

# DRUGS USED IN CARDIAC FAILURE

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## Frank Starling law

when ventricles are fill more (stretch) they contract more.

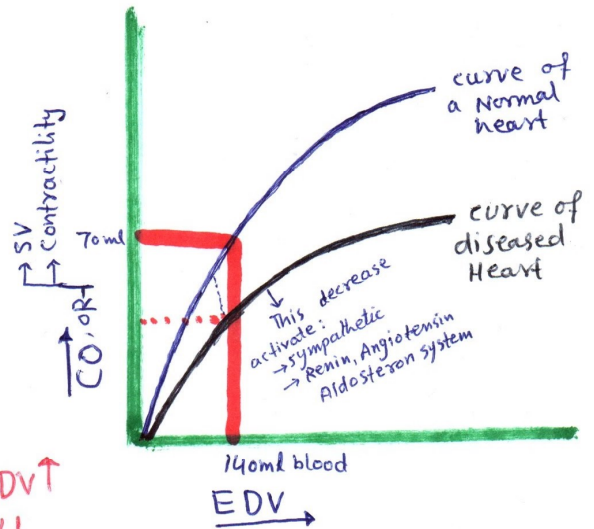
\* more you stretch the ventricles, more it contract within physiological limit.

### Normal Heart

when EDV increase, the Cardiac output (CO) increase progressively.

when left ventricle have 140ml of blood, & contracted, it eject 50% (70ml) of blood.

- \* if vasoconstricted drugs are given, the EDV ↑
- \* if venodilator drugs are given, EDV ↓



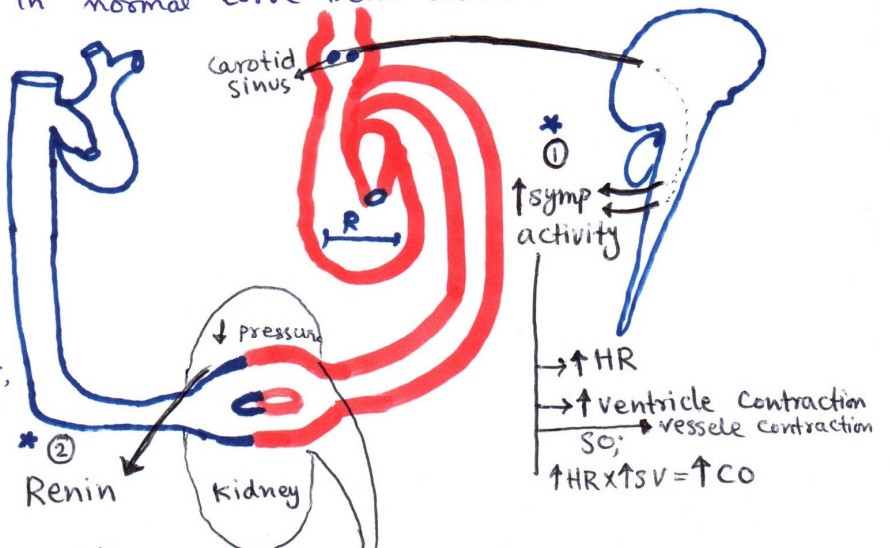
\* Compare both curve, by increasing by CO (Contractility) the contractility in both curve increases, but more in normal curve than diseased curve.

This attempt is important for short time, & for long time it is dangerous.

If this attempt is for 1 or 2 hour, cause no problem, but occur for months/years, than ↑ sympathetic outflow cause pathology in heart

### Because:

- ↑ symp cause arterio & veno contraction, which is bad for heart.
- \* ArterioContraction ⇒ It is difficult for left ventricle to push blood to right side.
- \* venocontraction ⇒ increase venous return is bad for heart.



## Lamlos law $P = \frac{T}{R}$

$P = \frac{\text{Tention}}{\text{Radius}} \Rightarrow$  power generated in myocardium

Diseased heart =  $P = \frac{T \downarrow}{R}$  An diseased heart Tention is  $\downarrow$ es.

$\uparrow$  sympathetic,  $\uparrow$ esed arteriocontraction,  $\uparrow$  Resistance to blood flow, so more pressure is required to push the blood, while heart is already fail, & not able to generate enough tention.

if venoconstriction  $\uparrow$ , which  $\uparrow$  venous return, so the diseased heart recieve more blood & push less blood, & blood remain within the ventricles, eventually ventricles dialated. (so Radius  $\uparrow$ ).

$$\downarrow P = \frac{T}{R \uparrow}$$

Combine both equations:  $\downarrow \downarrow P = \frac{\downarrow T}{\uparrow R}$

$\downarrow$   
B/c  
every time heart  
recieve more blood  
& push less blood.

Renin angiotensin system Come with full intention but produce trouble for heart.

Heart fail  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  renal perfusion  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  renin production.

### what are reasons of more Renin

① blood flow to kidney is less.

②  $\downarrow$  Blood flow to kidney  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  Na<sup>+</sup> to macula  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  Renin release.

③ CNS  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  sympathetic activity  $\rightarrow$  Juxta glomerular apparatus  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  Renin

Angiotensinogen  $\xrightarrow{\text{Renin}}$  Angio-I  $\xrightarrow{\text{ACE}}$  Ang-II + Aldosteron.

This high Ang II have advantages & disadvantages.

$\uparrow$  Ang II  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  venocontraction  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  volume return  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  EDV  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  CO (for normal heart)

But  $\uparrow$  EDV  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  Radius for diseased heart & further drop in contraction



↑ Ang II → ↑ arteriocontraction → ↑ Resistance, so more pressure is required for diseased heart.

↑ Aldosteron → ↑ Na<sup>+</sup> H<sub>2</sub>O retention → ↑ Blood volume → ↑ venous return

chronic heart failure → chronic stimulation of sympathetic system  
 ↓  
 ↑ Radius of heart  
 → chronic stimulation of Renin-angiotensin system so,

↑ arterio & veno constriction.

This neuro humeral compensatory mechanism are dangerous for heart in long term.

when Ang II is chronically high, it act as a growth factor, & stimulate the myocardial cells and produce pathological hypertrophy and cells produce alot of Connective Tissues.

when Aldosteron is high, it produce fibrosis of heart, such changes cause progressive failure of heart.

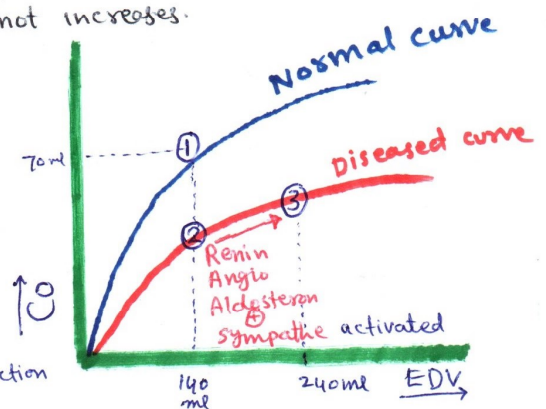
this increase in Renin Angiotensin Aldosteron system cause pathological structure & morphological changes in the heart called **HEART REMODELING**.

Now apply these things in the graph

As curve drop sympathetic + Renin ang. Aldosteron system increases, they increase EDV but ejection not occur normally. And a time occur when EDV increases but Cardiac output does not increases.

**PRE LOAD**: load in the ventricle before contraction.  
 preload = EDV


**AFTER LOAD**: Resistance against which ventricle have to perform.  
 post load = Resistance  
 → That is arteriole contraction



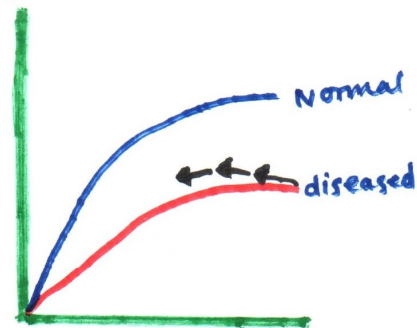
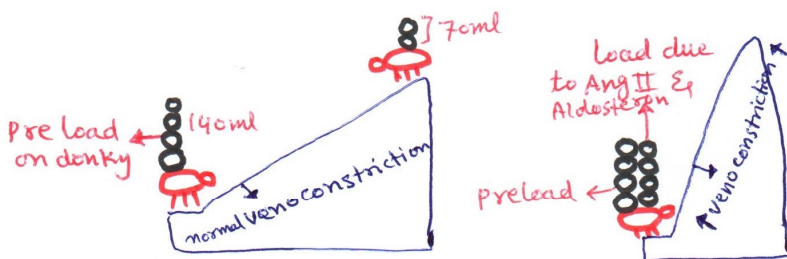
↑ veno constriction = ↑ pre load  
 ↑ arteriolo constriction = ↑ after load

Diseased heart suffer from

- ① Excessive pre load.
- ② Excessive after load.
- ③ decreased contractility
- ④ progressive failure of heart.

e.g: Heart is a weak donkey 

We help this donkey by Reducing pre load & after load so, we give  
 venodialator → ↓ pre load  
 Diuretics → Cause → ↓ blood volume + pre load  
 → Arterio+veno dialatation  
 → ↓ End diastolic volume



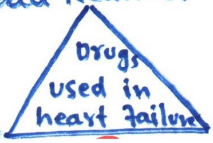
For decreasing after load  
 \* Arteriodialators are given, so  
 ↓ Resistance, ↓ pressure is required  
 & CO ↑

The diseased curve (↓) b/c  
 of venodialators so;  
 $\uparrow P = \frac{T \downarrow}{R \downarrow}$  so  $\uparrow CO$

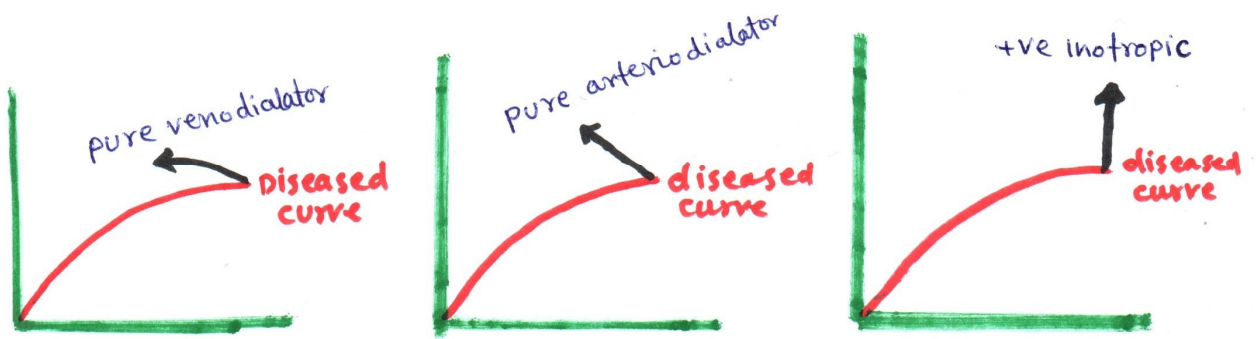
\* Arterio/venodialator → ↑ CO, so sympathetic  
 Nervous system Relax (↓ sympathetic activity)

↑ CO → ↑ Renal perfusion → ↓ Renin Angiotensin, so this is  
 one way to treat failure heart patients.

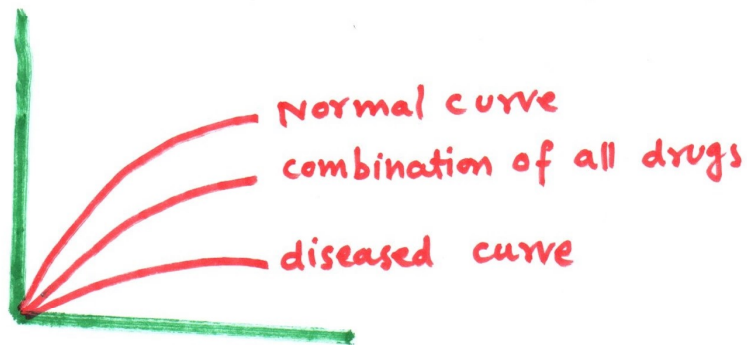
Pre load Reduces

after load Reduces  +ve inotropic





But if we combine all of them together curve will move to better position.



Most better drugs for Congestive heart failure are Angiotensin converting Enzyme inhibitor (ACE-I).

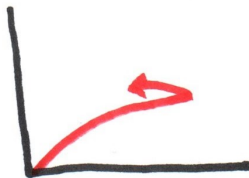
ACE-I e.g: Captopril & Enalapril

when given Angiotensin I  $\xrightarrow[\text{ACE}]{\text{inhibitor}}$  Angiotensin II

So  $\downarrow$  Angiotensin II + bradykinin b/c ACE also destroy bradykinin (a vasodilator).

$\downarrow$  Ang II  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  EDV  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  Radius so  $P \uparrow \Rightarrow TP = \frac{T}{R}$

$\downarrow$  Ang II  $\rightarrow$  venodilation, so diseased curve move backward.



$\downarrow$  Ang II  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  vasomotor tone  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  Sympathetic activity  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  pre load  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  Myocardial stretch i.e (Diastolic stretch)  
 $\downarrow$  pre load  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  ed Diastolic stress on ventricular wall.  
 $\downarrow$  After load  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  ed systolic stress on ventricular wall.  
 so  $\downarrow$  hypertrophy.

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So Captopril or Anapril ↓ systolic & diastolic stress and ↓ growth factor for hypertrophy so cause regression of progression remodeling occur.

when Ang II inhibitors are given:

- \* Ang II mediated arterioconstriction is less plus
- \* sympathetic stimulation by Ang II is less so sympathetic mediated arterioconstriction less.

↑ Ang II and Aldosterone cause heart myocardium to dilate & ↓ contraction and pathological extracellular matrix formed.

- \* when heart radius ↑ it become globular heart.
- \* Normal shape of left ventricle is elliptical.

**ACE-I not only reduce morbidity but also reduce mortality in patient 8/10:**

- ① It ↓ preload and after load on heart.
- ② ↓ Pathological Remodeling.
- ③ ↓ MI
- ④ ↓ Arrhythmias
- ⑤ ↓ stroke

These drugs are given in all patient with congestive heart failure. Patients in which Ejection Fraction (EF) is ↓ less than 35%. These drugs are effective.

### Common ACE-I

- ① Captopril (active drug)
  - ② Enalapril
  - ③ Ramipril
  - ④ Lisinopril
  - ⑤ Fosinopril
- These are prodrugs, passes through liver become hydroxylated & convert to active metabolite.

Except **FOSINOPRIL** all drugs go out of the body through kidney.

(balance clearance)

↓ Fosinopril go out of the body through





## uses of ACE-I

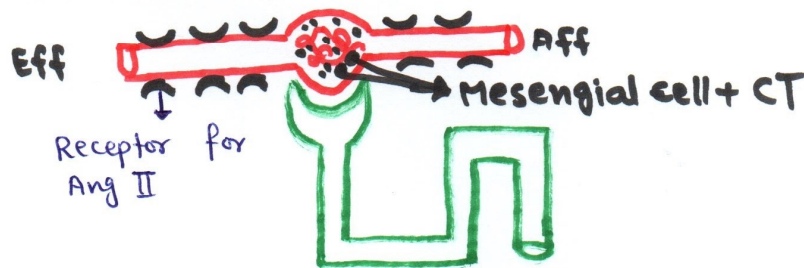
- ① CHF
- ② HTN
- ③ patient with recent MI
- ④ Diabetic Nephropathy
- ⑤ Diabetic Retinopathy

All of ACE-I taken orally preferably on Empty stomach  
b/c food retard its absorption.

In diabetic patients:

Basment membrane is damaged, and proteaceous substances oozes out of glomeruli into mesengial cells and mesangial cells are destroyed.

patient develop arterio<sup>s</sup>clerosis in afferent and efferent arterioles, so blood flow to glomeruli is reduce.



Ang II mostly acts on Afferent arteriole than Efferent.

In such patients when Ang II acts on its receptor on efferent arteriole, cause its further constriction, so in glomeruli pressure increases further, so substances enter to mesangium & further destroy the mesangium

**Benifits of ACE-I in Diabetic Nephropathic patient.**

- ↳ ↓ systolic BP
- ↳ ↓ glomerular hypertention (↓ systemic BP) → ↓ damage of mesangium.
- ↳ ↓ Ang II (↓ stimulation of growth factor on mesangial cells so ↓ spread of Diabetic Nephropathy).

## Adverse Effects of ACE-I (CAPTOPRIL)

**C**ough (dry cough) b/c bradykinin not destroyed b/c ACE are inhibited, the bradykinin in lungs cause cough.

**A**ngio edema

**P**rotein urea

**T**aste change

**O** → Hypotention

**P**regnancy (contraindicated) 

**R**ashes

**I**ncrease →  $K^+$  b/c ↓ Aldosterone, (Aldosterone absorb  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{salt} \\ \text{H}_2\text{O} \end{array} \right.$  & expell  $K^+$ )  
 ↓ Renin b/c Ang I  $\xrightarrow{\text{X}}$  Ang II, the deficiency of Ang II stimulate the Release of renin.  
*can't convert to*

**L**ow → Ang II  
 ↓ Aldosterone

Angioedema occur due to  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Bradykinin precipitate Angioedema} \\ \text{C}_1 \text{ esterase inhibitors are inhibited} \end{array} \right.$

Unknown but some of these drugs activate immune system & produce Ab against basement membrane, so protein urea occur.

### why hypotention occur?

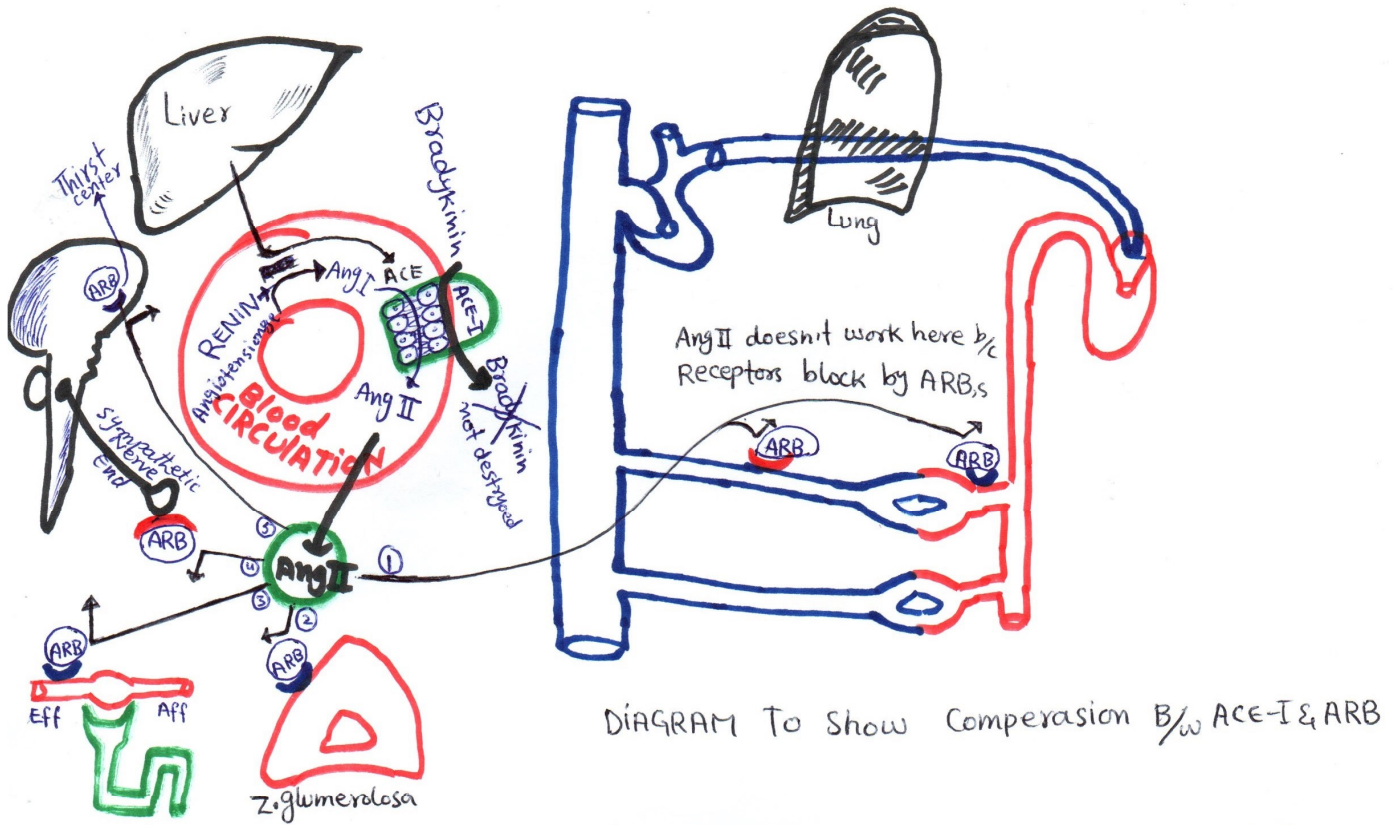
Hypotention occur mostly in first dose, & seen in patient with increased plasma Renin Angiotensin e.g.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{CHF} \\ \text{salt depleted} \end{array} \right.$

These drugs should not be given in pregnancy because cross the placental blood barrier.

### Comparison of ACE-I with ARB<sub>s</sub> (angiotensin receptor blockers)

- ① Losartan
- ② Valsartan
- ③ Candesartan





Angiotensin II acts on veins, Arteries, hypothalamus (thirst center), zona glomerulosa, sympathetic nerve endings, & cause  $\rightarrow$  venocontraction  
 $\rightarrow$  Arterioconstriction  
 $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  Aldosterone  
 $\rightarrow$  To drink  $H_2O$ .

### ARB.s Cause

- ① Cause arterioldialation]  $\downarrow$  systolic BP.
- ② Cause venodialation]  $\downarrow$  Diastolic BP.
- ③  $\downarrow$  Aldosteron  $\longrightarrow$   $\downarrow$   $Na^+$ ,  $H_2O$  retention  $\longrightarrow$   $\downarrow$  blood volume.
- ④  $\downarrow$  efferent arteriole constriction
- ⑤  $\downarrow$  sympathetic outflow
- ⑥  $\downarrow$  Ang II work on synapse.

ARB.s can't prevent the conversion of Ang I into Ang II, so angiotensin II increases but its receptors are blocked, so it is not able to do work.

ARB,s can't block ACE so, bradykinine are destroyed by ACE, so cough & Angioedema not produced.

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## USES OF ARB,s

- ① ARB,s are given to patient in which ACE-I are not tolerated due to cough & angioedema.
- ② These are Antihypertensive drugs.

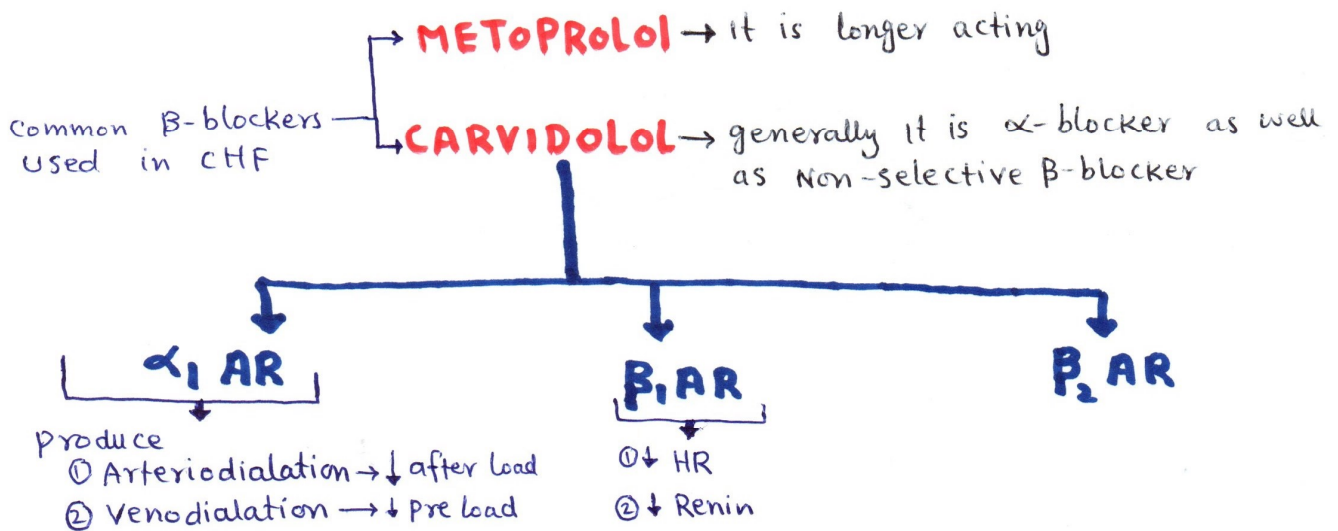
## side effects of ARB,s

side effects of ACE-I & ARB,s are same except ARB,s produce no cough & angioedema.

## \* CHF and $\beta$ -blockers

In CHF  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  CO  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  sympathetic stimulation.

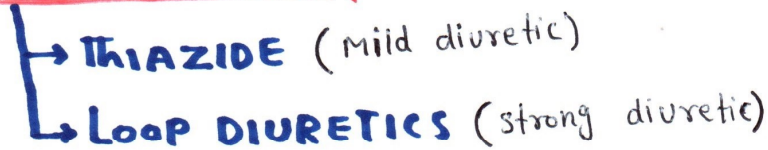
$\beta$ -blockers not only reduce HR but also decrease the abnormal function of the heart (ie: cardiac remodeling)



**NOTE:** In many Acute serious CHF  $\beta$ -blockers should not be given because they are -ve inotropic.



## \* CHF & DIURETICS:



- \* Thiazide lose its efficiency when GFR drop.
- \* Loop diuretics keeps on working even when GFR reduced.

### Diuretics produce

- ① Loss of salt & water (natriuresis + diuresis) so  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \downarrow \text{Blood volume} \\ \text{ \& } \\ \downarrow \text{BP} \end{array} \right.$
- ② venodilation  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  preload
- ③ Arteriodilation  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  after load.

Diuretics acts as a vasodilator.

### Spirinolacton

used in advanced stage of heart failure  
spironolactone bind with Aldosterone receptor & block its action.  
&  $K^+$  loss by Aldosterone is also not there, so spironolacton prevent hypokalemia.  
spironolacton decrease retention of salt & water.

- \*  $\uparrow$  Aldosterone cause stimulation of myocardial cells & lead to hypertrophy.
- \*  $\Delta$  spironolacton also prevent Aldosterone mediated remodeling.

## \* CHF & Direct Vasodilator $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{Venodilator (Isosorbid dinitrat)} \\ \rightarrow \text{Arteriodilator (Hydralazine)} \end{array} \right.$

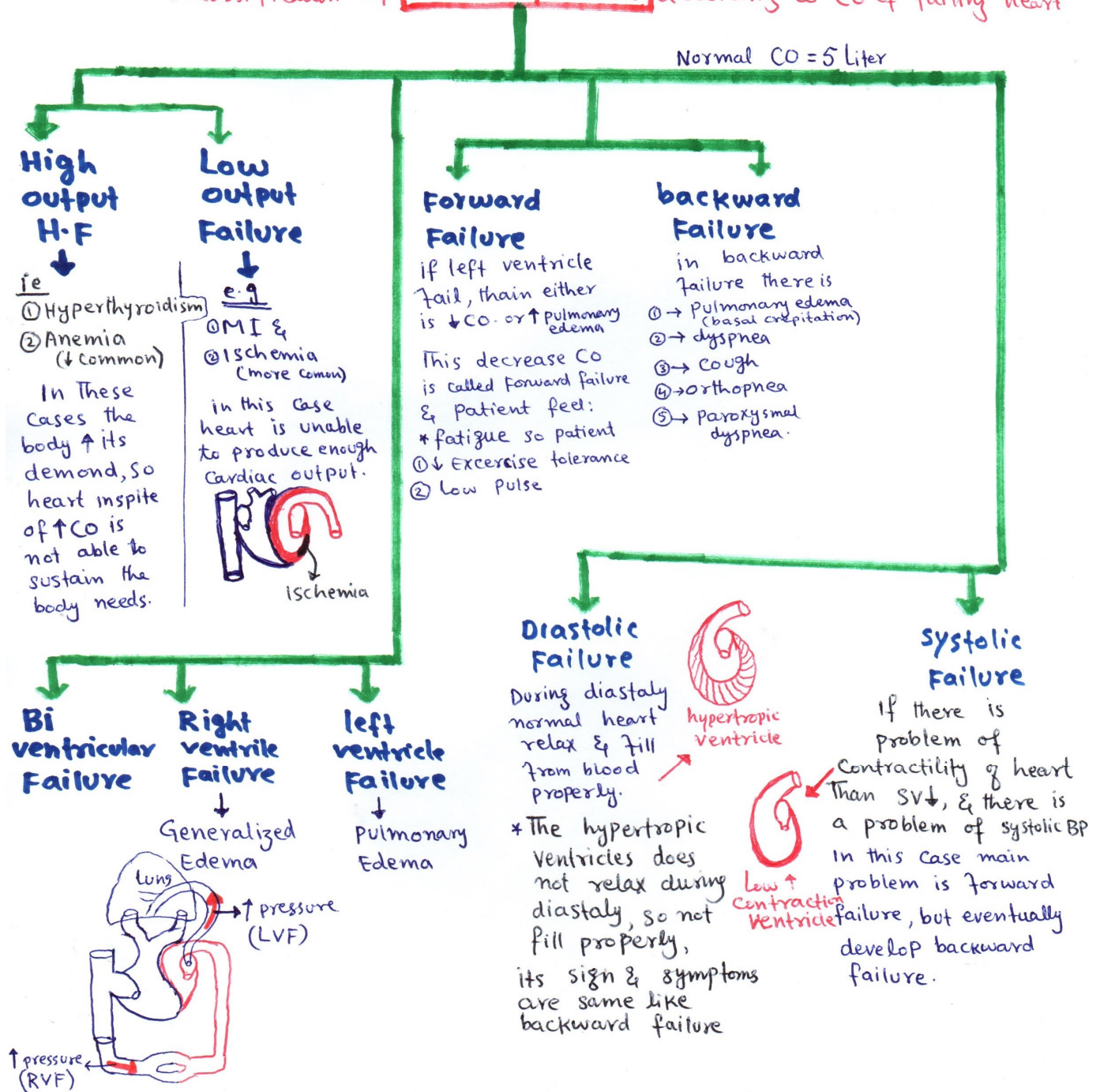
Combination of Isosorbid dinitrate & hydralazine decrease preload & after load, are used in CHF, produce best result.

NOTE: This combination are used in patients who are intolerated to  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{ACE-I \& X} \\ \rightarrow \text{ARB's X} \end{array} \right.$

# Positive Inotropic Drugs used in heart Failure.

Heart failure is a clinical pathological condition due to structural & functional dysfunction of heart, due to which heart is unable to produce enough cardiac output to perform the needs of peripheral body.

Classification of **Heart failure** according to CO of failing heart





If there is left ventricular hypertrophy, so blood move in backward direction, pressure in the left ventricle + pulmonary pressure increases. pulmonary capillary pressure increases, and pulmonary arterial pressure increases, so pulmonary edema occurs.

If there is right ventricle failure, back pressure in the right ventricle increase, this increase pressure in Rt ventricle increase pressure in Right atrium, & the blood move back and oozes out of systemic capillary so produce Generalized edema.

**Drug used in low cardiac output failure doesn't used in high output failure.**

These Drugs <sup>also</sup> used in Left ventricular failure & Biventricular failure.

**+ve inotropic drugs cause contraction of heart, so only used in forward failure.**

Drugs used in systolic failure, doesn't used in Diastolic failure.

## What are +ve inotropes?

Inotropy: change in the contraction of myocardium  $\begin{cases} \rightarrow +ve \\ \rightarrow -ve \end{cases}$

Chronotropy: any thing which change the HR  $\begin{cases} \rightarrow +ve \text{ (Epinephrine)} \\ \rightarrow -ve \text{ (CCB, } \beta\text{-blocker)} \end{cases}$   
chronotropic Drugs work on SA-node

Dromotropy: change in the conductivity of AV-node  $\begin{cases} \rightarrow +ve \text{ (Epinephrine)} \\ \rightarrow -ve \text{ (CCB, } \beta\text{-B...)} \end{cases}$

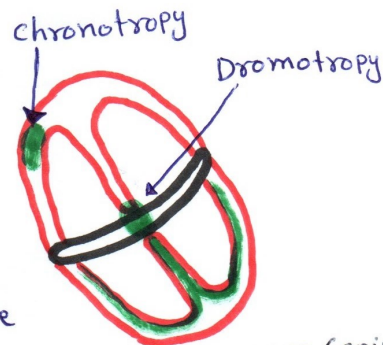
Bathmotropy: some tissues in myocardium have automatism.

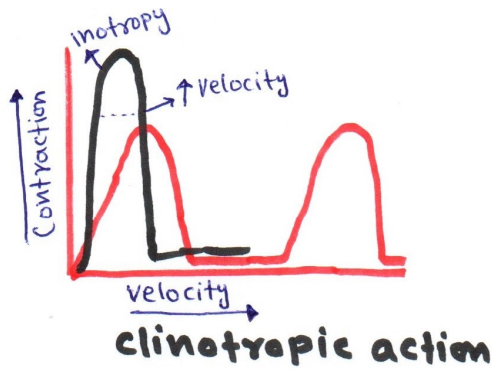
Cleiotropy: increase of velocity & contraction

These 3 things  $\uparrow$  Ca<sup>2+</sup> in heart cells

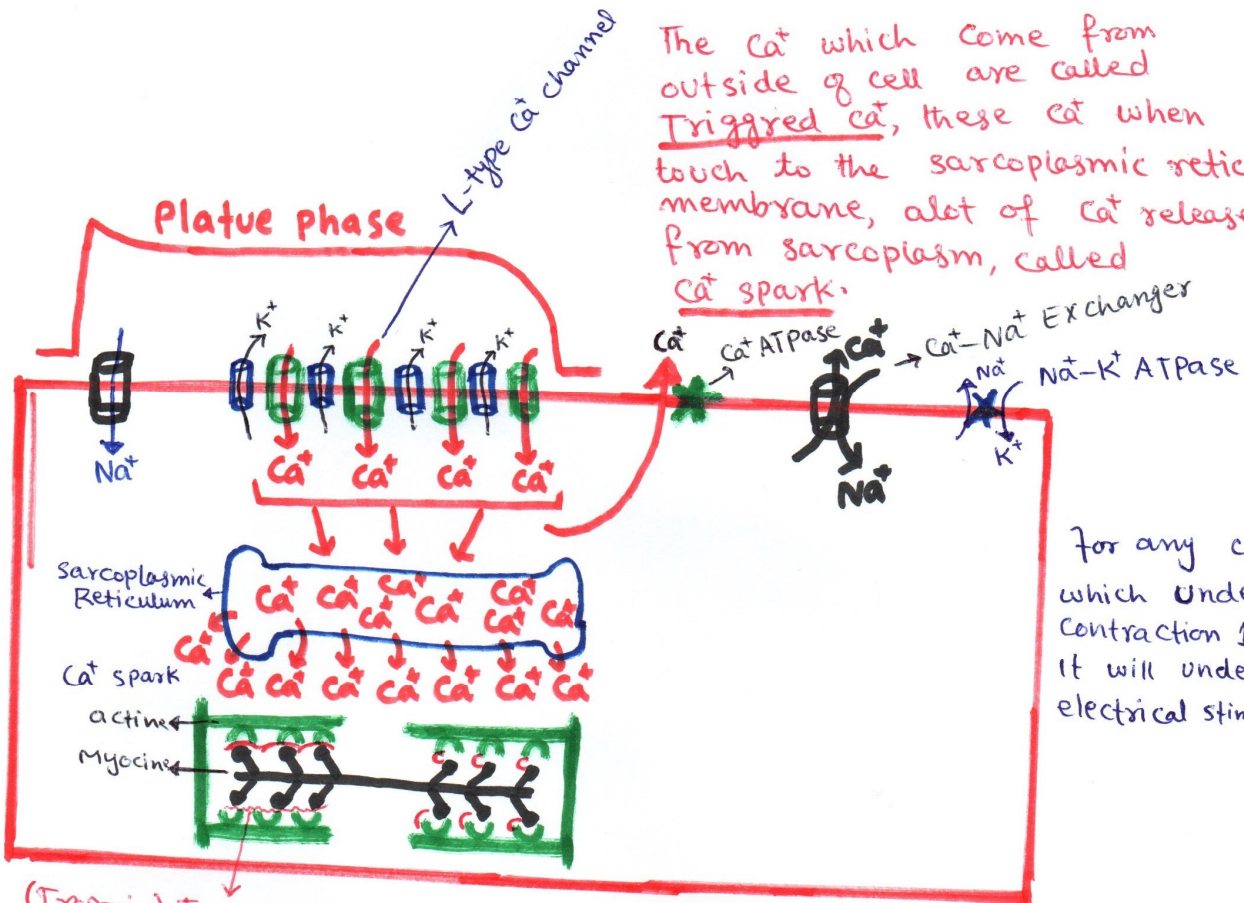
### Ca<sup>2+</sup> loader in Heart

- ① Ischemia
- ② Digitalis
- ③  $\uparrow$  sympathetic activity





action of SA-node  
AV-node, Atria & ventricles  
depends on  $Ca^{2+}$ .



The  $Ca^{2+}$  which come from outside of cell are called Triggered  $Ca^{2+}$ , these  $Ca^{2+}$  when touch to the sarcoplasmic reticulum membrane, alot of  $Ca^{2+}$  released from sarcoplasm, called  $Ca^{2+}$  spark.

For any cell which undergo contraction 1st it will undergo electrical stimulation.

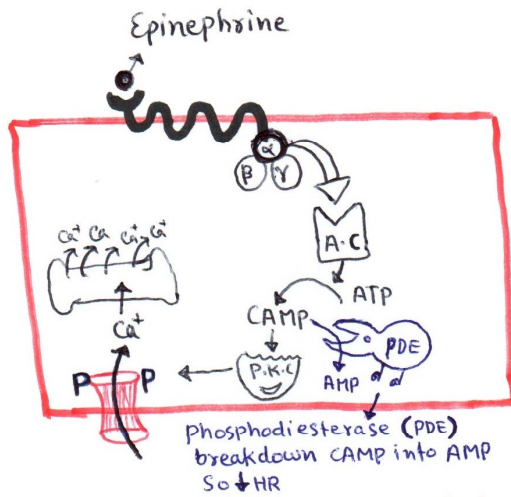
(Troponin) Troponmycine  
The troponin prevent actin & myocine to don't attach with one another, But when  $Ca^{2+}$  spark occur, it pull the troponine & Actine-myocine attach & cause contraction of the cell.

During diastolic Relaxation the  $Ca^{2+}$  back absorb by sarcoplasmic reticulum. & the triggered  $Ca^{2+}$  also go out from the cell.



# How the cell undergo Electrical stimulation?

+ve inotropic action of sympathomimetic Drugs.  $\Rightarrow$



\* when <sup>i.e.</sup> Epinephrine bind to its receptor, the  $\alpha$ -unit of the receptor activate Adenylyl cyclase which convert ATP into cAMP. the cAMP stimulate Protein Kinase-C, which phosphorylate the L-type  $Ca^{2+}$  channel, &  $Ca^{2+}$  come into cell which release  $Ca^{2+}$  from Sarcoplasmic reticulum, which pull the troponine, & Actine & Myocine bind to one another & Contraction occur.

Detail of previous Diagram

## How Depolarization Caus Myocardial contraction

- ①  $Na^{+}$  move & depolarization occur
- ② Sensitive  $K^{+}$  &  $Ca^{2+}$  channel opens they produce plateau phase.
- ③ than  $Ca^{2+}$  channel block &  $K^{+}$ -channel remain open, &  $K^{+}$  goes out so repolarization occur.
- ④ These  $Ca^{2+}$  acts on Sarcoplasmic reticulum & cause  $Ca^{2+}$  spark.
- ⑤ These spark  $Ca^{2+}$  bind with troponin-C & expose  $Ca^{2+}$  binding sites to Actin & Myocine fillaments start contraction.
- ⑥ Sarcomere become shorter & cause contraction.
- ⑦ Tension produce in the wall  $\rightarrow$  that is translate into pressure & SV is ejected.

Caffine & Digoxin inhibit PDE So the level of cAMP $\uparrow$ , as a result HR $\uparrow$  e.g

## How Repolarization cause Myocardial Relaxation.

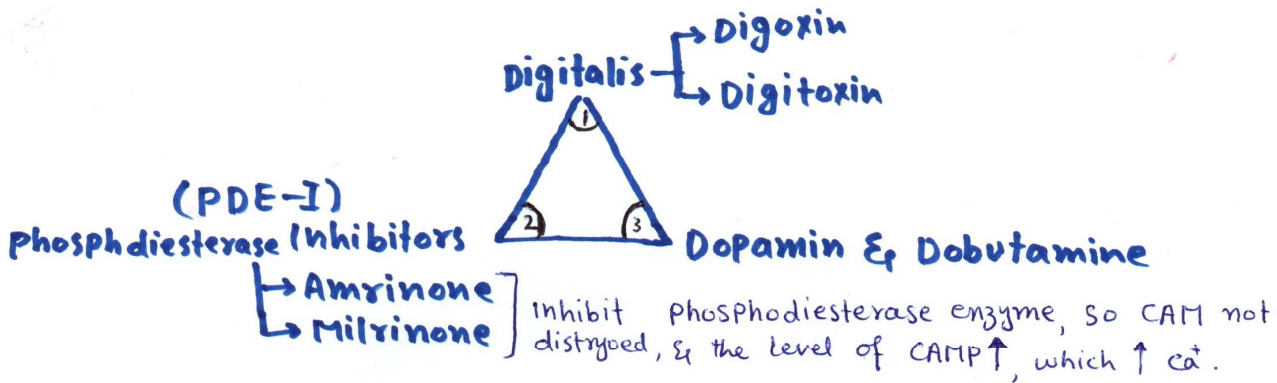
As membrane become repolarize many repolarization sensitive Mechanism occur to cause ventricular relaxation, we need to decrease  $Ca^{2+}$  level by two mechanisms

- ①  $Ca^{2+}$  is pumped back to sarcoplasmic reticulum.  $\rightarrow Ca^{2+}$  ATPase
- ②  $Ca^{2+}$  is pumped out of the cell by  $\rightarrow Ca^{2+}-Na^{+}$  antiport.

So Actin-Myocine interaction loss & Diastolic relaxation occurs. AT the end of mechanism  $Na^{+}-K^{+}$  ATPase move  $Na^{+}$  out &  $K^{+}$  in, on this way contraction is followed by relaxation.



# +ve inotropic drugs 3 groups



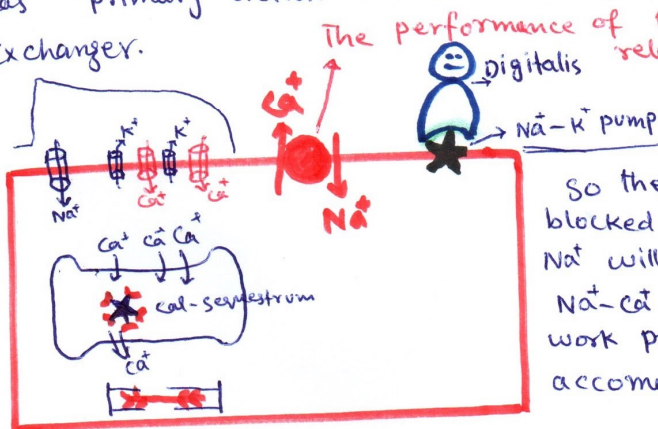
**digitalis** bind with Na<sup>+</sup>-K pump & slows down it. so decrease efflux of Na<sup>+</sup>, & ↑ Na<sup>+</sup> intracellularly, so further influx of Na<sup>+</sup> Extracellular Na<sup>+</sup> decreased, than Na<sup>+</sup>-Ca<sup>2+</sup> exchanger can't work & Ca<sup>2+</sup> start accumulation, & the depolarization will not come out so Ca<sup>2+</sup> level in sarcoplasmic reticulum increases, so with each Action potential extra Ca<sup>2+</sup> will release & extra contraction will occur, so on this way digitalis produce +ve inotropy.

**Action 1**

NOTE: Digitalis has primary action on Na<sup>+</sup>-K pump & 2ndary action on Na<sup>+</sup>-Ca<sup>2+</sup> exchanger.

This is called Cal-sequestrum, the Ca<sup>2+</sup> which come in set on the cal-sequestrum protein

so as during each depolarization Ca<sup>2+</sup> goes in, ↑ Ca<sup>2+</sup> in sarcoplasmic reticulum so ↑ intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup>.



so the Na<sup>+</sup>-K<sup>+</sup> pump is blocked by digitalis, further Na<sup>+</sup> will not go in, so the Na<sup>+</sup>-Ca<sup>2+</sup> exchanger will not work properly, & the Ca<sup>2+</sup> accumulate within the cell

## Digoxin

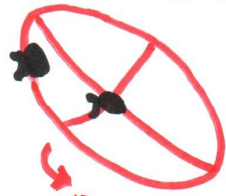
- ① commonly used
- ② have shorter half life (36 hr or 1.5 day)
- ③ start action after 20 minutes.
- ④ plasma protein binding 30%
- ⑤ clearance by glomeruli →

## Digitoxin

- ① half life 5 days (longer action)
- ② start action after 60 minutes
- ③ plasma protein binding = 90%
- ④ clearance by hepatobiliary system
- ⑤ **it is more toxic only used in Renal failure patients.**

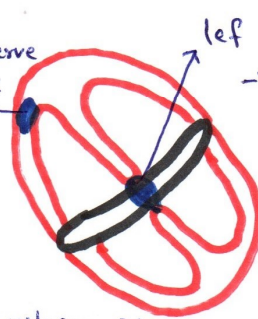
## ② Indirect action of Digitalis

Sympathetic Nervous system present all over the heart.



Parasympathetic Nervous system are only present in SA, AV-node Less in Atria & No in ventricles

Right vagus nerve  
-ve chronotropic action when the nerve stimulated



Left vagus nerve  
-ve Dromotropic action when the nerve stimulated

\* when Right vagus fires the SA-node activity ↓.

\* when left vagus fires the AV-node activity ↓.

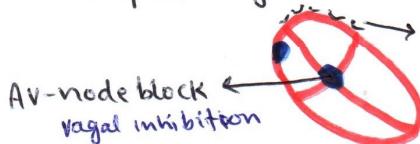
$Ca^{2+}$  have +ve chronotropic action on SA-node, while Right vagus have -ve chronotropic action. if both are present the right vagus is dominant over  $Ca^{2+}$ , so SA-node is inhibited.

$Ca^{2+}$  have +ve dromotropic action on AV-node, while left vagus have -ve dromotropic action, if both are present the left vagus is dominant over  $Ca^{2+}$ , so inhibition of AV-node occur.

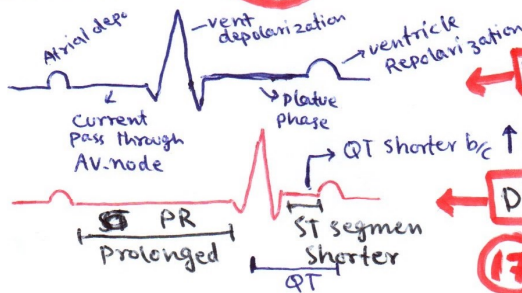
Digitalis → Direct action ( $\uparrow Ca^{2+}$ ) stimulate atria & ventricles  
 → Indirect action (vagotonic effect) inhibit SA-node & AV-node.

Toxicity of Digitalis → Sinus (SA) bradycardia, AV bradycardia  
 → Atrial & ventricular Tachycardia

If too much toxicity occur, it cause AV-node block so no impulse goes down, Cause Atrial tachycardia & AV-node block.



Atrial tachycardia ( $Ca^{2+}$  influx) } if such condition seen in ECG its means ~~digitalis~~ Digitalis toxicity.



Normal ECG

Digitalis Toxicity ECG

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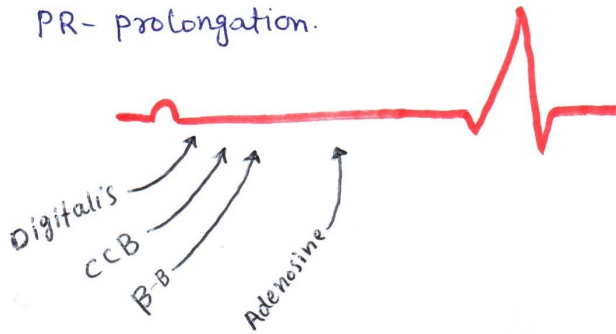
(IHD) in ischemia also the QT shortened b/c the ischemic area is loaded with

### NOTE

in digoxin toxicity the current very slowly passes from AV-node to ventricles



all those drugs which inhibit AV-node lead to PR-prolongation.

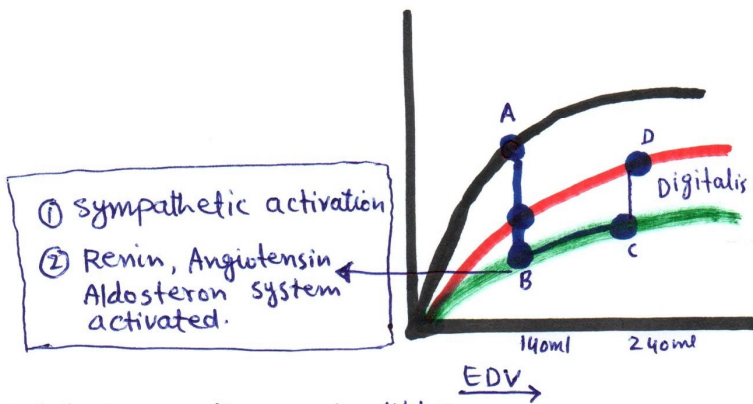


- ① Digitalis → ↑ vagotonic activity of AV-node so inhibition occur
- ② CCB → Block the Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel of AV-node
- ③ B-B → Inhibit sympathetic activity of AV-node
- ④ Adenosine → it is a short acting AV-nodal inhibitor, it opens K<sup>+</sup> channel of AV-node, cell loss a lot of K<sup>+</sup>, & lead to inhibition

Massage on baroreceptor of Neck, stimulate vagus nerve so AV-node inhibition occur.

QT interval → Duration b/w start of depolarization to the end of repolarization  
Ca<sup>2+</sup> loading makes the myocardium more efficient.

Digitalis	Ischemic heart disease
Load Myocardium with Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Load Myocardium with Ca <sup>2+</sup>
effect ST-segment & T-wave	Effect ST-segment & T-wave



- ① sympathetic activation
- ② Renin, Angiotensin Aldosterone system activated.

Point A-B = the contractility ↓ (cardiac output drop)

- point B = cardiac failure without compensatory mechanisms
  - point C = cardiac failure with compensatory mechanisms
  - point D = The CO ↑ after digoxine.
- ↓  
contractility

$$P \propto \frac{T \uparrow}{R \downarrow}$$

here digoxin increase tension (contractility)  
 → ↑ CO  
 → veins become dilated  
 → Renal perfusion become good so Renin angiotensin aldosterone system are inhibited  
 ↓ salt  
 ↓ water  
 So ventricle radius become smaller, artery become relax, so resistance ↓.



## Good effect of Renin Angiotensin Aldosterone + symp

- ① Cause retention of salt and water so  $\uparrow$  EDV.
- ② sympathetic activation  $\uparrow$  CO by venoconstriction

### Laplace's law for Digoxin

$$P \propto \frac{\uparrow T(\text{Digoxin})}{R}$$

Digitalis  $\uparrow$  tension so  $\uparrow$  pressure,  $\uparrow$  CO (**Direct Action**)

perfusion to kidney become good  $\rightarrow$  Renin angiotensin Aldosterone system activated

(**Indirect action**)

$\downarrow$  venous return  
 $\downarrow$  EDV  $\rightarrow$  so curve move backward

$\uparrow$  CO, so  $\downarrow$  sympathetic activation +  $\downarrow$  Renin angiotensin aldosterone system; so mechanisms relaxes.

- ① At D-point the salt & H<sub>2</sub>O retention is less so venous return  $\downarrow$
- ② sympathetic relaxation  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  venous Return
- ③ Renin, Angiotensin Aldosterone inhibition  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  venous return

So, Radius  $\downarrow$

$$P \propto \frac{T \uparrow}{R \downarrow}$$

As sympathetic + Renin Ang. Aldosterone Relaxe  $\rightarrow$  Arteriodilation occur  
so not only resistance  $\downarrow$  but pressure required also  $\downarrow$

So, heart now become smarter again.

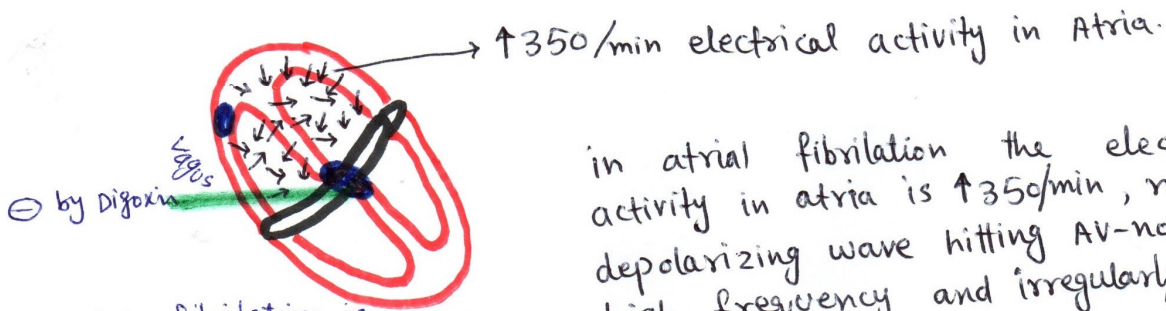
## Bad effects of Renin Angiotensin Aldosterone + Sympathetic.

- ①  $\uparrow$  sympathetic activity cause to  $\uparrow$  Arterioconstriction, so more blood come to heart  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  stress on heart  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  Extracellular matrix.
- ② Due to chronic Neuro Humoral Compensatory Genomic activation Myocardium become very very poor type of Myocardium.





# Heart Failure + Atrial Fibrillation detail



atrial fibrillation is not dangerous as ventricles only fills 20% by atria

in atrial fibrillation the electrical activity in atria is ↑350/min, many depolarizing wave hitting AV-node at high frequency and irregularly.

all this increase electrical activity from atria should not pass to ventricle, so the ventricular Tachyarrhythmia not occur.

In fibrillation atrial electrical activity increases but mechanically atria fail to contract cardiac output is still maintained by ventricles.

1st we need to ~~maintain~~ relieve atrial fibrillation if we doesn't do this than we need to inhibit AV-node so that ventricles are protected from atrial activity. So that atrial fibrillation doesn't participate ventricular Tachyarrhythmia

\* in this case digitalis is best drug, As digitalis increase vagal tone to AV-node, & inhibit AV-node to don't allow it to pass much impulses.

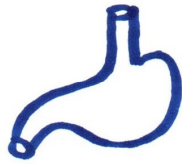
\* Heart failure compensated by its +ve inotropic action. and for atrial fibrillation it cause inhibition of AV-node through vagus & ↓ speed passage of impulses.

when we give Digoxin the atrial flutter change to Atrial fibrillation while ↓ ventricle Tachycardia so it is good to control ventricle rate	<b>Atrial Flutter + ventricular Tachycardia</b>	
	250-350b/min	180b/min
<b>Digoxin → ↓</b> Atrial fibrillation (>350b/min)		↓ <b>Digoxin</b> → b/c inhibit AV-node Responce rate in ventricle decrease 80b/min



# side effects of Digoxin

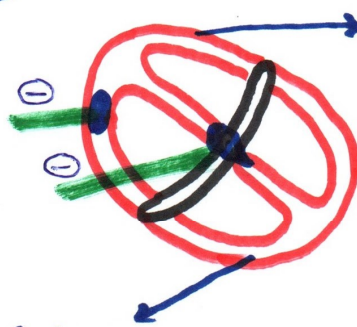
① GIT



ANV (Anorexia, Nausea, vomiting)

② Cardiac

Vagus inhibit SA & AV node  
Indirect effect of Digoxin



stimulate atrial myocardium

{ electrically } & cause  
{ Mechanically }

- Atrial premature beat
- Tachycardia Atrial
- Atrial flutter
- ↓ Fibrillation

Stimulate vent. Myocardium

{ electrically } & cause  
{ Mechanically }

- ↑ ventricle premature beat
- ventricular Tachycardia
- ventricular flutter
- ventricular fibrillation

## Atrial premature beat

\* too much inhibition of SA-node produce → sinus bradycardia  
→ sinus arrest

\* too much inhibition of AV-node produce → nodal block or junctional block or Heart block.

**NOTE**

normally impulse moving from atria to ventricle is delayed only for 0.1 second

1° heart block →

every impulse from atria pass to ventricles but with undue delay

2° heart block →

Some impulses from atria pass to ventricles but some are aborted (failed).

3° heart block →

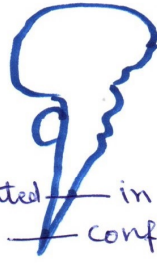
No impulse pass from atria to ventricles.

In III heart block we need artificial pacemaker (pacing of heart)

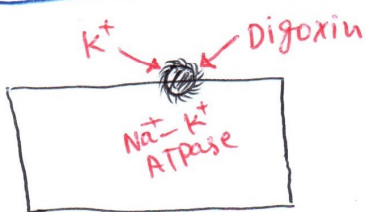
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### ③ CNS side effect

- ① Fatigue
- ② Headach
- ③ Confusion (person is disoriented in time, person & place).
- ④ Delirium (Acute hyperactive ~~confusion~~)
- ⑤ Blurred vision (due to ciliaris muscle ANS disturbance)
- ⑥ Yellow vision
- ⑦ Micropsia (things are seen very small).
- ⑧ Macropsia ( " " " " large).



### Conditions which predispose to Digoxin Toxicity



$K^+$  & Digitalis compete at  $K^+-Na^+$  ATPase

Normal level of  $K^+ = 3.5 - 5.5 \text{ meq/L}$

① Hypokalemia: As both compete for receptor if  $\downarrow K^+$  so even this normal amount of Digoxin will cause over stimulation of cell by loading with  $Ca^{2+}$ , so Digitalis Toxicity will occur & ventricular Tachycardia occur. Why hypokalemia occurs?

Because as these patients are already heart patient & taking Diuretics (specially loop diuretics), so these are  $K^+$  wasting, so more  $K^+$  loss in urine & if at same time Digitalis are given, Digitalis toxicity occur.  $K^+$  level is maintained by giving  $K^+$  sparing Diuretics specially  $\rightarrow$  spironolactone, & by giving  $K^+$  we must have to maintain  $K^+$  level b/c it is so dangerous.

② Hypomagnisium: alot of  $Mg^{2+}$  are lost in vomiting & Digoxin Toxicity occur





③ Hypercalcemia: ↑ Ca<sup>2+</sup>, ↑ loading of cell with Ca<sup>2+</sup> by Digitalis, so digitalis toxicity occur.

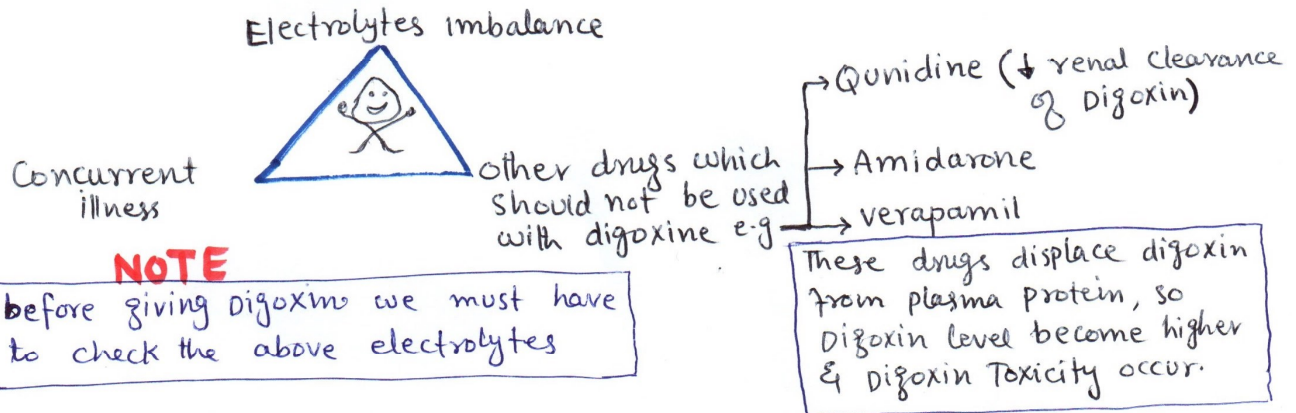
④ β, Adrenergic receptor Stimulants: (sympathomimetic activity)

e.g.: ① Dopamin ② Dobutamine ③ Epinephrine ④ Nor-Epinephrine.

these drugs also cause Ca<sup>2+</sup> loading in cell, so these along with Digoxine increase its toxicity.

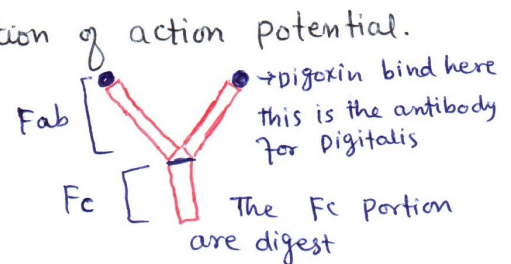
⑤ Myocardial Ischemia: myocardial cell membrane is when destroyed, a lot of Ca<sup>2+</sup> move into it + Digoxin so its toxicity occur.

### Digoxin should not be given in these Conditions



### How Patient with Digoxin Toxicity is Managed?

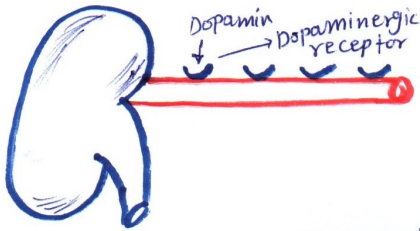
- ① Stop Digoxin
- ② Check serum electrolytes → K<sup>+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>
- ③ Antarrhythmic drugs → Phenytoin, Lidocaine  
They reduce generation as well propagation of action potential.
- ④ Pacing or Atropine for III° heart block.
- ⑤ Digibind (Antidote of digoxin):  
Digoxin have long half life than Digibind, so we have to use it again & again upto toxicity disappear.



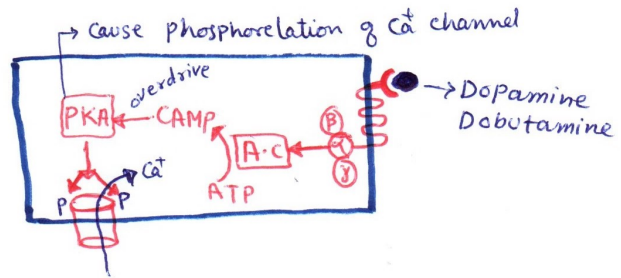


Other Inotropic Agents →  $\beta$ A-agonist (Parentrally)  
 → PDE-I

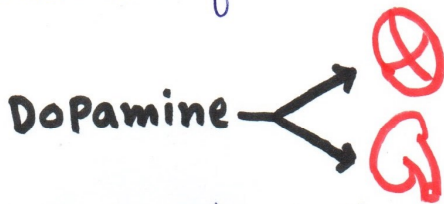
①  $\beta$ -Adrenergic Agonist → Dobutamine  $\beta_1$   
 → Dopamine  $D, \beta_1, \alpha_1$



Dopamine cause xenovascular dialation, &  $\uparrow$  renal blood flow.



→ Dopamine is best in patient with cardiac failure + Hypertention.  
 → patient with hypotention have more chance of renal failure b/c of venoconstriction of renal vesseles.



If there is only cardiac failure we use Dubotamine.

$\beta$ -adrenergic agonist are given in:

- ① Post cardiac surgery (b/c after heart surgery heart contract poorly)
- ② Post-MI → shock (Patient leading to shock after MI)
- ③ Interactable heart failure (ie: refractory heart failure)  
 ↳ e.g: patient have to transplant heart after 2week, we maintain heart in these 2weeks by  $\beta$ -A agonist.

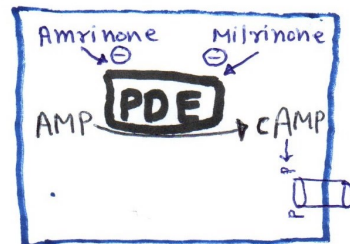
② Phosphodiesterase Inhibitors (PDE-I) → Amrinone  
 → Milrinone

The drugs are not used for long term, b/c  $\uparrow$  the mortality.  
 These drugs inhibit PDE enzyme & its associated action.

\* These drugs are only given when Dopamin & Dobutamin fail.

→ Digoxin (orally)

→ other Inotropic are (Parentrally)



**END OF DRUGS**  
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