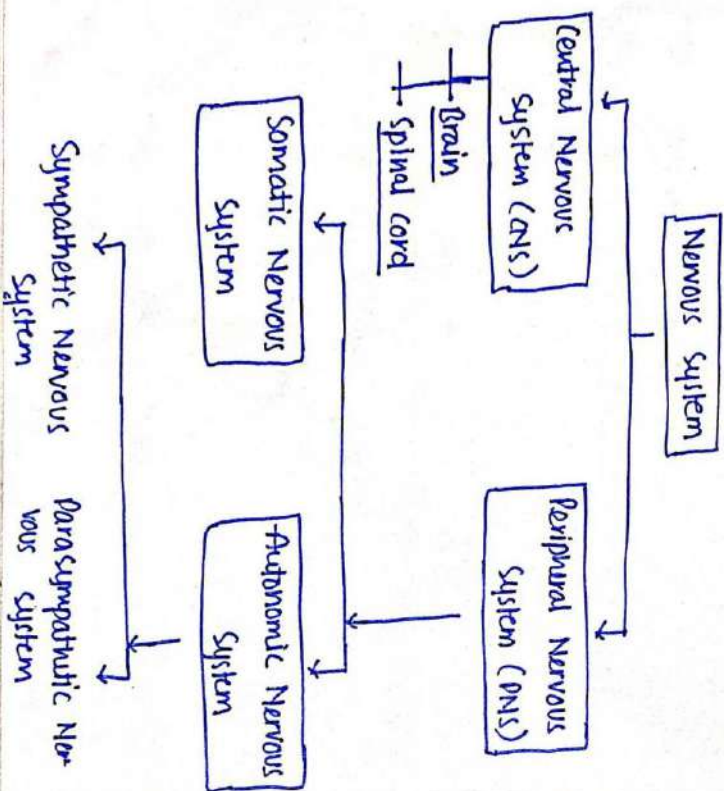


## UNIT-III<sup>rd</sup> PHARMACOLOGY

Pharmacology of drugs acting on

Peripheral Nervous System

- Nervous System - It control and co-ordinate the human body and it gives the quick response to our body.



- CNS → It is a main system of our body which consist of brain and spinal cord. It coordinate the body.
  - PNS → It consist all nerves of our body which transmit information from body to brain or brain to body. It consist the somatic and autonomic nervous system.
  - Somatic Nervous System → In this system, voluntary movement happens (which we can control). eg. Hand movement, walking etc.
  - Autonomic Nervous System → In this system, involuntary movement happens (which we can't control). eg. Breathing, digestion, heart rate etc.
- \* Now, we have to study <sup>about</sup> the action of that drugs which act on PNS.

Syllabus :-

- Organization and function of ANS.
- Neurohumoral transmission, Co-transmission and classification of neurotransmitter.
- Parasympathomimetics, Parasympatholytics, Sympathomimetics, Sympatholytics.
- Neuromuscular blocking agent and skeletal muscle relaxants (periparal).
- Local anesthetic agents
- Drugs used in myasthenia gravis and glaucoma.

## Organisation and function of ANS

ANS :- Autonomic Nervous System

It involves involuntary responses (movement) of our body.

- It further divided into two parts :-
- i) Sympathetic N.S.
- ii) Para Sympathetic N.S.

i) Sympathetic Nervous System :-

— fight/flight situation [Abnormal]

— Activate in condition of three F

fight flight flight

• Those system which active in abnormal

situation of body and maintain the body

example → increase heart rate, decrease digestion rate etc.

ii) Parasympathetic Nervous System :-

— Rest and Digest condition

• In this, our body come back to normal condition after any abnormal situation.

• Also help to maintain the homeostasis of body.

example → increase digestion rate and normal heart rate etc...

- # Both system are motory function of body
- # Both system are important to maintain the homeostasis and work of our body.



- Different b/w Sympathetic & Parasympathetic system

Sympathetic Nervous System	Parasympathetic Nervous System
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involved in the <u>fight</u> or <u>flight</u> response</li> <li>• Prepare the body for <u>any potential danger</u>.</li> <li>• increase heartbeats, muscles tense up.</li> <li>• Pupil dilate</li> <li>• Saliva secretion is inhibited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involved in maintaining homeostasis and also, permits the <u>rest</u> and <u>digest</u> response</li> <li>• to bring the body to a state of calm.</li> <li>• Reduces heartbeat, muscles relaxes.</li> <li>• pupil contract</li> <li>• Saliva secretion increases, digestion increases</li> </ul>
<p>Neurotransmitter release</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Adrenaline and nor-adrenaline</p>	<p>Neurotransmitter release</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Acetylcholine.</p>

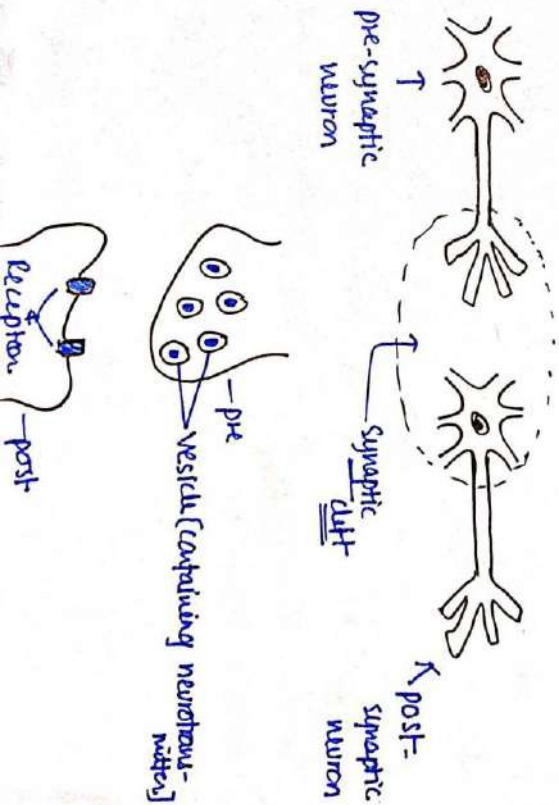
## NEUROHUMORAL TRANSMISSION

### Neurohumoral

→ Neuro → Nerve / Neuron

+ Humoral → Chemical messenger

- It is the process of transfer of any message or signal from one neuron to another neuron with the help of any chemical messenger (neurotransmitter, hormone)



- for this purpose, firstly neurotransmitter is synthesized and stored in vesicles in nerve terminals.

• Now, Neurohumoral transmission involves following steps:-

- i) Impulse (conductance)
- ii) Transmitter release
- iii) Transmitter action on post junctional membrane
- iv) Post junctional activity
- v) Termination of transmitter action.

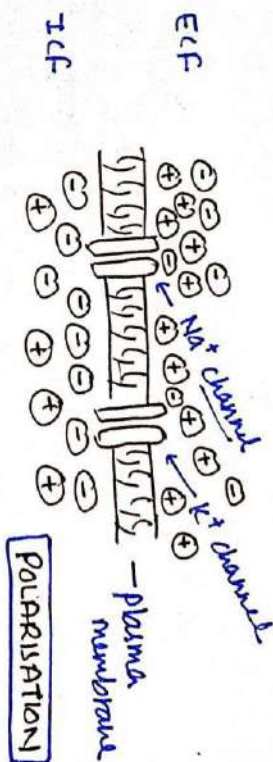
i) Impulse conductance:-

In this step, firstly impulse is generated by the process of 'action potential'.

- At resting state [when nerve impulse is not transmitted from neuron], Resting-trans-membrane potential is -70 mV.
- $\text{Na}^+$  ion have high concentration at outside the cell and more (+)ve charge at outside the

plasma membrane.

- $\text{K}^+$  ion have high concentration at inside the cell and more (-)ve charge at inside the plasma membrane.



— Resting membrane potential  $\rightarrow$  -70 mV.

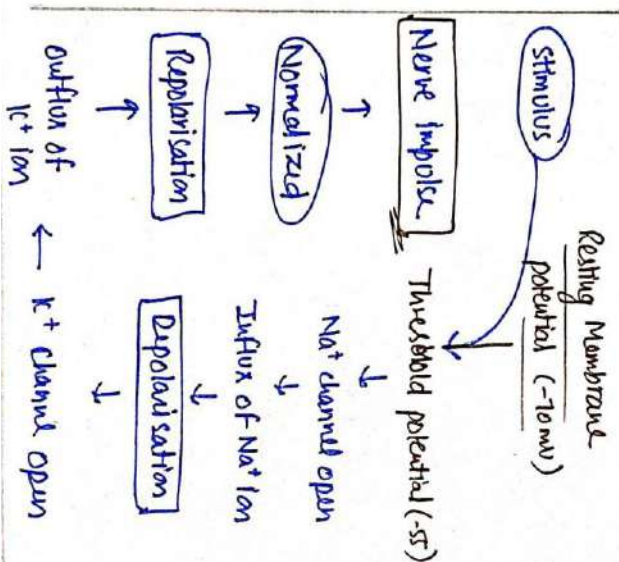
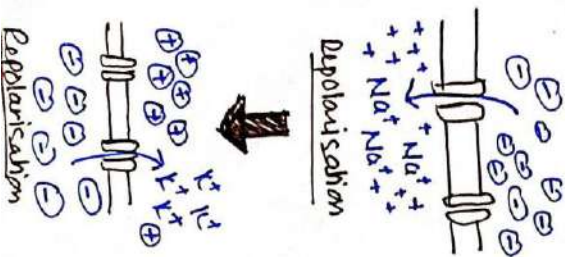
- Depolarisation:- When any kind of stimulus detected, then it changes the Resting membrane potential to less potential. (increases).

- If stimulus change resting potential (-70mV) to (-55mV) then it is called threshold potential.
- Threshold potential open  $\text{Na}^+$  ion channel. So  $\text{Na}^+$  ion enters inside the cell and (+)ve charge produce inside the cell and (-)ve at outside the cell and it is called depolarisation.



- Repolarisation :- stimulus continues increase the potential, now when potential reach at (+20 mV to +30 mV) it open  $K^+$  ion channel and  $K^+$  ion move outside the cell.
- The ionic distribution is normalized during the refractory period by the activation of  $Na^+K^+$  pump.
- # The cycle of depolarisation and repolarisation is called Action potential.

- These action potential works 100 times in one second.



- ii) Transmitter release → Nerve impulse promotes fusion of vascular and axonal membrane, through  $Ca^{++}$  entry <sup>which</sup> fluidized membranes.
- This promotes exocytosis (transmitter release from vesicle) in synaptic cleft.

- iii) Transmitter action on postjunction membrane :-  
The transmitter release and attached with specific receptor on postjunctional membrane and depending on nature it induce two types of action



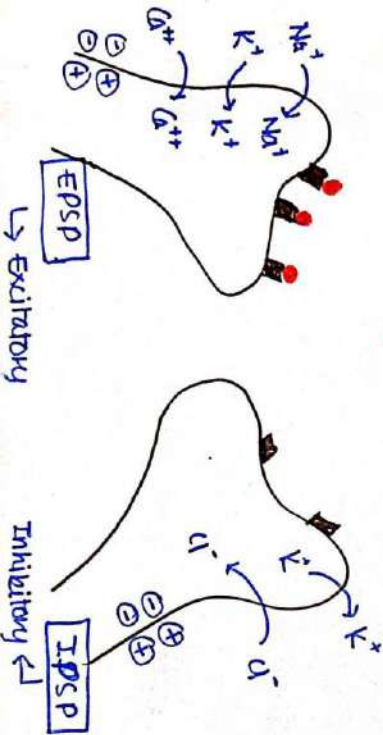
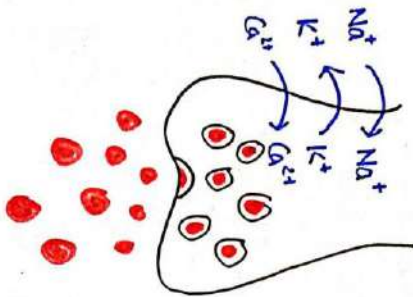
- Excitatory post-synaptic potential → Increase in permeability to all cation  $\rightarrow Na^+$  or  $Ca^{++}$  influx cause depolarisation followed by  $K^+$  efflux → Resting depolarizing stimuli
- Inhibitory post-synaptic potential → If inhibitory neurotransmitter act increase in permeability to smaller  $Cl^-$  or anions.  $K^+$  and  $Cl^-$  moves in, resulting Hyperpolarisation.
- iv) Nerve impulse, contraction in muscle, secretion in glands

## v) Termination of transmitter action :-

Neurotransmitter is degraded locally or any other mechanism.

- It can also be degraded by enzymatic action.

eg. Acetylcholine degraded by cholinesterase.



## Co-transmission :-

- Peripheral and central nervous system release more than one active substance when stimulated.

Definition :- Co-transmission is the release of several types of neurotransmitter from a single nerve terminal.

- Co-transmitter :- It is a chemical substance that is released along with primary neurotransmitter.

examples → In autonomic nervous system

- Primary neurotransmitter → ACh, NA
- Co-transmitter are → ATP, Adenosine

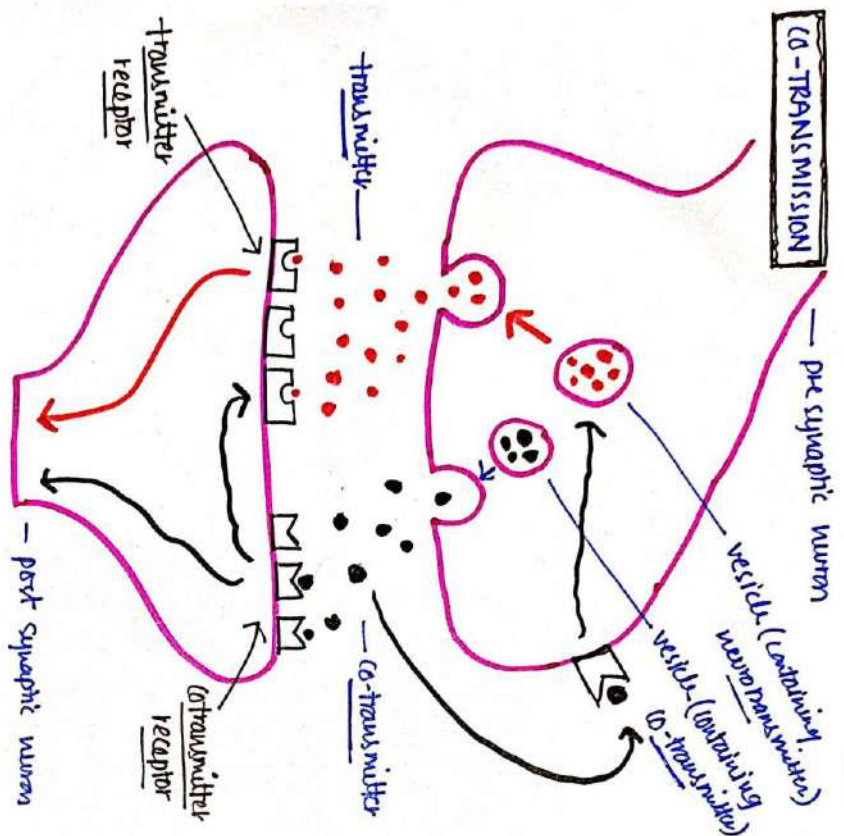
Peptides :- Vaso intestinal peptide (VIP)

Nitric oxide

Prostaglandins (PG)

# On release of Acetylcholine (ACh), Glutamate, Vasoactive intestinal peptide (VIP) co-transmitter release.





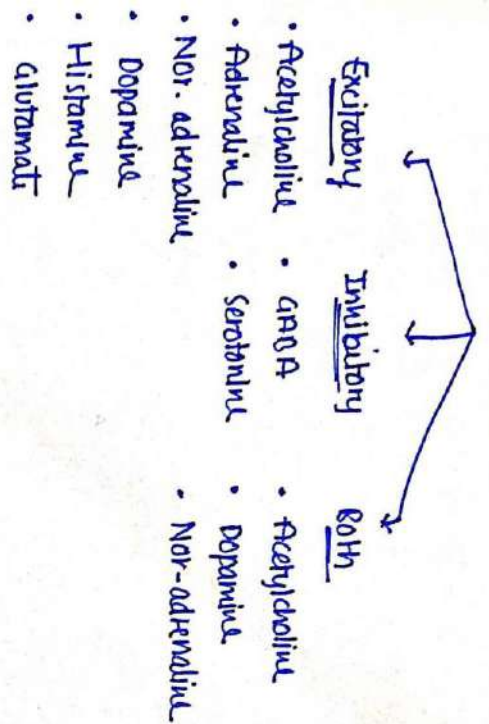
- Co-transmitter is stored with primary transmitter vesicle or in different (separate) vesicle.
- function— i) enhance or regulate pre-synaptic release of primary neurotransmitter.
- ii) Modulate post-synaptic sensitivity of primary neurotransmitter
- iii) serve as a alternative to primary neurotransmitter.

### Classification of Neurotransmitters :-

- Neurotransmitter :- These are chemical messengers that transmit signal from a neuron to a target cell across a synapse.
- target cells may be a other neuron or some other kind of cell such as muscle or glands.
- Thus are stored into synaptic vesicle in pre-synaptic neurons.



- They can be classified as either excitatory or inhibitory.
- Excitatory :- activate receptor on post-synaptic membrane and enhance the effect of the action potential (increase activity).
- Inhibitory :- decrease the activity of transmitter or receptor. (decrease the effect of the action potential).
- Some neurotransmitter show both type of activity.



- following major neurotransmitter with their functions:—
- Acetylcholine → (learning) → Involved in thought, learning, and memory. It activates muscle contraction in the body and is also associated with attention and awakening.
- Adrenaline → (fight or flight) → It is primarily released by the adrenal gland, but some neurons may secrete it as a neurotransmitter.
- It is produced in stressful situation, increase heart rate and blood flow.
- leading to physical boost and ~~aware~~ heightened awareness.

- Nor-adrenaline → (concentration) → It improves attention and responding actions in the brain.
- contracts blood vessels, increasing blood vessels.
- Dopamine → [Pleasure] → feeling of pleasure, also addiction, movement and motivational.
- people's repeat behaviours lead to dopamine release.
- Serotonin → [mood] → contributes to well-being and happiness.
- Helps sleep cycle and digestive system regulation.
- GABA → [calming] → calm firing nerves in the CNS.
- High level → improve focus
- Low level → cause anxiety.
- Also contributes to motor control and vision.
- Histamine → Released by mast cells.
- involved in local immune responses
- contraction of smooth muscle tissue of the lungs, uterus and stomach.
- Glutamate → (memory) → Involved in learning and memory. It regulates development and creation of nerve contacts.



### C. Parasympathomimetics, Parasympatholytics, Sympathomimetics, Sympatholytics.

Drugs acting on Autonomic Nervous System.

These all are those drugs which act on Autonomic Nervous system and produce effect on it.

- Adrenergic drugs [Sympathomimetics]
  - Antiadrenergic drugs [Sympatholytics]
  - Cholinergic drugs [Parasympathomimetics]
  - Anti-cholinergic drugs [Parasympatholytics]
- Sympathetic Nervous system  
 Parasympathetic Nervous system

What we have to study ??

- Introduction / Definition
- Synthesis, storage, Release, Degradation
- Receptor and Mechanism
- Classification - Drugs
  - Name
  - MoA (Mechanism of action)
  - Uses
- Examples
- Blocking agents and Pharmacological action.

### CHOLINERGIC SYSTEM

- Also known as Parasympathomimetics system.

Parasympathomimetics
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 Parasympathetic Nervous system  
 mimetic (mimic) → copy the action.

• These are those chemical agents or drugs which copy the action of parasympathetic Nervous System.

• These drugs bind with cholinergic receptors [Muscarinic + Nicotinic] and give their action.

Why??

• When the neurotransmitter of parasympathetic nervous system (Acetylcholine) in body is less as per demand, then we use drugs externally which act as a cholinergic neurotransmitter. i.e. parasympathomimetics.

eg: Acetylcholine, Carbachol, Pilocarpine, Neostigmine etc.

## Pharmacological action of parasympathomimetics.

(AChE inhibitors)

### i) Cardiovascular system :- ( $M_2$ receptor)

- depress auricular muscles
- $\downarrow$  contraction of bundle of his & AV node.
- BP  $\downarrow$  due to vaso dilation.

### ii) Eye :-

- Constrict the pupil and cause pupil.
- Intraocular pressure decreases.
- used in Glaucoma.

### iii) Skeletal muscles :-

- Constriction of skeletal muscle.
- useful in myasthenia gravis.

### iv) Respiratory system :-

- Bronchoconstriction
- Induce Asthma.

for MORE DETAILS NOTES ON THIS TOPIC, CHECK MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY UNIT-2 & 3 NOTES.

### v) Gastrointestinal system :-

- Contract smooth muscle of GIT.
- increase tone, motility and peristalsis (contraction & relaxation) movement.

- Increase salivary, pancreatic, liver, gall bladder and intestinal secretions.

### • Therapeutic uses :-

- Glaucoma (Pilocarpine, Pilocarpine)
- Myasthenia gravis (Neostigmine)
- Paralytic ileus and Post-operative urine retention (Bethanidine, Carbachol)
- Atropine poisoning (Pilocarpine)
- Curare poisoning — neuromuscular junction block (Neostigmine)
- Alzheimer's disease (Cholinesterase inhibitor)

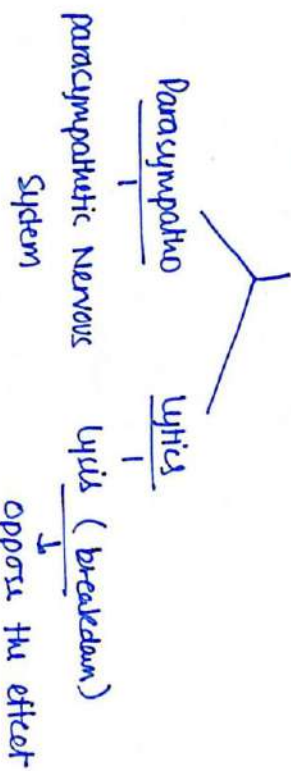
### • Adverse effects :-

Parasympathomimetics may cause -

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Bradycardia / Hypotension (higher doses)
- Cause Asthma.



## Parasympatholytics



- These are those drugs which inhibit the effect of acetylcholine or Parasympathetic mimetics by blocking the cholinergic receptors.

FOR MORE DETAILS NOTES ON THIS TOPIC, VISIT MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY NOTES - UNIT 2/3  
- MUST WATCH VIDEO -  
1-3, Unit-3, Pharmacology, Carwell Pharma

Pharmacological action of Parasympatholytics (Atropine).

- CNS :- It can cross BBB (Blood brain barrier) so it can produce their effect CNS.
  - It cause respiratory depression
  - cause drowsiness and sedative effects.
- Cardiovascular system :- It block M receptors
  - increase the heart rate
  - increase the conduction from SA node
- Eyes :-
  - cause mydriasis
- Exocrine gland :-
  - decrease secretion of Salivary, bronchial, gastric, pancreatic, lacrimal and sweat gland.
  - rise in body temp.

N) GIT :-

- Reduce motility of GIT.
- Gastric juice secretion reduced
- Used to treat peptic ulcer.

• therapeutic uses :-

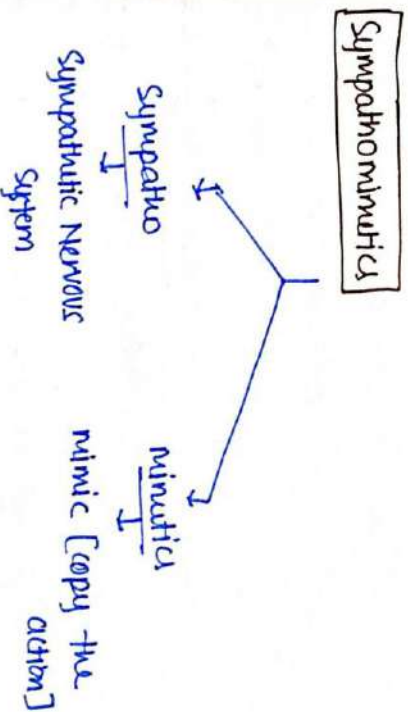
- Mydriasis
- Anti-parkinsonism agent
- Pre-anesthetic medication
- Motion sickness
- Peptic ulcer
- Bronchial Asthma [Ipratropium]
- Anti-cold tablets.

• Adverse effects :- may cause

- Can cause glaucoma in some patients.
- Tachycardia

### ADRENERGIC SYSTEM

- It involves Sympathomimetic drugs.



• These are those chemical agents or drugs which copy the action of sympathetic nervous system.

• These drugs bind with adrenergic receptors [Alpha & Beta] and give their action.

eg. Adrenaline [epinephrine]

Nor-adrenaline [Nor-epinephrine]

Phenylephrine etc.



## Pharmacological action of Sympathomimetics [Adrenergic]

### i) Cardiovascular system :-

- increase force of contraction
- increase in Heart rate
- increase in cardiac output

} Heart

- Blood vessels

- on skeleton muscles - vasodilation

coronary arteries

- on smooth muscles - vasoconstriction

### ii) Respiratory system :-

- on  $\beta_2$  receptor  $\rightarrow$  Bronchodilation

- $\alpha_1$  receptor present in the blood vessels of nasal mucosa.

$\downarrow$

cause vasoconstriction of nasal mucosa

### iii) Eye ( $\alpha_1$ receptor) :-

- contraction of radial muscle of iris

$\downarrow$

cause mydriasis - dilation of pupil of the eye

### iv) GIT (Gastrointestinal tract) :-

- Relaxation of GI smooth muscles.

### v) Urinary tract :-

- relaxation of urinary bladder ( $\beta_2$ ) and closure of sphincter ( $\alpha_1$ ).

- Urinary retention.

### • Therapeutic effects :-

- Bronchial asthma (salbutamol)

- Nasal decongestant

- as a cardiac stimulant in case of sudden cardiac arrest.

### • Adverse effects :- may cause

- Restlessness

- Anxiety

- Insomnia

- Blood pressure  $\uparrow$

- Contra-indicated in

- Hypertension

- Diabetes

- Arteriosclerosis.

## Sympatholytic

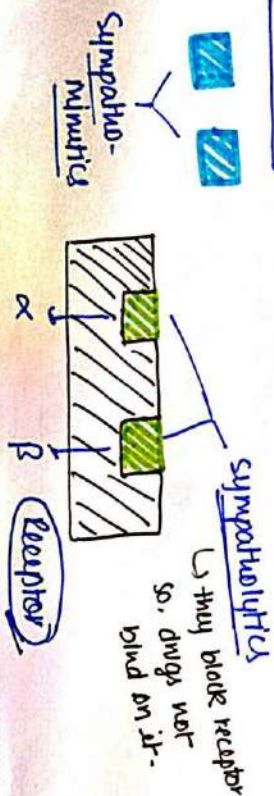
Sympathetic Nervous System  
 Sympathetic (lytic)  
 Sympathetic Nervous System  
 Sympathetic (breakdown)

These are those drug which inhibit the effects of sympathomimetic drug by blocking the receptor.

— Also known as:—

- Anti-adrenergic drugs
- Adrenergic antagonist
- Adrenergic blocker

### Mechanism



• Pharmacological action of sympatholytics

•  $\alpha_1$  blockers  $\rightarrow$  vasodilation and  $\downarrow$  B.P.

•  $\alpha_2$  blockers  $\rightarrow$  stimulates release of Nor-adrenaline  
 $\downarrow$   
 tachycardia

• Non-selective  $\alpha$ -blockers  $\rightarrow$  produce Hypotension, tachycardia, increased cardiac output.

•  $\beta_1$  blockers  $\rightarrow$  decrease heart rate

•  $\beta_2$  blockers  $\rightarrow$  cause bronchoconstriction

•  $\beta_3$  blockers  $\rightarrow$  block lipolysis & glycogenolysis.

• Therapeutic uses:—

i)  $\alpha$ -blockers  $\rightarrow$

- Hypertension
- Congestive heart-failure
- Peripheral vascular disease

ii)  $\beta$ -blockers  $\rightarrow$

- Angina pectoris
- Myocardial infarction
- Cardiac arrhythmias
- Glaucoma



## NEUROMUSCULAR BLOCKING AGENTS

### SKELETAL MUSCLE RELAXANTS (peripheral)

#### • Neuromuscular blocking agents :-

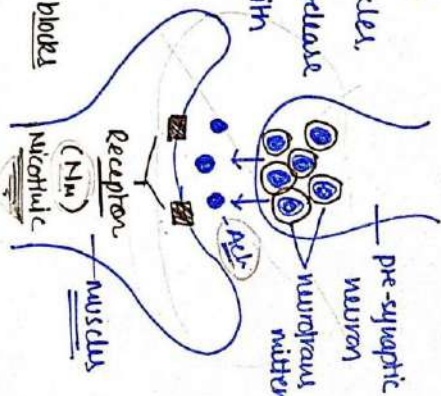
These are those agents or drugs which are used to block the Neuromuscular Junction (NMJ) and inhibit the contraction of muscle and cause relaxation of muscles.

• They are also known as skeletal muscle relaxants.

#### — Neuromuscular Junction (NMJ)

• It is the junction b/w the neuron and muscles, in which, neurotransmitter release from neuron and bind with receptor present on muscle nicotinic and cause contraction & movement.

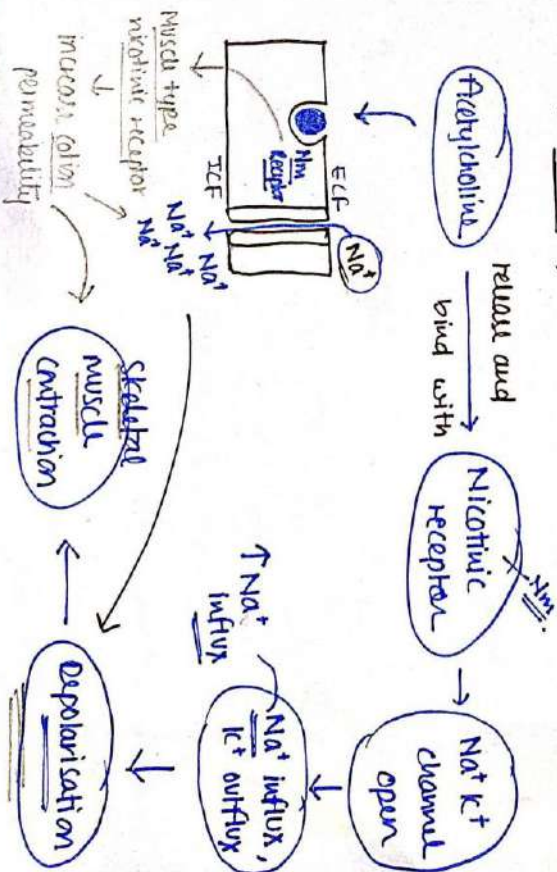
# Neuromuscular blocking agent blocks this NMJ.



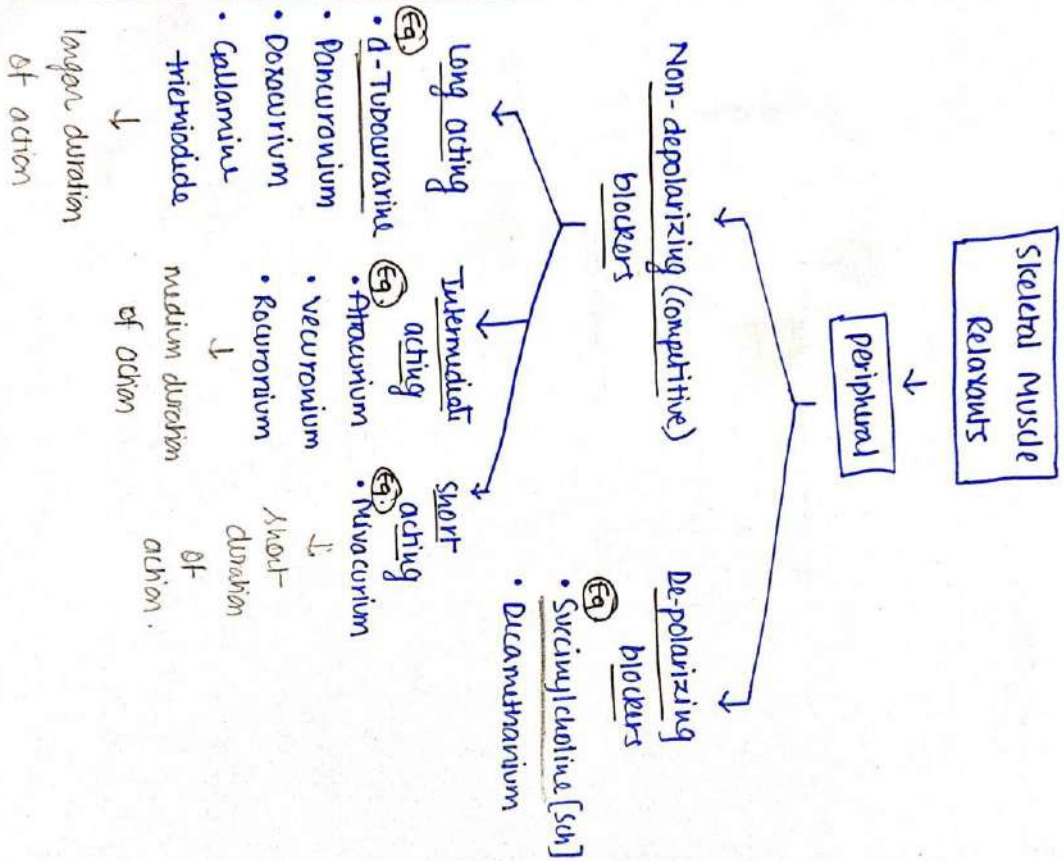
#### Uses :-

- generally used by Doctor for relaxation of muscle during operation
- used to improve symptoms such as muscle spasm, pain and hyperreflexia (over-response)
- used as a curare — for hunting animals (skeletal muscle relaxant)
- used as a alternative of anesthetic.

#### • General procedure of muscle contraction (mechanism)



## • Classification



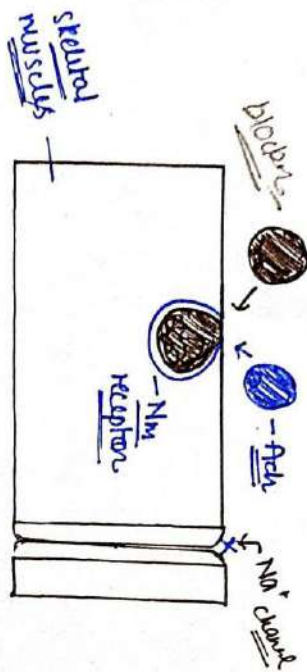
### 1) Non-depolarizing blockers :-

- The first neuromuscular blocking drug was found - curare - used by south american hunter to paralyse the animals.
- Most used → d-tubocurarine [d-TC]
- Mechanism →
  - they are competitive antagonist and structural analogs of acetylcholine.
- similar structure
  - \* Tubocurarine and other non-depolarizing blockers have quaternary compounds with two positively charged nitrogen.
  - \* So, they have affinity to bind Nm (Nucleotide) receptor but have no intrinsic activity.
  - Acetylcholine and these blockers fight for one place (receptor) and finally these blockers bind with receptor in place of acetylcholine.
  - So, they not bind with receptor → Sodium channel not open → Depolarisation not



occur

- therefore, the motor nerve impulse cannot transmit and contraction is stopped (prevent).
- finally, skeletal muscle relaxation occurs.



### • Pharmacological action :-

#### i) skeletal muscles :-

- induced flaccid paralysis
- paralysis acc to this order -  
muscle of face  $\rightarrow$  eye  $\rightarrow$  finger  $\rightarrow$  limb  $\rightarrow$  neck
- recovery occurs in reverse order.

#### ii) Histamine release :-

- d-TC has a greater tendency to liberate histamine from mast cells

#### iii) Cardiovascular system :-

- d-TC produce hypotension due to histamine release
- Gallamine cause tachycardia.

#### iv) Respiratory effect :-

- Bronchospasm

#### v) Autonomic ganglia :-

- produce some degree of ganglionic blockade

# It can overcome or reverse by use of Neostigmine and Pyridostigmine which increase the availability of ACh (increase concentration) by inhibiting acetylcholinesterase (enzyme).

#### • Adverse effect :-

- Hypoxia
- Respiratory paralysis
- Hypotension
- Constipation
- Tachycardia etc -

eg: d-Tubocurarine, Pancuronium, Atracurium, Mivacurium etc -

## 2) Depolarizing blockers :-

- these are non-competitive antagonist.
- mostly used  $\rightarrow$  succinylcholine (sCh) as general clinical use

- Succinylcholine does not hydrolyzed by acetylcholinesterase

### Mechanism :-

- They have similar action as acetylcholine

\* In case, when ACh bind on receptor, it cause depolarisation but after some time ACh hydrolysed by cholinesterase enzyme  $\downarrow$  normal sufficient response (contraction)

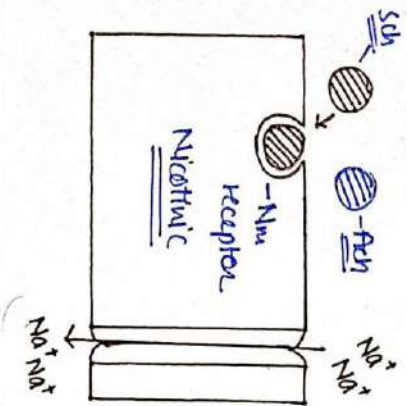
\* SCh bind in place of ACh with Nm receptor.

$\downarrow$   
 $\text{Na}^+$  channel  $\rightarrow$   $\text{Na}^+$  ion  $\rightarrow$  depolarization  $\rightarrow$  skeletal muscle contraction.  
open influx

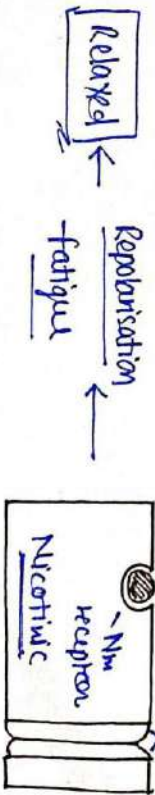
• But SCh does not hydrolyzed or terminate so, cause continuous depolarization.

Desensitization of  $\leftarrow$  Repetitive excitation of muscles  
 receptor due to excessive impulse

$\downarrow$   
 Nerve conduction  $\rightarrow$  Relaxed (fatigue)



$\rightarrow$  continuous depolarization  
 $\downarrow$   
Receptor desensitization  
 $\downarrow$   
 also  $\text{Na}^+$  channel blocks





- Pharmacological action —
  - muscle twitching — small muscle contraction
  - muscle soreness — pain
  - apnoea — muscle and tissue in the throat relax (total blockade of airway that last for 10 sec).
- Therapeutic uses —
  - adjuvants <sup>initial ingredient</sup> to general anaesthesia
  - prevent trauma during electroconvulsive therapy <sup>used in severe depression</sup>
  - to control ventilation.
- Adverse effects —
  - muscle rigidity
  - prolonged apnoea
  - Nausea & Vomiting.
  - Muscle soreness

Example — Succinylcholine (Succ), it can degrade by butyrylcholinesterase

## LOCAL ANAESTHETICS - LA

### • Basic terms:-

• Pain → A symptom of being hurt or sick.

OR

An unpleasant sensation.

— It can be mild, discomfort but sometime it is out of control.

• Sensation → It is a feeling which you feel when you come in contact with anything. [hot, cold, soft, hard].

• Analgesic → those drugs which reduce used as a powerful pain and produce analgesia effect.

• Anaesthetic → those drugs which reduce sensation which further reduce pain.

— Reversible loss of sensation. (sensation back after some time/work).

### Anaesthetic

↓  
Local anaesthetics

↓

• loss of sensation + pain at any particular area or a local area.

• used for a minor surgery.

eg. removal of tooth, eye surgery etc—

— Drugs → lidocaine, Procaine etc—

↓  
General anaesthetics

• loss of sensation in complete full body.

• used for a major operation/surgery.

eg. Heart surgery, organ transplant etc—

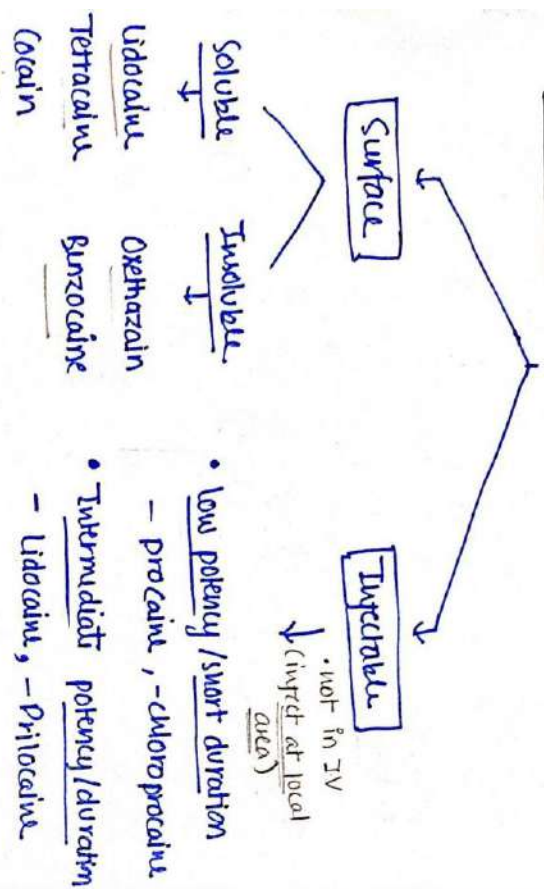
— Drugs → opioids, diazepam, isoflurane etc—

### Definition:-

These are those drugs which blocks the neuronal conduction at any particular area in body—

• They produce reversible loss of sensation.  
• also cause muscular paralysis.



Classification :-• Surface anaesthesia :-

- Apply topically on skin
- Sensory nerve ending are affected
- Limited to surface (mucous) membrane
- It can damage skin surface, wound or burn

eg. Benzocaine, Lidocaine etc..

• Injectable anaesthesia :-

- those drugs which inject under the skin (not through I.V.)
- Used for minor surgery
- skin cut etc..

eg. Procaine, Bupivacaine etc..

\* All types of local anesthetic drugs contain tertiary amine structure. So, they are basic in nature.

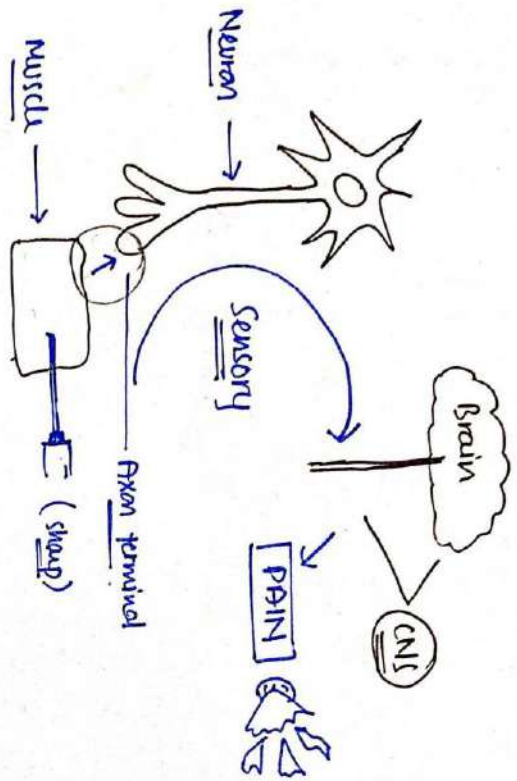
— they are lipophilic in nature. so they can easily cross membrane (mostly).

— L.A. contain two types of bond

• amide bond → Lidocaine, Bupivacaine, tetracaine etc

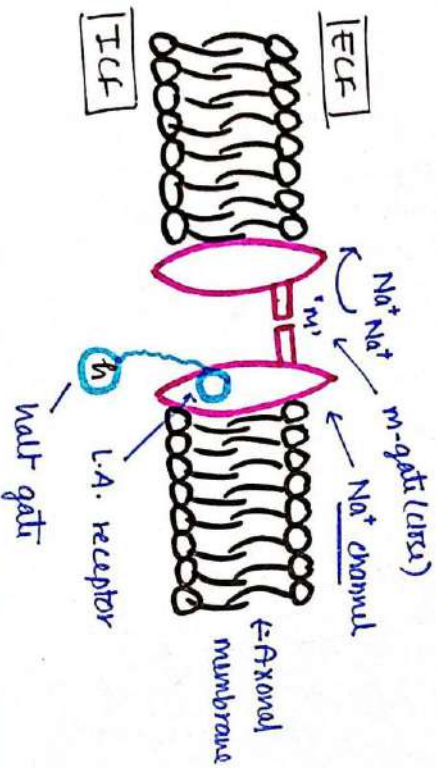
• ester bond → Procaine, Cocaine, Benzocaine etc..

• Mechanism of action



① Normal (Resting condition) →

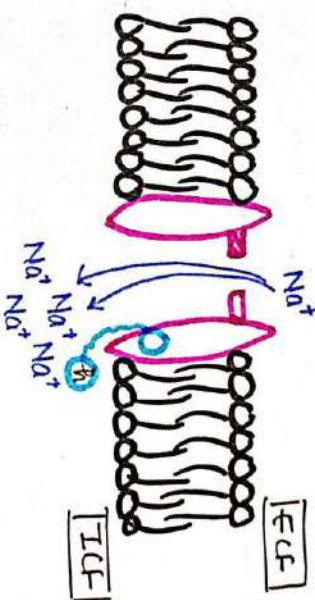
when no impulse generated → no sensation.



② Activated →

Any signal (impulse) generated → m-gate open

~~Sustaining~~ Depolarisation — Na<sup>+</sup> ion influx — Na<sup>+</sup> channel open  
OR  
Response.



③ Inactivated → (Blocked state).

Now, L.A. drugs introduced into body. (BH)

which can easily cross membrane (axonal)

↓

Now in intracellular it dissociate into ionized form →  $BH \rightleftharpoons B^- + H^+$

↓

Now,  $B^-$  bind with L.A. receptor which close (block) the Na<sup>+</sup> channel with the help of





## DRUGS USED IN MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

• Myasthenia Gravis :- A weakness and rapid

fatigue of muscle.

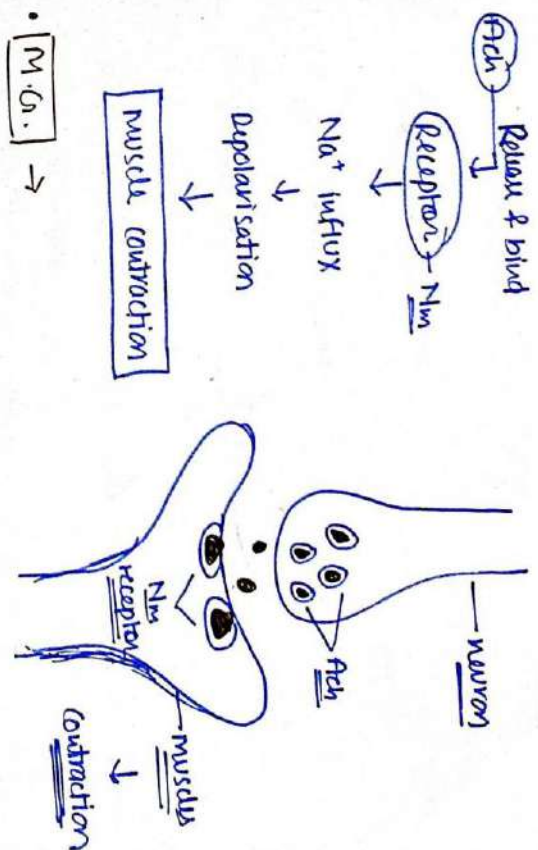
- It is an auto-immune disorder, in which our immune system produce antibodies that block or destroy muscle's receptor.
- Breakdown in communication b/w nerves and muscles.

— Symptoms :-

- weakness in the arms and leg muscles.
- Double vision
- Difficulties with speech and chewing.
- fatigue, shortness of breath.

— Mechanism :-

- Normal :- In a normal myasthenia gravis not occur and our body behave normal and contraction and relaxation happened normally in muscles.



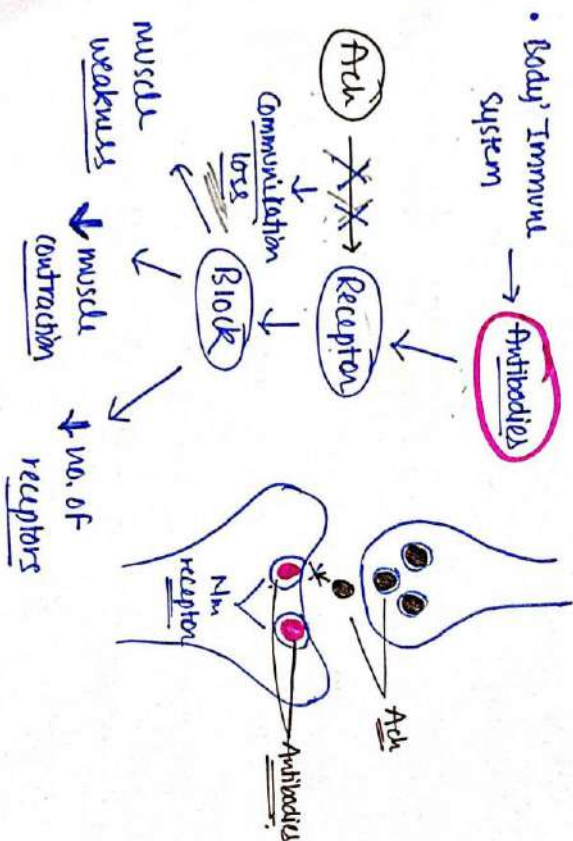
• M.O.A. →

It is an auto-immune disorder.

- In this disorder, our immune system produces antibodies to block/destroy the nicotinic receptor.
- Because, due to immune system these receptors are harmful for body.
- So, these antibodies bind with these receptor and block them.
- Now due to blockage of receptor, ~~these~~ acetylcholine (ACh) does not bind on receptor.



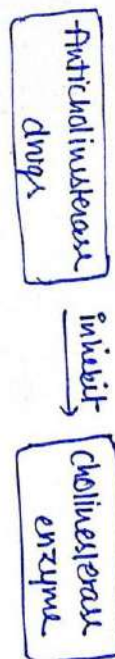
- Due to this, there are loss of communication b/w nerve (ach) and muscle.
- which further decrease the contraction of muscles.
- Also muscle become weak & fatigue.
- these antibodies also destroy or kill the receptor. Due to this there are also decrease in the no. of receptors.



### TREATMENT - Drugs used.

#### 1) Anticholinesterase :-

Use this drug to treat myasthenia gravis.



- cholinesterase inhibit the acetylcholine by hydrolysis.

- So, when these drugs inhibit (stop) this enzyme, concentration of Ach increases.

- By ↑ ach release → <sup>can</sup> replace antibodies.

eg. Pyridostigmine, Neostigmine etc..

#### ii) Immunosuppressant :-

Use these drugs to suppress the immune system to decrease the formation of antibodies.

eg: Cyclosporine A, Methotrexate, Azathioprine, Cyclophosphamide etc..

### iii) Corticosteroids:-

- Decrease Antibodies.
- Increase synthesis of nicotinic receptor.

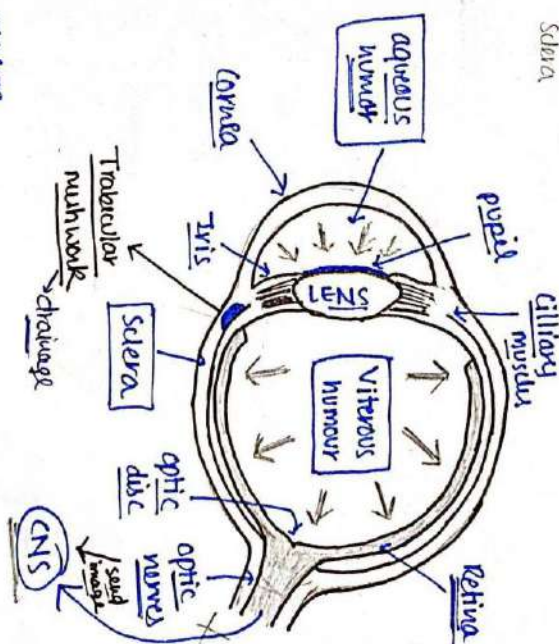
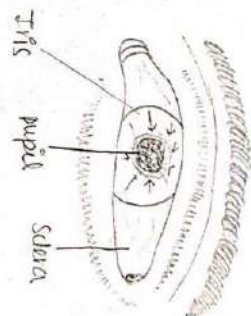
### iv) Plasmapheresis:- (plasma exchange)

- It is a technique used to treat myasthenia gravis.
- the plasma of the blood is exchange with substitute plasma, so Antibodies (Ab) remove from body and immune system does not attack the body's own tissue.

### DRUG USED IN GLAUCOMA

- Glaucoma:- A group of eye condition that (गोलागांध) can cause blindness (loss of vision).
- In this, the nerve connecting the eye to the brain (optic nerve) is damaged due to high eye pressure (intra ocular pressure).
- Intra-ocular pressure is more than 21 mmHg.

### • Mechanism:-



### • two main reason

- 1)  $\uparrow$  production of aqueous humour
  - 2)  $\downarrow$  drainage of aqueous humour
- loss of vision  $\leftarrow$  optic nerve damage  $\leftarrow$  eye pain
- $\downarrow$  mid-dilated pupil
- $\downarrow$  I.O.P.  $\uparrow$



- Symptoms :-

- eye pain
- mid - dilated pupil
- redness of the eye
- Vision loss, blurred vision

- Risk factor :-

- increased pressure in the eye
- due to genetic factor (family history)
- High blood pressure
- excessive use of liquid diets (such as alcohol etc).
- excessive use of steroids.

- Diagnosis :-

- Dilated eye examination.

- Types :-

- i) Open angle glaucoma
- ii) closed angle glaucoma
- 1) Open angle glaucoma
  - Also known as chronic and wide angle glaucoma.

- symptoms - gradual vision loss.

- optic nerve damage
- most common type of glaucoma

## ii) Angle closure glaucoma

- Also known as acute and narrow angle glaucoma.

- flow of aqueous humor blocked → drainage ↓

- Severe
- Quick
- painful increase in pressure

- It is an emergency condition

• Symptoms → • severe pain, • Nausea, blurred vision.

Treatment →

• By ↓ I.O.P (Intraocular pressure)

↓ production of aq. humor    ↑ drainage of aq. humor

i)  $\alpha$ -agonist  $\Rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  I.O.P by increasing the  
uveoscleral outflow.

$\uparrow$  drainage of aq. humor.

eg. Brimonidine, Apraclonidine, Dipivefrin etc..

ii)  $\beta$ -blocker  $\Rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  I.O.P by decreasing the  
 formation of aq. humor.

eg. Timolol, Betaxolol, Levobunolol etc..

iii) Prostaglandin (P.G.) analogues  $\Rightarrow$  same as  $\alpha$ -agonist  
 $\downarrow$  I.O.P by  $\uparrow$  ~~the~~ uveoscleral outflow.

eg. Latanoprost, Travoprost, Bimatoprost etc..

iv) Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors  $\Rightarrow$  used orally  
 $\downarrow$  aqueous formation by  $\downarrow$  bicarbonate ion  
 in ciliary epithelium.

eg. Acetazolamide, Dorzolamide etc..

v) Miotic agent  $\Rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  I.O.P by increasing ciliary  
 muscle tone. (used rarely for glaucoma).  
 eg. Pilocarpine etc..

complete

THANK YOU