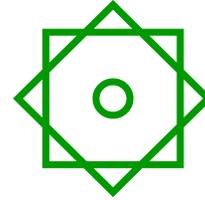


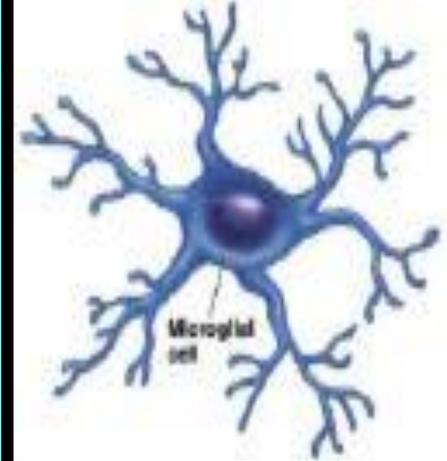
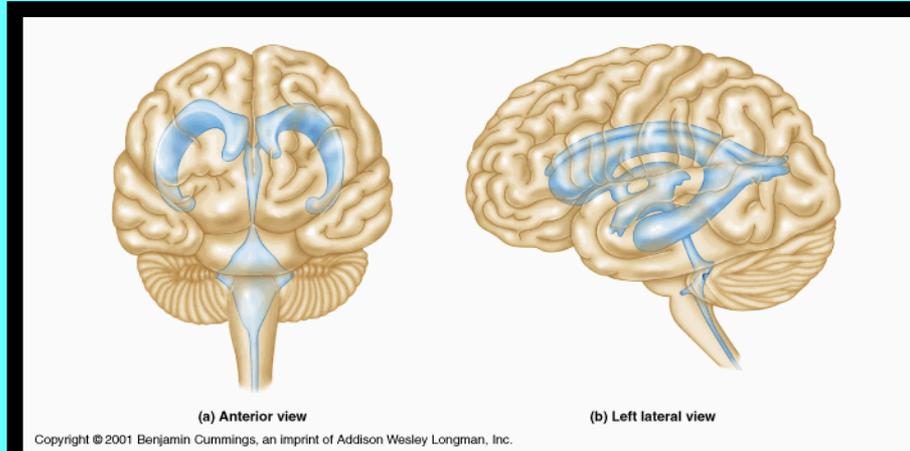
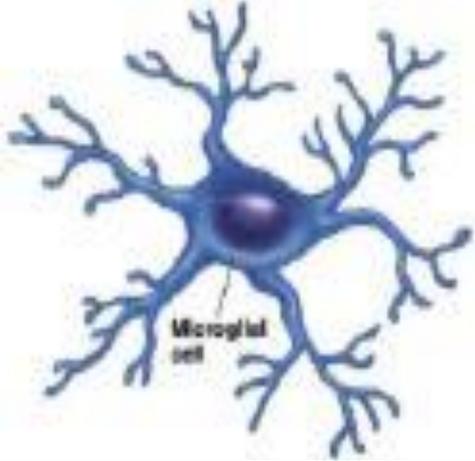
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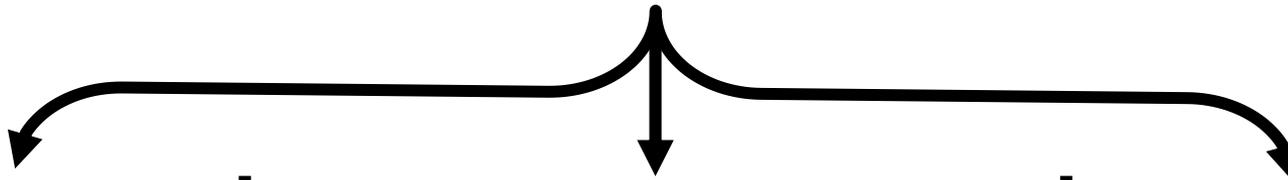
# Drugs Acting on CNS



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# Anatomy of CNS

**CNS mainly consists of**



## **I-Brain**

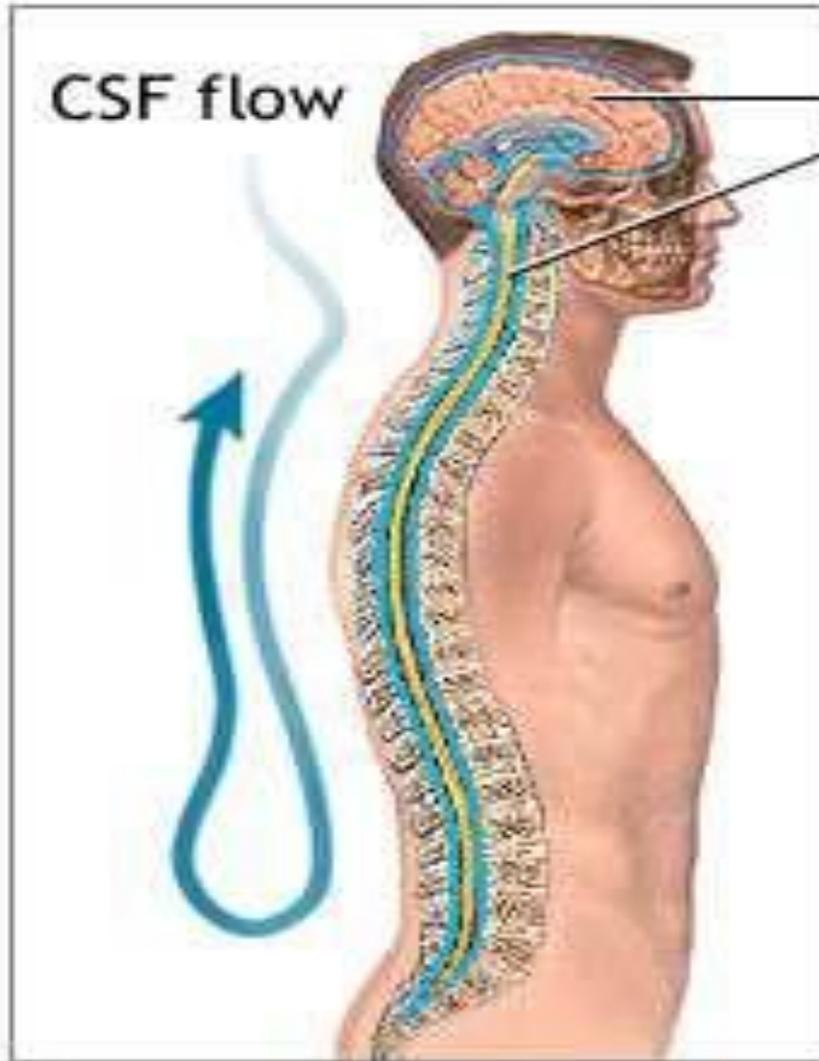
- 1-Cerebrum**  
( Motor area,  
Sensory area)
- 2-Cerebellum**
- 3-Thalamus**
- 4-Hypo-  
thalamus**

## **II-Medulla oblongata**

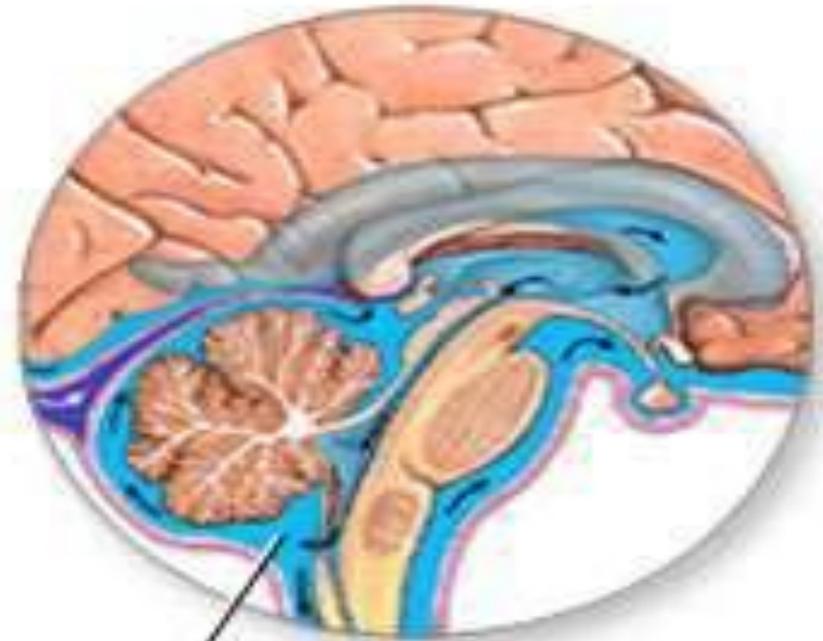
- **Vagal Center**
- **Vasomotor Center**
- **Vomiting Center**
- **Respiratory Center**
- **Cough Center**

- ## **III-Spinal cord extend in vertebral column**
- **Sex Center**
  - **Sweat Cen.**
  - **Micturation  
center**

# Anatomy of CNS

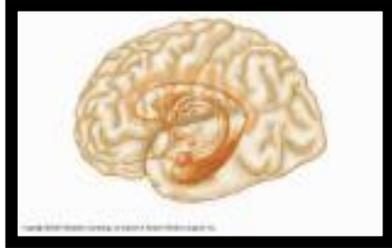


Central nervous system (CNS)

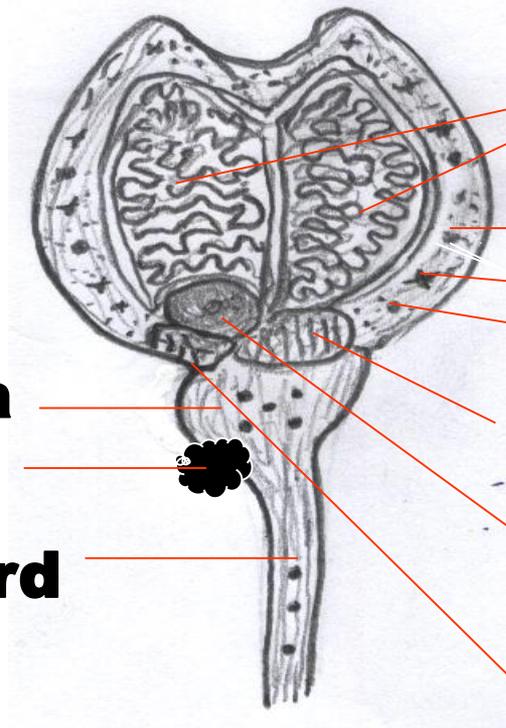


Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

# Diagram of CNS Anatomy



**Brain**



**Cerebral hemispheres**

**Cerebral cortex**

**Sensory area**

**Motor area**

**Cerebellum**

**Thalamus**

**Hypothalamus**

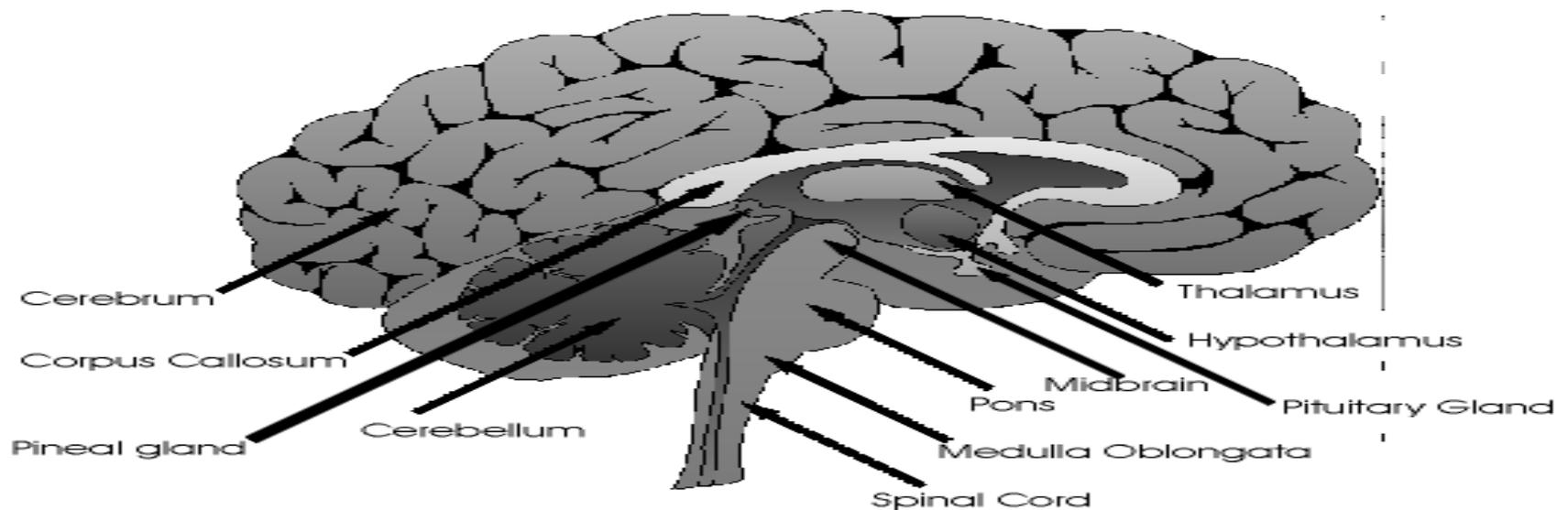
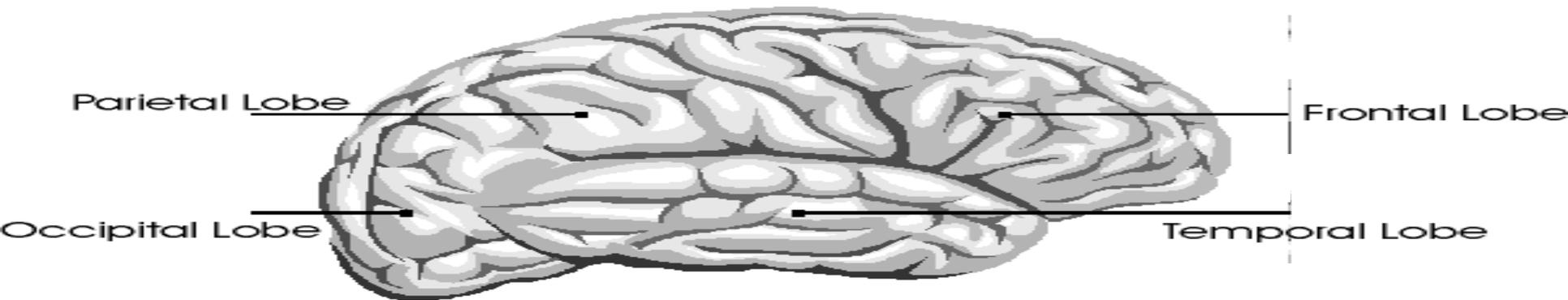
**Medulla oblongata**

**CTZ**

**Spinal cord**

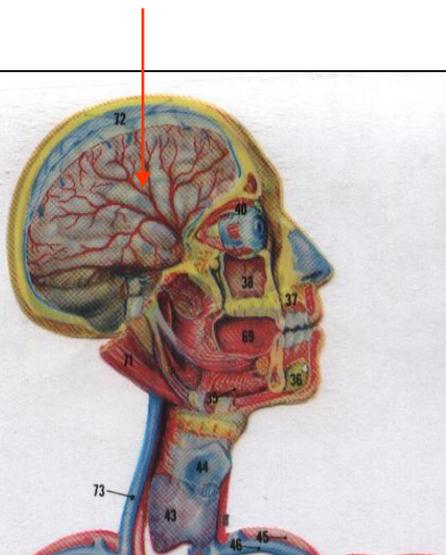
# The brain and CNS

## The Brain



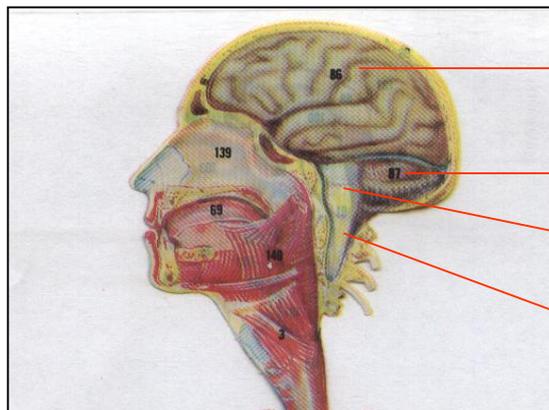
# Gross Anatomy of CNS

**Blood vessels of the brain**



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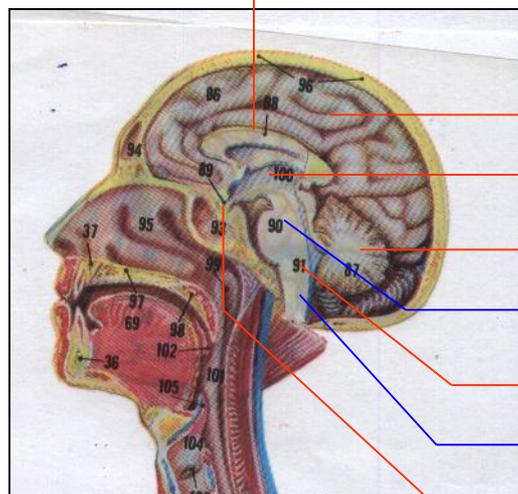


**Cerebral hemispheres**  
**Cerebellum**

**Medulla oblongata**

**Spinal cord**

**(2)**



**Pons**

**Cerebral hemisphere**

**3 rd ventricle**

**Cerebellum**

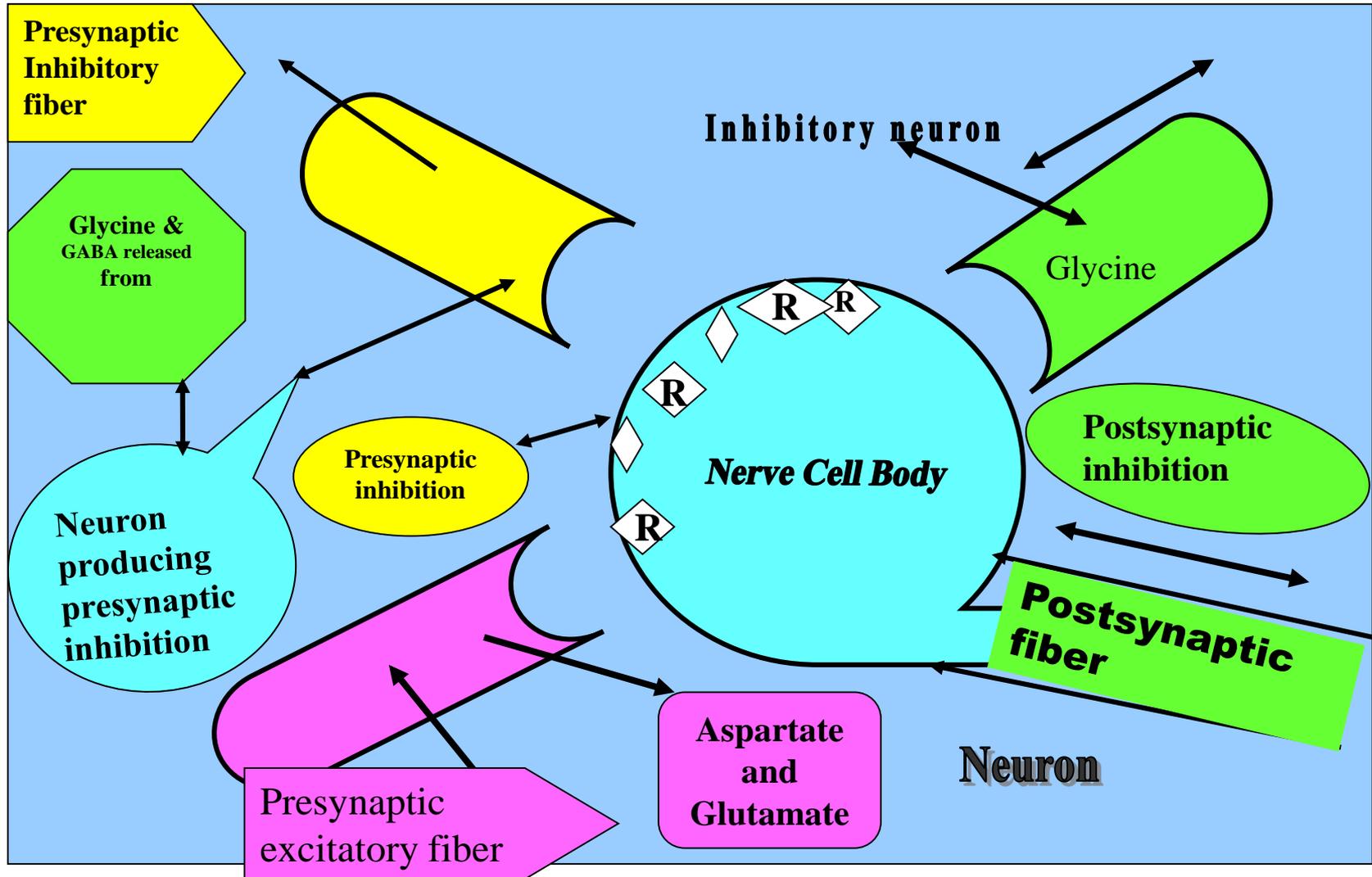
**Medulla oblongata**

**Varol Bridge**

**Spinal cord**

**Pituitary gland**

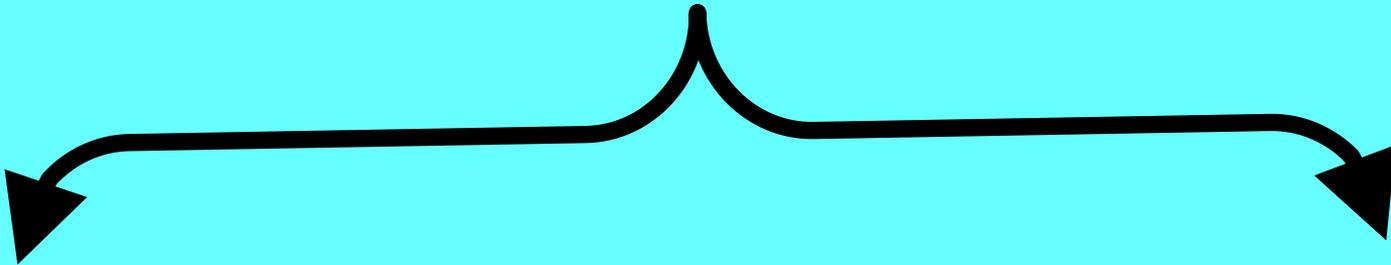
# Transmission in CNS



# Amino Acids and Neurotransmitters in CNS

Type	Transmitter	Action
<b>1-Excitatory amino acids</b>	<b>Glutamate and aspartate</b>	<b>Stimulation</b> due to depolarization by acting on <b>glutamate</b> and <b>aspartate</b> subtype-receptors
<b>2-Inhibitory amino acids</b>	<b>Glycine and GABA</b>	<b>Inhibition</b> due to hyperpolarization produced by increase <b>chloride</b> conductance
<b>3- Choline ester</b>	<b>Acetylcholine (Ach)</b>	<b>Stimulation</b> and <b>inhibition</b> on central <b>nicotinic</b> receptors <b>Stimulation</b> of peripheral <b>muscarinic</b> receptors
<b>4-Adrenergic drugs</b>	<b>Adrenaline Noradrenaline Dopamine 5- HT</b>	<b>Stimulation</b> on $\alpha$ and $\beta$ receptors. <b>Dopamine</b> act on <b>dopamine receptors</b> (Central and peripheral)

# Classification of CNS Drugs



## **I- CNS stimulants**

- 1- Cerebral stimulants**
- 2- Medullary stimulants**
- 3- Spinal cord stimulants**

## **II- CNS depressants**

- 1- Nerve sedatives**
- 2- Anticonvulsants**
- 3- Tranquilizers**
- 4- Hypnotics**
- 5- Anaesthetics**
- 6- Analgesics**

# 1- Cerebral Stimulants

■ **Definition :** Are drugs which increase the functional activity of neurons **in the cerebral cortex** and stimulate **motor and sensory areas** so cause wakefulness and refreshment in man. They are used in case of **mental and muscular fatigue**. In Vet. Med., they are used to **awake animals from anaesthesia**.

■ **Classification :**

**1-Classical stimulants:** • Xanthine derivatives

• Amphetamine • Retalin

**2-Antidepressants:** • Imipramine • Desipramine

**3-Psychotomimetics:** • Mescaline • LSD

• **Xanthine derivatives:**

• Caffeine • Theophylline • Theobromine

# 1- Xanthine Derivatives

They include: • **Caffeine** • **Theophylline** • **Theobromine**

- All are **alkaloids** from plants
- All are **methylated xanthine**
- All have the **same actions and mechanism of action**, but they differ in their potency and therapeutic uses.

## ■ **Actions of caffeine:**

- 1- Cerebral stimulant**
- 2- Smooth muscle relaxant**
- 3- Cardiac stimulant**
- 4- Secondary diuretic**
- 5- On GIT : Caffeine increases gastric secretions so it is contraindicated in patients with gastric ulcer.**

## **1- Mode of action of caffeine as cerebral stimulant:**

It inhibits **phosphodiesterase enzyme** in neurons of the cerebral cortex  increases the amount of **cyclic Adenosine monophosphate (c-AMP)**  increases mental and muscular activity and reduces feeling by fatigue. It reduces the pain of headache as it causes constriction of cerebral blood vessels. So it is **used with aspirin for headache, muscular fatigue, pain and fever in man.**

**2- As smooth muscle relaxant:** Caffeine inhibits **directly** the smooth muscle of the bronchi (**spasmolytic effect**), but aminophylline (a derivative of theophylline) is more powerful bronchial dilator and used for treatment of bronchial asthma.

**3- As cardiac stimulant:** In small doses, caffeine stimulates the cardiac muscle directly by **increasing Ca<sup>++</sup> ions influx** to the myocardium and **increase force of contractility**.

Moreover, it causes **coronary vasodilatation** and vagal center stimulation, so lower blood pressure. Both effects produce **a slight rise in blood pressure**, so caffeine is contraindicated in hypertensive patients.

**4- As secondary diuretic Caffeine:**

- Increases **renal blood flow** due to its cardiac stimulant effect.
- Causes renal **vasodilatation** so increase the GF.
- Increases the **number** of active functioning glomeruli so increase the amount of GF.
- Inhibits the release of **ADH**, so decreases water reabsorption from the renal tubules to the blood.

# ■ Therapeutic uses of caffeine:

- 1- For **respiratory depression** and to awake animals from anesthesia
- 2- For **headache and fever** given with aspirin
- 3- For **edema** due to congestive heart failure

Differences	Caffeine	Theophylline	Theobromine
<b>Plant origin</b>	<b>Coffee seeds</b>	<b>Tea leaves</b>	<b>Coca seeds</b>
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>1,3,5 Trimethyl Xanthine</b>	<b>3,5 Dimethyl Xanthine</b>	<b>1,3 Dimethyl Xanthine</b>
<b>Effects:</b>			
<b>Cerebral Stim.</b>	<b>+ + +</b>	<b>+ +</b>	<b>+</b>
<b>Cardiac Stim.</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+ + +</b>	<b>+ +</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Diuretic</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+ + +</b>	<b>+ +</b>
<b>Sm. M. relax.</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+ + +</b>	<b>+ +</b>

■ **2- Amphetamine (Benzidrine):** It has a stimulant effect on both CNS & sympathetic nerves. It increases mental and muscular activity, so used in barbiturate and narcotic poisoning. It is illegally used as an activator for race horses (doping). It causes rise in BP due to stimulation of sympathetic nerves via inhibition of (MAO) monoaminoxidase enzyme

■ **3- Retalin:** It is a synthetic chemical comp. which act as a cerebral stimulant like caffeine It has no effect on blood pressure. It is used in case of narcotic poisoning.

# 2-Medullary Stimulants (Analeptics)

- **Definition:** Are drugs which stimulate the **vital centers** in M.O. especially the **depressed respiratory center.**

## classification

### Direct

Picrotoxine  
Nikethamide (Coramine)  
Cardiazol (Leptazol, Metrazol)  
Bemegrade  
Doxapram

### Reflex

Camphor (s/c)  
Ammonia sol.( Inhalation)

**1-Picrotoxine:** • Alkaloid from *Anamirta cocculus* seeds

- Powerful respiratory stimulant by: 1- inhibiting **GABA** transmitter at **presynaptic** nerve endings 2- stimulating **chemoreceptor** at the aortic sinus in the heart so stimulate the heart and circulation.
- Used in **barbiturate** poisoning and given i.v. or i.m.
- Toxic for non-anaesthetized animals (convulsion and hypertension ).
- It is used as a **fish poison.**

**2-Nikthamide (coramine):** It is a **nicotinic acid** derivative similar to picrotoxine but it is:

a- **Less** effective

b- **Less** toxic

c- Has **no effect** on the heart

d- Given **orally**

**3- Cardiazol (leptazol) :** Stimulate respiratory and vasomotor centers, but has **no effect on the heart**. It is used in **deep anaesthesia** or narcotic poisoning and given i.v. Its large doses cause muscular **convulsions**.

**4-Bemegride:** powerful respiratory stimulant in barbiturate poisoning. It act by **competitive antagonism with barbiturates** due to their chemical similarity. It is given i.v. and its large doses cause muscular **tremors and convulsions**.

**5- Doxapram:** The **most powerful** analeptic with a **wide safety margin**. It acts both **centrally** by direct stimulation of respiratory center and **peripherally** by stimulation of CRs in the aortic and carotid body in the heart. Its respiratory stimulant effect is **short** and may be followed by **secondary respiratory failure**.

**6- Camphor:** It is a **reflex** analeptic when **injected S/C** cause irritation of the cutaneous sensory nerves so it reflexly stimulate medullary centers. It is used in **coma** or **respiratory depression** . Externally, it used as a counter irritant for **rheumatic pain**.

**7- Ammonia solution:** **Reflex** analeptic after **inhalation** it causes **irritation** of the sensory nerve endings of the nose and **reflexly stimulates** the respiratory center. When given **orally after dilution**, it irritates the sensory nerves of **stomach** which reflexly stimulate the respiratory center. It is used in cases of **coma** and **respiratory depression**.

# 3- Spinal Cord Stimulants

■ **Definition:** Are drugs which stimulate spinal cord and centers in it so increase the muscular activity and reflex excitability to external stimuli.

■ **Examples:** 1- Strychnine (+++) 2- Brucine (+)

## Strychnine

■ **Origin:** Alkaloid from *strychnus nux vomica* seeds.

■ **Actions:** 1- **Spinal cord stimulant:** by inhibition of the inhibitory transmitter **glycine** that released by **Renshaw** cells at **post-synaptic** nerve endings, so **increase the reflex excitability** to external stimuli. Its large doses cause **convulsion** of skeletal muscles and **diaphragm**.

2- **Aphrodisiac:** by stimulating **sex centers** in the spinal cord (Sex Impotency)

3- **General tonic and stomachic:** Orally it stimulates **taste buds** of the tongue and **gustatory buds** of stomach so improve appetite (Anorexia)

4- **Neuromuscular purgative:** by stimulation of **Aurbach's plexus** of the intestinal mucosa, so increase the intestinal motility.

5- **Ruminal tonic:** by increasing the ruminal motility (Ruminal atony)

## ■ **Therapeutic uses of strychnine:**

- 1- For weak and debilitating animals as a **general tonic**
- 2- For ruminal atony as a **ruminal tonic**
- 3- For sexual impotency in males as **aphrodisiac**
- 4- It is illegally used as a motor activator for race horses to increase their **physical activity** for running (**doping**)
- 5- It is used **as a poison** for stray dogs.

## ■ **Toxic symptoms of strychnine in dogs:**

- 1- **Convulsions** in all skeletal muscles and diaphragm
- 2- Characteristic posture (**opisthotonus form**) of the animal
- 3- **Tonic** convulsions i.e. interrupted **by periods of rest**
- 4- The period of convulsion increased by **increasing the dose**
- 5- Death occurs due to **asphyxia** by contraction of diaphragm M

## ■ **Treatment of strychnine poisoning:**

- 1- Keep the animal in a dark place
- 2- Artificial respiration
- 3- Inhalation of volatile anesthetic as chloroform
- 4- Administration of antidotes: in **dogs** give **barbiturates or bromides**, in **horses** give **chloral hydrate** and in **man** give **mephenesin** (Sk. M. Relaxant)

# (II) CNS Depressants

## (1 ) Nerve sedatives

■ **Definition:** Are drugs which depress CNS and cause **drowsiness** and **unawareness** to the surroundings. They decrease the locomotor activity and reduce fear, but the **animal remains conscious**.

**A- Sedative hypnotics** → Produce loss of consciousness

**B- Tranquilizer hypnotics** → Doesn't produce loss of consciousness

The commonly used nerve sedatives are chloral hydrate and bromides.

### 1- Chloral hydrate [ $\text{Ccl}_3(\text{OH})_2$ ] :

■ **Actions:** • N. sedative • Hypnotic • G. anesthetic

■ **MOA:** it is **reduced** in the liver by non-microsomal enzymes into **trichloroethanol** which produce a direct depressant effect on CNS.

■ **Disadvantages :** • **Narrow safety margin** • **Irritant drug** and can cause tissue **necrosis** • Must be **freshly prepared and diluted** • **Overdose causes respiratory failure** and **hypotension** • It have **no analgesic effect**

## ■ **Uses of Chloral hydrate in animals:**

**1- in ruminants** given orally with linseed oil for treatment of flatulent colic **2- in horses** used as a nerve sedative or general non volatile anesthetic **3- in dogs**, it given with bromides to reduce convulsions in cases of epilepsy and strychnine poisoning

## ■ **Bromides: Include Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup> and ammonium salts.**

• They act as a nerve sedative by **replacement with chloride ions** in the extracellular fluid of nerve cells, so decrease chloride ions concentration and cause sedation. Bromides are used for treatment of **epilepsy** and **strychnine poisoning**. For dogs, they are used as anaphrodisiac to **suppress sexual hyperexcitability**

## **(2) Tranquilizers (Ataractics, Neuroleptics)**

■ **Definition:** Are drugs, which relieve anxiety (insomnia) and mental tension in man. In animals, they produce calming effect and reduce fear so they are used :

- (1) To calm vicious animals** to facilitate their handling during clinical examination.
- (2) Before transportation** of animals for a long distance as they reduce fear and so avoid loss in body weight.
- (3) As a preanesthetic** to prolong the duration of volatile anesthetics.
- (4) As a growth promoter** for poultry as they quieten the birds.

■ **MOA:** They inhibit the metabolic enzymes as **cytochrome oxidase** in neurons and interfere with the utilization of **ATP** so decrease the activity of CNS.

■ **Examples:** Chlorpromazine (**largactil**), Hydroxyzine (**atarax**), Meprobamate (**quitan**), Promazine, Acepromazine, Azaperone and Reserpine.

# (3) Anticonvulsants

- **Definition:** Are drugs which reduce or abolish **convulsions** that result by stimulation of spinal cord or motor area of the cerebral cortex.
- **Classification:**
  - 1- **Non Specific:** e.g. • G. anaesthetics • barbiturates  
• xylazine • gallamine • tubocurarine
  - 2- **Specific:** e.g. • phenytoin • primidone • sodium valproate  
• clonazepam • ethosuximide • mephenesisin
- They depress the motor area in the brain and used for **epilepsy** in man and canine **distemper** in dogs.
- The central SK. M. relaxants ( mephenesisin) block the spinal transmission so abolish **tonic convulsions** and used for the treatment of **strychnine poisoning**.

# Types of Convulsions

Types	Caused by	Treated by
<b>Epileptic</b>	↑ of motor area of Cerebral cortex by toxic dose of <b>caffeine</b>	<b>Phenytoin</b> <b>Sod. valporate</b> <b>Barbiturate</b>
<b>Clonic</b>	↑ of motor area of Cerebral cortex by toxic Dose of <b>picrotoxine</b>	<b>Diazepam</b>
<b>Tonic</b>	↑ of spinal cord by toxic dose of <b>strychnine</b>	<b>Barbiturate</b> <b>Bromides</b> <b>Mephenesine</b>
<b>Tetanic</b>	By toxins of <b>Clostridium tetani</b>	<b>Antitetanic serum</b>

# (4) Hypnotics

- **Definition:** Are drugs which produce **normal** sleep. In large dose, some hypnotics produce **deep** sleep and called **narcotics**.
- They cannot produce sleep if sleeplessness is due to **pain** because they have **no analgesic effect**.
- They are commonly used as **preanaesthetic** to reduce the amount of anaesthetic and prolong the duration of anaesthesia.
- **Examples:**
  - 1- **Xylazine (Rompun)**
  - 2- **Chloral hydrate**

## ■ **Examples of hypnotics are:**

**(1) Xylazine (Rompun ):** is an organic base freely soluble in water and given by i.m. or i.v.

■ It acts as a **sedative hypnotic** and possesses **analgesic** (unlike to chloral hydrate) and **skeletal muscle relaxant** effects. It acts by activation of  **$\alpha_2$ -receptors in CNS** as administration of  **$\alpha_2$  blockers** ( idazoxan) block xylazine effects (**unlike to chloral hydrate**).

■ Xylazine is used to calm vicious animals before clinical examination and for treatment of spasmodic colic and skeletal muscle convulsions in all animals.

■ Its side effects in dogs and cats: are **emesis** and **hypertension** and in horses are: **sweating, failure of respiration and hypotension**.

<b>Differences</b>	<b>Chloral hydrate</b>	<b>Xylazine</b>
<b>Irritability</b>	<b>More</b>	<b>Less</b>
<b>Analgesic effect</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>G. Anesthetic Effect</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>MOA</b>	<b>Reduction to Trichloroethanol</b>	<b>Activation of <math>\alpha</math> 2- receptors in CNS</b>
<b>Side effects</b>	<b>In dogs&amp; cats : emesis and hypertension</b> <b>In horses: Sweating, failure respiratory and hypotension.</b>	<b>In dogs&amp; cats : emesis and hypertension</b> <b>In pregnant cattle: Premature labour</b> <b>In horses : sweating</b>

## (2) Barbiturates

■ All are derivatives of **barbituric acid** and their sodium salts are freely soluble in water. They have a **gradual degree** of depression to CNS from **sedative hypnotics** to **G. anaesthetics**. They are **good skeletal muscle relaxant**, but lack analgesic effect.

### ■ MOA:

They act by interfering **with ATPase** in the neurons of cerebral cortex so **prevent the utilization** of ATP by the cells and depression occurs.

### ■ Uses:

- 1-For induction of **G. anesthesia** as preanesthetic
- 2-For treatment of **strychnine poisoning** in dogs
- 3-For treatment of **epilepsy and canine distemper**
- 4-For **intestinal colic** as intestinal antispasmodic

# Classification of Barbiturates

<b>Class</b>	<b>Examples</b>	<b>Time of sleep</b>
<b>Long acting barbiturates</b>	<b>Pheno</b> barbital sodium ( <b>Luminal</b> ) <b>Barbital</b> sodium ( <b>Veronal</b> )	<b>12-24 hrs</b> <b>Rarely used due to cumulative effect</b>
<b>Medium acting barbiturates</b>	<b>Amo</b> barbital sodium ( <b>Amytal</b> ) <b>hexa</b> barbital sodium ( <b>Ortal</b> )	<b>6-12 hrs</b>
<b>Short acting barbiturates</b>	<b>pento</b> barbital sodium ( <b>Nembutal</b> ) <b>seco</b> barbital sodium ( <b>Seconal</b> )	<b>2-4 hrs</b>
<b>Ultra short acting barbiturates</b>	<b>hexo</b> barbital sodium ( <b>Evipan</b> ) <b>thiopental</b> sodium ( <b>Nesdonal</b> )	<b>¼ -2 hrs</b>

# Toxicity and Treatment of Barbiturate Poisoning

## Toxicity

- 1- Respiratory depression**
- 2- Weak pulse**
- 3- Low body temperature**
- 4 - Coma**
- 5- Death**

## Treatment

**By**

**administration of analeptics as:**

- 1- Bemegride**
- 2- doxapram**
- 3- nikthamide**  
every 15-30 min.  
till recovery occurs

# (5) Preanaesthetic Medication

■ **Definition:** Are drugs which given **before** general anaesthetics to make it **more safer** and **agreeable** to the animal. They **reduce toxicity** or side effects of the anesthetic and insure **complete**

Group	Indication
I- Hypnotics, tranquilizers and analgesics	To produce <b>basal narcosis</b> (deep sleep) so reduce the amount of anesthetic required and it becomes <b>more safer</b>
II- Atropine or other Parasympatholytics	1- To reduces or prevents <b>salivary and bron. gland secretions</b> so prevents asphyxia or postoperative <b>drenching pneumonia</b> 2- To stimulate the <b>heart rate</b> 3- To stimulate <b>respiration rate</b>
III- Skeletal muscle relaxants	To produce <b>complete SK. M. relaxation</b> to facilitate <b>suturing</b> after surgical operation

# Classification of Sk.M. Relaxants

<b>Class</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>Duration (MIN.)</b>
<b>Ultra short, Depolarizing</b>	<b>Succinylcholine</b>	<b>5 - 8</b>
<b>Short, Competitive</b>	<b>Mivacurium</b>	<b>12 -18</b>
<b>Intermediate, Competitive</b>	<b>Atracurium</b> <b>Vecuronium</b>	<b>30 - 60</b> <b>60 - 90</b>
<b>Long, Competitive</b>	<b>Tubocurarine</b> <b>Doxacurium</b> <b>Pancuronium</b>	<b>80 - 120</b> <b>90 - 120</b> <b>120 - 180</b>

# **(5) General Anaesthetics**

■ **Definition:** Are drugs which produce **complete** loss of body movement, **consciousness, sensation and reflexes** by depressing the brain and spinal **without** interfering with the vital centers in medulla.

■ **An ideal anaesthetic should be:**

- 1- Easily administered**
- 2- Non irritant**
- 3- Cause rapid induction and short recovery periods**
- 4- Good analgesic**
- 5- Good skeletal muscle relaxant**
- 6- Have a wide safety margin**

■ **Theories of anaesthesia:**

**1- Lipid solubility theory (Overtone-Mayer theory):**

The anaesthetic drug must be **soluble in lipids of CNS** and the greater its solubility in fat than in water the more powerful its anaesthetic effect.

**2- Surface tension theory:**

The anaesthetic drugs **lower** the surface tension of nerve cells in CNS and prevent arrival of nerve impulses.

# ■ Theories of Anaesthesia:

## 3- Colloid theory:

The anaesthetic drug causes **aggregation of colloidal** substances in the neurons of CNS so prevent or reduce neuronal **transmission** and anaesthesia occurs.

## 4- Cell permeability theory:

The anaesthetic drug **decreases the permeability** of membrane of the nerve cells so **decrease the cell metabolism**.

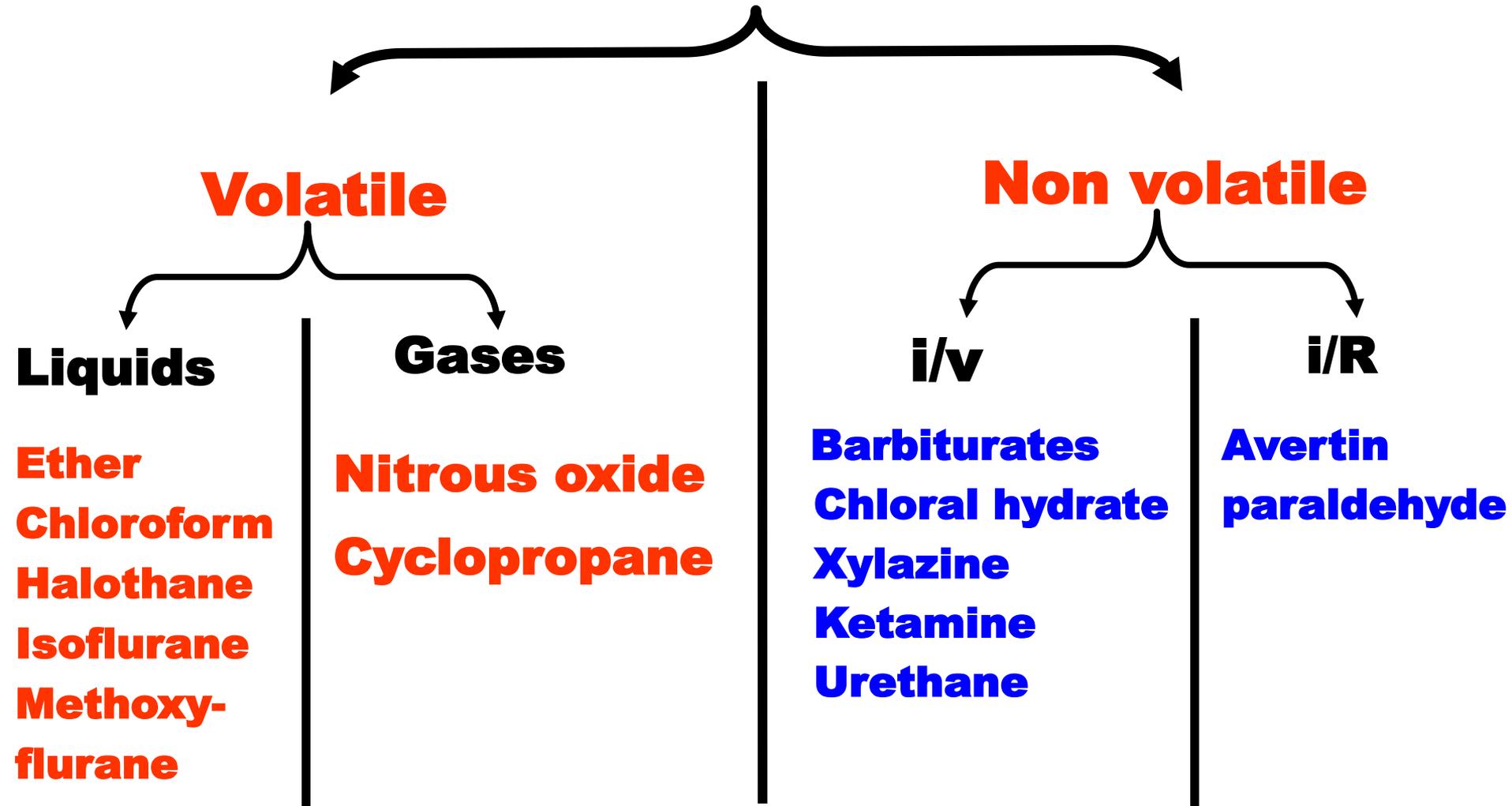
## 5- Neurophysiologic theory:

The anaesthetic drug prevents the neuronal **transmission** in the **reticular formation** of the brain, so prevent the arrival of impulses to other parts of the brain.

## 6- Biochemical theory:

The anaesthetic drug inhibits some **metabolic enzymes** as **ATPase** so inhibits **carbohydrate metabolism** and reduces energy which required for the activity of the neurons.

# Classification of G. Anaesthetics



## ■ **Methods of administration of volatile anaesthetics**

- 1- Open method (auto-inhalation method)**
- 2- Closed method (positive feed method)**

## ■ Common Properties of G.Vol. Anaesthetics:

- 1- Given by **inhalation**, inhaled with the inspired air and excreted with the expired air.
- 2- Produce **4 stages of anaesthesia**: (a) Struggling (b) Narcotic (c) Anaesthetic ( Light, Medium & Deep ) (d) Paralytic or Recovery.
- 3- Produce **rapid** induction and recovery periods .
- 4- Some of them are **irritant** (chloroform) , others are **inflammable** (ether) and others **lack analgesic** effect (Halothane) .

Difference	Volatile Anaesthesia	Non volatile Anaesthesia
<b>Administration</b>	<b>By inhalation</b>	<b>By injection</b>
<b>Struggling stage</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Induction period</b>	<b>Short</b>	<b>Relatively long</b>
<b>Recovery period</b>	<b>Short</b>	<b>Relatively long</b>
<b>Excretion</b>	<b>In expired air</b>	<b>In urine</b>

<b>Differences</b>	<b>Ether</b>	<b>Chloroform</b>
<b>Chemical structure</b>	<b>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-O-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub></b>	<b>CHCl<sub>3</sub></b>
<b>Melting point</b>	<b>35 °C</b>	<b>61 °C</b>
<b>Physical properties</b>	<b>Inflammable, explosive</b>	<b>Non inflammable, non explosive</b>
<b>Irritant effect</b>	<b>More + +</b>	<b>Less +</b>
<b>Anaesthetic effect</b>	<b>Less +</b>	<b>More + + + +</b>
<b>Induction period</b>	<b>Long + +</b>	<b>Short +</b>
<b>Recovery period</b>	<b>Long + +</b>	<b>Short +</b>
<b>Sk. M. relaxant effect</b>	<b>Less +</b>	<b>More + +</b>
<b>Concentration used</b>	<b>Induc: 5–15%</b> <b>Main: 2.5 – 7.5 %</b>	<b>Induc: 1–3%</b> <b>Main: 0.5 -1.5 %</b>

# Halogenated Ethane Derivatives

## Halothane

**Volatile colorless liquid,  
Non irritant to M Membranes  
More powerful than chloroform  
More myocardial and respiratory  
depressant effect**

## Isoflorane

**Volatile colorless liquid,  
Non irritant to M Membranes  
Potent as anaesthetic as ether  
Less myocardial and respiratory  
depressant effect**

Differences	Nitrous oxide	Cyclopropan
<b>Packing</b>	<b>In blue cylinders</b>	<b>In orange cylinders</b>
<b>Physical Prop.</b>	<b>Inflammable, explosive</b>	<b>Non inflammable, Non explosive</b>
<b>Anaesthetic effect</b>	<b>Moderate as ether</b>	<b>More as chloroform</b>
<b>Respiratory &amp; heart depression</b>	<b>Less toxic</b>	<b>More toxic</b>

# Common Properties of Non Volatile Anaesthetics:

## ■ Given by injection:

1- Chloral hydrate → I/V    2- Avertin → I/R  
3- ketamine → I/M or I/V    4- Urethane → I/P

## ■ No struggling stage

## ■ Metabolized in the liver and almost excreted in the urine

## ■ They are non irritants to M. membranes

## ■ Some of them lack analgesic activity

## ■ Others produce incomplete skeletal muscle relaxation

<b>Animals</b>	<b>Anaesthetic</b>	<b>Route</b>
<b>Calves</b>	<b>Halothane + analgesic</b>	<b>Inhalation</b>
<b>Cattle</b>	<b>Barbiturates + local anaesthetic</b>	<b>Injection</b>
<b>Horses</b>	<b>Chloroform, Chloral hydrate</b>	<b>Inhalation i.v.</b>
<b>Sheep &amp; goats</b>	<b>Cyclopropan Barbiturates</b>	<b>inhalation Injection</b>
<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Barbiturates Ketamine + Xylazine</b>	<b>i.v. or i.m i.v. or i.m</b>
<b>Cats</b>	<b>Ketamine + Xylazine Alphaxalone</b>	<b>i.v. or i.m i.v. or i.m</b>
<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Urethane Chloralose</b>	<b>i.v. i.v.</b>

# **(6) Local Anaesthetics**

■ **Definition:** Are drugs which produce **temporary** loss of **sensation and reflexes** at site of application due to temporary paralysis of the sensory nerves.

■ **Properties of an ideal local anaesthetic:**

- 1- Should be **water-soluble** and **stable** in its solution
- 2- Non **irritant** to tissues and **non-toxic**
- 3- **Slowly absorbed** to produce a prolonged effect
- 4- Produce its effect in **small** concentrations
- 5- Cause **rapid and prolonged** effect

■ **Classification:**

I- **According to the mode of action:**

1- **Acting physically (by freezing):**

**e. g. (a) Ethyl chloride      (b) Compressed CO<sub>2</sub> gas**

When they are sprayed on the skin they are **rapidly evaporated** and cause **severe cooling** which cause temporary **paralysis** of the sensory nerves and local an aesthesia occurs.

## **2- Acting chemically:**

**e.g. Procaine( Novocain), Amethocaine, Benzocaine, Butacaine, Lidocaine and Cinchocaine**

**When they are applied on the M. membranes or injected by infiltration, they inhibit Na<sup>+</sup> ions transport through the membrane of nerve cells (inhibit sodium pump), so inhibit transmission of impulses and local anaesthesia results.**

### **■ Uses of physically acting anaesthetics:**

- 1- Opening of abscesses.**
- 2- Removal of warts.**
- 3- Removal of broken claw.**

### **■ Uses of chemically acting anaesthetics:**

- 1- For operation of cornea ( corneal Anesthesia) in dogs**
- 2- For diagnosis of lameness in horse ( N. block Anesthesia)**
- 3--For surgical operations in hind limbs, tail and udder( Anterior epidural An) ruminotomy and cesarean( Posterior epidural An.) in ruminants**

## II- Classification According to Method of Application

**1-Topical (Surface):** The anaesthetic is **applied** on the surface of **skin or m.m** of eye, nose, anus and urethra e.g. **ethyl chloride** spray on skin or as sol., oint. or paste (**Butacaine, Lignocaine, Amethocaine**).

**2-Local infiltration (Field):** The anaesthetic is **injected**

**intradermally or S/C** around a local area of skin, so the infiltrated area can be incised without pain. e.g. **Procaine Hcl (Novocaine)** local infiltration in G.pig.

**3-Nerve block (Regional):** The anaesthetic is **injected** near a **main nerve trunk** to anaesthetize the region that is supplied by this trunk e.g.

**1- Sciatic nerve blocks** anaesthesia in frog by amethocaine.      **2- Volar nerve block** anaesthesia in horse by procaine for diagnosis of lameness.

## **4-Epidural anaesthesia:**

**(a) Posterior epidural anaesthesia:** A small dose of the anaesthetic is injected in **epidural space** between coccygeal vertebrae. This type is used in ruminants for surgical operations in **hind limbs, tail and udder.**

**(b) Anterior epidural anaesthesia:** The dose of anaesthetic is **increased** so a **large region** becomes anaesthetized. This type is used for **ruminotomy and cesarean** in ruminants.

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**N.B.:** (1) **Procaine** is not suitable for **surface (topical) anaesthesia** because it **not absorbed** from skin and mucous membranes. (2) **Procaine** is usually combined with **adrenaline** to prolong its duration of action because adrenaline **constricts** the cutaneous blood vessels so **delay absorption** of procaine.

# **(7) Analgesics = Antinociceptives**

■ **Definition:** Are drugs which relieve or abolish **perception of pain** by depressing the pain center in **thalamus** without seriously impairing consciousness.

## ■ **Classification**

**I- Narcotic analgesics**  
**= Opiate analgesic**  
**= Morphine - like drugs**



- 1- Morphine (Opium alkaloids)**
- 2- Morphine derivatives**
- 3- Morphine substituents**

**II- Antipyretic analgesics**  
**= Non opiate analgesics**  
**= Aspirin - like drugs**



- 1- Salicylic acid derivatives**
- 2- Aniline derivatives**
- 3- Pyrazolone derivatives**
- 4- Modern NSAIDs**

# I- Opiate Analgesics

■ **Opium:** It is the dried **milky exudates** of the unripe fruits of **poppy plant** (*Papaver somniferum* plant). The exudates contain many alkaloids known as **opium alkaloids**, which are classified according to their chemical structure pharmacological properties into: **phenanthrene** and **isoquinoline** derivatives.

Type	Alkaloids	%	Pharmacological properties
<b>Phenanthrene derivatives</b>	<b>Morphine</b> <b>Codeine</b> <b>Thebaine</b>	<b>10.0</b> <b>0.5</b> <b>0.2</b>	<b>1-Analgesic</b> <b>2-Addictive</b> <b>3-Spasmogenic</b>
<b>Isoquinoline derivatives</b>	<b>Papaverine</b> <b>Narcotine</b>	<b>1.0</b> <b>0.6</b>	<b>1-Non analgesic</b> <b>2-Non addictive</b> <b>3-Spasmolytic i.e.</b> <b>Non spasmogenic</b>

# ■ Morphine

## ■ Actions :

### 1-On CNS: differ according to species:

- **In man and dog** → 1st stimulation (euphoria) followed by depression and sedation
- **In horse, cattle & sheep** → short period of excitement followed by depression and sedation
- **In cat** → excitement without depression( Not used)

### 2-On Medullary centers:

- ↑ **Vagal & Vomiting C, But** ↓ **Cough & Respiratory C**

### 3-On GIT:

- ↑ intestinal motility via vagal center Stim. (**Centrally**)
- Contract GIT sphincters and ↓ Intestinal motility (**directly**)
- ▣ The net result is **initial defecation** followed by **constipation**.

**4- Addictive action:** In man is a serious social problem as the addict become **tolerant and dependant** on morphine.

**N.B. :** The addict is characterized by **pin pupil & constipation**

## ■ MOA of morphine as narcotic analgesic:

by acting on subtype **M opoid (  $\mu, \delta, \kappa, \sigma$  ) receptors** in cerebral cortex and thalamus producing analgesia with hypnosis.

## ■ Uses or indications of morphine:

- 1- As preanaesthetic to reduce **pain** due to its analgesic effect
- 2- For treatment of **spasmodic colic** due to its spasmolytic effect.

## ■ Morphine antagonists:

Are competitive antagonist for opoid receptors that antagonize morphine effects and used for treatment of **morphine poisoning**. They are:

**1-Partial** antagonists  $\longrightarrow$  produce antagonist with slight agonist activity as **Nalorphine & Pentazocine**

**2-Total** antagonists  $\longrightarrow$  produce complete antagonist activity as **Naloxone** and **Naltrexone**

# ■ Morphine Derivatives:

## 1- Codeine:

One of opium alkaloids of **phenanthrene** derivative  
It has similar effects as morphine, but it is **less toxic**,  
**less potent** as analgesic (1/10 potency of morphine)  
and **less potent** as cough and respiratory  
depressant ( $\frac{1}{4}$  potency). It is used as phosphate for  
treatment of **dry cough** in dogs and as **analgesic** and  
**cough sedative** in man.

## 2- Apomorphine Hcl:

It is one of **morphine derivatives**. Its effect on CNS  
is similar to morphine but it is **less potent**. It is used  
for **induction of emesis** in dogs (central emetic) as  
it stimulates CTZ and vomiting center after its S/C  
injection.

## ■ Papaverine:

- One of opium alkaloids of **isoquinoline** derivatives
- Has **NO effect** on CNS
- It acts as a **smooth muscle relaxant**
- differs from morphine as it is **non** analgesic, **non** addictive and **non** spasmogenic ( but spasmolytic)
- Used for treatment of colic (intestinal, renal and biliary) , bronchial asthma and hypertension.

## ■ Morphine substituents:

- Are a group of recent drugs which produce similar effects as morphine.
- **Less potent** than morphine and their effects is **short** due to their **rapid** metabolism.
- Examples: **Methadone, Pethidine, Etorphine**  
**Fentanyl , Alfentanyl and Sufentanil.**

# II- Non Opiate Analgesics

■ **Definition:** Are drugs which **reduce pain** and **lower the abnormal rise of body temperature** so used for fever, headache and rheumatic pain.

## ■ Classification

<b>Class</b>	<b>Example</b>
<b>Salicylic acid derivatives</b>	<b>Acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin), Sodium salicylate</b>
<b>Aniline derivatives</b>	<b>Phenacetin - Acetanilide Paracetamol</b>
<b>Pyrazolone derivatives</b>	<b>Phenylbutazone - Phenazone Dyperone (Novalgin)</b>
<b>Modern NSAIDs</b>	<b>Meclophenamic A - Mephenamic A Ketoprofen - Ibuprofen - Naproxen</b>

# 1- Salicylates

- Are used in medicine since many years ago as scales of **Willow** plant which contain “ **Salicin** ” as an active substance.
- Salicylic acid is only used **locally** ( because it is irritant) as **Keratolytic, antiseptic and fungistatic** for mycotic infections.
- Salicylic acid derivatives as sodium **salicylate** and **methyl salicylate** are **water soluble**, but acetyl salicylic acid (**aspirin**) is **sparingly soluble** in water.
- Methyl salicylate is used as a **counter irritant** ( as liniment ) for chronic arthritis .
- Salicylates and aspirin are used as **antipyretic analgesics** for fever, pain, headache and rheumatic pains.

# ■ Actions and MOA of Salicylates:

## 1-Antipyretic by:

**(a)** Inhibiting **heat-regulating center** in hypothalamus

**(b)** Causing peripheral **vasodilatation** so increase **heat loss** through sweating & lower B. temperature

## 2-Analgesic by:

Preventing arrival of **pain impulses** between sensory area of cerebral cortex and thalamus (**Pain Center**)

## 3-Antiinflammatory by:

**(a)** Inhibiting of **cyclooxygenase enzyme (Cox1)** which is necessary for synthesis of **prostaglandins (PGs)** that are responsible for inflammation, pain and fever.

**(b)** Stimulating adrenal cortex to secrete **glucocorticoids**

# 2- Aniline Derivatives

**1- Phenacetin and Acetanilide:** have the same effects of salicylates except the **anti-inflammatory** effect. They are metabolized into **acetaminophen** which depresses pain and heat regulating centers so they act as **antipyretic analgesics**. Their toxic effects include **liver and kidney damage**, hemolytic **anemia** and **hypoxia** in blood due to oxidation of HB beside some additive properties so they are **rarely used** now.

**2- Paracetamol:** is less toxic than phenacetin and acetanilide and free from side effects of aspirin. It is used as a potent antipyretic analgesic for fever and pain.

# 3- Pyrazolone Derivatives

## 1- Phenazone and phenylbutazone:

act as antipyretic, analgesic and anti-inflammatory and used for **chronic rheumatism**. They also increase the excretion of uric acid in urine (**uricosuric effect**) so they are useful for gout.

## 2-Novalgine (dypirone):

is **commonly** used for muscular rheumatism, sciatica and neuralgia as it acts as antipyretic, analgesic and anti-inflammatory

## 4- Modern NSAIDs

The **most widely used** drugs for inflammations (inflammatory joint diseases). They include many drugs as **naproxen, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, indomethacin, meclofenamic acid**. They produce antipyretic, analgesic and anti-inflammatory effects by inhibition of **cyclooxygenase enzyme**. They are used for acute and chronic **arthritis, toothache, dysmenorrheal pain, cancer pain and rheumatoid arthritis**.

<b>Differences</b>	<b>Narcotic Analgesics</b>	<b>Antipyretic Analgesics</b>
<b>Example</b>	<b>Morphine</b>	<b>Aspirin</b>
<b>Antipyretic Effect</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Hypnotic Effect</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Addictive effect</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Anti-inflammatory</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Analgesic effect</b>	<b>More</b>	<b>Less</b>
<b>Types of pains</b>	<b>All types</b>	<b>Mild + Moderate</b>
<b>Resp. and cough depressant effect</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Toxicity</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Relatively Low</b>

