# Adrenergic & Cholinergic Overview

We can only INCREASE (Agonist) or DECREASE (Antagonist or Block) the Body's Response

Adrenergic	Cholinergic		
Sympathetic (Fight or Flight/Rest Digest)	Parasympathetic "Slug or Dry"		
Neurotransmitter: Catecholamines (Epinephrine, Norepinephrine, etc.)	Neurotransmitter: Acetylcholine		
When Activated:  Alpha 1: Contracts Smooth Muscle Alpha 2: DWARN Beta 1: (HEART) Increases Heart Rate and Contraction Strength. Reta 2: (LUNGS) Relaxes Smooth Muscle	Don't worry about different Receptors.     THINK Either ON (Cholinergic) or OFF (anti-Cholinergic).		

# **Adrenergic Response**

Adrenergic	Medication	Receptor & Action	Clinically Presentation	Side Effects
Sympathetic (Fight)  Neurotransmitter: Catecholamines (Epinephrine, Norepinephrine, etc.)  When Activated:  Alpha 1: Contracts Smooth Muscle Alpha 2: DWARN  Beta 1: (HEART) Increases Heart Rate and Contraction Strength.  Beta 2: (LUNGS) Relaxes  Smooth Muscle  Beta 3: DWARN	Phenylephrine (Sudafed)	Alpha 1 Agonist What is it going to do?	Decreased Congestion Why?	Hypertension  Caused by What?
	Albuterol	Beta 1 and Beta 2 Agonist	Improve Breathing	Tachycardia
	Metoprolol	Beta 1 Antagonist (Blocker)	Decrease the Blood Pressure	Bradycardia

# **Cholinergic Response**

#### Cholinergic

Beta 3: DWARN

> **Parasympathetic** (Slug or Dry)

Neurotransmitter: Acetylcholine

- · Don't worry about different Receptors.
- **THINK Either ON** (Cholinergic) or OFF (anti-Cholinergic).



- Sarin Gas
- Strong Cholinergic Agonist Used as Chemical Weapon
- Causes a Cholinergic Crisis

What S/Sx Would You Expect? **How Would You Treat It?** 



Anti-Cholinergic (Dry's You Up) "DRY"

Can't Spit Can't Pee Can't See Cant Poop

# **Anaphylaxis**

#### Signs and Symptoms

- Respiratory Distress
- "I feel like my throat is swelling'
- Rash/Hives
- Swelling of the Face
- Red Flush Skin
- Loss of consciousness
- Extreme Hypotension



#### **Priority Actions** In Hospital

- STOP the Medication
- Administer **Epinephrine** IM

#### Outside of Hospital & Patient Education

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- Teach S/Sx
- Call 911 if S/Sx occur.
- Carry an Epi-Pen. Wear a Medical Alert bracelet.



Anaphylaxis Loss of consciousness Hives Swelling of tongue, inability to swallow

Rapid swelling of throat tissues





#### **Safe Medication Administration and Error Reduction**

- Chemical Name:
  - o Reflects chemical composition
- Generic:
  - o Official non proprietary name that United States has given to one medication
- Trade:
  - o Brand name, name company decided for a given medication
- Uncontrolled Substances:
  - o Do not generally pose a risk for misuse or addiction
  - High therapeutic index
  - Need prescription
- Controlled Substance:
  - Pose a risk for addiction or misuse so they require medical supervisions
  - Ex: Morphine
  - Low therapeutic index
- Schedule 1 Medications:
  - No therapeutic use at all
  - Ex: heroine
- Schedule II V Medications:
  - Medications with legitimate application use

#### Chapter 33: Connective Tissue Disorders (DMARDS) Including Glucocorticoids; Anti Gout Meds

Hyperglycemia

Hydroxychloroquine

#### Disease modifying antirheumatic drugs

- Drugs
  - Methotrexate
    - DMARDS I
  - o Etanercept
    - DMARDS II



Methotrexate (CHEMO)

# o Infliximab Trisk infection, blood dyscrasias

#### DMARDS II

#### • Therapeutic action:

- o DMARDS slow joint degeneration
- o Analgesia for
  - Pain, swelling and joint stiffness
- Used with short term therapy of NSAIDs until long-acting DMARDS take place
- Management of inflammatory bowel disease

#### Complications

- Methotrexate
  - Increased risk of infection
  - Hepatic fibrosis and toxicity
    - Liver and kidney function tests
  - Bone marrow suppression
    - Baseline CBC, repeat every 3-6 months
  - Ulcerative stomatitis/other GI ulceration

#### Contraindications

- Methotrexate
  - Pregnancy category X
    - Fetal death
  - Interactions with NSAIDs, sulfonamides, penicillin, and tetracyclines
  - Concurrent with immunosuppressants
    - Increase risk of infection
- Etanercept
  - Avoid live vaccines
  - Caution in clients with heart failure, CNS demyelinating disease, pre-existing liver dysfunction
  - Concurrent with live vaccines and increase risk of infection

# Nursing administration:

- Can take 3-6 weeks for DMARDS effects
- Can take several months for full effect

#### **Antigout Medication**

#### **Anti-inflammatory Agents**

- Drugs:
  - Colchicine
    - Glucocorticoids: Prednisone
- Therapeutic action:
  - Colchicine
    - Used for ACUTE gout attack
      - Decrease inflammation

# • Prednisone Black Tar Stool, abdominal Pain

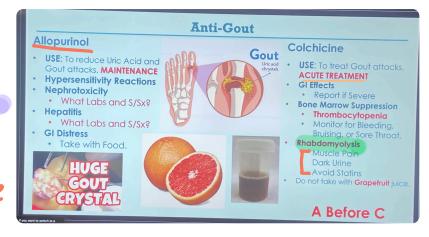
- Clients with acute gout that are unresponsive to NSAIDs
  - Not for those with hyperglycemia

# **Agents for Hyperuricemia**

- Drugs:
  - Allopurinol
- Therapeutic action:
  - Used for CHRONIC gout attacks
  - o Inhibit uric acid production
  - Secondary to chemotherapy

# Prevent & maintenance

- Complications
  - Colchicine
    - Mild GI distress
      - Can progress to GI toxicity
      - Abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, vomit



■ Thrombocytopenia

Bleeding, bruising

Low platelets



■ Rhabdomyolysis

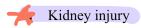


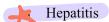
Sudden onset of muscle pain and tenderness

stay away
statins
ograpefruit
juice

Allopurinol

- Hypersensitivity reaction
  - Rash, fever, chills





- GI distress
  - Nausea and vomiting

#### • Contraindications:

- o Colchicine
  - Severe renal, hepatic, cardiac or GI impairment
  - Statin drugs and high cholesterol
  - Interactions
    - No grapefruit juice
- Allopurinol
  - Those with medication hypersensitivity
  - Interactions:
    - Slows metabolism of warfarin within liver, increasing risk of bleeding

# • Nursing Administration

- Should see a decrease in joint swelling, redness, uric acid levels
- o Decrease in number of gout attacks
- o Decrease in uric acid levels



**Chapter 34: Bone Disorders** 

**Calcium supplements** 

#### Drugs

Calcium citrate

#### Therapeutic action

- o Maintenance of musculoskeletal, neurologic, and cardiovascular function
- Used for patients with hypocalcemia
- Those with deficient parathyroid hormone, vitamin D or calcium

#### Complications

- o Hypercalcemia
  - Calcium levels >10.5
  - Muscle weakness, hypotonia, constipation, vomiting, abdominal pain, lethargy and confusion

#### • Contraindications

- o Clients with hypercalcemia
- Kidney disease or decrease in GI function
- Interactions
  - Glucocorticoids decrease absorption of calcium
  - Spinach, rhubarb, beets, bran, and whole grains an decrease calcium absorption
  - Concurrent with digoxin and can cause bradycardia

#### Nursing administration

- o Chewable tablets provide higher bioavailability
- o IV infusions need to be room temperature
- Calcium range should be 8.5-10.5

#### Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulator (agonist/antagonist)

#### Drugs

Raloxifene

#### Therapeutic action

- o Decreases bone resorption, which slows bone loss and preserves bone mineral density
- Works as an antagonist on estrogen

# Complications

- Risk for pulmonary embolism and deep-vein thrombosis (DVT)
- 168.

- Look for red, swollen extremity
- Discourage long periods of sitting and inactivity
- Breaks off & goes

Hot flashes

#### Contraindications

- Pregnancy category X
  - Fetal death
- Interactions
  - Concurrent use with estrogen therapy is discouraged

# Nursing administration Smoking = TDVT & PE

- With or without food once a day
- o Bone density scan every 12-18 months
- o Consume adequate calcium and vitamin d
- Look for increased bone density

#### Calcitonin

- Drugs
  - Calcitonin-salmon

# • Therapeutic action

- Decreases bone resorption by inhibiting the activity of osteoclasts in osteoporosis
- o Increases renal calcium excretion by inhibiting tubular resorption
- Used for post menopausal osteoperosis

#### Complications

- · Nausea Hypocalcemia + calcium
- Nasal dryness and irritation with intranasal route
  - Alternate nostrils daily

#### Contraindications

Clients who have hypersensitivity to fish protein

• Intranasal spray is only meant for postmenopausal osteoperosis

#### Nursing administration

- Chvostek's and Trousseau's signs to mome.
   Look for increase in bone density P ush calcium from blood ->
   bone

# **Chapter 37: Adjuvant Medications for Pain**

Usually an opioid agonist to increase pain relief while increasing pain relief and reducing opioid dosage Antagonis. Usually NSAIDs with opioids.

#### **NSAIDs**

#### • Complications:

- o GI distress
  - Black tar
  - Abdominal pain
  - Ulcerations
- o MI or Stroke
- o Bone marrow suppression

#### Contraindications

- Use caution with clients with bleeding disorders
- o GI impairment

#### **Chapter 38: Miscellaneous Pain Medications**

Migraine headaches can be caused by inflammation and vasodilation or cerebral blood vessels. These can be abortive or prophylactic.

#### Drugs

- Acetaminophen
- Triptans
- o Ergot Alkaloids

- Ergotamine
- Therapeutic action
  - Stop migraine after they have shown signs of beginning or already begun
- **Compilations** 
  - Hard on Kidneys Acetaminophen
    - Bone marrow suppression
    - GI distress
      - Pain, ulceration, nausea, vomit, and diarrhea or constipation
  - Triptans



- Chest pressure
  - Considered normal
  - Should go away
    - If it doesn't contact provider = bad
- Dizziness or vertigo Sit on bed 64 standing
- Ergot alkaloids
  - GI discomfort
  - Acute or chronic toxicity
    - Muscle pain, paresthesias in fingers and toes
  - Physical dependence
  - Fetal harm or abortion
    - Category X
- **Contraindications** 
  - Ergotamine
    - Renal or liver failure
    - Pregnancy category X
    - **Triptans**



- Never used with ergotamine
- **Nursing administration**

# **Anti-Migraines**

#### **Ergotamine**

- Used to ABORT a migraine
- Ergotism
  - Paresthesia, muscle pain, peripheral ischemia.
  - Stop Taking and Notify Provider
- Physical Dependence
- Pregnancy Category X



#### Sumatriptan

- Used to ABORT a migraine
- Chest Pressure
- Self Limiting
- Coronary Artery Vasospasm Avoid PTs with CAD
- Dizziness What Education?
- <u>Teratogenic</u> What does this mean?

#### **NSAIDS**

- Gl Bleed/Gastric Ulcer
- Nephrotoxic What S/Sx and Labs?

#### Acetaminophen

• Hepatotoxic – Who would we not want to give this to?



- Avoid migraine triggers
- o Lay in a dark quiet room
- Should not be used frequently

#### Local anesthetics

#### Drugs

Lidocaine

# • Therapeutic action

- O Decrease pain by blocking conduction of pain impulse in circumcised area
- Not for surgery
- Not for lowering LOC
- Used for dental or minor surgical procedures

#### Complications

- CNA excitation
  - Seizures, respiratory depression, leads to unconsciousness
- Hypotension
  - Evidenced by bradycardia
- Spinal headache
- Urinary retention
  - Can occur with spinal anesthesia

#### Contraindications

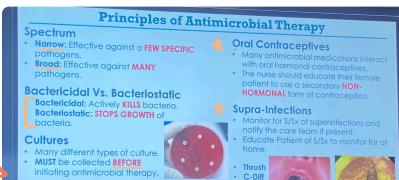
**Client education** 

- Supraventricular dysrhythmias
- Liver and kidney dysfunction

Notify for any signs of infection

- o Epinephrine is contraindicated for fingers, nose, and other body parts
  - Gangrene can result due to vasoconstriction

# Chapter 43: Principles of Antimicrobial Therapy



Normal Range: 11.2 - 4.1

#### Suprainfection:

- Resistance that results when antibiotic kills normal flora (good bacteria), resulting in the
   emergence of a new infection that is difficult to eliminate
- Thrush
- Vaginal yeast infection
- o C-diff

#### **Classification of Antimicrobial Medications**

#### Narrow Spectrum Antibiotics:

Only a few types of bacteria are sensitive to

# Broad-Spectrum Antibiotics:

o Wide variety of bacteria are sensitive

#### BacteriCIDAL medications:

• Are directly lethal to the micro-organism

#### BacterioSTATIC medications:

- Slow the growth of the micro-organism
- o Immune system response is what actually destroys the bacteria

#### **Selection of Antimicrobials**

#### • Culture:

- o Aspirate to a culture medium were the colonies grow over over several days
- Nurses obtain specimens for culture prior to treatment with antimicrobials

#### Sensitivity of Microorganism to an Antimicrobial:

For commonly resistant organisms technicians will test against various antimicrobials

#### • Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC):

 Lowest concentration of antibiotic that inhibits bacterial growth completely but does not kill the bacteria

#### Minimum Bactericidal Concentration:

• Lowest concentration of the antibiotic that kills 99.9% of the bacteria

\*Providers adjust the antibiotic dosage to produce concentration equal to or greater than the MIC of the same antibiotic\*

#### **Host Factors**

# • Immune System:

- Intact immune system
  - An antimicrobial works with the host's immune system to suppress microorganisms
  - Providers will prescribe bactericidal or bacteriostatic antibiotics

#### • Site of Infection:

Some sites are difficult for the antimicrobials to reach.

- Infections in Cerebrospinal Fluid:
  - Antimicrobials have to cross the blood-brain barrier (meningitis)
- Infections of the Heart
  - o Endocarditis
  - Infectious bacteria vegetate on the thrombus that develops of he injured endocardium
- Purulent abscesses anywhere:
  - o This is due to low blood supply
  - Surgical removal of purulent drainage
    - Increases the effect of antimicrobials

#### Age

- Infants:
  - Increased risk for antimicrobial toxicity because of underdeveloped liver and kidney function
  - Causes slow excretion of medication and build up in the body
- o Older Adults:
  - Similar to infants... easily develop toxicity because of the reduction in medication metabolism and excretion

#### Pregnancy

- o Antimicrobials can harm developing fetus by crossing over placenta
- Sulfonamides:
  - Can produce kernicterus, severe neurological disorder in newborns
- Gentamicin:
  - Causes hearing loss in infants
- Tetracyclines:
  - Cause discoloration of developing teeth
- Lactation
  - Usually a contraindication because the possible danger to breastfeeding infants

# • Presence of Previous Allergic Reaction:

- Allergy especially with penicillin
- Watch the same class of medications the client is allergic to
- Signs and Symptoms of allergy:
  - Hives, edema, wheezing

#### • Combination Therapy:

- o Combining more than one antimicrobial
  - Causes an additive, potentiating, or antagonistic effect
  - Prevents bacterial resistance

#### **Prophylaxis**

- Indications of prophylactic use include prevention of:
  - Infections for clients undergoing GI, cardiac, peripheral vascular, orthopedic, or gynecologic surgery

#### **Preventative Measures**

- Perform hand hygiene
- Recognize invasive procedures
  - o Urinary catheter, IV catheter, cardiac catheterization, central line

- Instruct clients to take full course of antimicrobials to prevent medication resistance and the occurrence of the infection
- Evaluate for effectiveness of the medications
  - Monitor for clinical improvement
- Inform to take different form of birth control during medication

#### **Chapter 44: Antibiotics Affecting Bacterial Cell Wall**

Antibiotics that affect the cell wall are bactericidal. This includes penicillins, cephalosporins,

carbapenems and monobactams.

#### Penicillins

- Drugs:
  - Amoxicillin
  - Ampicillin
  - Naficillin
  - Oxacillin
  - Ticarcillin
  - Piperacillin
- Therapeutic action:
  - Weaken bacterial cell wall
    - Considered beta-lactam antibiotic
      - Means mimics the bacterial structure
- Complications:
  - Allergic reaction
    - Anaphylaxis
      - Administer epinephrine
  - Renal impairment
    - Monitor kidney function



■ AST, ALT, BUN & Creatinine should be monitored

#### • Contraindications:

- o History of severe allergic reaction
- o Those with impaired kidney function
  - Acutely ill clients, older clients or younger children
- Cross allergies

# • Nursing Administration:

- o Take with meals
- o Complete entire course of medication

# Cephalosporins - Diet penicillin

- Drugs:
  - o First generation: Cefazolin
  - Second generation: Cefaclor
  - Third generation: Ceftriaxone, cefotaxime
  - o Fourth generation: Cefepime
- Therapeutic action:
  - o Destroy cell wall
- Complications:
  - Allergy
    - Watch for cross- allergy to penicillin, don't administer
  - o Bleeding tendencies
    - Observe for bleeding
  - Thrombophlebitis
    - Observe injection site
    - Administer dilute intermittent infusion slowly over 3-5 minutes
    - It is a thick shot
  - Renal insufficiency
    - Can give lower dosage to prevent toxicity

- Antibiotic associated pseudomembranous colitis
  - Observe for diarrhea
  - Stop medication right away
  - $\blacksquare$  C-diff = stop

#### • Contraindications:

- o Do not give to client's with severe allergic reaction to penicillin
- Use cautiously with those who have renal impairment
- Do not give to those with bleeding disorders
- Do not use alcohol

#### • Nursing Administration

- o Complete entire course
- o Store in refrigerator

# **Carbapenems (NOT ON MEDICATION LIST)**

#### • Drugs:

- o Imipenem
- Meropenem

#### • Therapeutic actions:

- o Beta-lactam antibiotics that destroy cell wall
- Very broad spectrum antibiotics

#### • Complications:

- o Allergy, specifically cross-sensitivity
  - Monitor signs of allergic reaction
- GI discomfort
  - Diarrhea, nausea, vomit
- Suprainfection
  - Oral thrush, vaginal yeast infection
  - Fungal infection

#### Contraindications:

• Use cautiously with those with renal impairment

#### Vancomycin

#### • Therapeutic action:

- One of the strongest antibiotics, destroys cell wall
- o Used for c-diff or MRSA

#### • Complications:

- Ototoxicity
  - Hearing loss



Vancomycin

#### Red man syndrome:

- Rashes, fever, tachycardia and hypotension
- Administer slowly over 60 minutes
- Renal toxicity
  - Draw peaks and troughs
  - Creatinine and BUN levels

#### Contraindications:

- Allergy to corn
- Use cautiously with older adults with renal impairment or hearing loss
- o Increased risk for ototoxicity for those who are taking meds that also have ototoxicity risk

#### Nursing Administration

- Watch renal output, BUN & Creatinine
- Administer med very slowly
- Watch for reduction in manifestations
  - Fever, pain, inflammation,
- o Resolution of infection



**Anti-Infectives** 

**Tetracyclines** 



Antibiotics that affect protein synthesis are bacteriostatic. They treat respiratory, GI, urinary, and reproductive tract infections (UTI's)

# Tetracyclines



- Drugs:
  - Tetracycline
  - Doxycycline
  - o Minocycline
  - o Demeclocycline
- Therapeutic action:
  - o Broad spectrum, inhibit growth
  - o Immune system takes over
  - o Mainly UTI's
- Complications:
  - o GI Discomfort
    - Cramping, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and esophageal ulceration



- Hepatotoxicity
  - Hard on the liver
  - <u>tetra=hepato</u>



- Photosensitivity
  - Intense sunburn
- o Suprainfection
  - Pseudomembranous colitis (D-dif)
    - Diarrhea
  - Yeast infection
- o Dizzy



- Contraindications:
  - Pregnancy



■ Can stain the deciduous teeth of the child

- Use cautiously with liver and kidney disease
- Milk product use
  - Ensure ingested 1-2hrs prior to medication administration

#### Nursing Administration

- Take on empty stomach
- Use other form of birth control
- o Do NOT take right before laying down, causes increased risk of esophageal ulceration

# Erythromycin & Axithromycin

#### • Therapeutic action:

o Inhibits growth by impeding protein synthesis, can be bactericidal in high doses

# • Complications:

- o GI discomfort:
  - Nausea, vomit, epigastric pain
- Prolonged QT intervals
  - Dysrhythmias
- Ototoxicity

#### Nursing Administration:

- Use back up contraceptive
- Monitor liver function periodically if using more than 2 weeks
  - AST, ALT
- Look for resolution of urinary tract manifestations

#### Gentamicin

Lears & Kidney

#### Therapeutic action:

- Treats aerobic gram-negative bacilli
- Complications: Big Ears and Kidneys
  - Ototoxicity
  - Nephrotoxicity
    - Elevated BUN & Creatinine



- Hypersensitivity
  - Paresthesia of hands and feet
- Contraindications:
  - o Those with renal impairment
  - o Do not mix with penicillin
- Nursing Administration:
  - o Measure Creatinine and BUN
  - o Peak:
    - 30 minutes after administration
  - Trough:
    - Right before next dose
  - o Look for decrease in UTI manifestations

#### **Chapter 46: Urinary Tract Infections Anti-infectives**

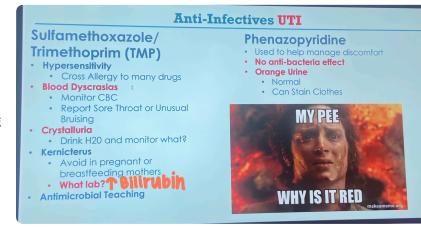
#### Sulfamethoxazole/Trimethoprim (TMP)

- Therapeutic action:
  - o Inhibit bacterial growth by preventing synthesis of folic acid derivative[treats UTI"s and

c-diff

#### • Complications:

- Hypersensitivity
  - Anaphylaxis
  - Steven Johnson syndrome
    - Rash
- Blood dyscrasias
  - Hemolytic anemia
  - Agranulocytosis
  - Leukopenia



- Thrombocytopenia
- Aplastic anemia
  - Obtain blood samples as baseline then check periodically to detect hemolytic disorder
- Crystalluria
  - Crystalline aggregates kidneys, ureters and bladder
  - Crystals in urine
  - Can cause acute kidney injury
- Kernicterus
  - Jaundice
  - Increased bilirubin levels
  - Neurotoxic for newborns
- o Hyperkalemia
  - Muscle weakness
  - Monitor potassium levels

#### **Contraindications**

- Impaired kidney function
  - Increased toxicity risk
- \* avoid giving pregnant women & breast feeding Increased effects of warfarin and hypoglycemics
  - Monitor lab levels
    - PT, INR, blood glucose, phenytoin levels

# **Nursing administration**

- Take on empty stomach with at least 8 oz of water
- Complete full course
- CBC Test (full blood panel)
- o BUN and Creatinine
- o Glucose levels if diabetic
- Monitor potassium levels

Check for decrease in UTI manifestations

#### **Nitrofurantoin**

#### • Therapeutic action:

o Broad spectrum urinary antiseptic with bacteriostatic and bactericidal. Injures cell by

damaging DNA

# • Complications:

- Gl discomfort
  - Anorexia, nausea, vomit, diarrhea
- Hypersensitivity



- Fever and chills
- Blood dyscrasia
  - Hepatotoxicity
- Peripheral neuropathy
  - Numbness, tingling of hands and feet
  - Chronic kidney disease should not have this medication
- Headache and drowsiness

#### Contraindications:

o Should not be administered in third trimester of pregnancy can cause hemolytic anemia

#### Nursing administration

- Turns urine rusty yellow color
- o Take with food
- o Complete entire course
- Avoid crushing
  - Will stain teeth
- o Avoid while pregnant
- Follow up with CBC with differential
- BUN and creatinine testing

#### Ciprofloxacin (floxacins)



#### • Therapeutic action:

- Broad spectrum
- Treats
  - Urinary, respiratory, GI, bone, joints, skin and soft tissue infections
- Prevention of anthrax for those who inhale anthrax spores

# Complications:

- Achilles Tendon Rupture
  - Observe for pain, swelling, and redness at achilles site
  - Stop medication and avoid exercise until inflammation subsides
- Suprainfection
  - Thrush, vaginal yeast infection
    - Observe and report for signs of yeast infection
  - Phototoxicity
    - Severe sun burns
    - Stop medication if this occurs

#### • Contraindications:

O not administer to those younger than 18 years old there is an increased risk of achilles

rupture

- There is an increase risk for c-difficile
- o There is a risk for
  - Dizziness, confusion and restlessness

# • Nursing Administration

- Give lower dose to those with impaired kidney function
- Look for a decrease in UTI manifestations

#### Phenazopyridine

#### • Therapeutic action:

- o Treats symptoms of infection does NOT treat the infection
- o Anesthetic on the mucosa of urinary tract

- o Relieves manifestations of
  - Burning with urination, pain, frequency and urgency

#### • Nursing administration

- Changes urine to an orange-red color
- o Take it with or after meals
- o Can use with cranberry juice for additive effect

#### Chapter 47: Mycobacterial, Fungal, and Parasitic Infections

Mycobacterium tuberculosis is a slow-growing pathogen that requires long-term treatment. Treatment for TB requires the use of at least two medications at which the pathogen is susceptible. <u>Isoniazid and</u> rifapentine are two effective TB meds.

#### Isoniazid

#### • Therapeutic action:

- o Inhibits growth of mycobacteria by preventing synthesis of mycolic acid in the cell wall
- Latent
  - Tests positive, no signs or symptoms of TB and cannot spread
  - Requires isoniazid daily for 9 months
- o Active
  - Tests positive, has signs and symptoms and can transmit TB to others
  - Several antimycobacterials are used to treat TB
- Takes 6-9 months to treat TB

#### Complications:

- Peripheral neuropathy
  - Tingling and numbness in hands and feet
- Hepatotoxicity
  - Anorexia, malaise, fatigue, nausea, and yellowish discoloration of skin and eyes

- Monitor liver function
  - AST and ALT
- Hyperglycemia
  - Clients with diabetes mellitus

#### **Contraindications:**

- Clients with liver disease
- Clients with alcohol use disorder
- Avoid alcohol consumption/use when taking meds

#### **Nursing Administration:**

- Administer orally
- Direct observation therapy for active TB
- Orange urine, sweat, and tears
- Take 1-2hrs after meals
- Complete full prescribed amount even if symptoms resolve

#### Rifampin

#### Therapeutic action:

Always given in combination with at least one other anti tuberculosis medication to prevent resistance

\* discolored body fluids

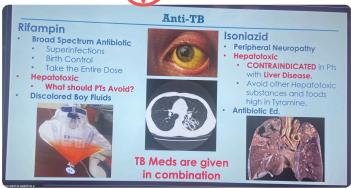
Lower side effects with other meds

#### **Complications:**

- Hepatotoxicity
  - Monitor AST, ALT
  - Jaundice, anorexia, malaise
- GI
- Abdominal discomfort

#### **Contraindications**

Use cautiously with those with imparied liver function





# • Nursing Administration

- o 1-2hr before meals
- Complete full course
- Look for improvement in symptoms
  - Clear breath sounds, no night sweats, increased appetite, no afternoon rise in temperature
- Usually takes 3-6 months to achieve relief and riding TB

# **Antiprotozoals**

#### Drugs:

Metronidazole

#### • Therapeutic action:

- Treat c-diff
- o Prophylaxis for clients who will have surgical procedures
  - Vaginal abdominal colorectal surgery
- o Treat H. pylori

#### • Complications:

- GI discomfort
  - Dry mouth, and metallic taste
- Darkening of Urine
- Neurotoxicity (CNS effects)
  - Numbness of extremities, ataxia and seizures
    - Stop medication if this occurs
  - Pseudomembranous colitis
    - Fever, chills, diarrhea, abdominal pain, bloody stool

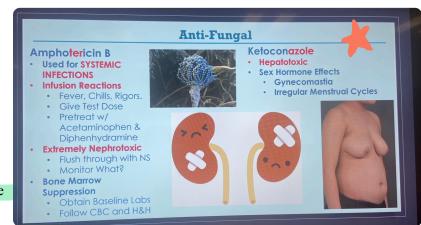
#### Contraindications

- Avoid any alcohol products
  - Causes disulfiram-like reaction

• Facial flushing, vomit, dyspnea, tachycardia

#### Antifungals

- Drugs
  - o Nystatin
  - Amphotericin B Systemic
  - · Ketoconazole Repatotoxic
  - Fluconazole
- Therapeutic actions:
  - o Treat systemic fungal infection
- Complications:
  - Infusion reaction
    - Fever, chills, and headache
    - Do a test dose of 1 mg
  - Thrombophlebitis
    - Administer in a large vein
  - Nephrotoxicity
    - Flank pain
    - Obtain baseline BUN and Creatinine, follow with weekly kidney monitoring
  - Electrolyte imbalance
    - Monitor electrolyte levels
    - Specifically potassium
    - Administer supplements
  - Bone marrow Suppression
    - Obtain baseline CBC and Hct
      - Monitor weekly
- Contraindications:
  - o Impaired kidney function due to higher risk for nephrotoxicity
  - Griseofulvin is pregnancy risk category X





# • Nursing administration:

- o Infuse slowly over 2-4 hours IV
- o Kidney injury is lessened when
  - Diluted in normal saline

#### Chapter 48: Viral Infections, HIV, and AIDs

#### Acyclovir

#### • Therapeutic actions:

- o Prevent reproduction of viral DNA thus interrupting cell replication
- Treats herpes simplex and varicella-zoster viruses

# • Complications:

- o Phlebitis at admin site
- Nephrotoxicity
  - Administer slowly over 1 hour
  - Administer IV fluids and increase fluid intake

#### • Contraindications

• No sexual activity should take place with lesions present, use condom at all times

#### • Nursing administration

- o IV slowly over at least one hour or longer
- o Expect relief but NOT A CURE

#### **Antiretrovirals: NRTI's (HIV/AIDS)**

#### **Zidovudine**

#### • Therapeutic actions:

- o Reduces HIV manifestations by inhibiting DNA
- First-line antiretrovirals treat HIV infection in short-term care

#### Complications

- Suppressed bone marrow
  - Monitor for bleeding, easy bruising, sore throat, and fatigue

- Lactic acidosis
  - Hyperventilation
  - Nausea
  - Abdominal pain
- o Nausea, Vomit, Diarrhea
- Hepatomegaly
  - Monitor enzymes

# • Nursing Administration

- o Obtain baseline CBC and platelets
- o AST and ALT monitoring
- o Tke exactly as prescribed
- Reduction in manifestations

#### **Autonomic Nervous System Agents**

#### **Neurons**

- Afferent
  - Send impulses to CNS
  - o Sensory
- Efferent
  - Receive the impulses from the brain
  - o Motor

#### Adrenergic receptor organ cells

- Alpha 1 \* only 1 or decrease receptor
- Alpha 2
- Beta 1
- Beta 2

#### Sympathetic vs Parasympathetic

- Sympathetic
  - o Stress response

- Fight or flight
- Increased heart rate
- Breath shallow and fast
- Inactive gut
- Blood rushes away from brain
- Expends energy

# • Parasympathetic Cholergic

- Relaxation
  - Slowed heartbeat
  - Breath full and slow
  - Active gut
  - Conserves energy



# **Adrenergic Agonists**

Stimulate the sympathetic nervous system.

# · Alpha 1 contract smooth muscle

- o Increases peripheral resistance
- Increases preload, which improves circulation
- Increased blood pressure
- Alpha 2
  - o Blood pressure decreases
- Beta 1
  - Primarily in the heart
  - o Increases heart rate tachycardia
- Beta 2
  - o Primarily in the lungs \* relax smooth muscle
  - Causes bronchodilation in lungs
  - o Increase blood flow to skeletal muscles
- Adrenergic Uses/Side effects

- o Asthma, anaphylaxis, hypotension/shock
- Restlessness, nervousness, tachycardia, angina, tremors, nausea/vomiting, hypertension, seizures

#### **Adrenergic Blockers**

Blocks sympathetic nervous system. Blocks epinephrine.

#### Beta blockers

- o End in -lol
  - Propranolol
  - Atenolol
  - Metoprolol

#### Alpha blockers

- o Clonidine
- Phentolamine
- o Doxazosin

#### Side effects

- Bronchoconstriction
- Decreased cardiac output and pulse rate
- Hypotension

# **Cholinergic Agonists**

"Rest and digest". Opposite of adrenergic medications. Similar to adrenergic blockers.

#### Effects

- Decreased pulse and blood pressure
- o nausea ,vomit, diarrhea (GI)
- o Sweating
- o Salivation
- Excessive mucus

#### Uses/Examples

o Use

- Urinary retention, Alzheimer's, Myasthenia gravis
- o Examples
  - Urecholine, bethanechol, donepezil, neostigmine, edrophonium
- Side Effects
  - SLUDGE
    - Salivation
    - Lacrimation
    - Urinary incontinence
    - Diarrhea
    - Gastrointestinal cramps
    - Emesis

# cholenergic chisis +Bradycardia +too much mucous +need anticholinergics

#### **Anticholinergics**

Works against the parasympathetic nervous system. Similar actions to adrenergic medications.

- Effects
- Heart rate +
  - Decreased secretions
    - Can't see
    - Can't pee
    - Can't spit
    - Can't shit
- Side effects
  - "Hot as a hare"
  - o "Mad as a hatter"
  - o "Red as a beet"
  - "Dry as a bone"
  - o "Blind as a bat"

# **Exam 2 Lab Value Ranges:**

• RBC:

- o Men- 4.7 6.1 million cells/mcL
- Women 4.2 5.4 million cells/mcL.

#### • WBC:

o 4,500 to 11,000 WBCs per microliter

# • PLT:

o 150,000 to 400,000 platelets/mcL

# • Vancomycin Peak/Trough

o Peak: 20–40 mg/L

o Trough: 1-20 mg/L

# • Creatinine

0.9-1.3

#### BUN

0 10-20