

CLASSIFICATION OF NSAIDs

1) COX-1 SELECTIVE INHIBITORS

- acetylsalicylic acid at low dosage

2) NONSELECTIVE COX INHIBITORS

- acetylsalicylic acid at high dosage
- diclofenac
- ibuprofen
- ketoprofen
- flurbiprofen
- indomethacin
- piroxicam
- naproxen

3) MORE COX-2 SELECTIVE INHIBITORS

- nimesulid
- etodolak
- meloxicam
- nabumeton

4) COX-2 SELECTIVE INHIBITORS

- celecoxib
- etorcoxib
- valdecoxib

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY EFFECTS OF NSAIDs

This effect of NSAIDs is due to the inhibition of the enzyme COX, which converts arachidonic acid to prostaglandins, TXA₂ and prostacyclin.

Acetylsalicylic acid irreversibly inactivates COX-1 and COX-2 by acetylation of a specific serine residue.

Other NSAIDs reversibly inhibit COX-1 and COX-2

Additional anti-inflammatory mechanism may include:

- interference with the potentiative action of other mediators of inflammation – bradykinin, histamine, serotonin
- modulation of T-cell function
- stabilization of lysosomal membranes
- inhibition of chemotaxis

ANALGESIC EFFECT OF NSAIDs

This effect of NSAIDs is thought to be related to the peripheral inhibition of prostaglandin production, but it may also be due to the inhibition of pain stimuli at a subcortical site.

NSAIDs prevent the potentiating action of prostaglandins on endogenous mediators of peripheral nerve stimulation (e.g. bradykinin)

ANTIPYRETIC EFFECT OF NSAIDs

This effect is believed to be related to inhibition of the interleukin-1 and interleukin-6 induced production of prostaglandins in the hypothalamus and the „resetting „ of the thermoregulatory system, leading to vasodilation and increased heat loss

CLINICAL USES OF NSAIDs

- 1) analgesia
- 2) inflammation
- 3) antipyresis
- 4) antiplatelet effect
- 5) cancer preventive agents

ADVERSE EFFECTS OF NSAIDs

- 1) gastrointestinal effects: abdominal pain, gastric and duodenal ulcer, diarrhea, pancreatitis, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, hepatotoxicity
- 2) renal effects
 - disturbances of renal function with water and sodium retention
- 3) inhibition of platelet aggregation
- 4) central symptoms: headache, decreased hearing, tinnitus, dizziness, confusion, depression
- 5) allergic reactions: asthma, rashes, photosensitivity

PHARMACODYNAMIC INTERACTION NSAIDs WITH OTHER DRUGS

NSAIDs + hypotensive drugs (β -blockers, ACE-inhibitors, diuretics) = \downarrow hypotensive effect

NSAIDs + ethanol = \uparrow risk of bleeding from gastrointestinal tract

NSAIDs + ticlopidine or clopidogrel = \uparrow risk of bleeding

NSAIDs + lithium = \uparrow lithium toxicity

NSAIDs + cyclosporine or ACE-inhibitors or tacrolimus = \uparrow nephrotoxicity of drugs

NSAIDs + fluoroquinolones = \uparrow toxic action of fluoroquinolones on CNS

NSAIDs + oral antidiabetic drugs = \uparrow risk of hypoglycemia

NSAIDs + coumarins = \uparrow risk of bleeding from gastrointestinal tract

PHARMACOKINETIC INTERACTION NSAIDs WITH OTHER DRUGS

NSAIDs + oral antidiabetic drugs = \uparrow risk of hypoglycemia

NSAIDs + coumarins = \uparrow risk of bleeding

NSAIDs + corticosteroids = \uparrow risk of gastropathy and bleeding from gastrointestinal tract

NSAIDs + aminoglycosides = \uparrow ototoxicity and nephrotoxicity of aminoglycosides

NSAIDs + phenytoin or valproic acid = \uparrow action of phenytoin or valproic acid

NSAIDs + methotrexate or digoxin = \uparrow action and \uparrow toxicity of methotrexate or digoxin

NSAIDs + tricyclic antidepressants, neuroleptics or antiarrhythmic drugs or selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI) = \uparrow action of drugs