages (1-4):

**stage 1** - descending drowsiness;

**stage 2** - major fraction of non-REM sleep;

**stages 3 and 4** - slow-wave sleep

**REM (rapid eye movement)**, paradoxical, or fast-wave EEG sleep.

## TYPES OF INSOMNIA:

✓ **EMOTIONAL** - difficulty in falling asleep

✓ **SENILE** – early or frequent awakenings, and remaining unrefreshed after sleep

## THE IDEAL HYPNOTIC DRUG SHOULD:

☞ allow the patient to fall asleep quickly;

☞ maintain sleep of sufficient quality and duration so that the patient awakes refreshed without a drug hangover, continued sedation or rebound anxiety, should not cause dependence and tolerance;

☞ have very low toxicity and should not interact with other medications.

# BARBITURATES

## Classification

**Long-acting (6-10 hrs):** *phenobarbital*

**Intermediate-acting(4-6 hrs):** *pentobarbital, cyclobarbital*

**Ultra-short-acting (20-30 min):** *thiopental*

## Mechanism of action

**Barbiturates potentiate GABA-induced chloride currents.** Also they **suppress high frequency repetitive firing of neurons**

## Pharmacological effects

**CNS:** *all degrees of CNS depression, ranging from mild sedation to general anesthesia including anticonvulsant activity.*

**Sleep:** *increase the total sleep time; decrease sleep latency, the number of awakenings, and the durations of REM and slow-wave sleep*

**Peripheral Nervous Structures:** *depress transmission in autonomic ganglia*

**Respiration:** *depress the respiratory drive*

**CVS:** *slight decrease in BP and heart rate*

**Liver:** *induce microsomal enzymes. It increases the metabolism of a steroid hormones, vitamins K and D, and barbiturates*

# BARBITURATES

## Pharmacokinetics

**Absorption:** rapid and probably complete

**Distribution:** distributed widely, and readily **cross the placenta**; the highly lipophilic barbiturates undergo redistribution that limit their action

**Biotransformation:** nearly complete metabolism and/or conjugation of barbiturates in the liver precedes their renal excretion

## Therapeutic uses:

- 👍 **for “sedation”** (phenobarbital)
- 👍 **epilepsy, emergency treatment of convulsions** (phenobarbital)
- 👍 **as intravenous anesthetics** (thiopental)
- 👍 **hyperbilirubinemia in the neonate** (phenobarbital)

## Adverse effects:

- 👎 **“after effects” or “hangover”** (drowsiness, impairment of judgment)
- 👎 **paradoxical excitement** (among geriatric and debilitated patients)
- 👎 **potentiate action of alcohol and other CNS depressants**
- 👎 **tolerance** (both pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic)
- 👎 **dependence** (physical or physiological)
- 👎 **enhance porphyrin synthesis**



# BENZODIAZEPINES (BDZ)

## Classification

**Long-acting** ( $T_{1/2} > 24$  hrs) – *chlordiazepoxide, diazepam, phenazepam, nitrazepam*

**Intermediate-acting** ( $T_{1/2} = 10-20$  hrs) – *clonazepam, lorazepam, temazepam, alprazolam*

**Short-acting** ( $T_{1/2} = 3-8$  hrs) – *triazolam, midazolam, oxazepam*

## Mechanism of action

**BDZ potentiate GABAergic neurotransmission.** Unlike barbiturates, **BDZ require GABA to express their effects**

## Pharmacological effects

**CNS** – *sedation, hypnosis, anxiolytic, skeletal muscle relaxation, anticonvulsant effect, anterograde amnesia*

**Sleep** – *increase the total sleep time; decrease the time spent in stage 0, 1, 3, 4, the number of awakenings, and the durations of REM sleep; increase time spent in stage 2*

**A significant advantage of the BDZ over other CNS depressants (e.g., the barbiturates) is that they possess a much greater separation between the dose that produces sleep and the dose that produces death.**

# BENZODIAZEPINES (BDZ)

## Pharmacokinetics

**Absorption:** well absorbed from GI-tract

**Distribution:** BDZ having greater lipid solubility tend to enter the CNS more rapidly; plasma protein binding is 60-95 %

**Biotransformation:** by dealkylation, hydroxylation (phase 1) and conjugation (phase 2) reactions; *most clinically available BDZ are converted in the liver to one or more active metabolites*

## Therapeutic uses:

- 👍 **anxiety** (diazepam, lorazepam, nitrazepam)
- 👍 **epilepsy, muscle relaxation and seizures** (clonazepam, diazepam, lorazepam)
- 👍 **insomnia** (flurazepam, temazepam, triazolam)
- 👍 **anesthesia** (midazolam)
- 👍 **withdrawal** (diazepam, chlordiazepoxide)

## Adverse effects:

- 👎 **“after-effects”** (drowsiness, memory loss, etc)
- 👎 **paradoxical excitement**
- 👎 **potentiate action of alcohol**
- 👎 **tolerance**
- 👎 **dependence** (rebound anxiety and rebound insomnia)

# MISCELLANEOUS SEDATIVE-HYPNOTIC

**Other BDZ agonists (zolpidem, zopiclon)** - They **bind to BDZ receptors** and facilitate GABA-mediated inhibition. In usual sedative doses, they preserve stages 3, 4 and has only **minor effects on REM sleep**. Compared with the BDZ, they have relatively **weak anxiolytic, anticonvulsant, and skeletal muscle relaxant properties**. Zolpidem  $T_{1/2}=2,5$  hrs, zopiclon  $T_{1/2}=1$  hr. Zolpidem provides normal 8 hours- sleep; zopiclon is well suited for treatment of sleep onset insomnia

**Antihistamines (diphenhydramine, promethazine)** - produce sedation, dryness of mucous membranes, and antiemetic activity

**$\beta$ -blockers (propranolol)** - can lessen the severity of many of the autonomic responses (tremors, sweating, tachycardia, etc) associated with anxiety

**Antidepressants (tricyclic antidepressants, SSRI)** - used in the treatment of several anxiety disorders (general anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and several phobias)

# ANTIEPILEPTIC DRUGS

**EPILEPSY** is a heterogeneous symptom complex - a chronic disorder characterized by recurrent seizures. Seizures are finite episodes of brain dysfunction resulting from abnormal discharge of cerebral neurons.

## CLASSIFICATION OF SEIZURE TYPES:

- ✓ **PARTIAL** (simple, complex, secondarily generalized) - a localized onset of the attack can be ascertained
- ✓ **GENERALIZED** (tonic-clonic, absence, clonic, myoclonic) - there is no evidence of localized onset.

## DRUGS USED IN EPILEPSY:

- ☞ **partial and generalized tonic-clonic seizures** - phenytoin, carbamazepine, valproate, and phenobarbital
- ☞ **absence seizures** - clonazepam, valproate, ethosuximide
- ☞ **myoclonic seizures** – valproate
- ☞ **acute seizures** – diazepam, lorazepam, phenytoin, phenobarbital, intravenous and inhaled anesthetics, chloral hydrate, myorelaxant etc

# ANTIEPILEPTIC DRUGS

## Mechanism of action

*blockage of Na<sup>+</sup>-channels* (carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, valproate)

*blockage of Ca<sup>2+</sup>-channels* (ethosuximide)

*enhancement of GABA-action* (phenobarbital, BDZ, tiagabine, vigabatrine)

## Pharmacokinetics

**Absorption:** absorption is usually good, with **80-100%** of the dose reaching the circulation

**Distribution:** except for phenytoin, the BDZ, and valproic acid antiepileptic drugs **are not highly bound to plasma proteins.**

**Biotransformation:** the intrinsic ability of the liver to metabolize anticonvulsant drugs is generally low and, with the exception of phenytoin, independent of concentration. For most anticonvulsants, half-lives are greater than 12 hours. Phenobarbital, phenytoin, and carbamazepine are potent inducers of hepatic microsomal enzyme activity; valproate – an inhibitor.



# PHARMACOKINETICS OF ANTIPILEPTIC DRUGS

	Bioavailability, %	Plasma protein binding, %	Elimination, hrs
Valproate sodium	70-100	85-95	8-10
Clona-zepam	100	50-80	24-40
Pheno-barbital	80-95	60	70-100
Diphenin (phenytoin)	95	90-93	15-20
Carbama-zepine	60-85	72-76	25-50
Etho-suximide	90-100	0	30-70



## ADVERSE EFFECTS OF ANTIPILEPTIC AGENTS

### Phenytoin

- 👉 *nystagmus occurs early, diplopia and ataxia*
- 👉 *gingival hyperplasia and hirsutism*
- 👉 *coarsening of facial features*
- 👉 *mild peripheral neuropathy*

# ADVERSE EFFECTS OF ANTIPILEPTIC AGENTS






## Carbamazepine

-  *diplopia, ataxia, drowsiness*
-  *aplastic anemia, agranulocytosis*

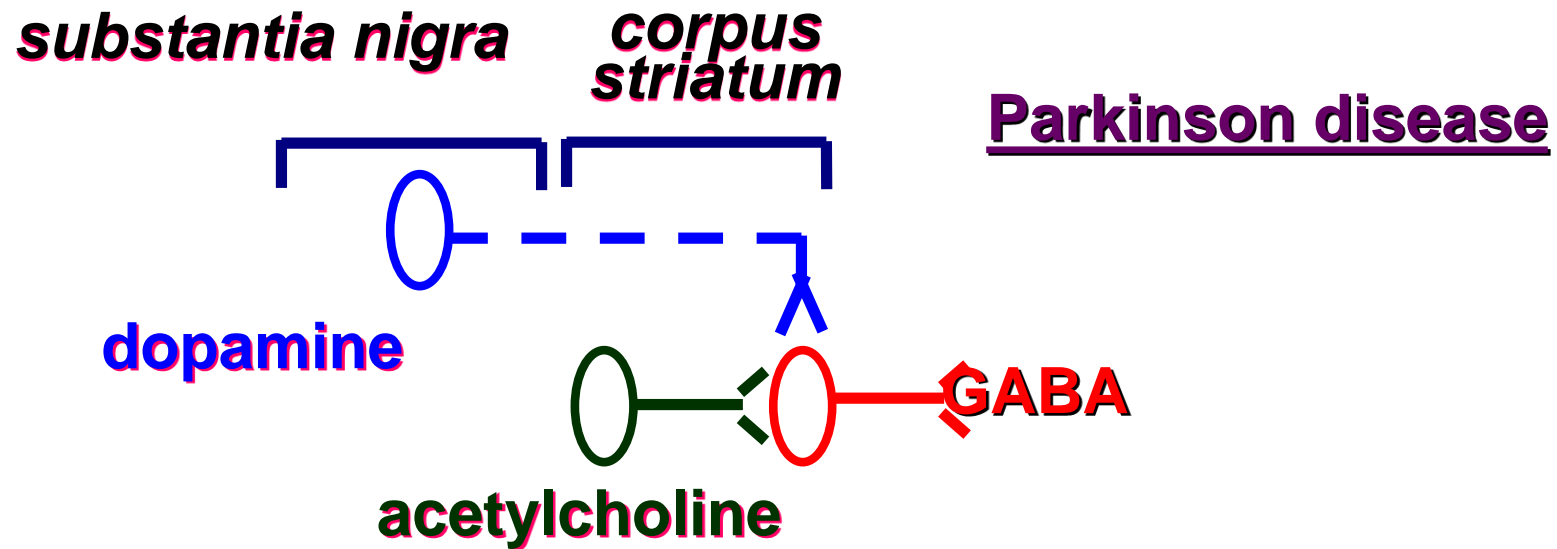
## Ethosuximide

-  *gastic distress (nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain*
-  *fatigue, headache, dizziness, and euphoria*

## Sodium valproate

-  *abdominal pain and heartburn*
-  *sedation, tremor*
-  *weight gain, increased appetite, and hair loss*
-  *hepatotoxicity*
-  *spina bifida*

# DRUGS FOR PARKINSON DISEASE TREATMENT



<i>Improving dopamine transmission</i>		
↑Dopamine synthesis	Dopamine agonists	Central M-cholinolytics
Levodopa, Nakom (Levodopa+Carbidopa)	Bromcryptin Midantan	Cyclodol Benztropine