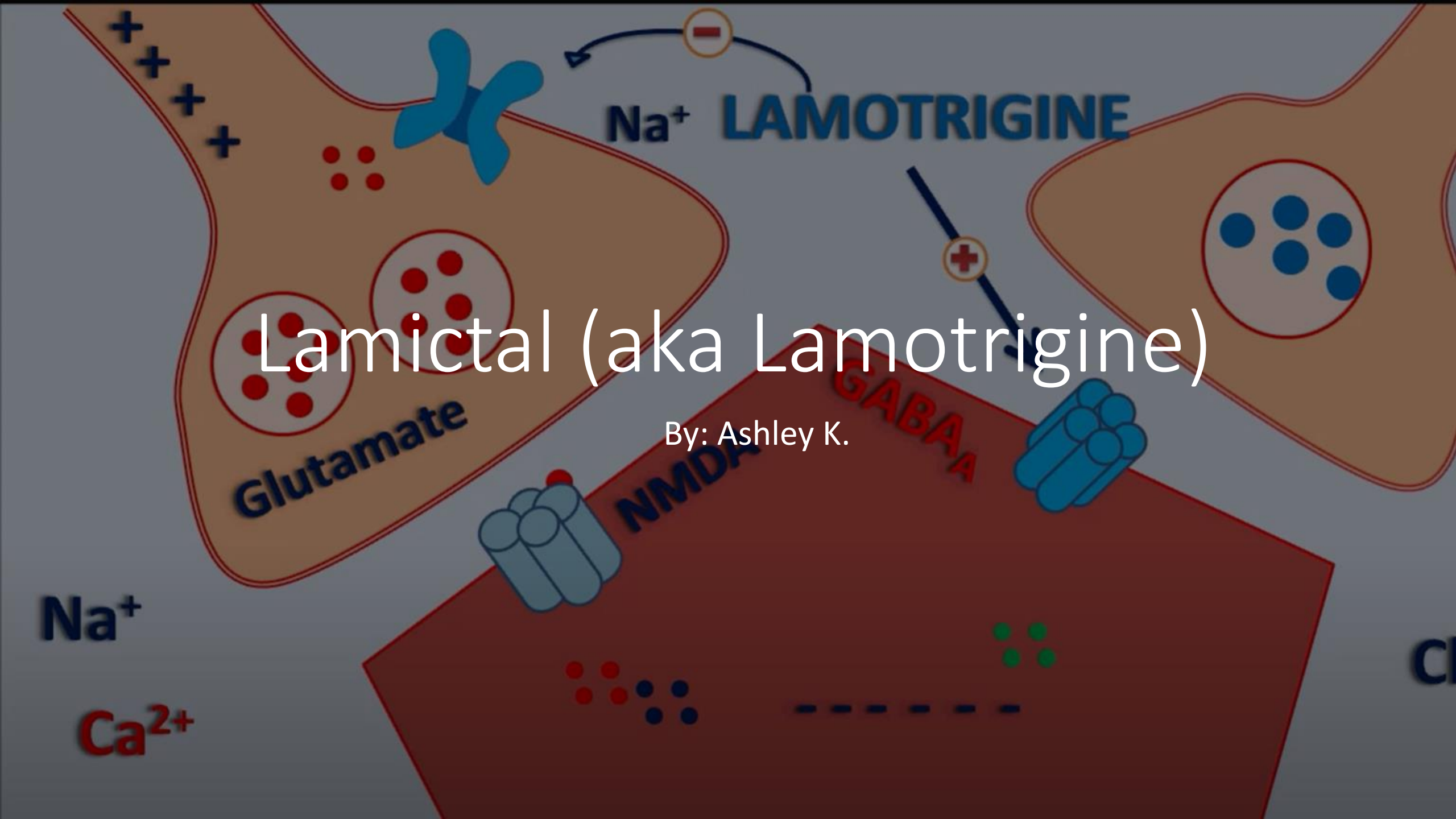

Lamictal (aka Lamotrigine)

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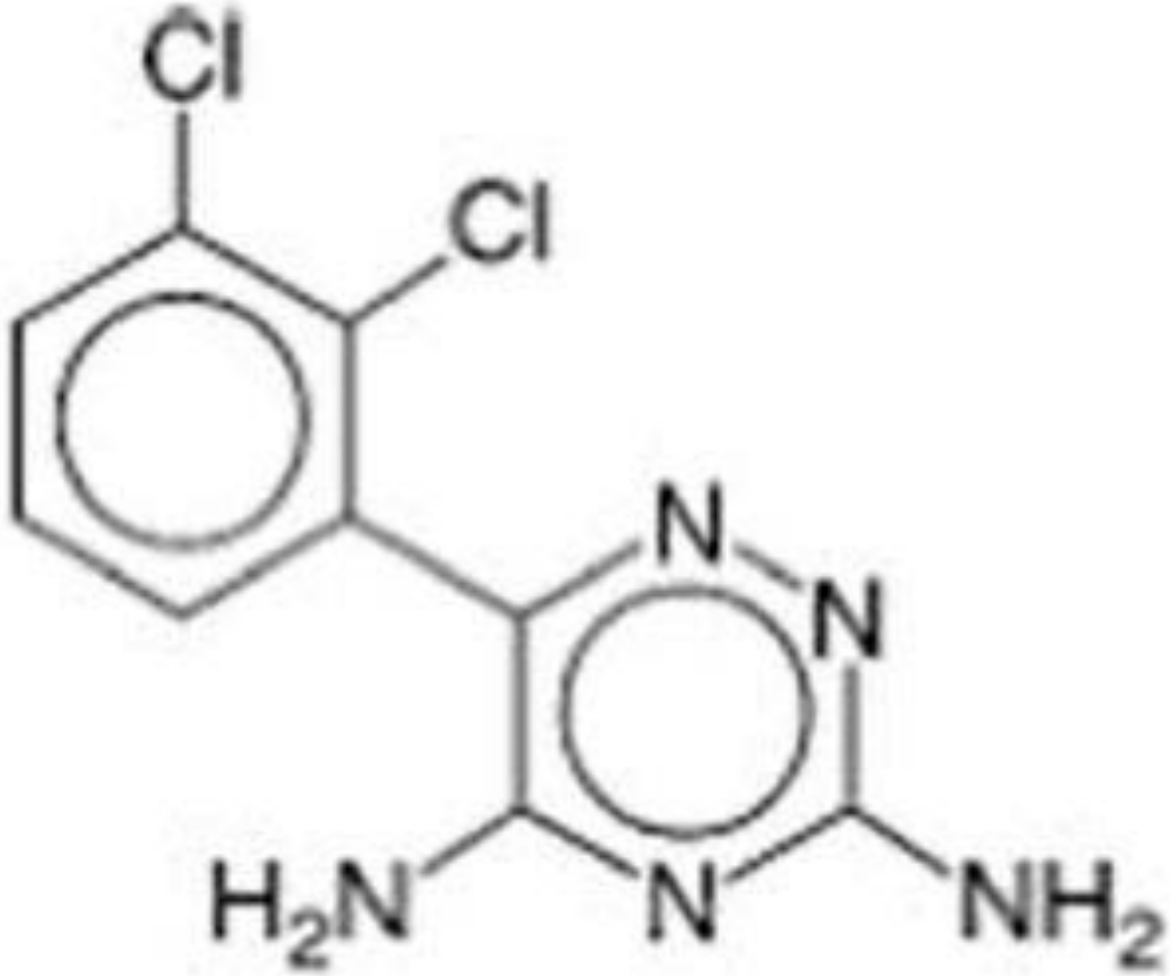
Outline

- What is Lamictal?
- How does it work?
- What is Lamictal's mechanism of action?



What is Lamictal?

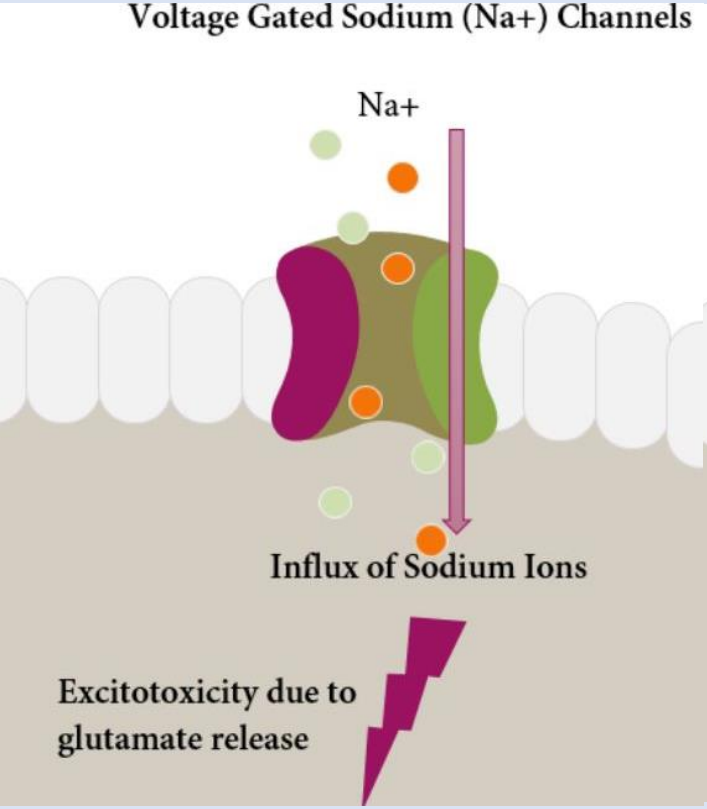
- An antiepileptic drug used to treat some seizure disorders

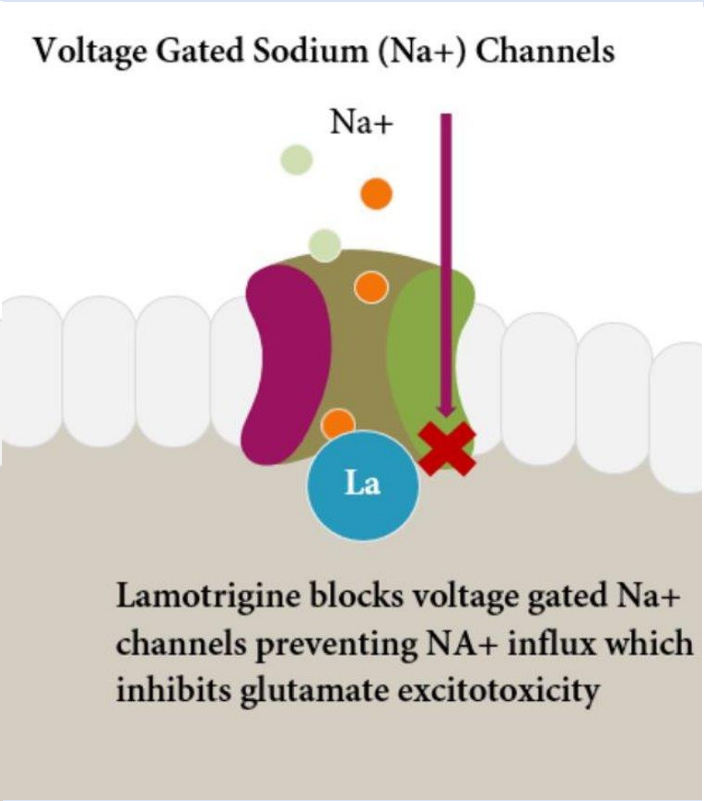
- May also be used to treat Bipolar disorders (1 &2)

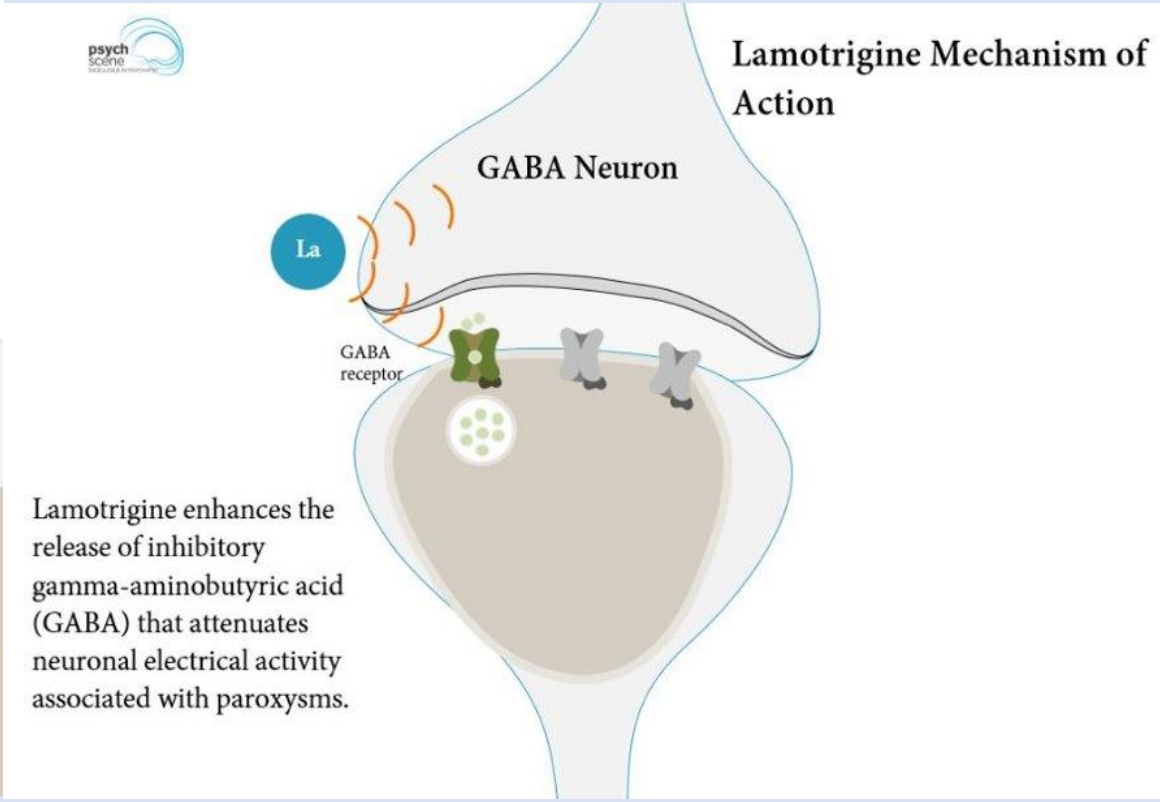
How does Lamictal (LTG) work?

- LTG is an antagonist
- LTG blocks voltage dependent Na+ channels
- Inhibits the release of glutamate and aspartate
- Also binds (weakly) to other signaling receptors in the brain

How does Lamictal (LTG) work? Cont.

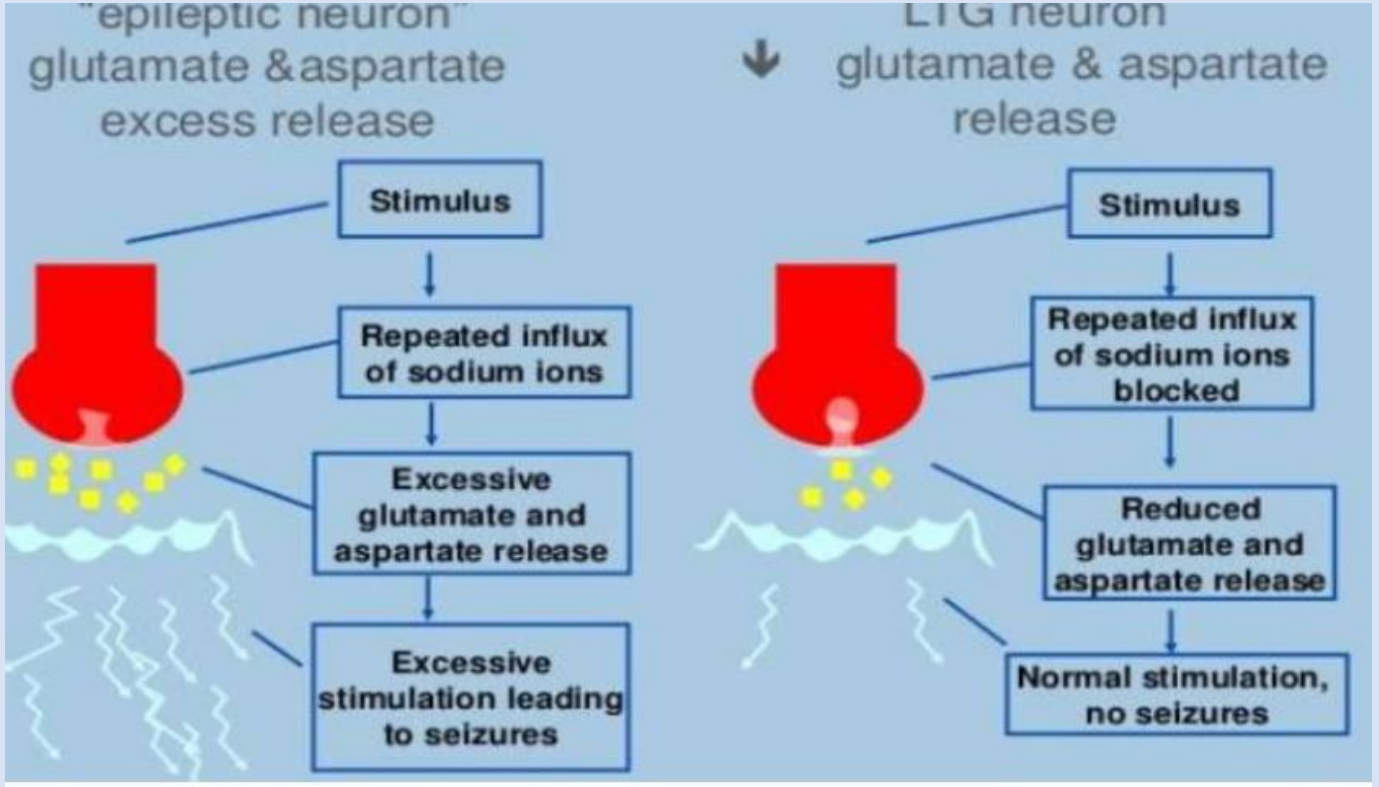






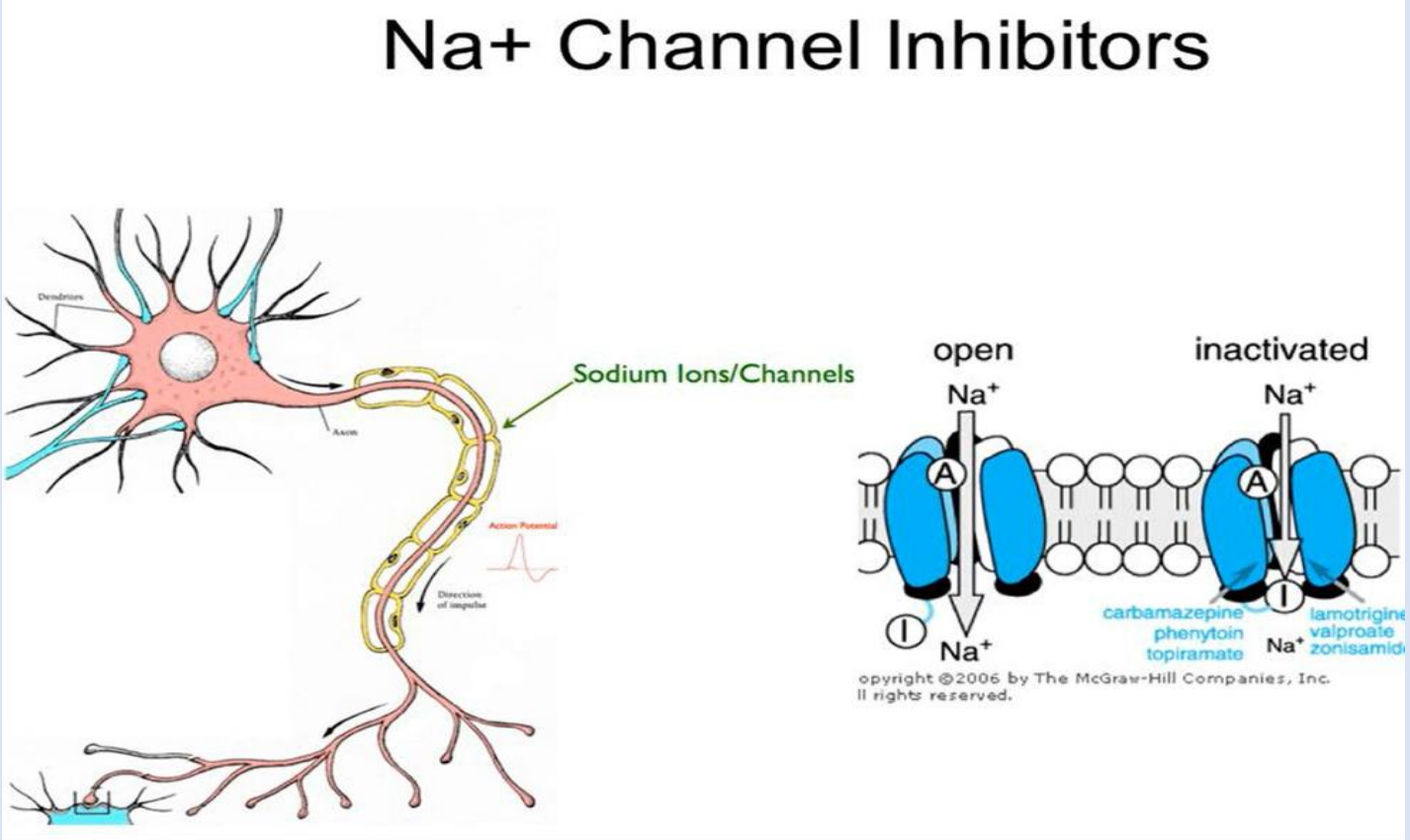
Mechanism of action

- LTG is administered
- Antagonize voltage gated Na+ channels
- Binds to channels
- Suppresses signaling molecules
- Brain cells are now slowed down



Mechanism of action Cont.

- Mechanism of action occurs over 2 kinetic time courses (fast and slow)



Summary

- A prescription drug
- An antagonist to Na+ channels

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