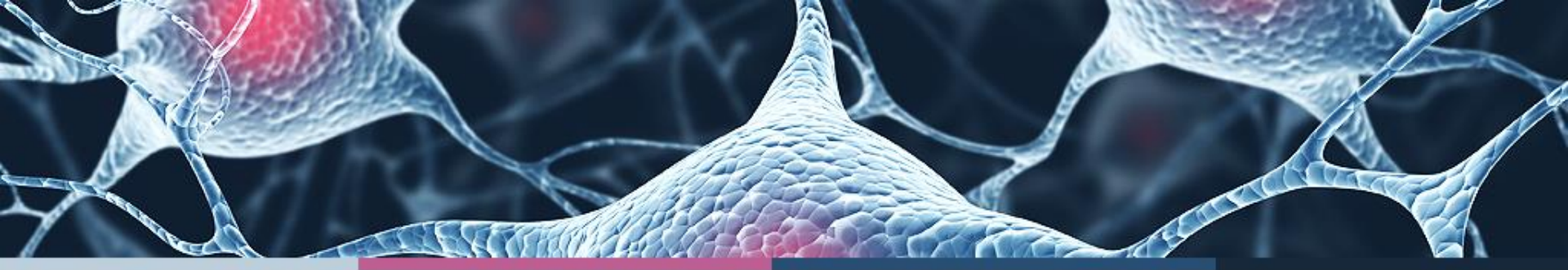


# **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS**

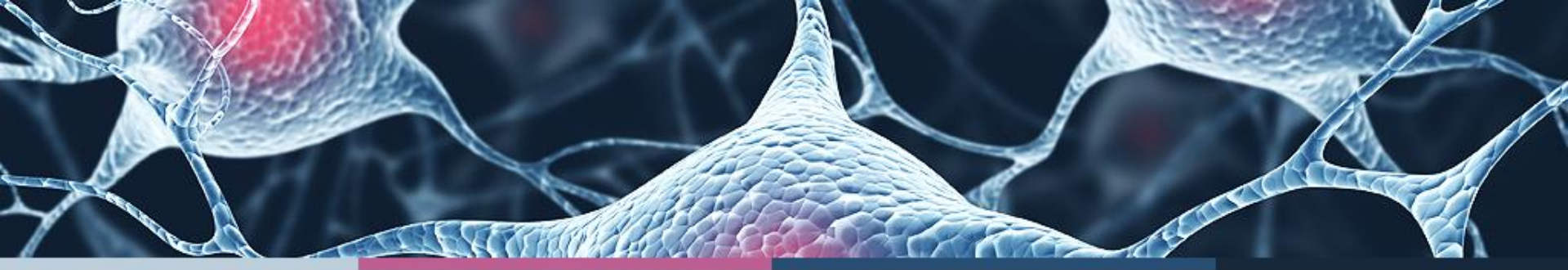
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- ✓ Antipsychotics
- ✓ Anxiolytics
- ✓ Antidepressants
- ✓ Nootropics
- ✓ Thymoleptics
- ✓ Sedatives
- ✓ Stimulants  
(psychostimulant drugs)





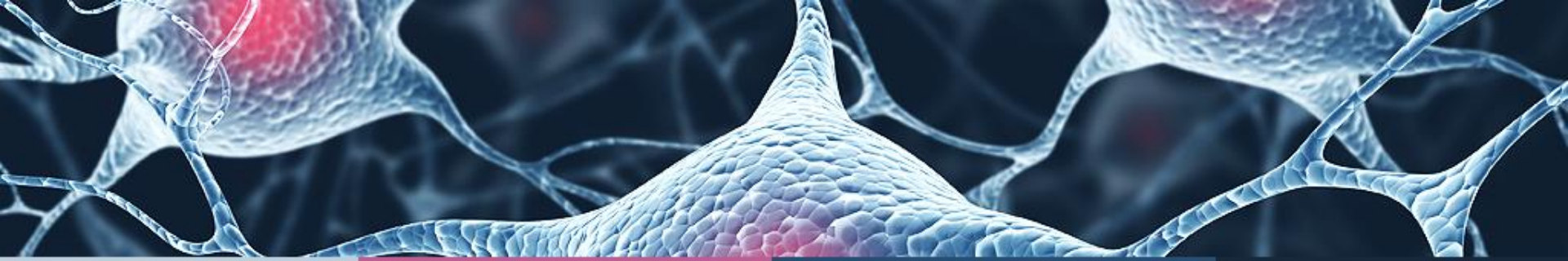


# Antipsychotic drugs

**Schizophrenia** is a serious mental illness that affects how a person thinks, feels, and behaves. People with schizophrenia may seem like they have lost touch with reality, which can be distressing for them and for their family and friends. The symptoms of schizophrenia can make it difficult to participate in usual, everyday activities, but effective treatments are available. Many people who receive treatment can engage in school or work, achieve independence, and enjoy personal relationships.

(National Institute of Mental Health)





## Signs & Symptoms of Schizophrenia

### Positive Symptoms



Hallucinations



Delusions



Disorganized speech and thoughts

### Negative Symptoms



Anhedonia



Avolition



Blunted affect

### Cognitive Symptoms



Memory issues

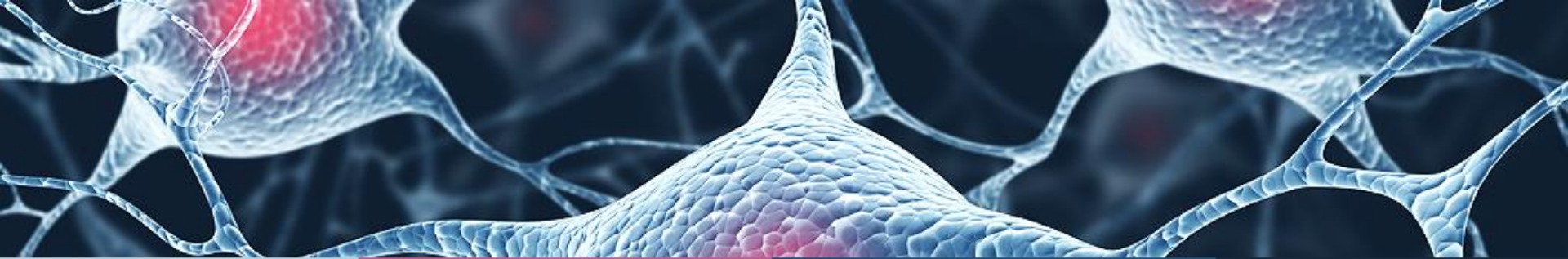


Inability to process social cues

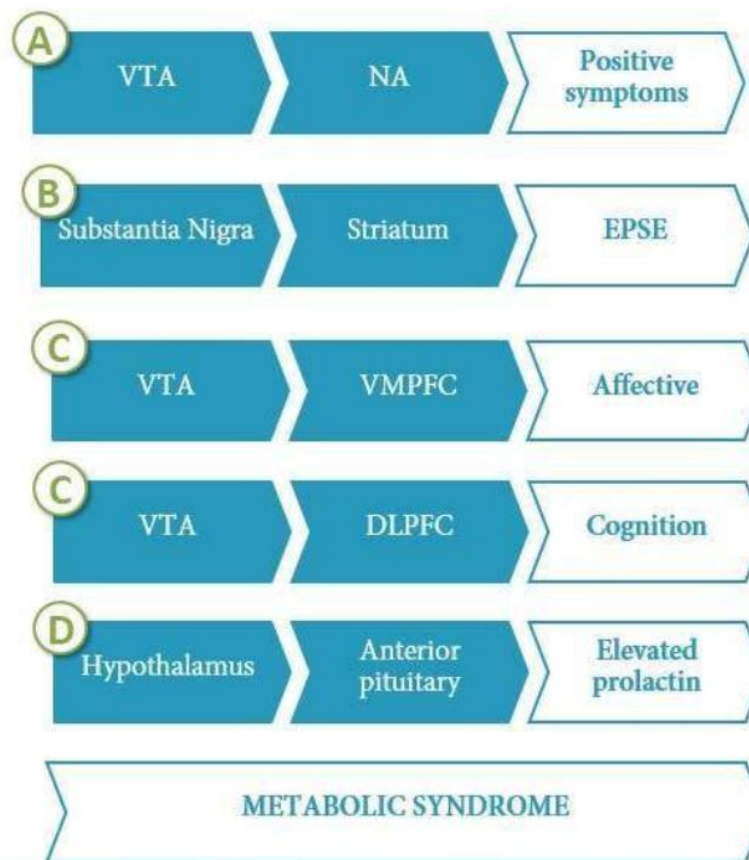
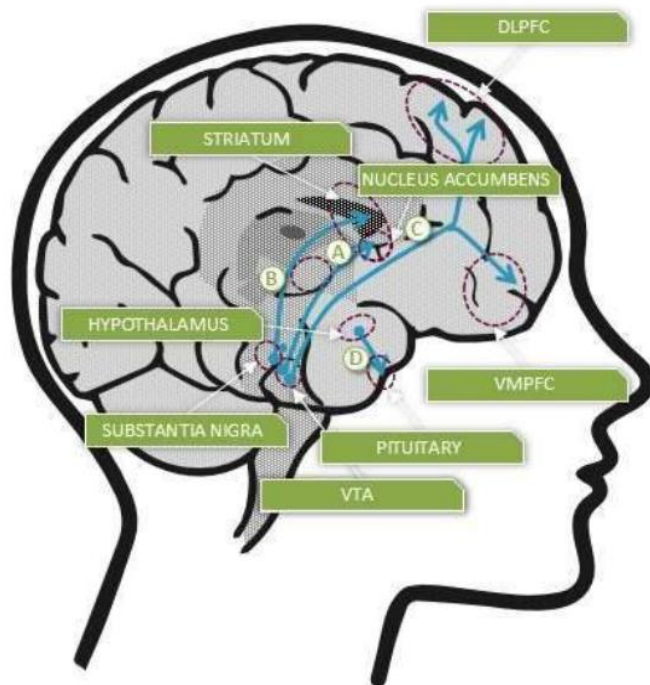


Impaired sensory perception

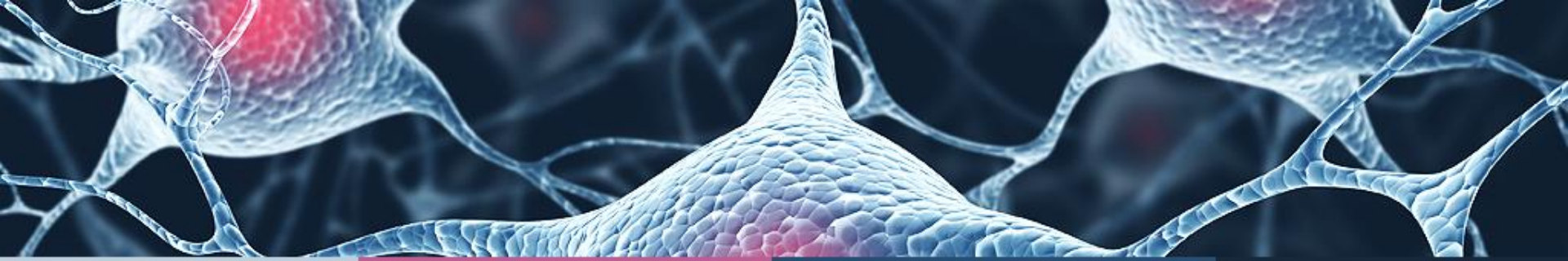




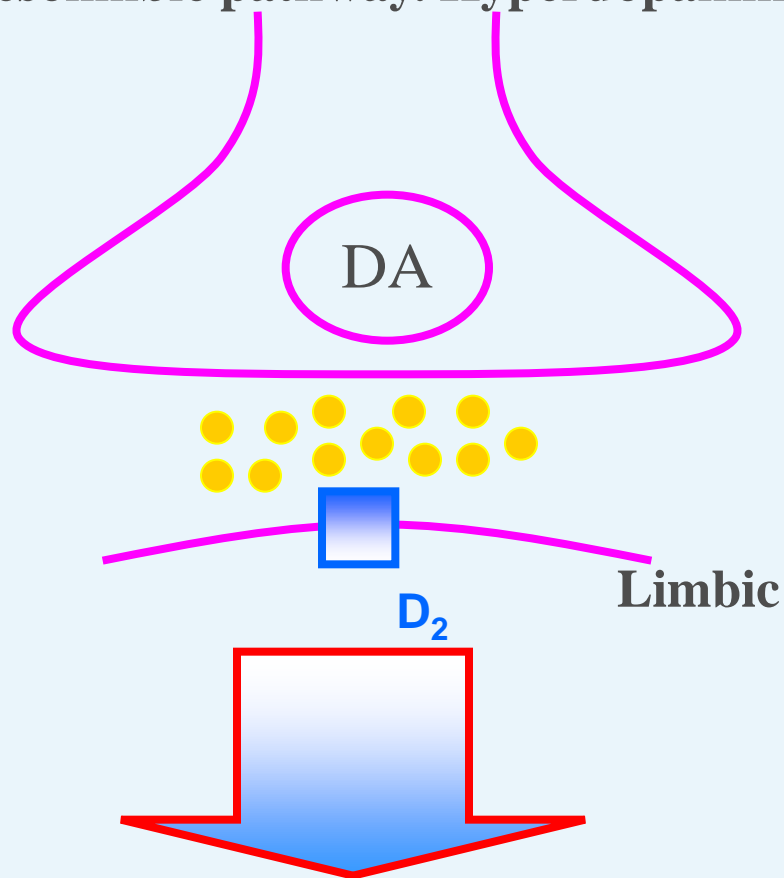
## CONCEPTUALISATION OF SCHIZOPHRENIA



VTA – ventral tegmental area, DLPFC – dorsolateral prefrontal cortex, VMPFC – ventromedial prefrontal cortex, NA – nucleus accumbens

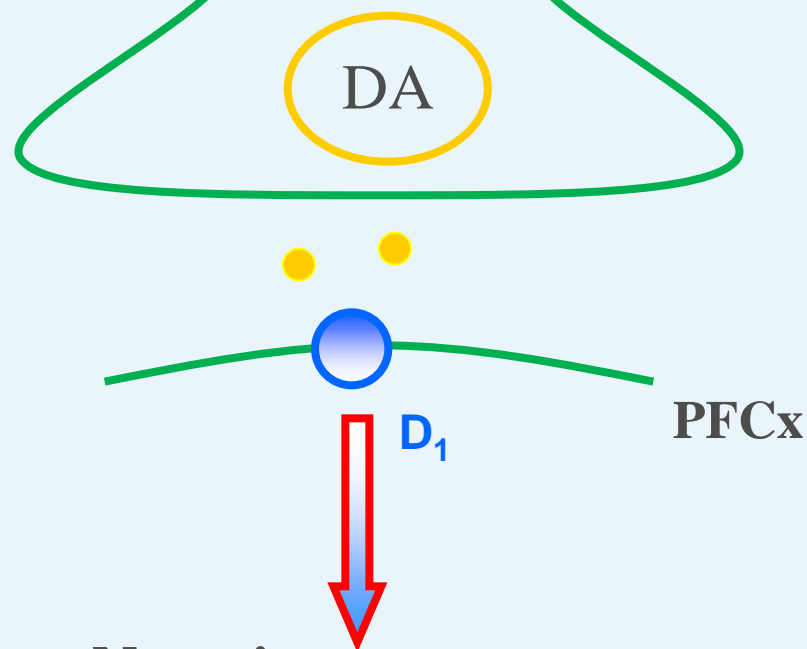


## Mesolimbic pathway. Hyperdopaminergia



**Positive symptoms**

## Mesocortical pathway. Hypodopaminergia



**Negative symptoms**  
**Cognitive symptoms**  
**Affective symptoms**



# Treatment Goal of Schizophrenia

## Acute Phase Treatment

- ❖ Rapid symptom control



- ❖ Initiation of therapeutically effective dose
- ❖ No need for initial dose titration for tolerability

## Stabilization Phase Treatment

- ❖ Patient relationship
- ❖ Insight on medication



- ❖ Minimal drug-drug interaction
- ❖ Proven efficacy and safety

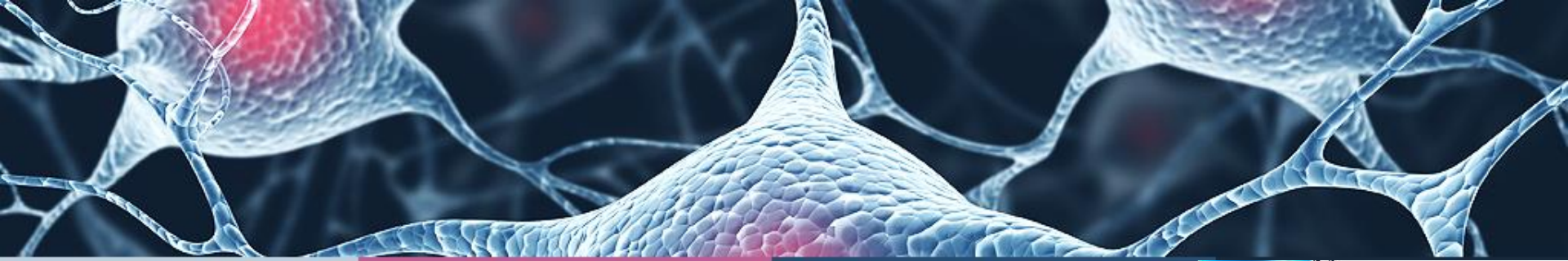
## Maintenance Phase Treatment

- ❖ Relapse/recurrence prevention
- ❖ Adherence
- ❖ Functional recovery



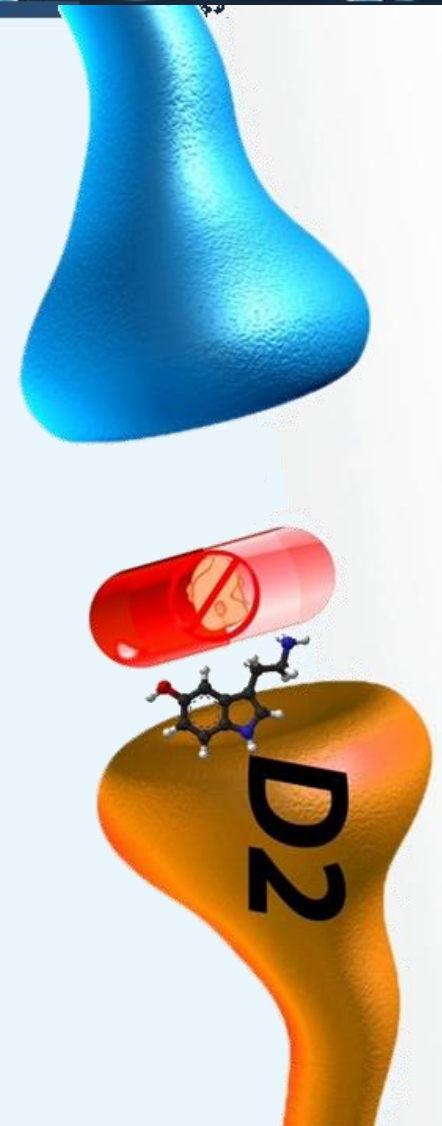
- ❖ Increased tolerance to occasional missed doses
- ❖ Proven relapse prevention effect
- ❖ Improved PSP



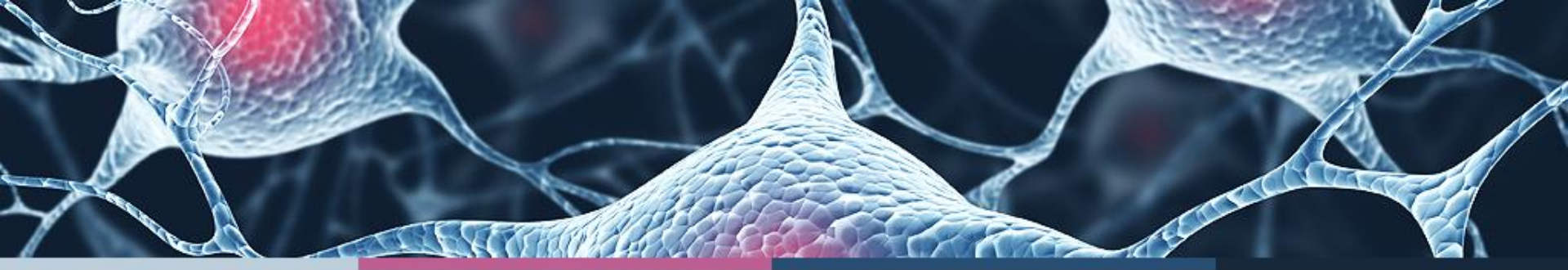


# Classification of antipsychotic drugs

- Typical antipsychotics
  - **Phenothiazines**
    - e.g. chlorpromazine, fluphenazine, thioridazine
  - **Butyrophenones**
    - e.g. haloperidol, droperidol
  - **Thioxanthines**
    - e.g. chlorprotixen, thiothixene
- Atypical antipsychotics
  - **Benzamides**
    - remoxipride (investigational)
  - **Diphenylbutylpiperazines**
    - e.g. pimozide
  - **Dibenzodiazepines**

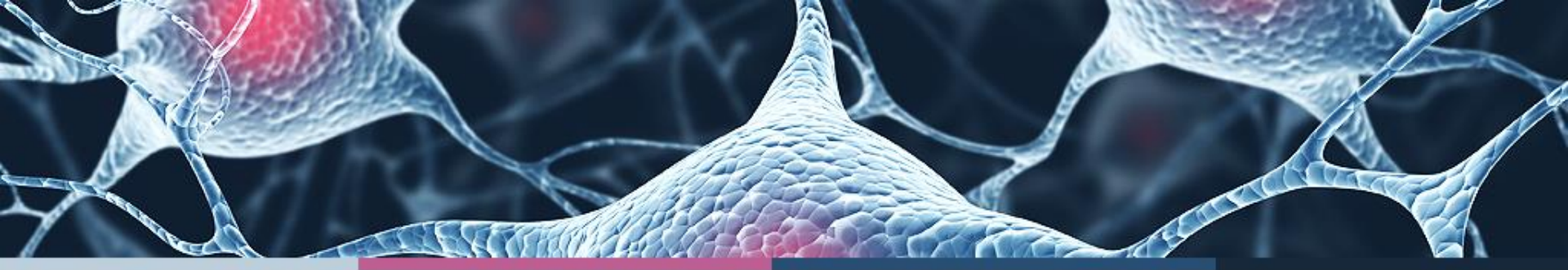






## CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO THE CLINICAL SPECTRUM:

- ❖ **Sedative neuroleptics** - intense sedative and moderate antipsychotic effect, with marked neurovegetative phenomena: chlorpromazine, levomepromazine, chlorprothixene, clozapine, reserpine.
- ❖ **Medium (small) neuroleptics** - moderate sedative and antipsychotic effect, without marked side effects:- thioridazine, propazine, periciazin, alimemazine, tiapride, risperidone.
- ❖ **Polyvalent neuroleptics** - intense antipsychotic effect, with sedative action or disinhibitors and marked extrapyramidal disorders:- haloperidol, droperidol, trifluoperidol, fluphenazine, thioproperazine, pipothiazine, fluspirilene, pimozide, penfluridol, olanzapine, flupentixol, zuclopenthixol, sultopride.



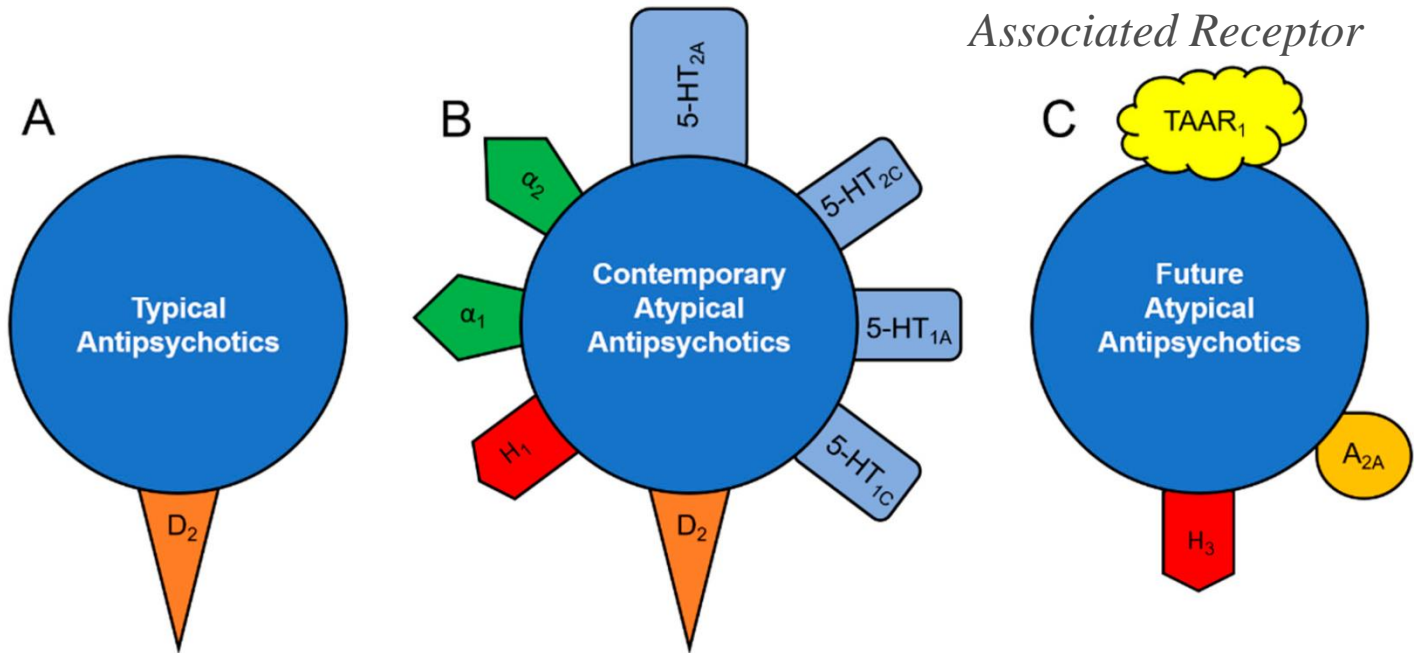
## **CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO THE CLINICAL SPECTRUM:**

- ❖ **disinhibitory, "anti-deficit", "incisive" neuroleptics** (manifest moderate antipsychotic effect (in contrast to negative symptoms), weak or absent sedative action, moderate or marked extrapyramidal phenomena):- perphenazine, pipothiazine, trifluoperazine, sulpiride, amisulpiride, carbidin.
- ❖ **"antiproductive" or "reducing" neuroleptics** (active against positive symptoms or "florid" psychoses - hallucinations, delirium, agitation, stereotyped behavior):- chlorpromazine, fluphenazine, pipothiazine, haloperidol, penfluridol, thioproperazine.



# Antipsychotic drugs

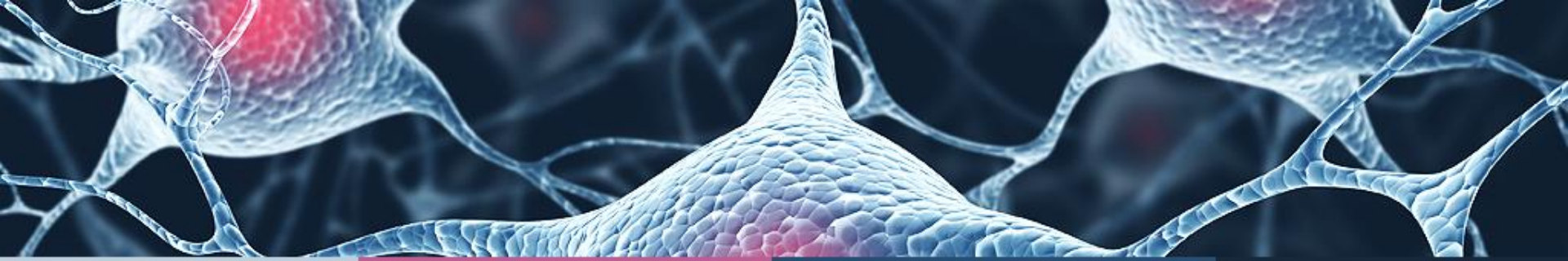
*TAAR1 – Trace Amine  
Associated Receptor*



**D2 – blocker  
effect → EPDs**

**5HT2A blocker  
effect →  
Metabolic  
syndrome**

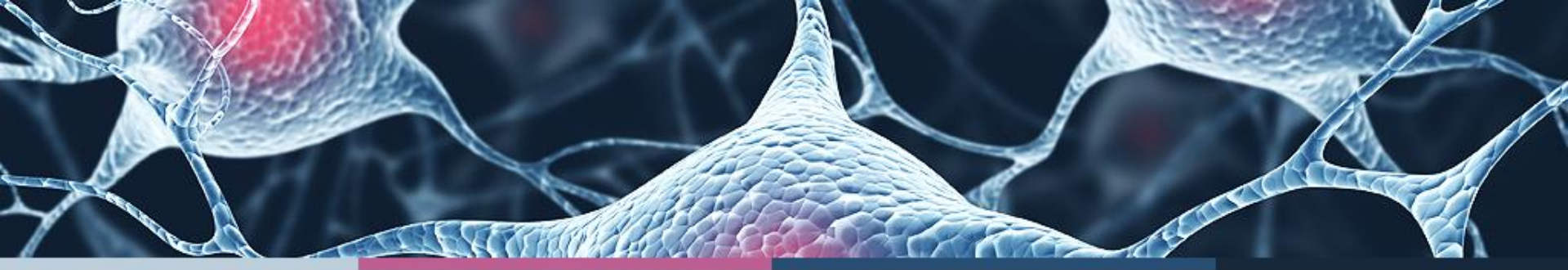




## Differences among antipsychotic drugs – receptor affinity:

- ✓ Chlorpromazine:  $\alpha_1 = 5\text{-HT}_2\text{A} > \text{D}_2 > \text{D}_1$
- ✓ Haloperidol:  $\text{D}_2 > \alpha_1 > \text{D}_4 > 5\text{-HT}_2\text{A} > \text{D}_1 > \text{H}_1$
- ✓ Clozapine:  $\text{D}_4 = \alpha_1 > 5\text{-HT}_2\text{A} > \text{D}_2 = \text{D}_1$
- ✓ Olanzapine:  $5\text{-HT}_2\text{A} > \text{H}_1 > \text{D}_4 > \text{D}_2 > \alpha_1 > \text{D}_1$
- ✓ Aripiprazole:  $\text{D}_2 = 5\text{-HT}_2\text{A} > \text{D}_4 > \alpha_1 = \text{H}_1 \gg \text{D}_1$
- ✓ Quetiapine:  $\text{H}_1 > \alpha_1 > \text{M}_{1,3} > \text{D}_2 > 5\text{-HT}_2\text{A}$





**Higher potency**

**Higher EPS**

**Lower anticholinergic effect**

**Lower potency**

**Low EPS**

**Higher anticholinergic effect**

Haloperidol

Chlorpromazine

Fluphenazine

Trifluoperazine

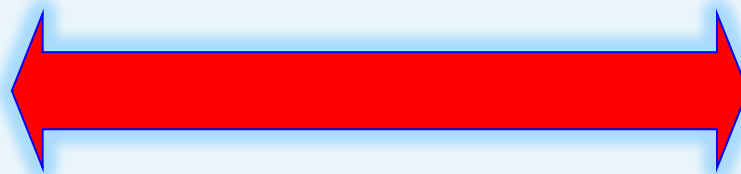
Thioridazine

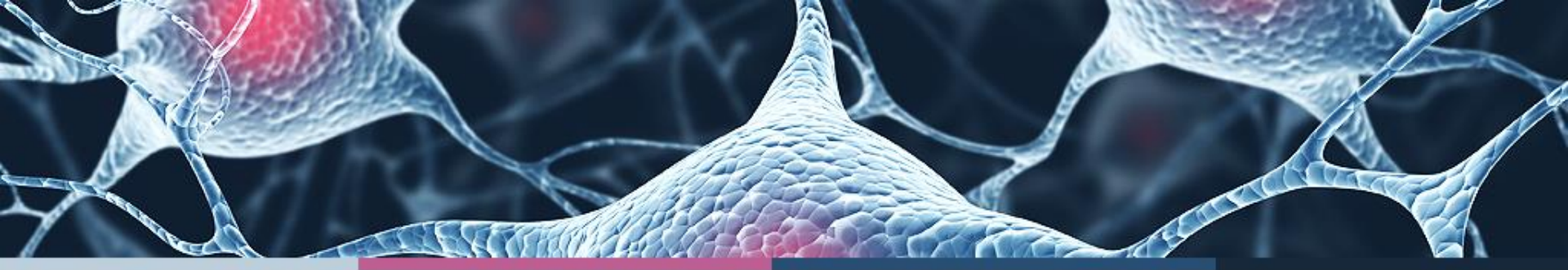
Thioxanthine

Mesoridazine

Perphenazine

Pimozide

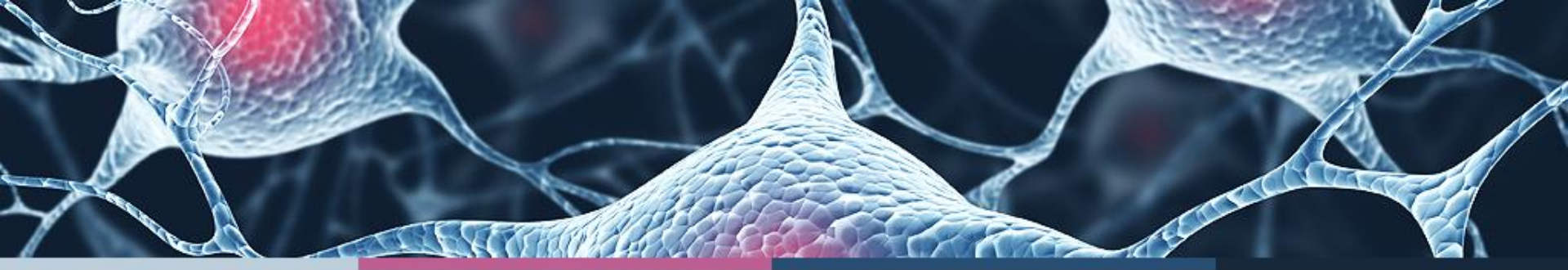




## Effects of blockade of neuroreceptors:

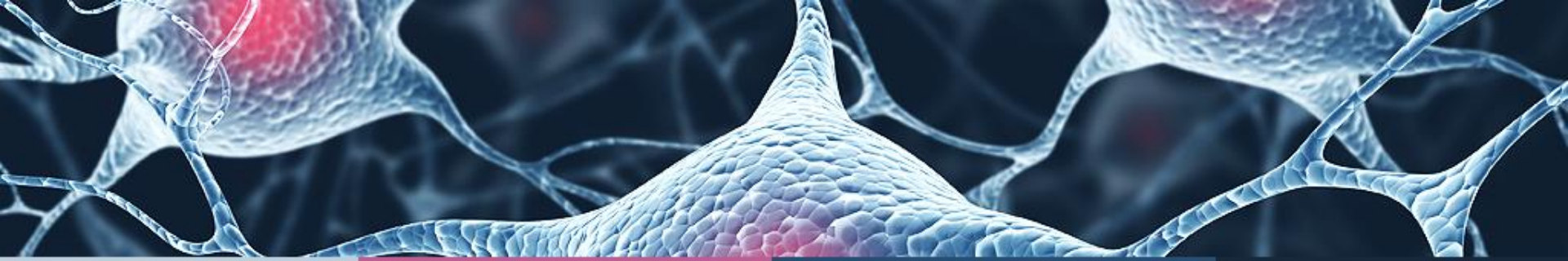
Receptors	Effects of blockade
$\alpha_1$	Postural hypotension, dizziness, syncope, nasal congestion
$\alpha_2$	Antidepressive effect, increase alertness, increase blood pressure
H <sub>1</sub>	Anxiolytic, sedation, weight gain, potentiate CNS depressant drug





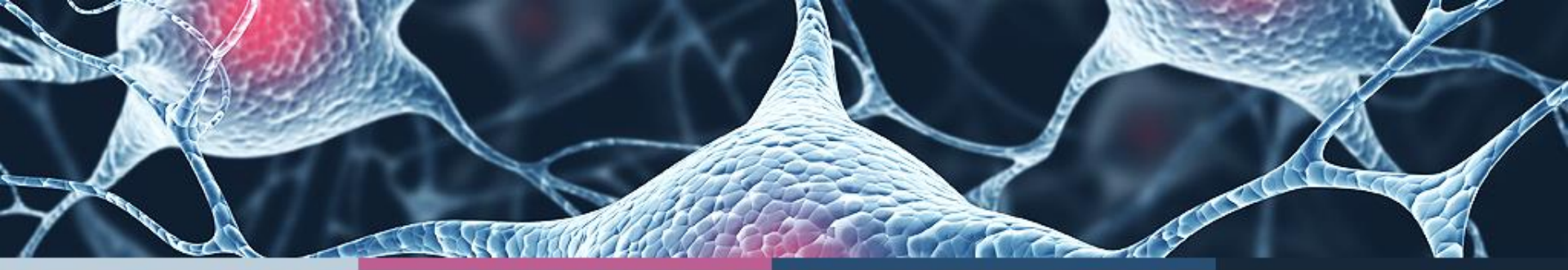
## Effects of blockade of neuroreceptors:

Receptors	Effects of blockade
<b>M<sub>1</sub> (central)</b>	<b>Memory dysfunction, delirium, confusion, sedation, REM sleep disturbance</b>
<b>M<sub>2</sub>, M<sub>3</sub> (peripheral)</b>	<b>Blurred vision, attack or exacerbation of narrow-angle glaucoma, dry mouth, sinus tachycardia, constipation, urinary retention, interfere pancreatic insulin release</b>



# Pharmacodynamics:

Effect	Manifestations
<b>Antipsychotic</b>	<p><b>D-blocker / Ser – lytic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ remove personality changes and behavioral disorders;- remove delirium, hallucinations, confusional states, autism, angers;</li> <li>✓ reactivating effects, → interest in the environment returns, initiative;</li> </ul>
<b>Psychosedative</b>	<p><b>α-adrenoblocking action / M-cholinoblocker / H1-blockers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ drowsiness, weakness, decrease in nervous tension, agitation and aggressiveness, suppression of anxiety, apathy, mental and motor depression (inhibition);</li> <li>✓ depression of initiative, will, interest in the environment;</li> <li>✓ produce affective and emotional neutrality.</li> </ul>
<b>Antiemetic</b>	<p><b>D-blocker / Ser – lytic of receptors from the trigger zone of the vomiting center.</b></p> <p>The potency of the antiemetic action is manifested as follows: pimozide &gt; droperidol &gt; chlorpropazine &gt; trifluoperazine &gt; fluphenazine &gt; sulpiride&gt; chlorpromazine.</p>



# Pharmacodynamics:

## Muscle relaxant and anticonvulsive effect

**Muscle relaxant effect** – decrease the tone of the striated muscles and the motor activity  
**Anticonvulsant effect**:- influence the convulsive threshold;- they are useful as symptomatic anticonvulsants for controlling convulsions and status epilepticus.

## Hypothermic effect

### **$\alpha$ -adrenoblocking action / Ser – lytic**

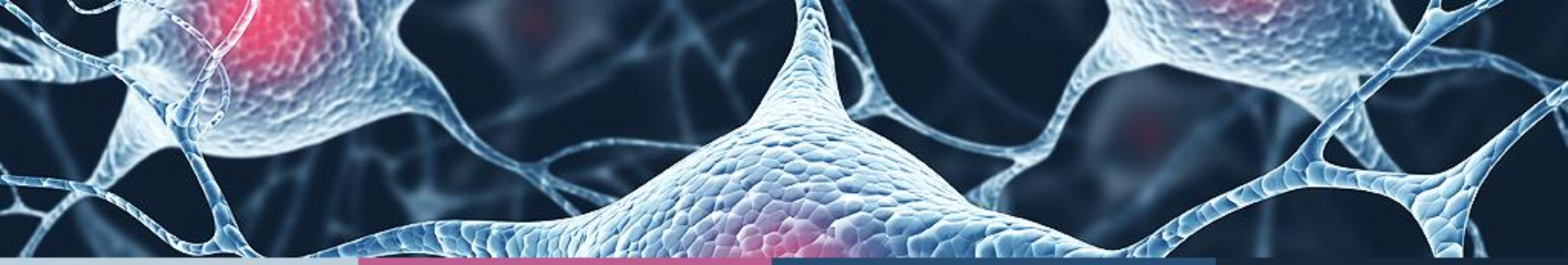
- ✓ caused by the decrease in the activity of thermoregulatory centers
- ✓ vasodilatation and heat loss

## Potentiation of action of analgesics, anesthetics, and other CNS depressant

### **$\alpha$ -adrenoblocking action / M-cholinoblocker / H1-blockers.**

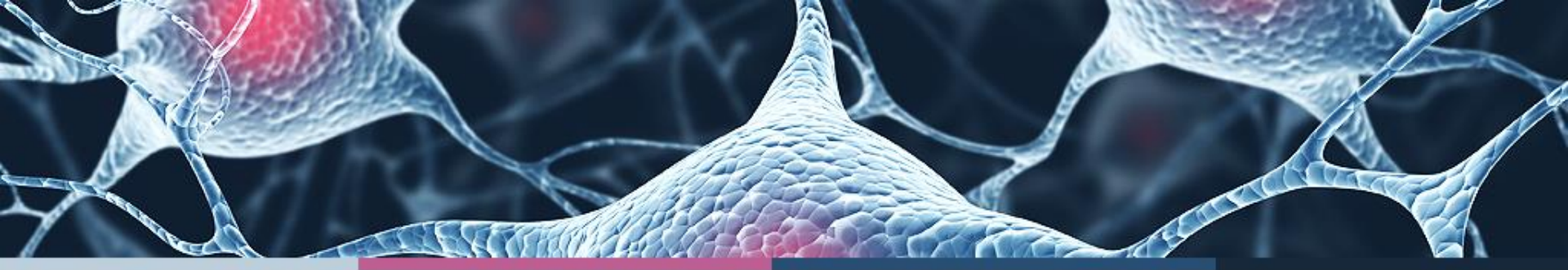
- ✓ amplify the effect and duration of action of the drugs with inhibitory action on CNS;-
- ✓ the negative action of these drugs is potentiate and on the vital centers (respiratory, etc.);
- ✓ droperidol is most frequently used in combination with fentanyl (thalamonal) for performing neuroleptanalgesia.





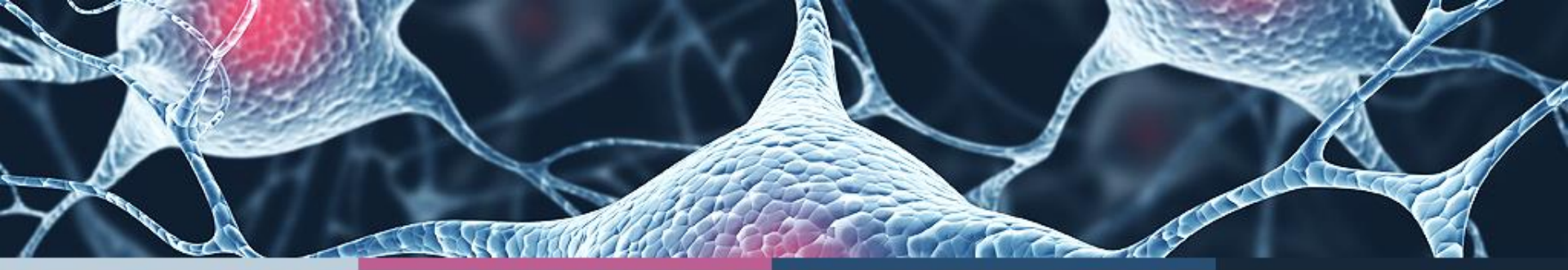
# Indications. Psychiatry:

- I. **Treatment of psychoses with hallucinations, delirium, mania, aggression, etc. in the:**
  - different forms of schizophrenia;
  - manic-depressive psychoses (manic phase);
  - mental disorders in organic brain disorders;
  - endogenous psychoses.
- II. **Psychomotor excitement in:**
  - recurrence, exacerbation of mental illnesses;
  - trauma, infections, postoperative period;
  - psychotraumatic situations (calamities, catastrophes, etc.);
  - abstinence syndrome (alcoholism, drug addiction, etc.).
- III. **Intermediate states like:**
  - psychoses,
  - exaggerated excitement,
  - aggressivity,
  - behavioral disorders in children and the elderly



# Indications. Somatic diseases:

- 1) vegetoneurosis in ischemic heart disease, ulcerative disease, climacteric period, etc.;
- 2) nausea and vomiting: of central origin, postoperative and postanesthetic, in radiation sickness, GIT diseases, produced by drugs (opioids, digoxin, estrogens, cytotoxic);
- 3) hypertensive emergencies;
- 4) complex treatment of traumatic shock, combustion (only after resolving the circulating blood volume deficit) to improve microcirculation;
- 5) for performing neuroleptanalgesia in case of surgical interventions;
- 6) potentiation of the effect of analgesics used in unoperable tumor, serious combustions, etc.;
- 7) spastic states of the striated muscles after stroke, brain trauma
- 8) critical febrile states or for induced hypothermia;
- 9) as an adjuvant in the suppression of different origin convulsions.



# ANTIPSYCHOTICS. SIDE EFFECTS

- ✓ **Sedation** - initially considerable; tolerance usually develops after a few weeks of therapy; dysphoria
- ✓ **Postural hypotension** - results primarily from adrenergic blockade; tolerance can develop
- ✓ **Anticholinergic effects** - include blurred vision, dry mouth, constipation, urinary retention; results from muscarinic cholinergic blockade
- ✓ **Endocrine effects** - increased prolactin secretion can cause galactorrhea; results from antidopamine effect
- ✓ **Hypersensitivity reactions** - jaundice, photosensitivity, rashes, agranulocytosis can occur
- ✓ **Idiosyncratic reactions** - malignant neuroleptic syndrome

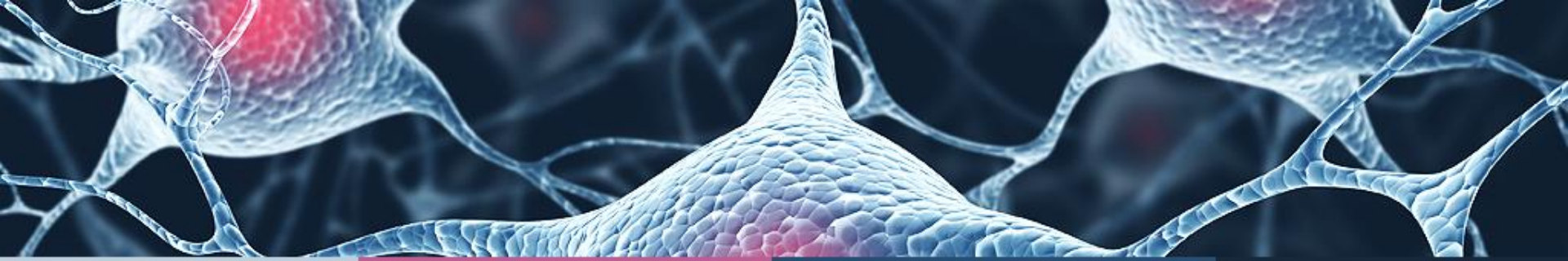




# Neurological Side Effects of antipsychotics

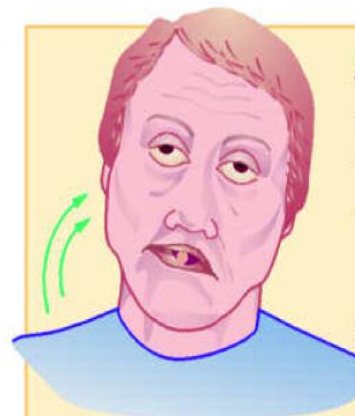
REACTION	FEATURES	TIME OF MAXIMAL RISK	PROPOSED MECHANISM	TREATMENT	
Acute dystonia	Spasm of muscles of tongue, face, neck, back; may mimic seizures; not hysteria	1 to 5 days	Unknown	Antiparkinsonian agents are diagnostic and curative	
Akathisia	Motor restlessness; not anxiety or "agitation"	5 to 60 days	Unknown	Reduce dose or change drug: antiparkinsonian agents, benzodiazepines or propranolol may help	
Parkinsonism	Bradykinesia, rigidity, variable tremor, mask facies, shuffling gait	5 to 30 days	Antagonism of dopamine	Antiparkinsonian agents helpful	
Neuroleptic malignant syndrome	Catatonia, stupor, fever, unstable blood pressure, myoglobinemia; can be fatal	Weeks; can persist for days after stopping neuroleptic	Antagonism of dopamine may contribute	Stop neuroleptic immediately: dantrolene or bromocriptine may help: antiparkinsonian agents not effective	
Perioral tremor ("rabbit" syndrome)	Perioral tremor (may be a late variant of parkinsonism)	After months or years of treatment	Unknown	Antiparkinsonian agents often help	
Tardive dyskinesia	Oral-facial dyskinesia; widespread choreoathetosis or dystonia	After months or years of treatment (worse on withdrawal)	Excess function of dopamine hypothesized	Prevention crucial; treatment unsatisfactory	

a. Many drugs have been claimed to be helpful for acute dystonia. Among the most commonly employed treatments are diphenhydramine hydrochloride, 25 or 50 mg intramuscularly, or benztropine mesylate, 1 or 2 mg intramuscularly or slowly intravenously, followed by oral medication with the same agent for a period of days to perhaps several weeks thereafter. b. For details regarding the use of oral antiparkinsonian agents, see the rest of slides c. Propranolol often is effective in relatively low doses (20-80 mg per day). Selective beta1-adrenergic receptor antagonists are less effective. d. Despite the response to dantrolene, there is no evidence of an abnormality of Ca<sup>2+</sup> transport in skeletal muscle; with lingering neuroleptic effects, bromocriptine may be tolerated in large doses (10-40 mg per day).



### Pseudoparkinsonism

- ▲ Stooped posture
- ▲ Shuffling gait
- ▲ Rigidity
- ▲ Bradykinesia
- ▲ Tremors at rest
- ▲ Pill-rolling motion of the hand



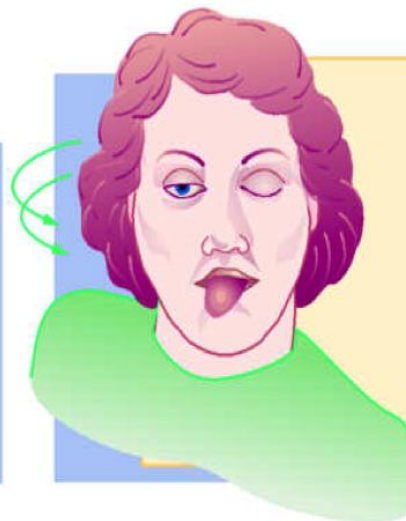
### Acute dystonia

- ▲ Facial grimacing
- ▲ Involuntary upward eye movement
- ▲ Muscle spasms of the tongue, face, neck and back (back muscle spasms cause trunk to arch forward)
- ▲ Laryngeal spasms



### Akathisia

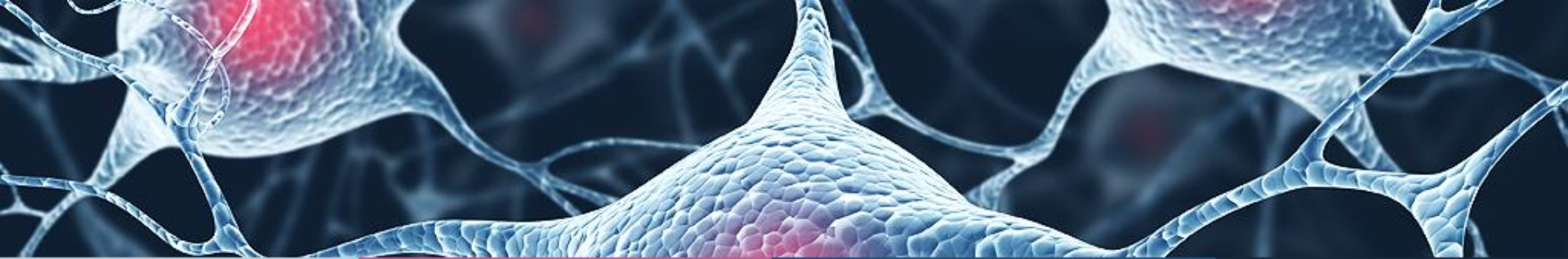
- ▲ Restless
- ▲ Trouble standing still
- ▲ Paces the floor
- ▲ Feet in constant motion, rocking back and forth



### Tardive dyskinesia

- ▲ Protrusion and rolling of the tongue
- ▲ Sucking and smacking movements of the lips
- ▲ Chewing motion
- ▲ Facial dyskinesia
- ▲ Involuntary movements of the body and extremities



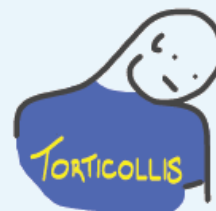


## Antipsychotic Side Effect Profiles

Typical/Atypical

**EPSE**

less			more
cloz	arip	chlo	halo
olan	pali	lura	
quet	zipr	risp	



**Wt gain**

less			more
arip		pali	olan
halo		quet	cloz
lura		risp	chlo
zipr			



O+C --? - 5HT2C --? hypergl, dislip

O, Q, C --H1 -- sedativ

R, C -- Alfa -- hipotensiv

**Inc PRL**

less			more
arip	lura	halo	risp
chlor	olan		pali
cloz	zipr		
quet			



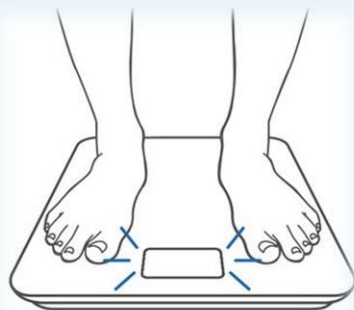
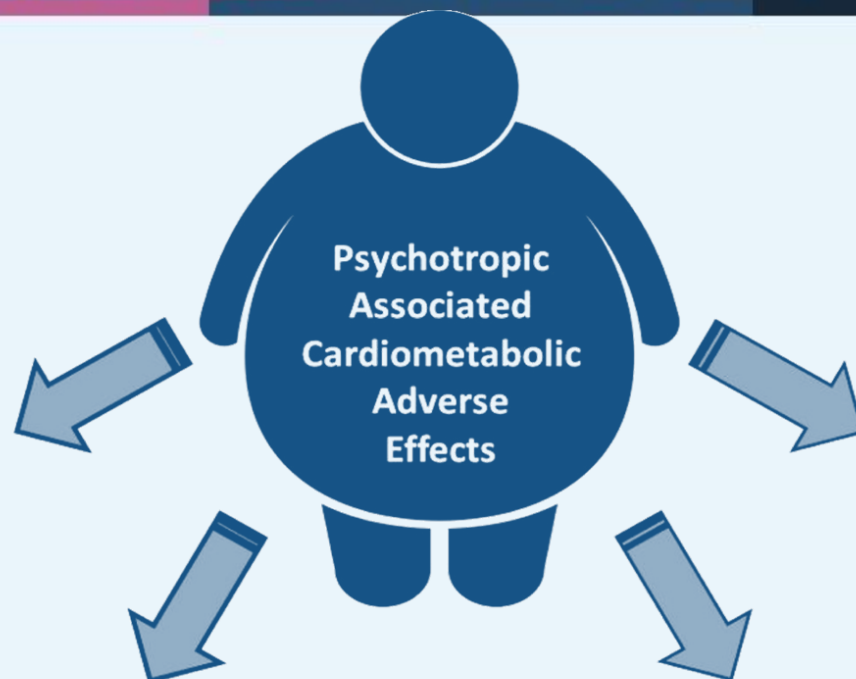
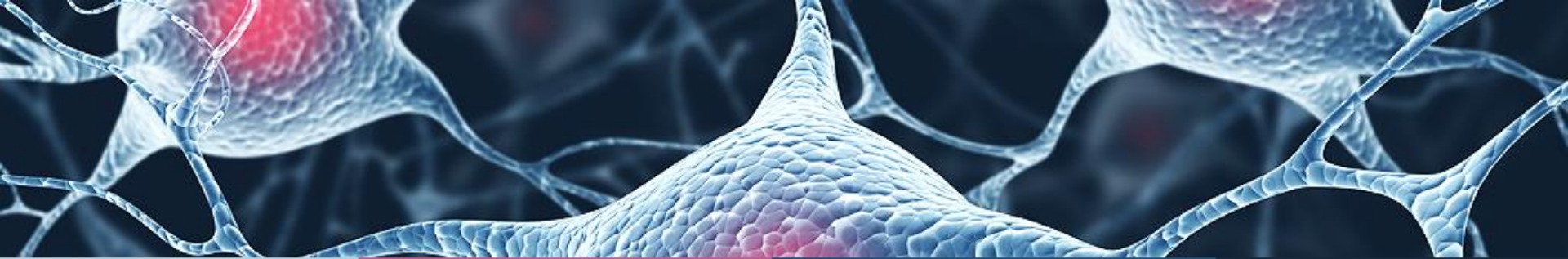
**Sedation**

less			more
arip	halo	ola	cloz
pali	lura	quet	chlo
	risp	zipr	



**Key:** aripiprazole, chlorpromazine, clozapine, haloperidol, lurasidone, olanzapine, paliperidone, quetiapine, risperidone, ziprasidone





#### Weight gain

##### Antipsychotics

- Clozapine
- Olanzapine
- Quetiapine
- Risperidone

##### Mood stabilizers

- Valproic acid derivatives
- Lithium

##### Antidepressants

- Mirtazapine
- Tricyclic antidepressants
- Monoamine oxidase inhibitors
- Other antidepressants (except bupropion)

#### Dyslipidemia

##### Hypertriglyceridemia

##### Antipsychotics

Especially:

- Clozapine
  - Olanzapine
- ##### Mood stabilizers
- Valproic acid derivatives
  - Carbamazepine

##### Hypercholesterolemia

##### Antidepressants

- Mirtazapine
- SSRIs

#### Diabetes mellitus / insulin resistance

##### Antipsychotics

- Clozapine
- Olanzapine
- Other SGAs
- Low and mid-potency FGA
- High potency FGA

##### Mood stabilizers

- Valproic acid derivatives

##### Antidepressants

- Tricyclic antidepressants

#### Hypertension

##### Psychostimulants

- Amphetamines
- Methylphenidate
- Other stimulants
- Atomoxetine

##### Antidepressants

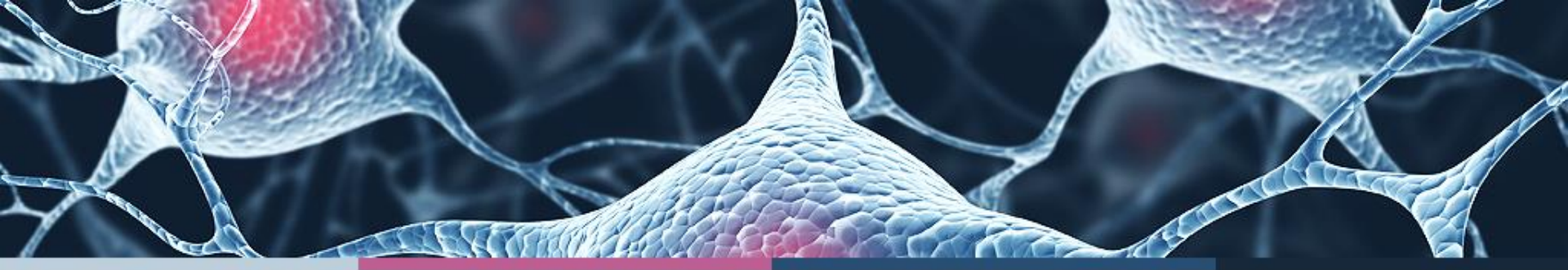
- SNRIs
- Tricyclic antidepressants

##### Antipsychotics

- Aripiprazole
- Clozapine
- Olanzapine
- Ziprasidone

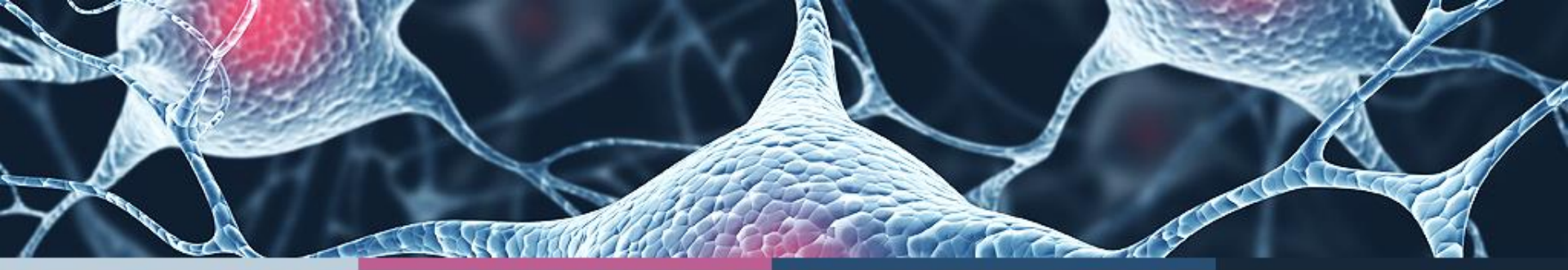
##### Mood stabilizers

- Valproic acid derivatives


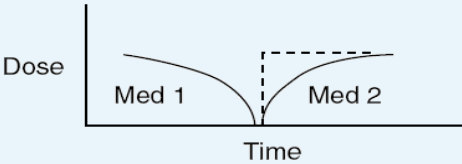
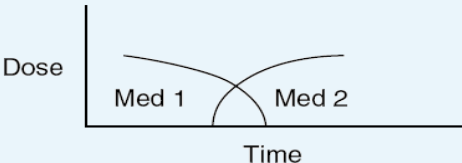


## Antipsychotics switching

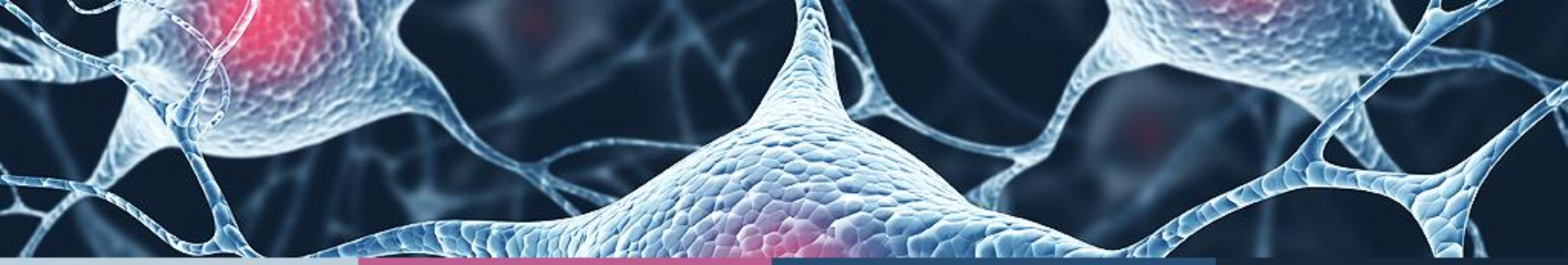
- Avoid if possible
- Consider in
  - Not responding patient with adequate trial
  - Not able to tolerate
  - Non-compliance (switch to depot preparation)
  - Significant long term risk with current medication
    - Obesity, TD, persistent cognitive deficit, CVS problems, DDI
  - Patient/family member request



## Switching techniques for anti psychotics

	Advantage	Disadvantage	Recommended for
<b>Abrupt switching</b>	Low risk of drug interactions	Withdrawal reactions	Patients with serious adverse event(s)
			
<b>Gradual switching</b>	Low risk of withdrawal reactions, hardly any drug interactions	Danger of symptom exacerbation	Patients with low risk of relapse
			
<b>Cross-tapering</b>	Safest to prevent relapse	Drug interactions complicated	Recently stabilised patients
			





## Anxiolytic drugs

- ✓ a class of medications used to prevent or treat anxiety symptoms or disorders
- ✓ selectively remove states of fright, fear, emotional tension, adaptation problems to the environment
- ✓ are effective in neuroses and intermediate states.



# Anxiolytic drugs. Classification according to the duration of action

**Short duration –  $t_{1/2}$   
– 3 – 10 hours**

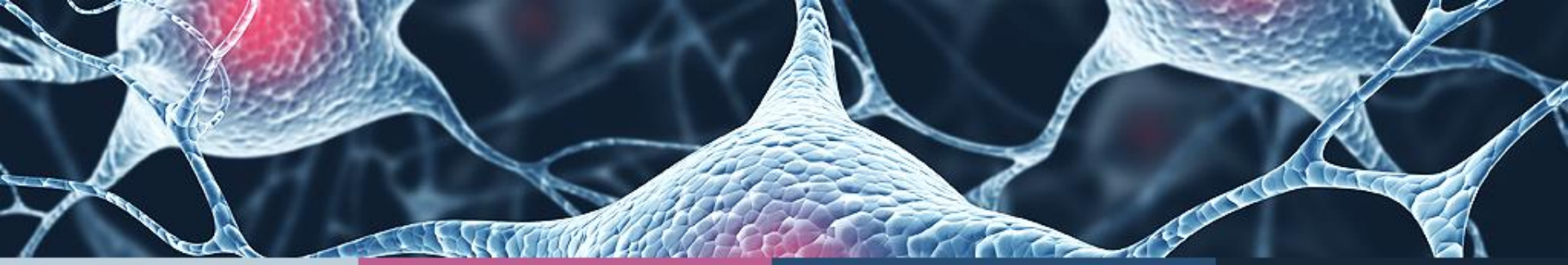
- ✓ Oxazepam
- ✓ Tofisopam
- ✓ Triazolam
- ✓ Clotiazepam

**Medium duration –  
 $t_{1/2}$  – 1 – 40 hours**

- ✓ Alprazolam
- ✓ Bromazepam
- ✓ Lorazepam

**Long duration –  $t_{1/2}$  -  
30 – 90 hours:**

- ✓ Diazepam
- ✓ Fenazepam
- ✓ Medazepam
- ✓ Chlordiazepoxide
- ✓ Chlorazepat



# Classification according to the clinical use:

## **As anxyolytics:**

- ✓ Alprazolam
- ✓ Bromazepam
- ✓ Clobazam
- ✓ Clorazepate
- ✓ Lorazepam
- ✓ Medazepam
- ✓ Prozepam
- ✓ Chlordiazepoxide

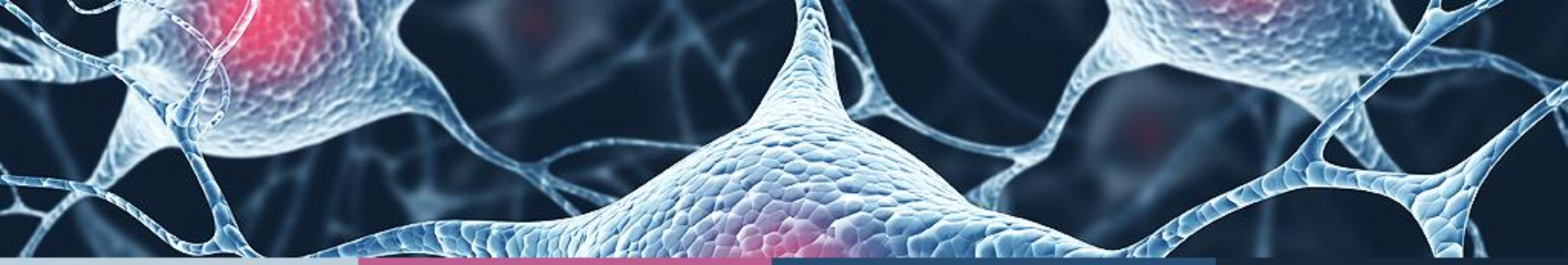
## **As hypnotics:**

- ✓ Flurazepam
- ✓ Flunitrazepam
- ✓ Nitrazepam
- ✓ Temazepam
- ✓ Triazolam
- ✓ Lormetazepam
- ✓ Midazolam
- ✓ Ketazolam

## **As central muscle relaxants:**

- ✓ Diazepam
- ✓ Phenazepam
- ✓ Tetrazepam
- ✓ Bromazepam
- ✓ Ketazolam
- ✓ Temazepam





# Classification according to the clinical use:

## **As anticonvulsants and antiepileptic:**

- ✓ Clonazepam
- ✓ Diazepam
- ✓ Phenazepam
- ✓ Nitrazepam
- ✓ Flunitrazepam
- ✓ Bromazepam

## **Antidepressant benzodiazepines:**

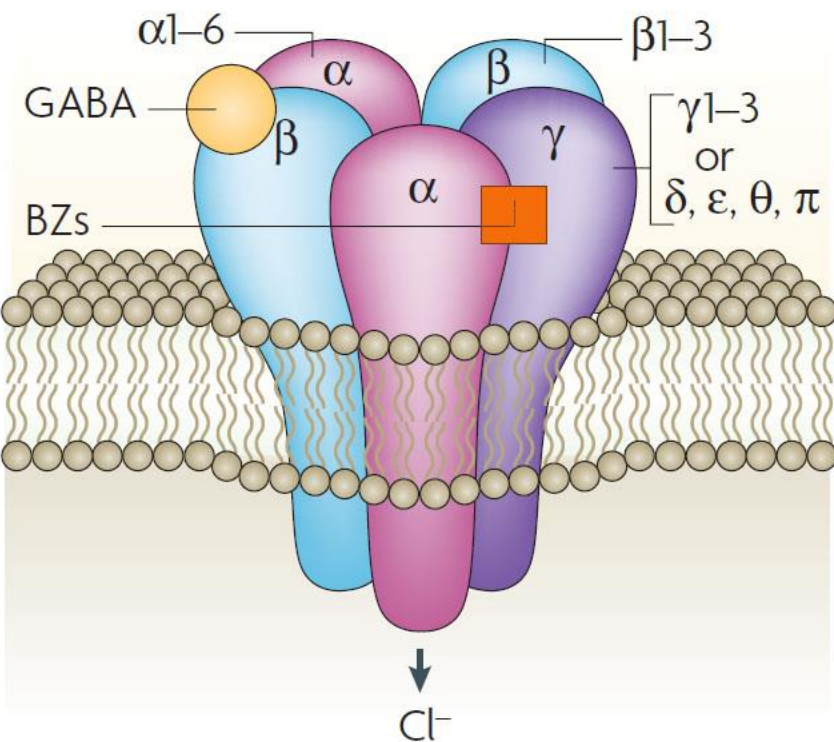
- ✓ Alprazolam
- ✓ Opipramol

## **As general intravenous anesthetics:**

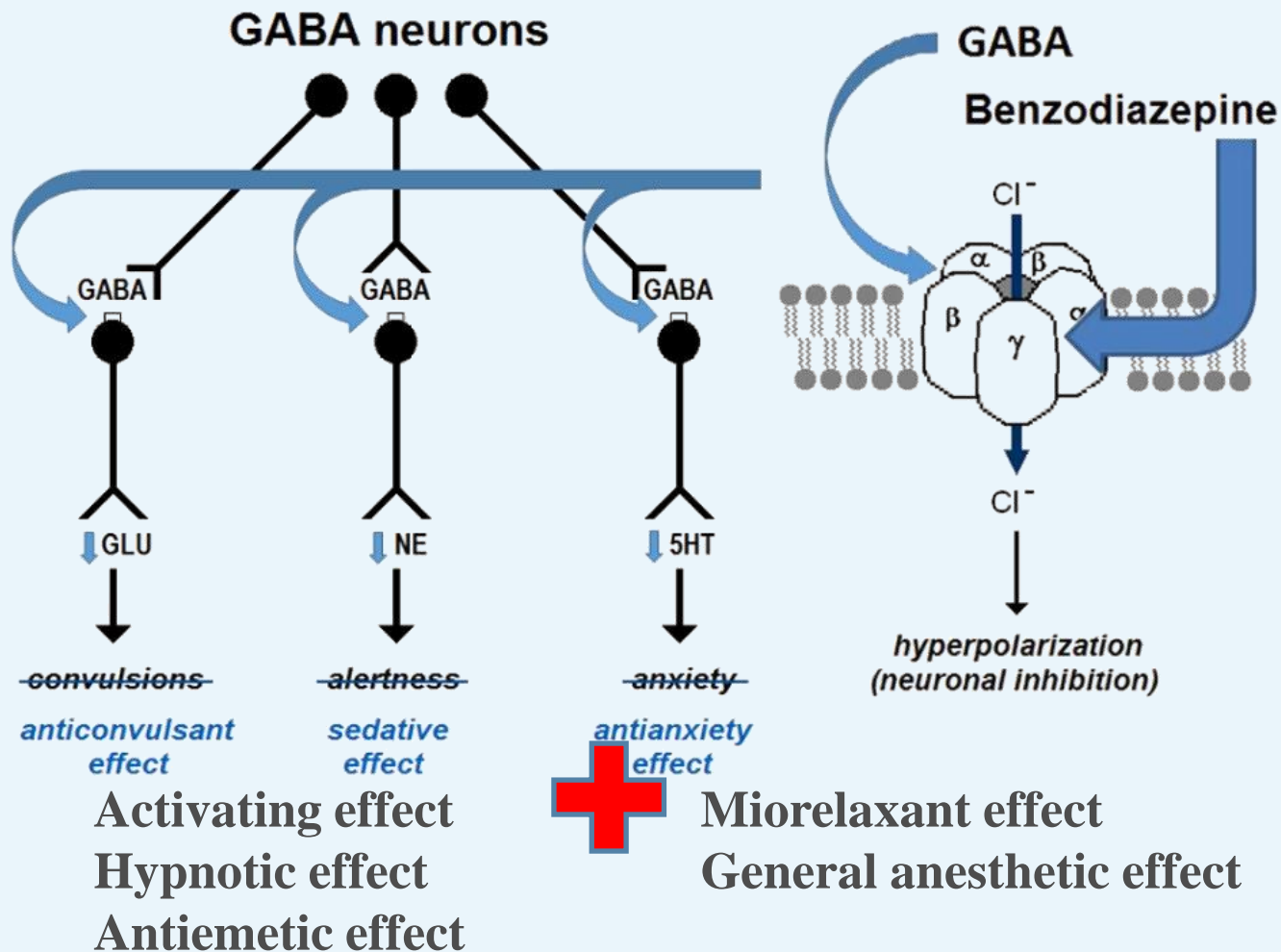
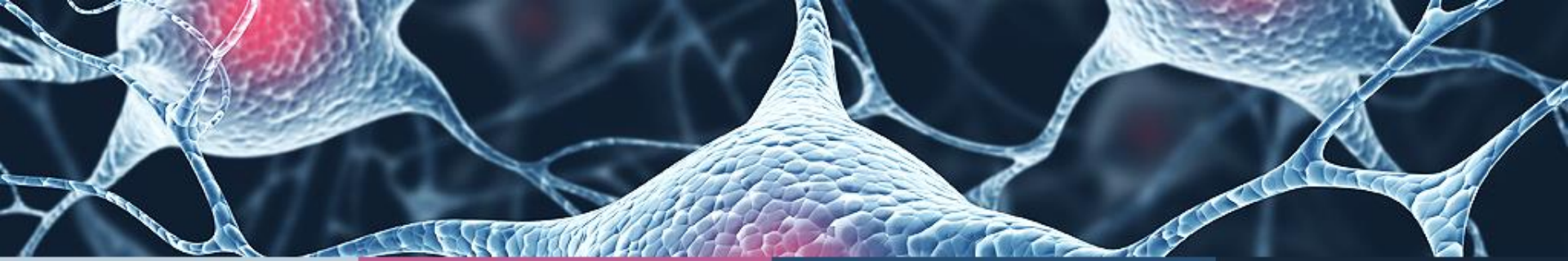
- ✓ Diazepam
- ✓ Midazolam

# The anxiolytic effect

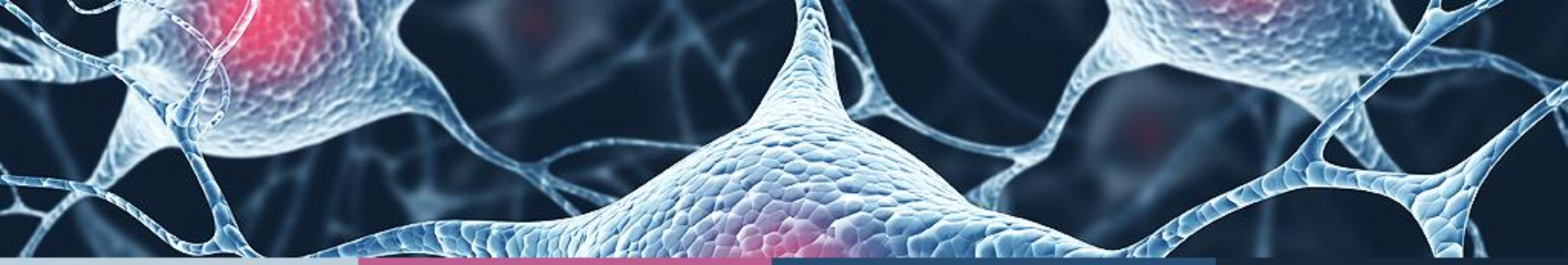
## GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor



- ✓ reduce emotional lability;
- ✓ remove restlessness, fear, fear, mental tension;
- ✓ balance affective behavior;
- ✓ calm psychomotor excitement, vegetative and endocrine disorders;
- ✓ Improve asthenia, insomnia, functional disorders, palpitations, without influencing vigilance, intellectual capacities and sensory functions.

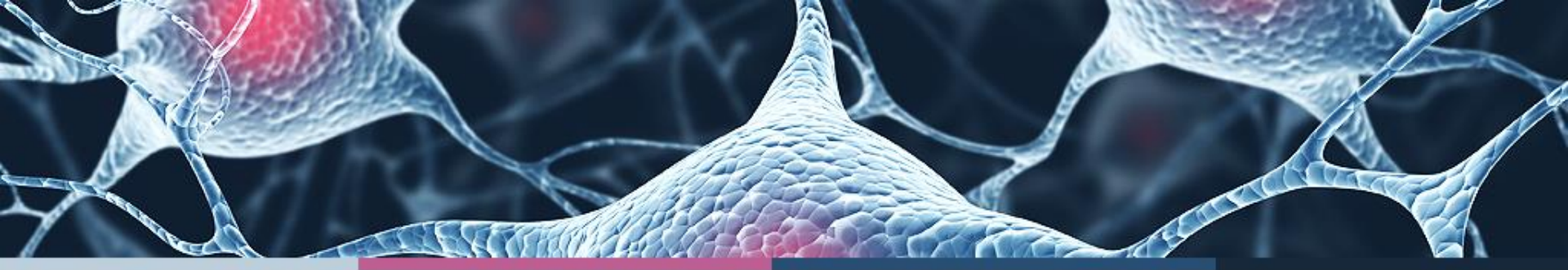






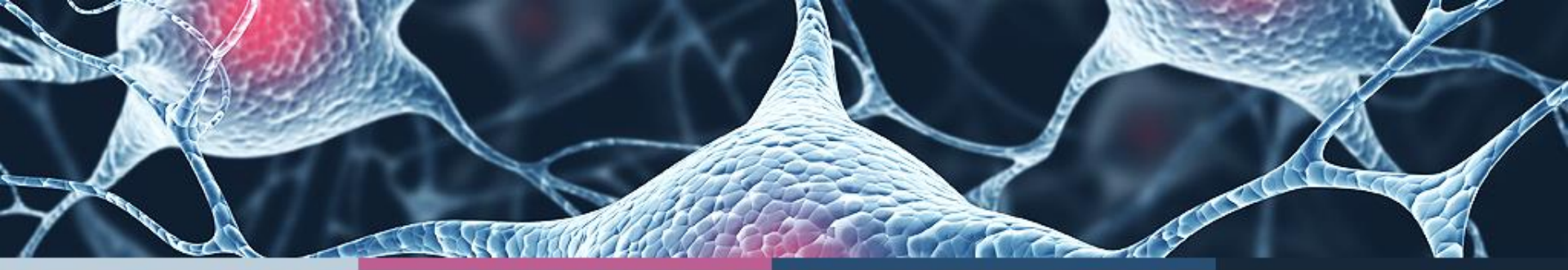
# Indications:

- ✓ insomnia
- ✓ anxious, psycho-neurovegetative and neurotic syndrome,
- ✓ psychosomatic disorders
- ✓ ischemic heart disease, ulcer disease, IIS, bronchial asthma, premenstrual syndrome, etc.;
- ✓ preanesthetic and preoperative preparation, as well as postoperative care;
- ✓ in alcoholics, in combating acute psychotoxic manifestations - delirium tremens, confusional states, abstinence syndrome;
- ✓ states of neurosis when attending medical institutions, especially in children, preparing patients, more often children, for various curative manipulations and diagnostics;
- ✓ nocturnal enuresis;
- ✓ treatment of eczema, neurodermatitis.



## Indications:

- ✓ convulsive states of different genesis – tetanus, convulsions in alcoholics, etc.;
- ✓ epilepsy treatment (major and akinetic seizures, status epilepticus);
- ✓ Anesthetic effect – induction, maintenance or completion of general anesthesia;
- ✓ Muscle relaxant effect – the treatment of spastic states of the striated muscles
- ✓ Antiemetic effect – prevention of nausea and vomiting;

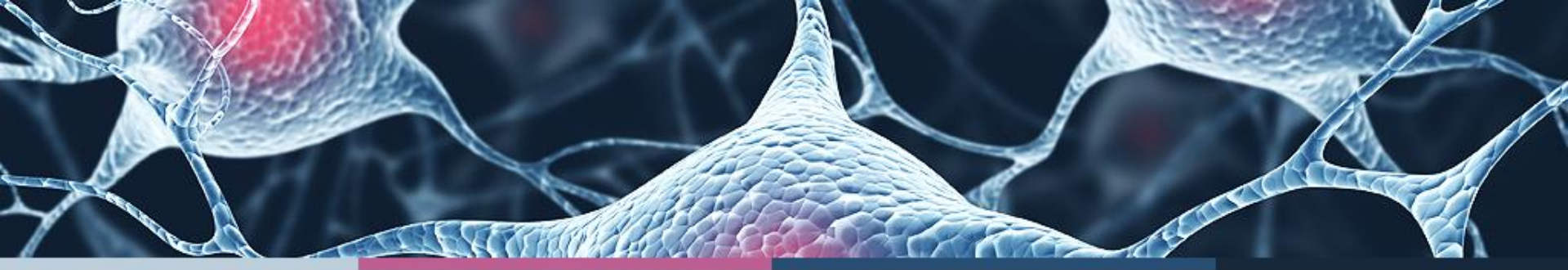


## Most common anxiety medication side effects in order of average percentage of occurrence

Cognitive disorder	28.9%	Hyperhidrosis	13.2%
Memory impairment	20.8%	Nasal congestion	12.4%
Weight gain	16.0%	Decreased libido	11.5%
Excessive drowsiness	15.5%	Fatigue	11.0%
Increased appetite	15.1%	Strangury (difficult urination)	10.9%
Abnormal coordination	14.4%	Increased body temperature	10.6%
Weight loss	13.7%	Salivary hypersecretion	10.5%
Irritability	13.4%		

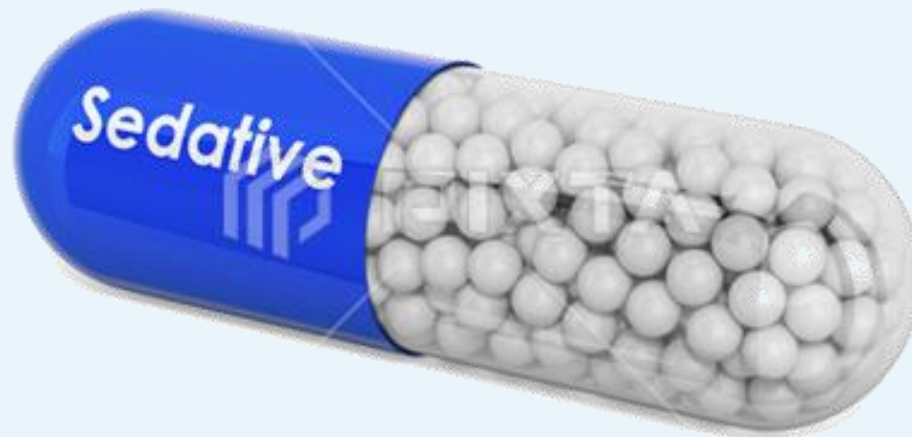
*\*Includes anxiolytics and benzodiazepines*

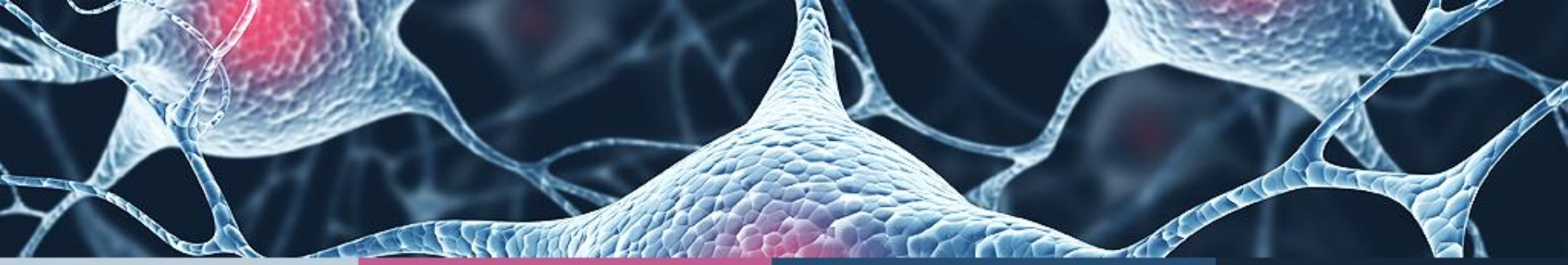




# Sedative drugs

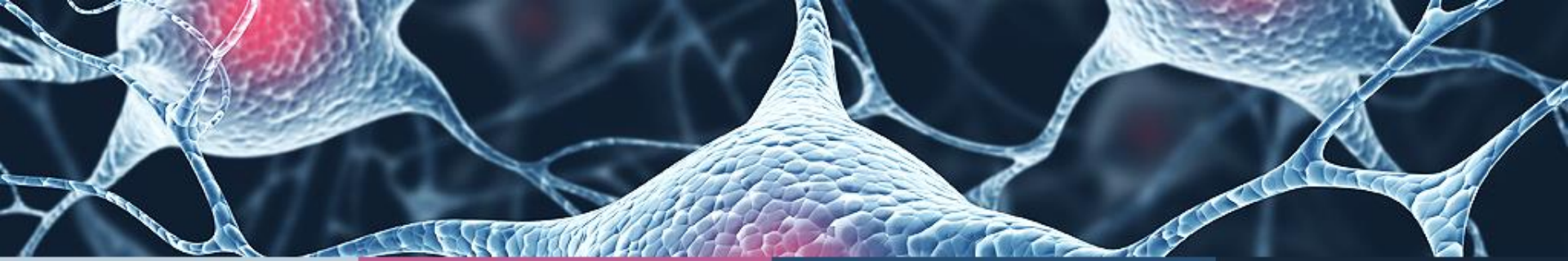
**drugs from various pharmacological groups with non-specific calming action due to the reduction of CNS excitation and its reactivity to external agents**





# Classification:

- ✓ Bromides – sodium bromide (Sodium bromide), potassium bromide (Kaliu bromide).
- ✓ Benzodiazepines (in small doses) – diazepam, chlordiazepoxide etc.
- ✓ Barbiturates (in small doses) – babital sodium, phenobarbital.
- ✓ H1 – antihistamines – diphenhydramine, promethazine, chloropyramine, clemastine.
- ✓ Vegetal agents – odolean (Valeriana), hawthorn (Crataequs), goose foot (Leonurus).
- ✓ Combined remedies – corvalol, valocordin, beloid, novo-pasit, corvaldin, persen, extraverol, sanosan, belataminal.

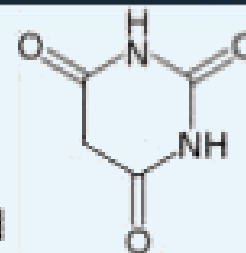


## Bromides

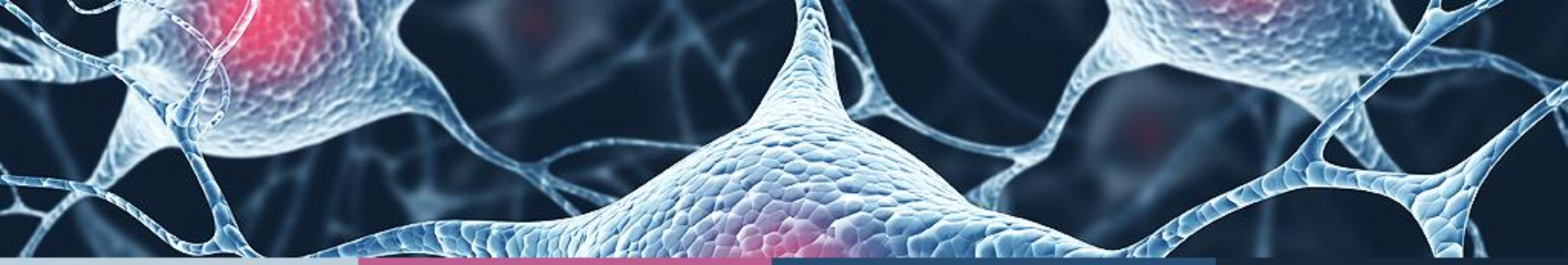
- ✓ reduce the motor and emotional reaction to exogenous factors, contributes to the establishment and deepening of sleep.
- ✓ slow elimination, the half-life is 12 days, and traces of bromides are determined over a month or more.
- ✓ Accumulation → chronic intoxication (bromism)

## Barbiturates

- All derivatives of Barbituric acid
- They are CNS depressants. They are effective as anxiolytics, hypnotics, anticonvulsants and analgesics.
- They have addiction potential, both physical and psychological.
- Thus Benzodiazepines have largely replaced them in term of sedative-hypnotic



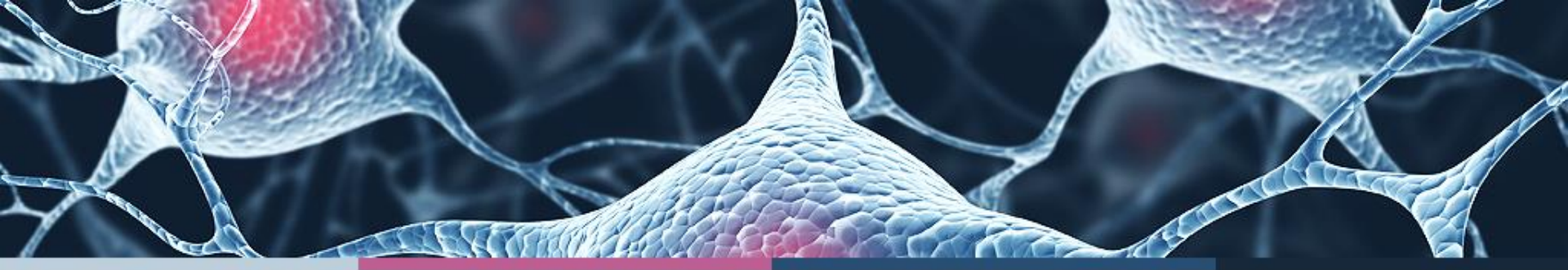




## Thimoisoleptics:

Drugs that are reducing circulatory disorders of the affective sphere (mood deviations), and on prophylactic use – to prevent development of depressive and manic symptoms.

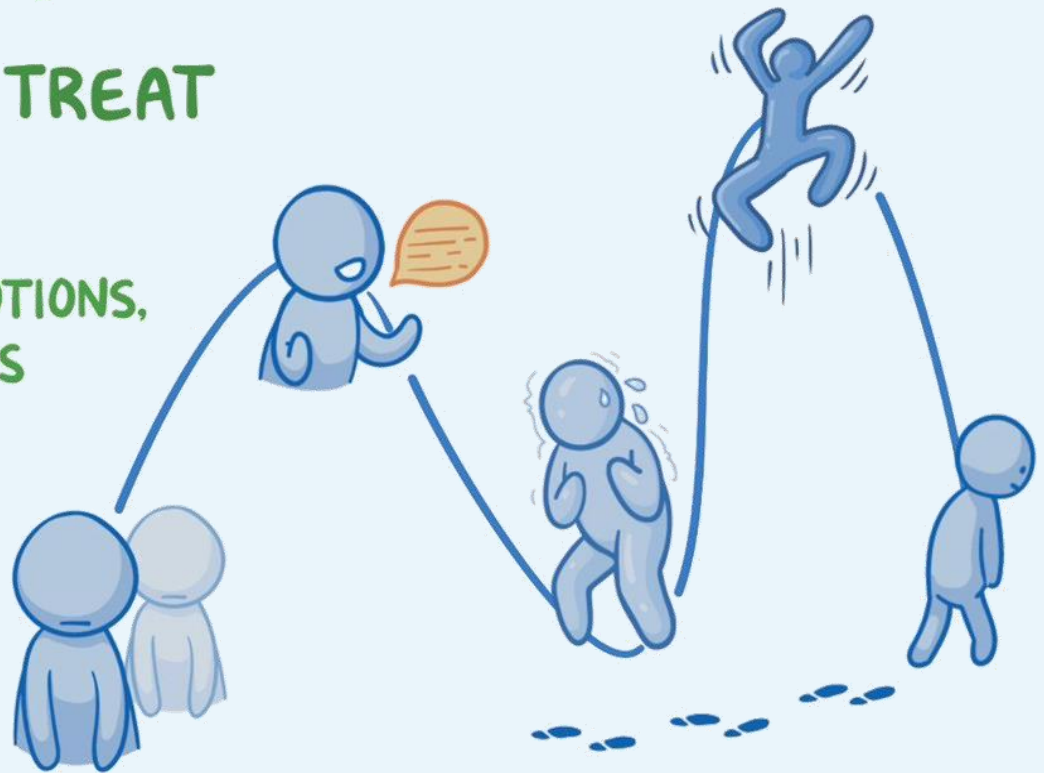
- ✓ Lithium salts – lithium carbonate, oxybate, chloride, gluconate
- ✓ Valproates – valproic acid, sodium valproate;
- ✓ Carbazepine derivatives - carbamazepine;
- ✓ Calcium channel blockers – verapamil, diltiazem, nifedipine.



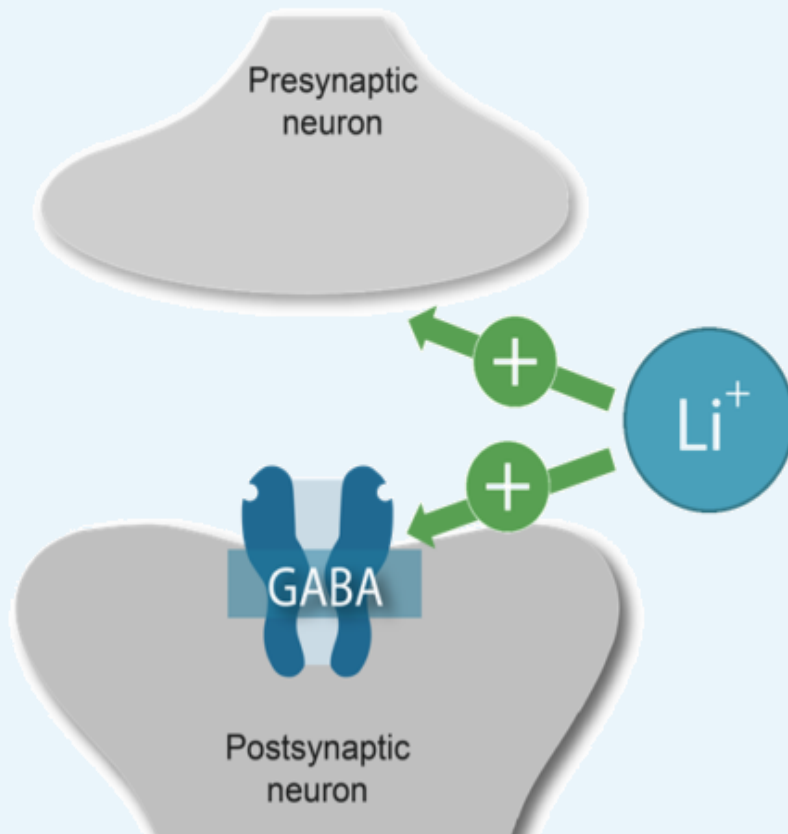
# MOOD STABILIZERS

\* **MEDICATIONS** used to **TREAT BIPOLAR DISORDER**

↳ **DRAMATIC SHIFTS** in **EMOTIONS, MOOD, & ENERGY LEVELS**



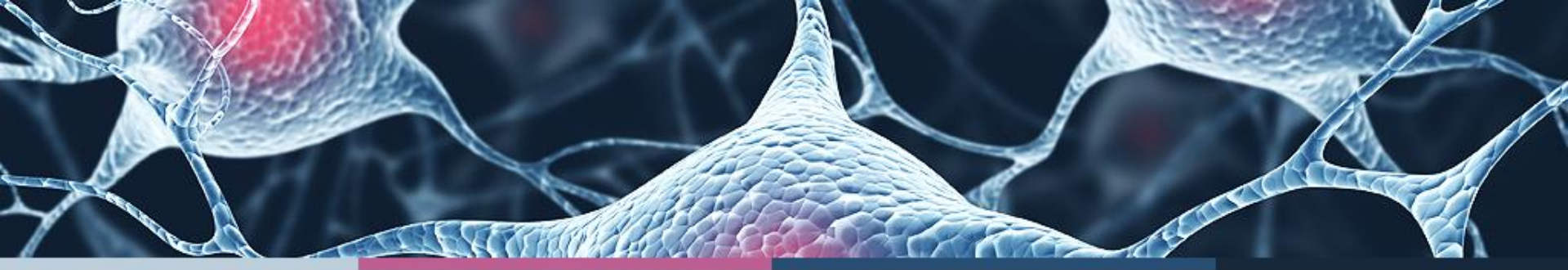
# Lithium promotes GABAergic neurotransmission



- Lithium:

- Increases GABA levels in CSF
- Presynaptic: facilitates GABA release
- Postsynaptic: upregulates GABA<sub>B</sub> receptors



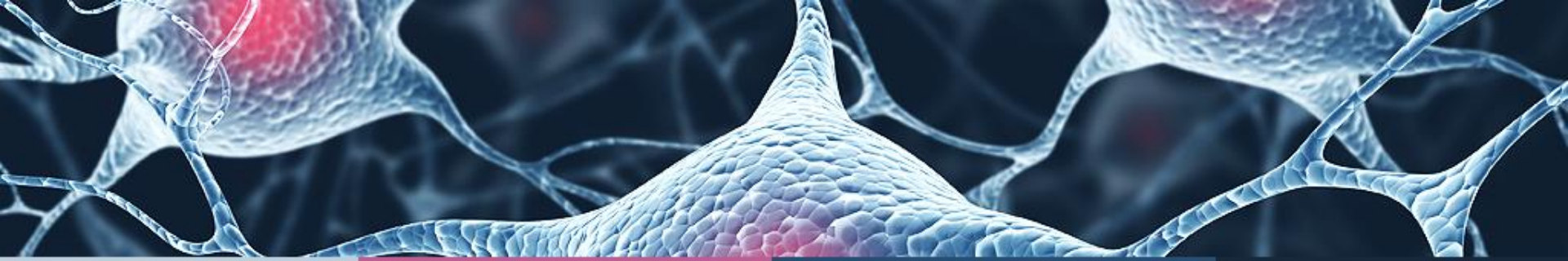


## Common side effects of mood stabilizers

LITHIUM	VALPROATE	LAMOTRIGINE	CARBAMAZEPINE
Headaches	Headaches	Loss of balance or coordination	Dizziness
Nausea or vomiting	Bloating or swelling in the limbs	Blurred or double vision	Abnormal thinking
Dizziness or drowsiness	Bleeding gums	Diarrhea or constipation	Difficulty speaking
Tremors	Delusions	Missed or painful periods	Dry mouth
Increased thirst	Joint pain	Stomach, back, or joint pain	Constipation
Acne-like rash	Rapid weight loss or gain	Loss of appetite and weight loss	Uncontrollable shaking in certain body parts

**L** EVELS  
**I** NCREASED URINATION  
**T** HIRST/TREMOR  
**H** AIR LOSS/HYPOTHYROIDISM  
**I** MPAIRED MEMORY/INTERACTIONS  
**U** PSET STOMACH  
**M** USCLE WEAKNESS  
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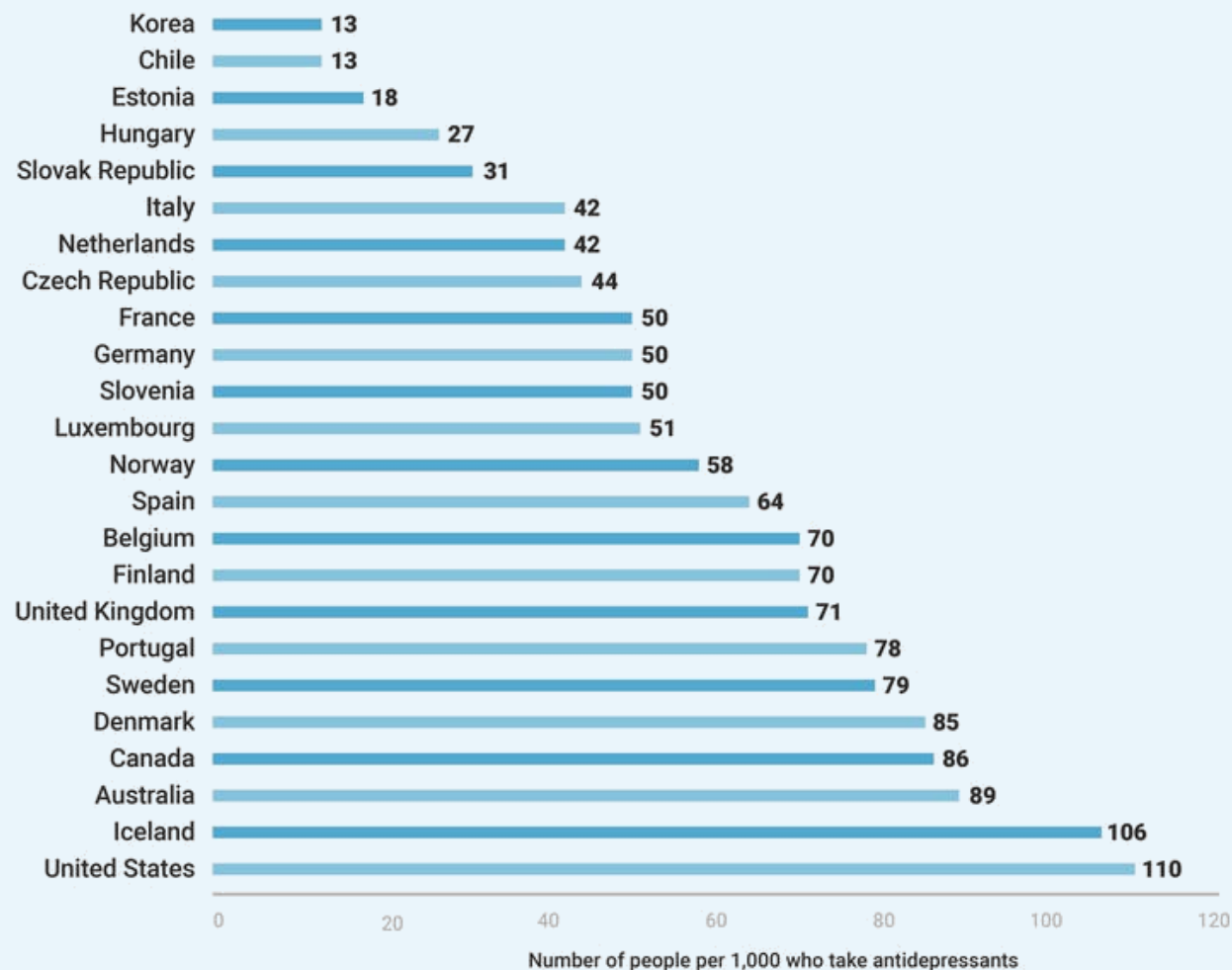
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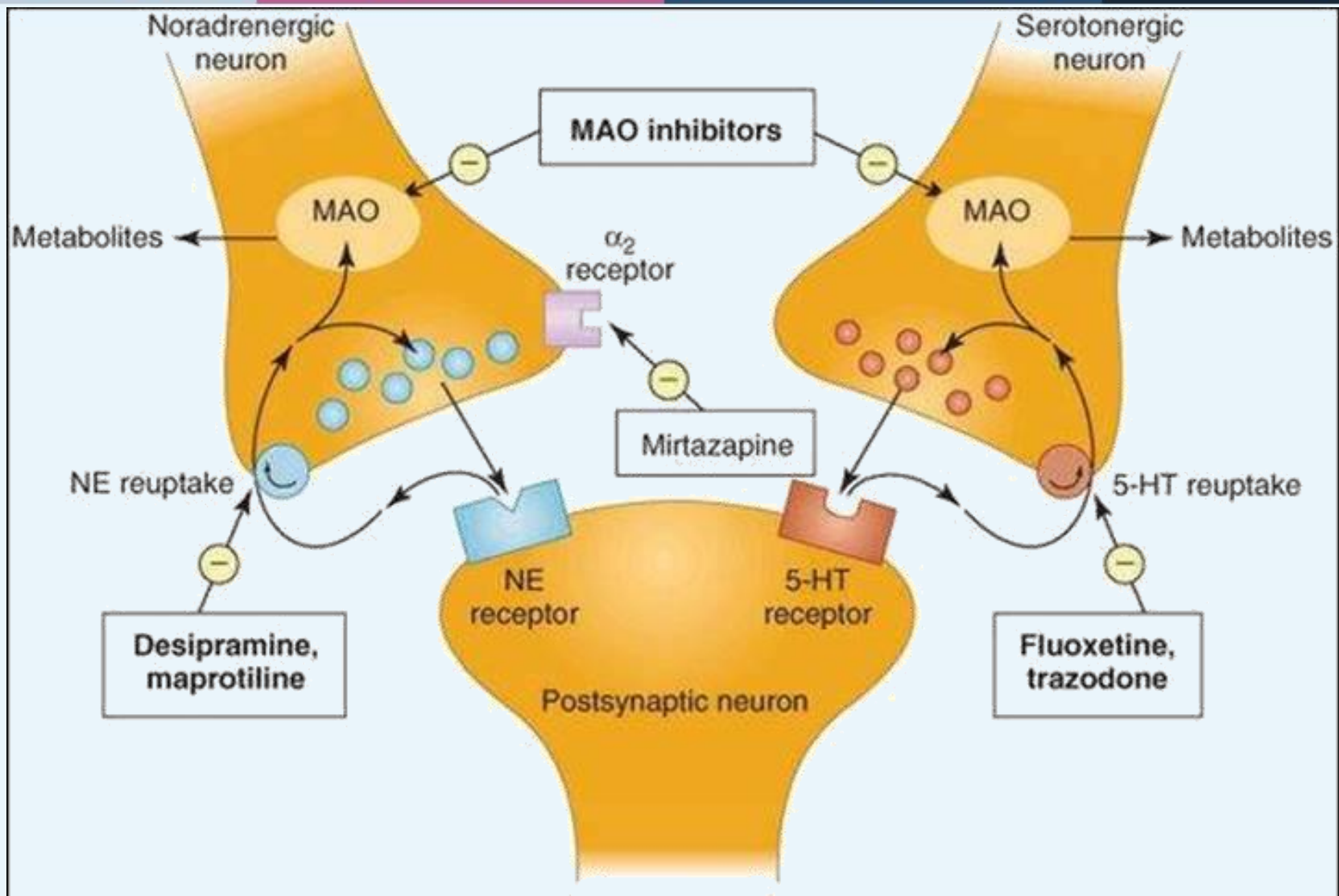
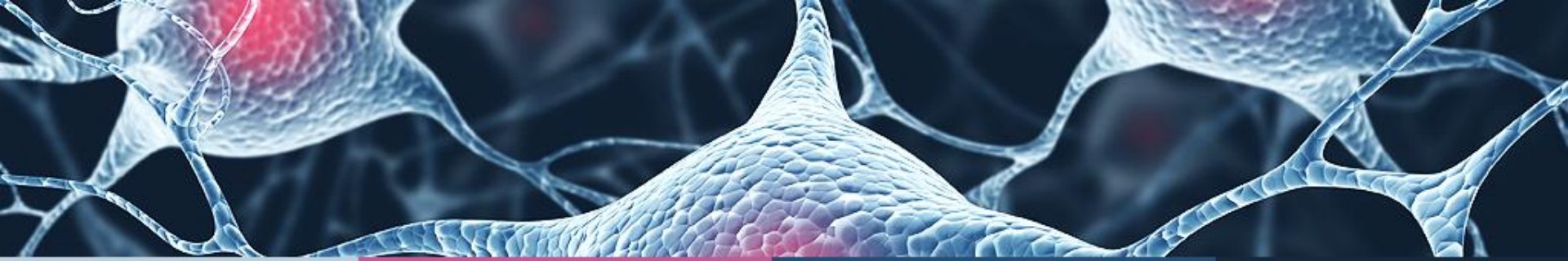


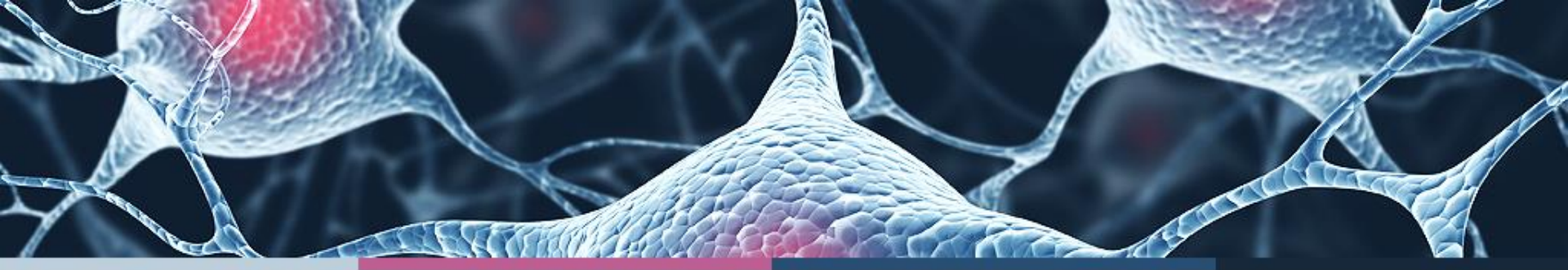


## GLOBAL ANTIDEPRESSANT USERS PER 1,000 PEOPLE









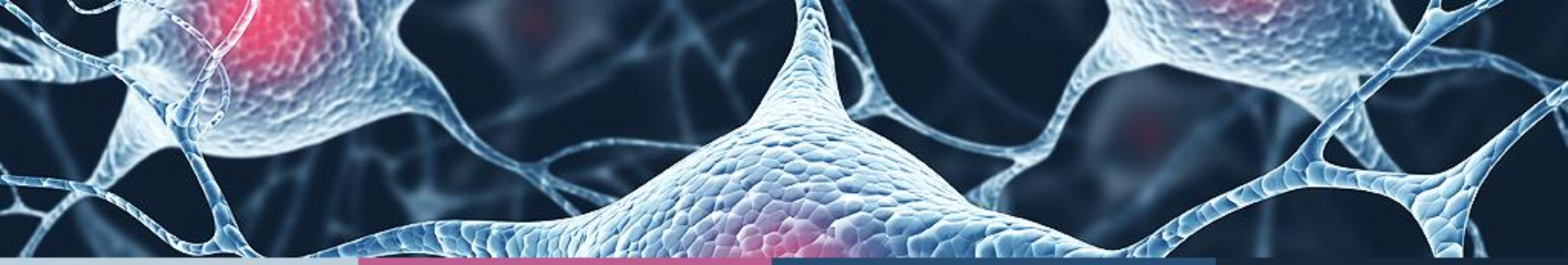
✓ **Thymoleptic antidepressants** (with sedative effect): amitriptyline, trimipramine, doxepin, amoxapine, mianserin, pipofesine, opipramol, fluvoxamine, fluorazizin, alprazolam, adinazolam, mirtazapine, trazodone, femoxetine, butriptyline, clovoxamine, nefazodone.



✓ **Thimeretic antidepressants** (with an activating effect): desipramine, imipramine, cephedrine, nortriptyline, tranylcypromine, viloxazine, fluoxetine, amineptine, moclobemide, nialamide, phenelzine, protriptyline, bupronion, citalopram, tomoxetine, metralindole, toloxatone, methyltryptamine, brofaromine, minaprine, etc.







- ✓ Balancing antidepressants or psychomotor stabilizers: maprotiline, dosulepin, tianeptine, lofepramine, ritanserin, sertraline, paroxetine, pirlindole, clomipramine, minacipran, caroxazone, venlafaxine.



- ✓ Antidepressants with an anxiolytic effect: opipramol, alprazolam, adinazolam, fluvoxamine, sertraline, mianserin, clomipramine

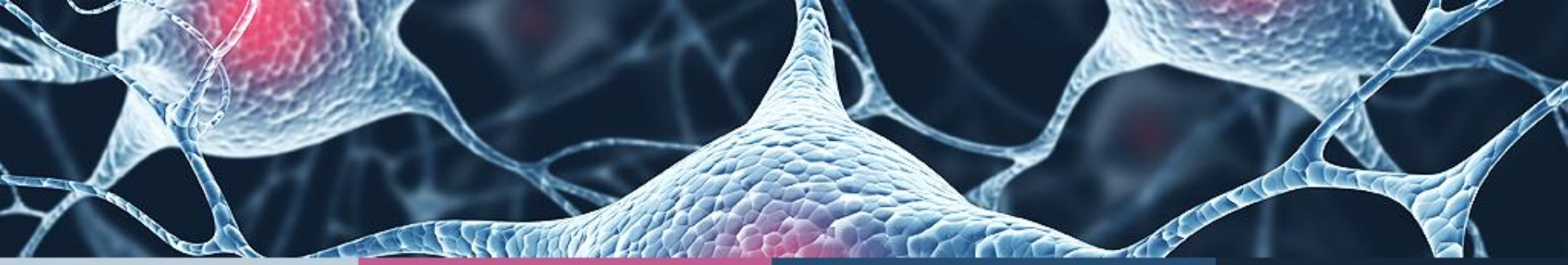






# Pharmacodynamics:

- ✓ **Antidepressant effect** – increases and re-establishes the mood, suicidal thoughts disappear.
- ✓ **Timoretic effect** (activator, stimulant effect) – restores motivation, initiative, improves the mood.
- ✓ **Sedative and anxiolytic effect** - sedation, removal of the negative emotions, fear, anxiety.
- ✓ **Analgesic effect** and the ability to potentiate the action of analgesics.
- ✓ **Orexigenic/anorexigenic effect**
- ✓ **H1 – blocker effect** - sedative action, orexigenic and hypotensive eff.
- ✓  **$\alpha$ -adrenoblocker effect** – vasodilation, decreases blood pressure, tachycardia
- ✓ **Serotonolytic effect** - block. 5HT2 and 5HT3 - anxiolytic, antipsychotic, antiemetic, hypnotic.
- ✓ **Sympathomimetic effect** (MAOI) - especially effects cardiovascular → increases BP, potentiates the action of sympathomimetics.



# Indications:



Persistent feelings of sadness



Loss of interests in activities



Trouble sleeping or oversleeping



Appetite or weight changes



Fatigue or decreased energy



Difficulty thinking clearly or quickly



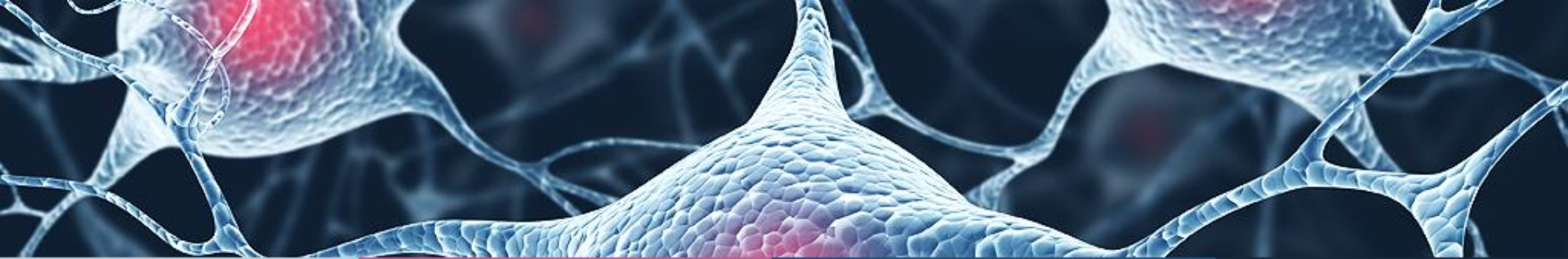
Irritability, frustration, or pessimism



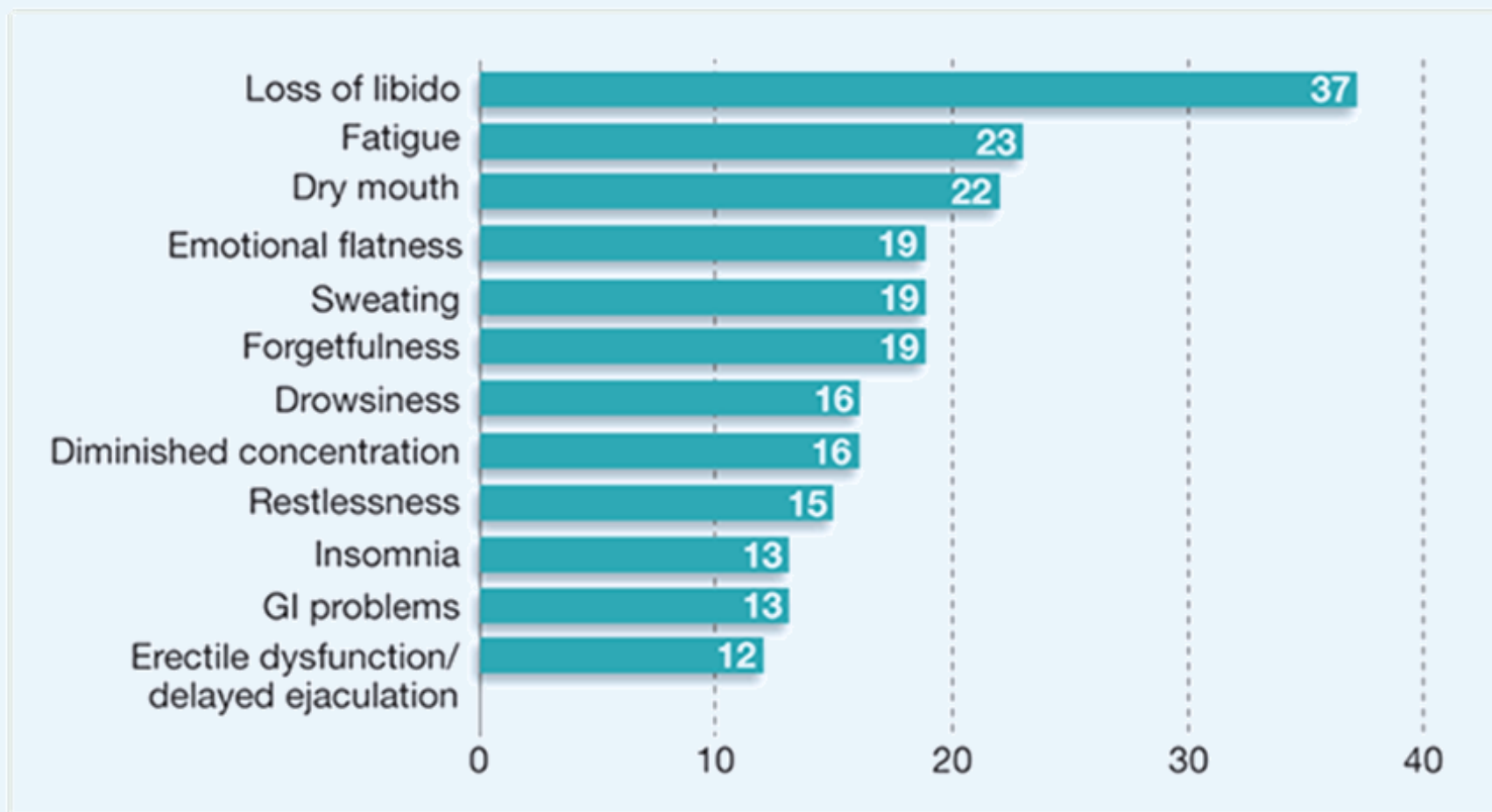
Physical aches and pains



Recurrent thoughts of death or suicide



### Most frequent adverse effects in primary care patients using different types of antidepressants







# SSRI's



## ADVERSE EFFECTS "S-S-S"



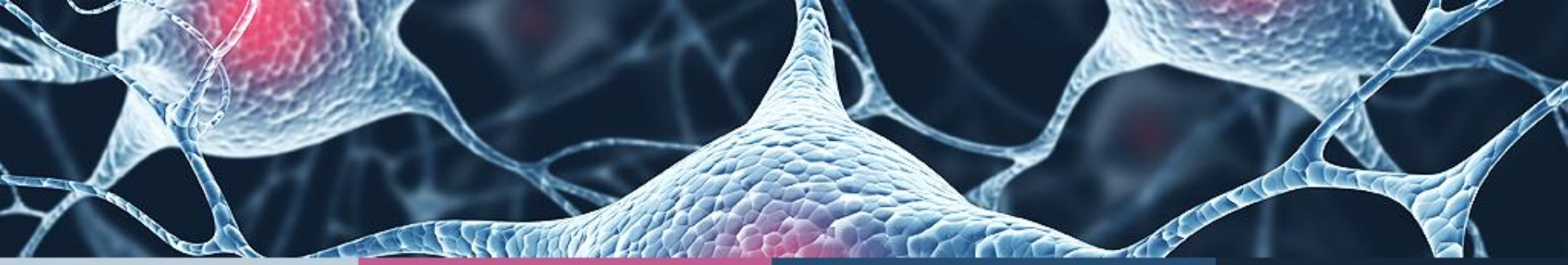
- § Stomach upset
- § Sexual dysfunction
- § Serotonin syndrome  
(with other serotonergic agents)

## DRUGS

### "EFFECTIVE FOR SADNESS, PANIC, & COMPULSIONS"



Effective - Escitalopram  
For - Fluoxetine, Fluvoxamine  
Sadness, - Sertraline  
Panic, - Paroxetine  
& Compulsions - Citalopram



## Pros



**Helps manage symptoms**



**Effective**



**Safe**

# Pros and Cons of Antidepressants



## Cons



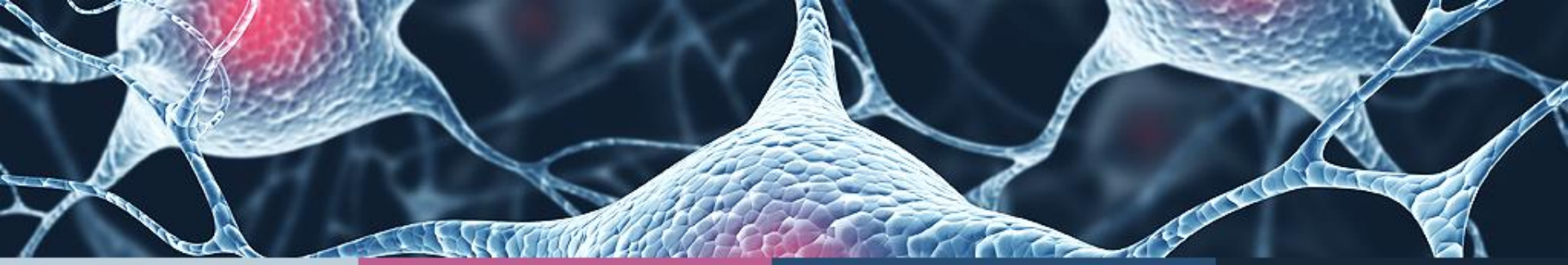
**Can cause side effects**



**Takes time to see results**

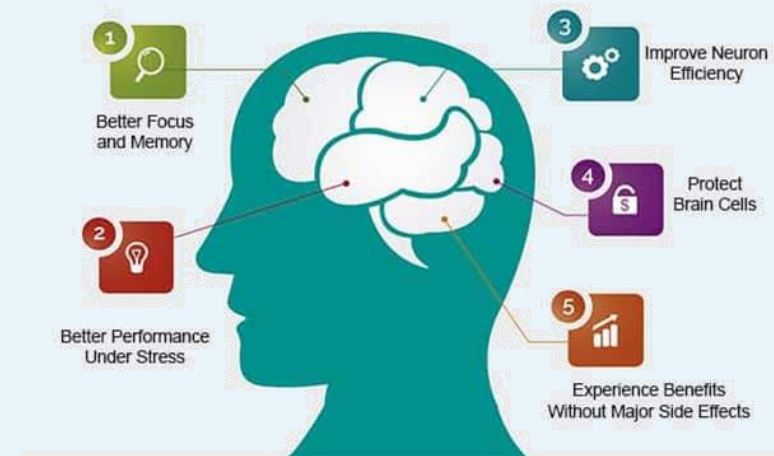


**Some may not work**

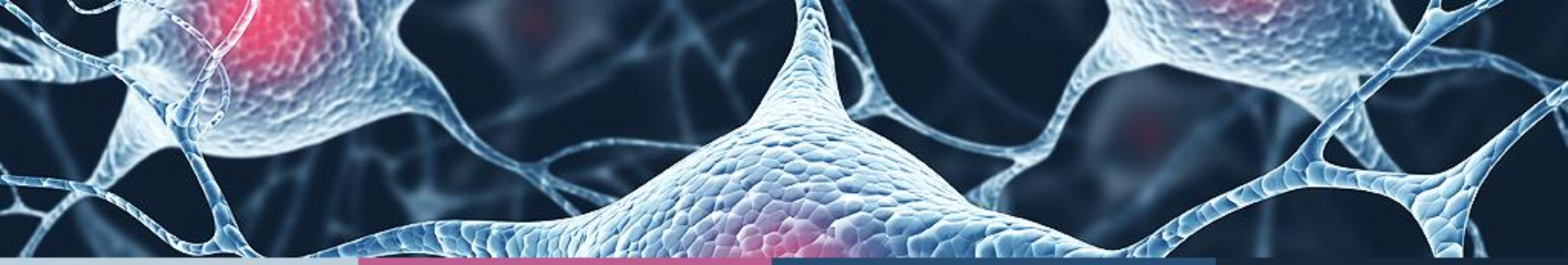


# Nootropics

Drugs that activate or regulate brain metabolism and neuronal biochemical processes, especially when are affected in various brain pathologies, acute or chronic caused by hypoxia, intoxication or trauma.

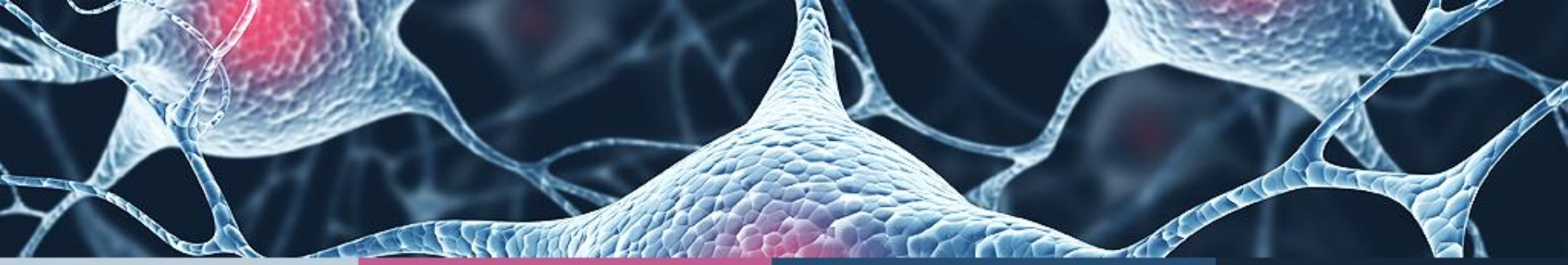






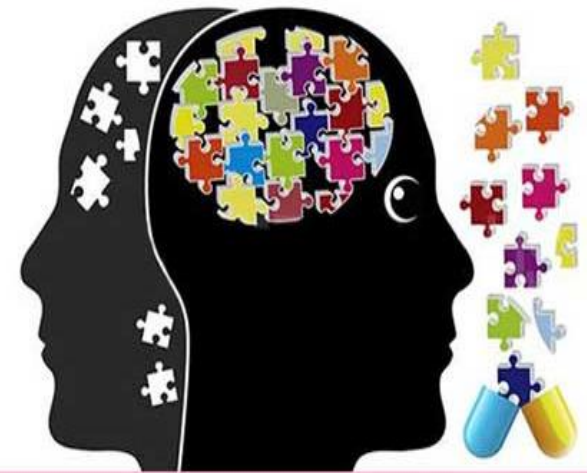
## Classification:

- ✓ Pyrrolidone derivatives - Piracetam (nootropil), Aniracetam, Dipiracetam
- ✓ Vitamin derivatives – Pyritinol (pyridinol)
- ✓ GABA derivatives – Nicotinoyl gamma-aminobutyric acid(picamilon), Gamma-aminobutyric acid, Calcium homopantothenate, (pantogam)
- ✓ Dimethylaminoethanol derivatives – Meclofenoxat
- ✓ Cerebrovascular drugs – Ginkgo-Biloba extract, vinpocetine, cinnarizine, pentoxifylline, nicergoline.
- ✓ Combined drugs – Phezam (piracetam+cinnarizine), Vinotropil (piracetam+vinpocetine)

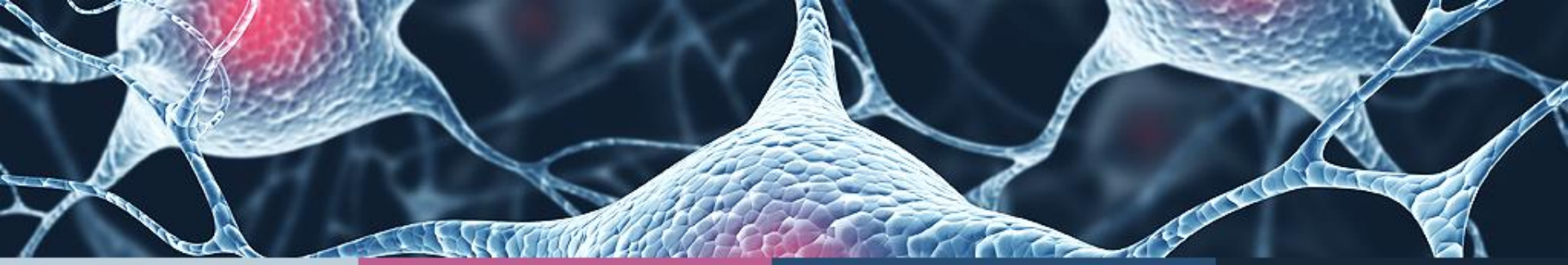


# Nootropic drugs. Effects:

- ✓ Restores associative and superior integratives functions – attention, memory, ↓ number of mistakes long term memory
- ✓ Restores interest in the environment, optimism, self-confidence; general tone in the elderly
- ✓ Increases the resistance of the CNS and the body to different aggressions (hypoxia, hypo- or hyperthermia)
- ✓ Accelerates restoration processes and reparative after trauma, neuroinfections, intoxications, CVA.
- ✓ Antistress action
- ✓ Improvement of cerebral circulation.



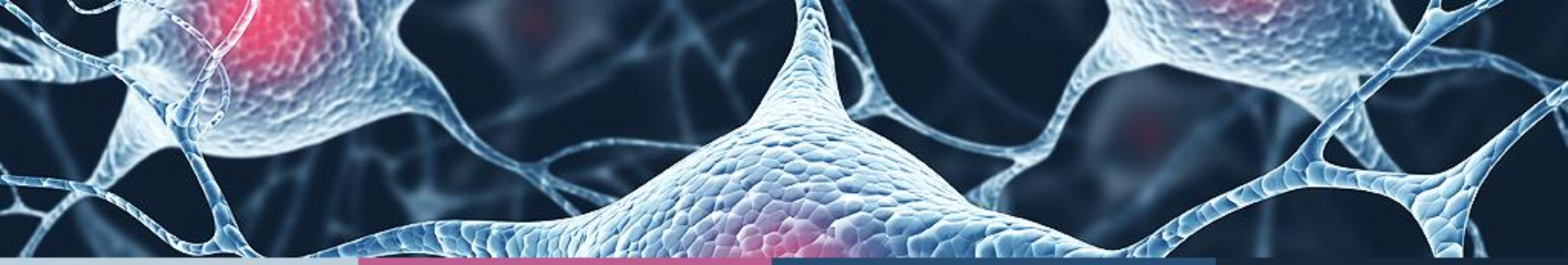
- ✚ Improved focus and alertness
- ✚ Clarity of thoughts and reasoning
- ✚ Motivation
- ✚ Reduced anxiety
- ✚ Improved memory
- ✚ Enhanced concentration
- ✚ Improved wakefulness



## Nootropic drugs. Indications:

- ✓ Different states of cerebrovascular insufficiency
- ✓ Encephalopathies and cerebroasthenic states of different genesis (traumatic, vascular, toxic, etc.)
- ✓ Memory and attention deficiency
- ✓ In pediatrics - behavioral disorders and adaptation to the environment; retention in psychomotor development; nocturnal enuresis, mental retardation
- ✓ Migraine, rebellious headache, dizziness, trigeminal neuralgia
- ✓ In some acute states: transient disturbances of cerebral circulation, ischemic stroke, trauma, meningitis.
- ✓ Traumatic and toxic coma, delirium tremens
- ✓ For prophylactic purposes in stressful situations.

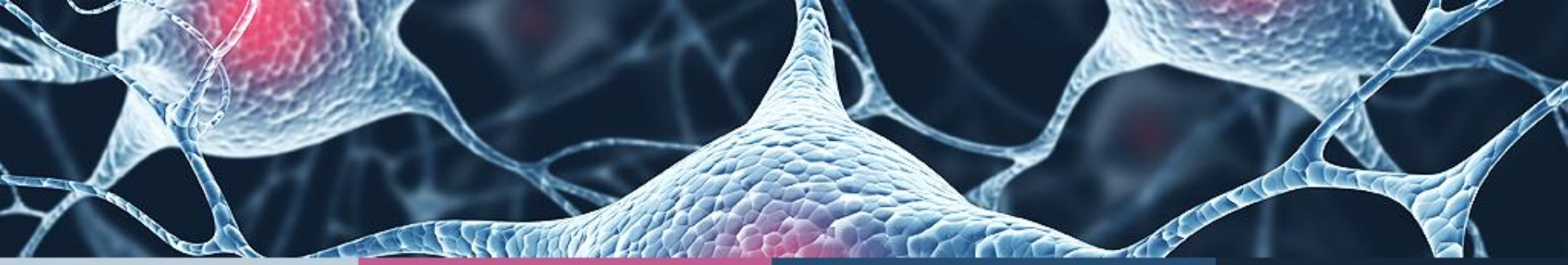




# Psychostimulants

- ✓ Phenylalkylamine derivatives – amphetamine, methamphetamine
- ✓ Sydnonimine derivatives – Mesocarb (sydnocarb)
- ✓ Piperidine derivatives - Methylphenidate (Meridil), Pyridrol (pipradol)
- ✓ Methylxanthines – Caffeine sodium benzoate
- ✓ Imidazole derivatives – ethimizole





### **Phenylalkylamine derivatives**

- ✓ Psychomotor stimulant
- ✓ Increase mental and physical performance
- ✓ Stimulate the respiratory center
- ✓ Anorexigenic effect – inhibits the hunger center
- ✓ Remove fatigue and the requirement for sleep
- ✓ Cardiovascular ( $\uparrow$ BP, tachycardia) and metabolic effects ( $\uparrow$  gl, trigl., free fatty acids, lactate).

### **Methylxanthine derivatives**

- ✓ Moderate psychomotor stimulatory effect.
- ✓ Stimulate the respiratory and the vasomotor center.
- ✓ Increase mental and less physical performance
- ✓ Removes the need for sleep and fatigue.
- ✓ Stimulate cardiac activity, peripheral vasodilator effect
- ✓ Moderate diuretic effect
- ✓ Stimulate gastric secretion
- ✓ Spasmolytic effect

# Side effects

## Phenylalkylamine derivatives

In regular doses for short time:

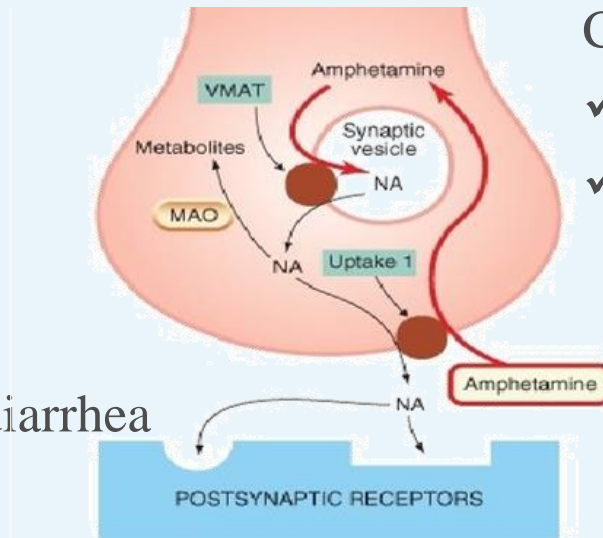
- ✓ Agitation
- ✓ Restlessness
- ✓ Insomnia
- ✓ Dizziness
- ✓ Headache
- ✓ Tremors
- ✓ Dry mouth,
- ✓ Nausea,
- ✓ Constipation or diarrhea

In high doses:

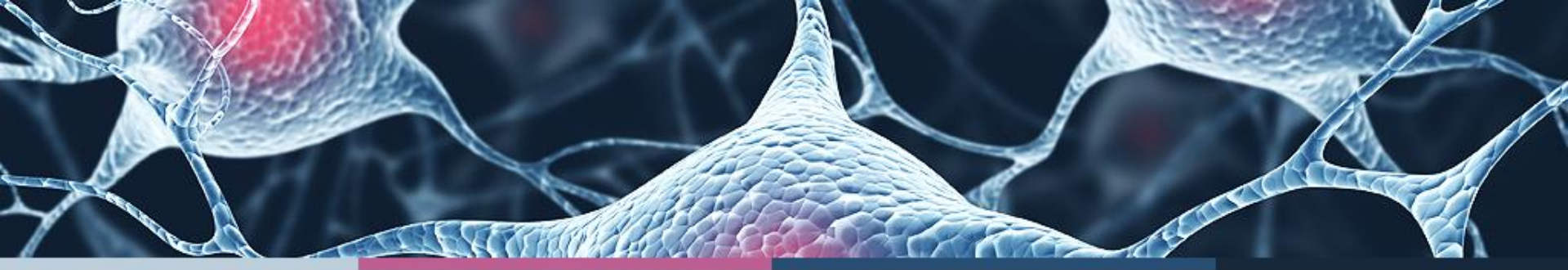
- ✓ Tachycardia
- ✓ Hypertension
- ✓ Arrhythmias
- ✓ Psychotic reactions

Chronic abuse:

- ✓ Tolerance
- ✓ Mental drug addiction (the physical one is minor)







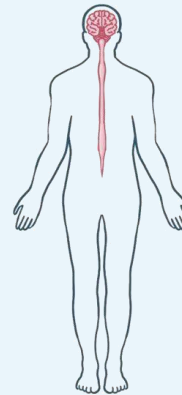
# Side effects:

## Methylxanthine derivatives:

- Restlessness, anxiety, confusion
- Insomnia
- Palpitation, tachycardia, arrhythmias
- Vertigo, headache
- Trembling of the extremities
- Vision and hearing disorders
- Epigastric discomfort and heartburn.

### PSYCHOMOTOR STIMULANTS

DRUGS that STIMULATE the CNS  
↳ ↑ MOTOR ACTIVITY



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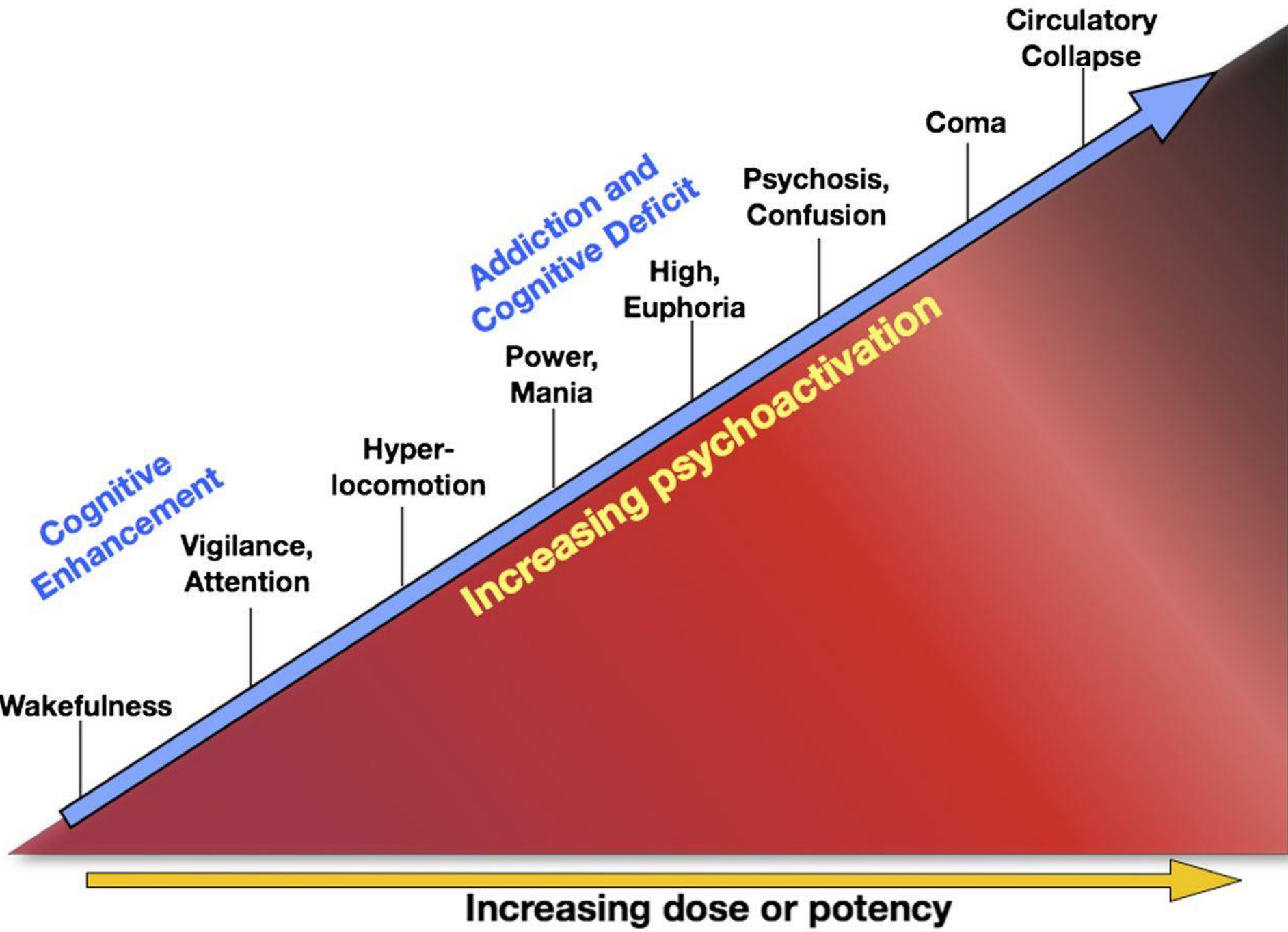


EXCITEMENT

ENERGY



# Continuum of Psychostimulant Activation



# THANK YOU

