

# **DIURETIC AGENTS**

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#### Diuresis: increased excretion of urine

# **Extrarenal diuretic**

mechanisms i.e.

1. To increase cardiac output therapy for congestive

failure by digitalis

2. Hydremia forced diuresis

3. To increase renal blood flow bed rest

nycturia

Dopamine 0,5-3 μg/kgBW/min.

## Diuretic agents effect on renal tubular functions

**Definition:** They can promote the excretion of water and electrolytes by the effect on renal tubular mechanisms.

They can normalize the electrolyte disorders and the abnormal shifts in the relative or absolute amounts of fluid in the extra- and intracellular body water compartments.

#### Therapeutic goals:

Mobilization and excretion of oedemas of different origins

Antihypertensive effect

To normalize acid-base disturbances and electrolyte disorders

# **Table 2.1 Approximate contributions to plasma osmolality**

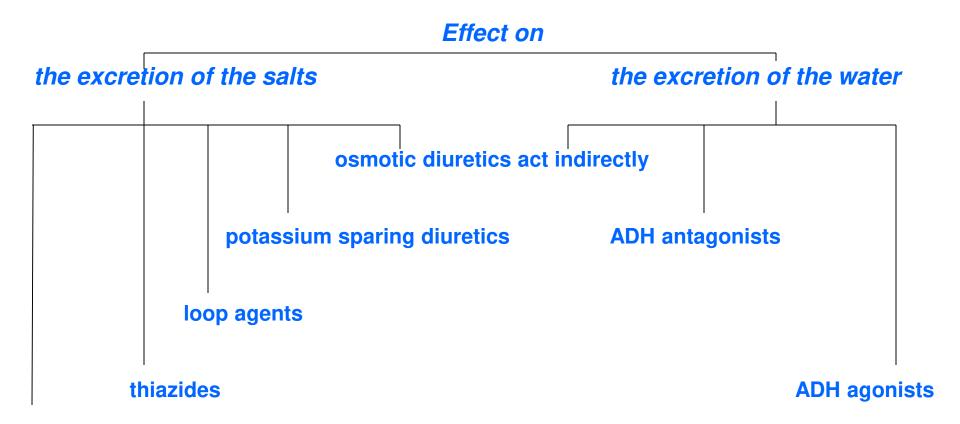
#### **Osmolality** (mosmoles/kg)

Sodium and anions 270
Potassium and anions 7
Calcium (ionized) and anions 3+
Magnesium and anions 1+
Urea 5
Glucose 5

Protein Approximately 1

Total Approximately 292

## Groups of agents effecting on tubular functions

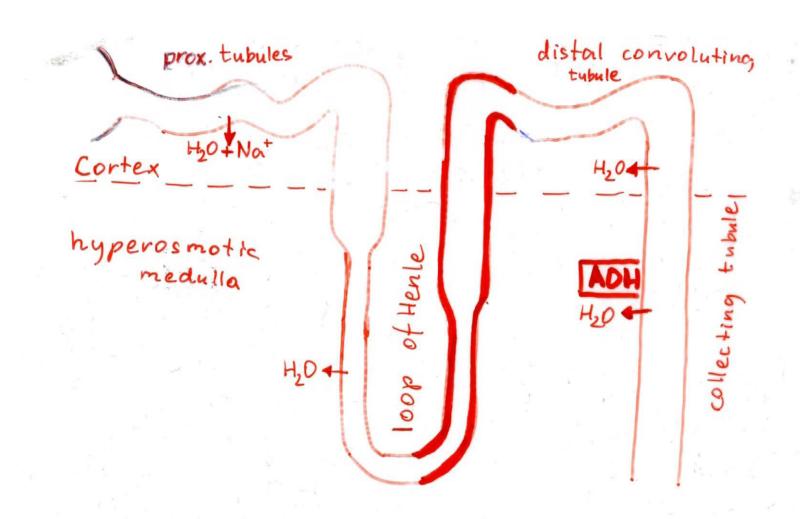


## Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors

**DIURETICS** 

**Antidiuretics** 

# The part of the nephron with water impermeability



#### **Osmotic diuretics**

Their pharmacokinetic properties are important in point of view of their effects.

#### Def.:

Freely filterable, poorly reabsorbable nonelectrolytes which are not metabolized by the organism.

## other pharmacokinetic properties:

They are poorly absorbed so they must be given parenterally i.e. mannitol isosorbide

# **Osmotic diuretics**

|   | Toxicity   |
|---|--|
|   |  |
| CUTE life-threatening conditions with oedemas | Exsiccosis   |
|   | pulmonary oedema in  |
| hey decrease even intracellular               | congestive heart failure!!   |
| edemas !!                                     |  |
|   |  |
| cute renal failure                            |  |
|   |  |
| reduce intracranial                           |  |
|   |  |
| or intraocular pressure before                |  |
| phthalmologic procedures                      |  |
|   |  |
|   |  |
| h<br>e  | th oedemas  ey decrease even intracellular demas !!  cute renal failure  reduce intracranial  or intraocular pressure before |

One of the most effective diuretic group

They are useful even in combination with loop agents

e.g. mannitol+furosemide

# **ADH** antagonists

- 1. Lithium salts
- 2. Tetracycline derivatives i.e. demeclocycline

decrease cAMP

- 3. Vaptans nonpeptides: conivaptan (only for iv use)
- Pharmacodynamics: They cause nephrogenic diabetes insipidus.
- Clinical indication:

Inappropriate ADH secretion syndrome = ADH hypersecretion

# Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors

#### **Chemistry:**

acetazolamide (Fonurit) (Huma Zolamid)

Salamide (disulfamoylchloraniline)

Other drug: dorzolamide

#### **Pharmacokinetics:**

Effects are apparent within 30 minutes Duration of action about 12 hours tubular secretion

#### **Pharmacodynamics:**

site of action: prox. tubule - inhibitors of carbonic anhydrase

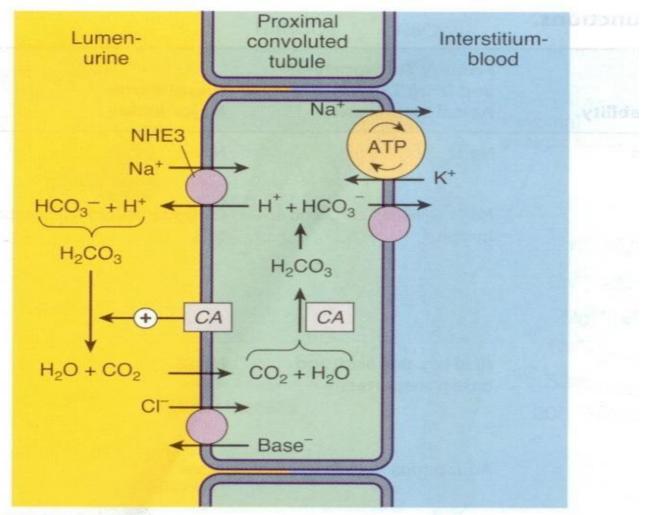


FIGURE 15–2 Apical membrane Na<sup>+</sup>/H<sup>+</sup> exchange (via NHE3) and bicarbonate reabsorption in the proximal convoluted tubule cell. Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> ATPase is present in the basolateral membrane to maintain intracellular sodium and potassium levels within the normal range. Because of rapid equilibration, concentrations of the solutes are approximately equal in the interstitial fluid and the blood. Carbonic anhydrase (CA) is found in other locations in addition to the brush border of the luminal membrane.

# Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors

| Effects on urine electrolyte composition  | Clinical indications                          | Toxicity  |
|---|---|---|
| Prox. tub. :  | cardiac oedema                                |   |
| $Na^+ \uparrow H^+ \downarrow$  | cyclic oedema                                 |   |
| alkalic urine   | metabolic alkalosis<br>urinary alkalinisation | hyperchloremic<br>metabolic acidosis<br>(limit of their diuretic effects) |
| <b>Dist. tub.</b> : K <sup>+</sup> ↑  |   | hypokalemia   |
| Other ions:<br>$PO_4^{2-} \uparrow$<br>citrate $\downarrow$<br>$Ca^{2+} \uparrow$ | hyperphosphatemia                             | renal calculi   |
|   |   |   |

Contraindications: hepatic cirrhosis because they decrease ammonia excretion

# Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors

# **Extrarenal effects**

| Effe | cts  | Clinical indications    | Toxicity                       |
|------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Inhi | bition of carbonic anhydrase                 |                         |                                |
| 1.   | the rate of aqueus humor formation decreases | glaucoma                |                                |
| 2.   | the rate of CSF formation decreases          | acute mountain sickness |                                |
| 3.   | inhibition of iodine uptake by thyroid gland |                         | hypothyroidism                 |
|      |  |                         | Don't use it during pregnancy! |
|      |  |                         |                                |

# Thiazides and associated agents

### **Pharmacokinetics:**

Effects are apparent within 1-2 hours secretion by proximal tubule

# **Pharmacodynamics:**

Primary site of action: early segments of the distal tubule They are ineffective if GFR < 20-30 ml/min. Neither acidosis nor alkalosis influence their effects

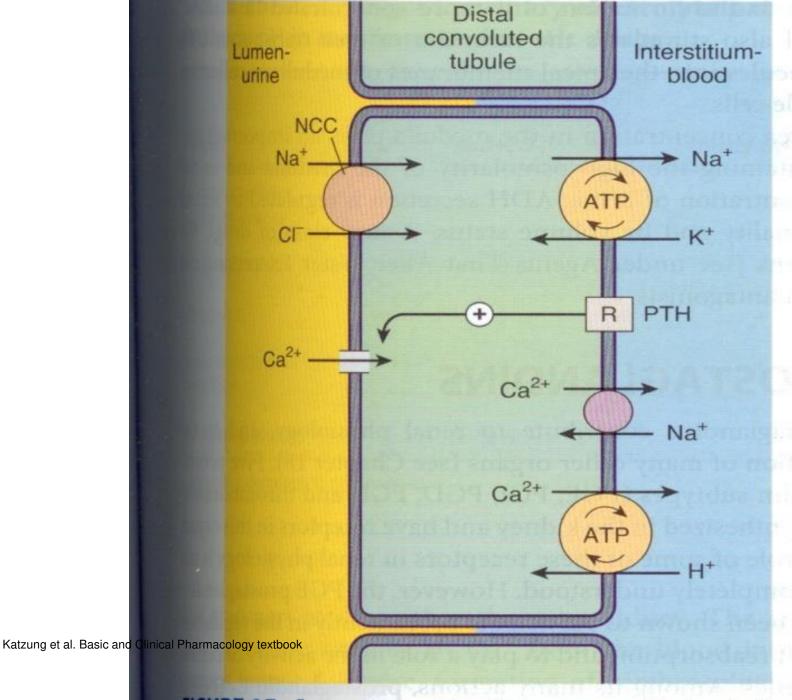
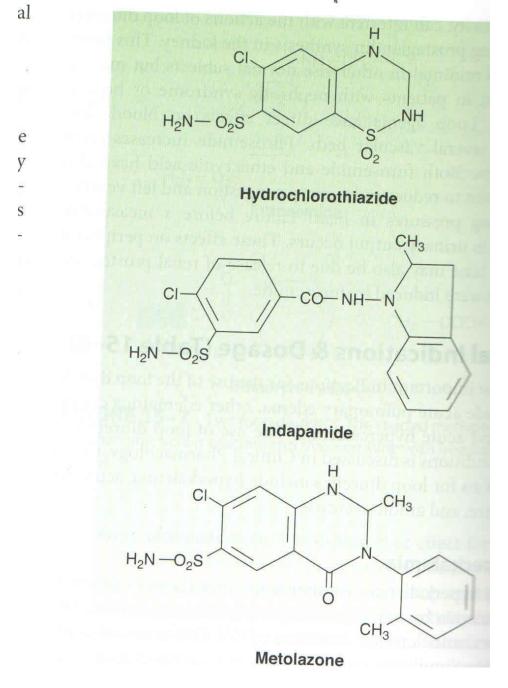
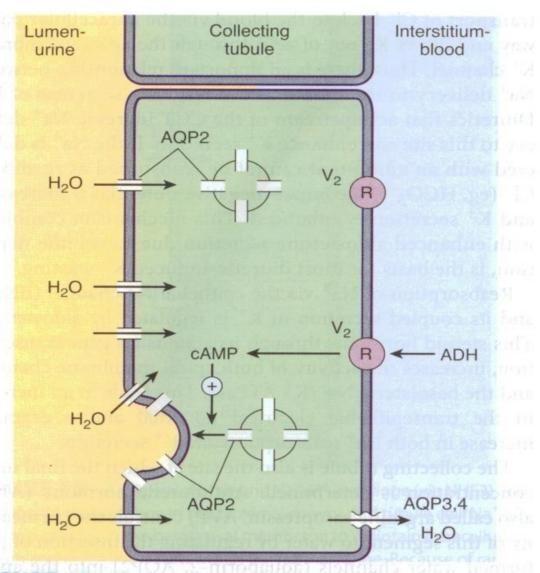


FIGURE 15-4 Ion transport pathways across the luminal and ba-



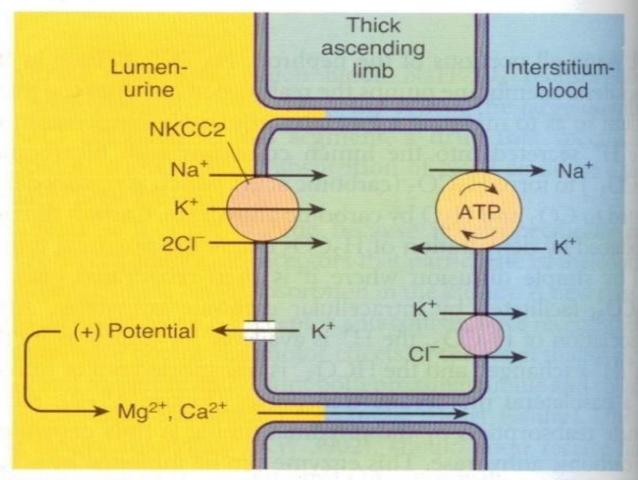
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| Effects on urine electrolyte composition   | Clinical indications  | Toxicity  |
|--|---|---|
| Na <sup>+</sup> ↑<br>Cl <sup>-</sup> ↑   | cardiac insufficiency<br>chronic hepatic- and renal<br>diseases |   |
| Early segments of the distal tubule: $Ca^{2+} \downarrow Mg^{2+} \uparrow K^+ \uparrow H^+ \uparrow$ | idiopathic hypercalciurina                                      | hypomagnesemia metabolic alkalosis with potassium depletion paresthesias  Hyperuricemia, risk for gout attack |
| <pre>prox. tub. : secretion of uric acid \( \pm \) and urea \( \pm \)</pre>                          |   |   |
| Collecting tubules: inhibition of phosphodiesterase  | nephrogenic diabetes insipidus                                  |   |
| Sensitivity of vessel wall for NA↓ diabetogenic effects  | Extrarenal effects: hypertension                                | hyperlipidemia<br>hyperglycemia   |



**FIGURE 15–6** Water transport across the luminal and basolateral membranes of collecting duct cells. Above, low water permeability exists in the absence of antidiuretic hormone (ADH). Below, in the presence of ADH, aquaporins are inserted into the apical membrane, greatly increas-

# **Loop agents = high-ceiling diuretics**



**FIGURE 15–3** Ion transport pathways across the luminal and basolateral membranes of the thick ascending limb cell. The lumen positive electrical potential created by K<sup>+</sup> back diffusion drives divalent (and monovalent) cation reabsorption via the paracellular pathway. NKCC2 is the primary transporter in the luminal membrane.

# **Loop agents = high-ceiling diuretics**

#### **Pharmacokinetics:**

p. o.

i. v.

Diuretic effect appears within Active secretion by prox. tub.

60 min.

5 min.

#### **Pharmacodynamics:**

Primary site of action: the active chloride transport in the thick ascending limb of the loop of Henle

Furosemide and its derivatives inhibit carbonic anhydrase activity in the prox. tubules.

They are ineffective even in the case of anuria.

# Loop agents

| sp ugss  |  |                     |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Effects on urine electrolyte   | <b>Clinical indications</b>            | Toxicity            |
| composition  |  |                     |
| GFR ↑  | Refractory oedema                      |                     |
| thick ascending limb of the loop of  | Acute renal failure                    |                     |
| Henle:   | Acute pulmonary oedema                 |                     |
| Cl⁻↑Na⁺↑K↑   | Cerebral oedema                        | Hypokalemia         |
| concentrating power of the kidney ↓  | Congestive heart failure               |                     |
| $Br \uparrow F \uparrow I \uparrow \uparrow$                               |  |                     |
|  | Bromine, fluorine, iodine intoxication |                     |
|  |  |                     |
| Ca <sup>2+</sup> ↑   | Hypercalcemia                          |                     |
| <b>Dist. tub.</b> : K <sup>+</sup> ↑                                       |  | hypokalemia         |
| Prox. tub. :   |  |                     |
| uric acid ↓  |  | hyperuricemia       |
| Furosemide: inhibits carbonic anhydrase,                                   |  | metabolic alkalosis |
|  |  |                     |
|  | Extrarenal effects:                    |                     |
| Change of composition of endolymph<br>Furosemide derivatives: diabetogenic |  | ototoxicity         |

potential

hyperglycemia

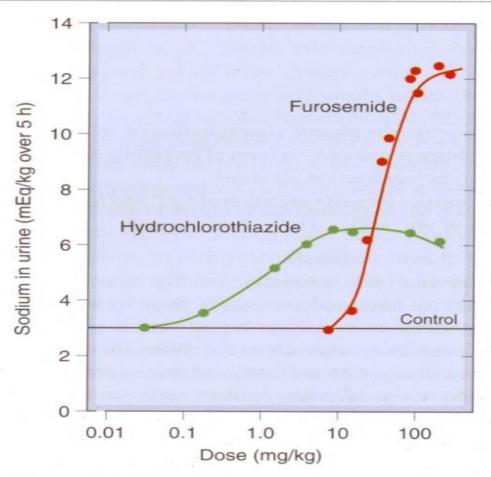


Fig. 24.6 Dose-response curves for furosemide (frusemide) and hydrochlorothiazide, showing differences in potency and maximum effect 'ceiling'. Note that these doses are not used clinically. (Adapted from Timmerman R J et al. 1964 Curr Ther Res 6: 88.)

# Potassium-sparing diuretics

# I. Spironolactone and its metabolites = aldosterone antagonists

#### **Pharmacokinetics:**

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Poorly absorption orally → delayed onset of action (several days) in liver: Spironolactone → canrenone (active)

↓ ↑

canrenoate (inactive)

eplerenone
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## **Pharmacodynamics:**

primary site of action: collecting tubules Competitive aldosterone antagonists

Poor effect → combined use with other diuretics

for ameliorating their hypokalemic effects of other diuretics

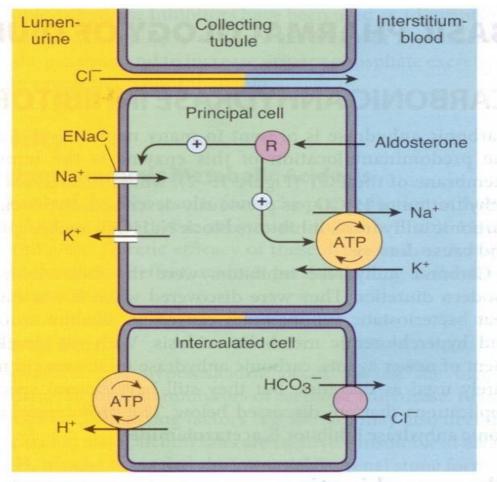
Drug Interactions: CYP3A4 enzyme !!!
e.g. ketoconazol increases plasma concentration of spironolactone

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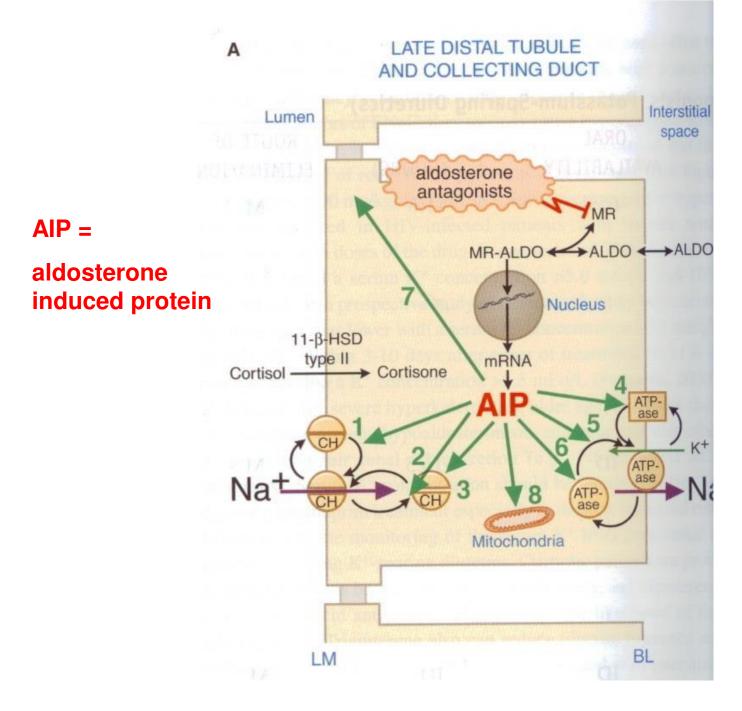
#### spironolacton

#### canrenon

canrenoat



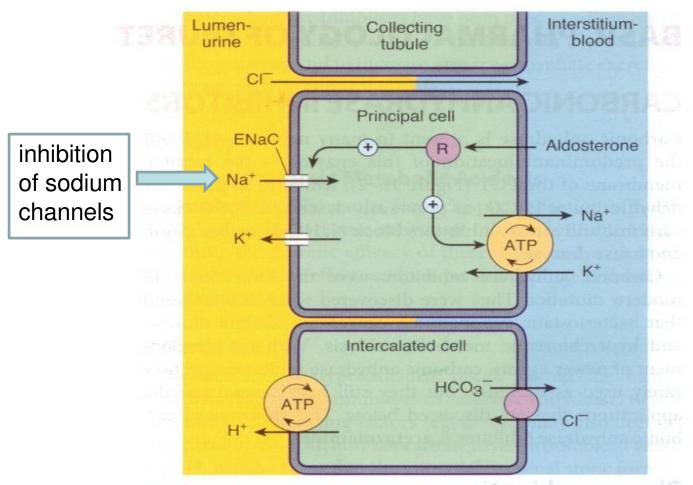
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**Aldosterone antagonists** 

| Effects on urine electrolyte composition                             | Clinical indications  | Toxicity   |
|--|---|--|
| Dist. tubules and collecting tubules:  Na+↑ Cl-↑  Dist. tubules: K+↓ | Primary hyperaldosteronism: Conn's syndrome  secondary hyperaldosteronism: hypertension hepatic cirrhosis nephrotic syndrome congestive heart failure | hyperkalemia<br>metabolic acidosis                                   |
|  | Extrarenal effects:   |  |
| They react on steroid receptors                                      |   | gynecomastia<br>impotence<br>androgen effects<br>tumotigenic in rats |

# Potassium-sparing diuretics II. Non aldosterone antagonists



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# Potassium-sparing diuretics II.

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Triamterene Amiloride

Pharmacokinetics: They are available only for oral use

**Pharmacodynamics:** 

**Effect on urine** 

electrolyte

content:

collecting tubules

primary site of action:

But they have no aldosterone antagonist

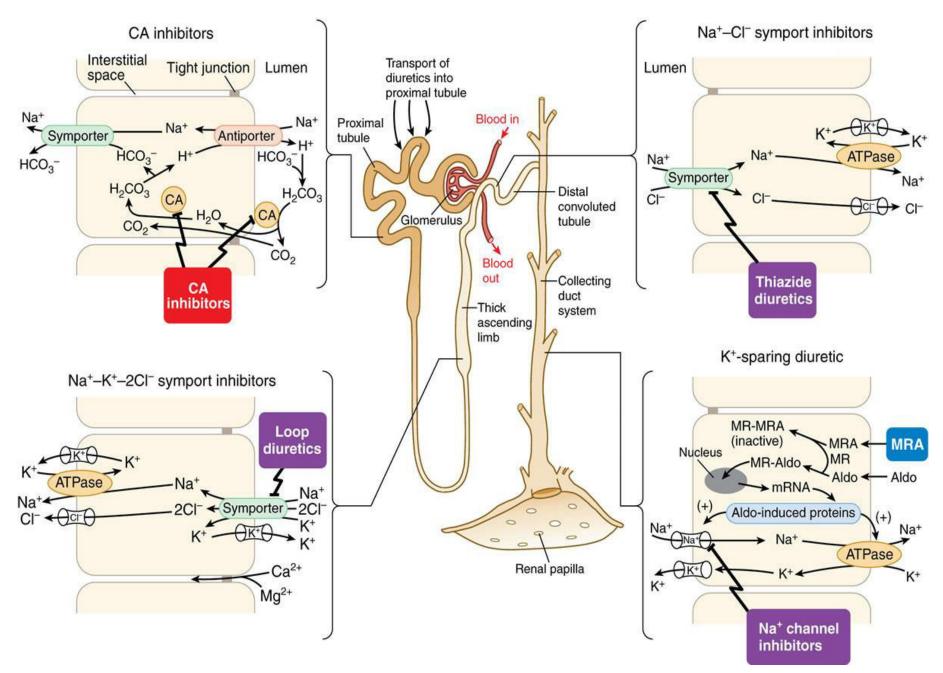
effect

 $Na^+ \uparrow K^+ \downarrow$ 

**Toxicity:** hyperkalemia – impairment of renal failure

**Interaction:** Triamterene + indomethacin → acute renal failure

Extrarenal effect: amilorid therapy in cystic fibrosis locally in spray to bronchi



# **Causes of therapeutic failure**

- Interruption of law salt diet
   Negative sodium balance can't be achieved
- 2. Self-limited effectsi. e. carbonic anhydrase inhibitors
- 3. The sites of action along nephron are damaged by different renal diseases
- 4. Function of proximal tubule is damaged i. e, organic acid diuretics
- 5. Competition for secretory system of proximal tubules: Interactions between medicaments
  - i. e. Probenecid penicilline derivatives

# Prevention of formation of kidney stones in nephrolithiasis

## Calcium phosphate or Ca oxalate stones:

Calcium nephrolithiasis idiopathica recurrentis: thiazides

## Stones containing uric acid:

pH of the urine has to be shifted to the basic direction to pH 6,2-6,7

citric acid 8% + sodium citrate 12% + potassium citrate 12% = Solutio nephrolitholytica FoNo citric acid 10% + sodium citrate 6% = Shohl oldat citric acid 270 mg + magnesium citrate 180 mg + sodium citrate 723 mg = Magurlit granulates allopurinol = Milurit tabl. 100 mg

## Stones containing ammoniomagnesium-phosphate:

pH of the urine has to be shifted to the acidic direction to pH <6,5

ascorbinic acid = Vitamin C drg., inj ammonium chlorate = Ammonium chloratum tabl. 500 mg - ONLY for short-term therapy !!!!!

# Desmopressine, selective V2 agonist

## **Antidiuretics**

Desmopressin is a synthetic octapeptide, and an analogue of human hormone argininine vasopressin with antidiuretic and coagulant activities.

Target: V2 receptors in renal collecting ducts.

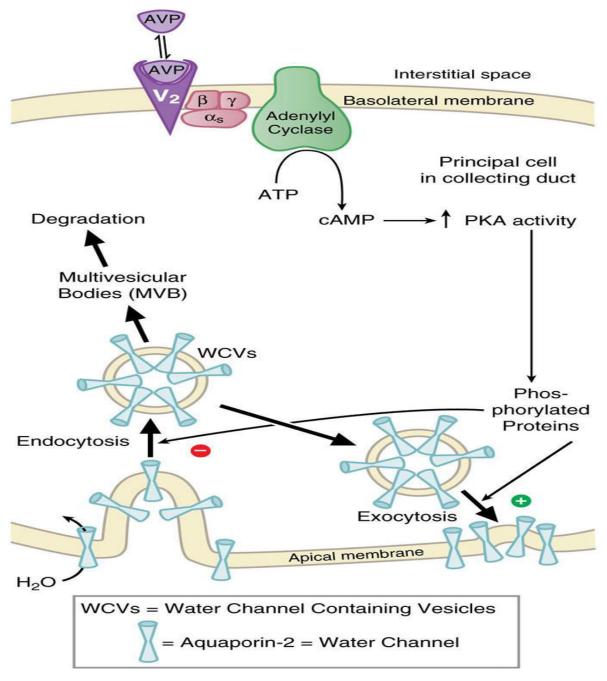
This agent also increases nitric oxide (NO) production via activation of endothelial NO synthase, thereby induces afferent arteriolar vasodilation.

Furthermore, desmopressin stimulates the release of factor VIII from endothelial cells mediated through V1a receptor, thereby promotes blood coagulation. It also stimulates the release of von Willebrand factor (vWF) from the endothelial cells, thereby increasing the levels of vWF.

Clinical indications: diabetes insipidus

Haemophilia A

von Willebrandt disease



Rang and Dale's Pharmacology textbook