

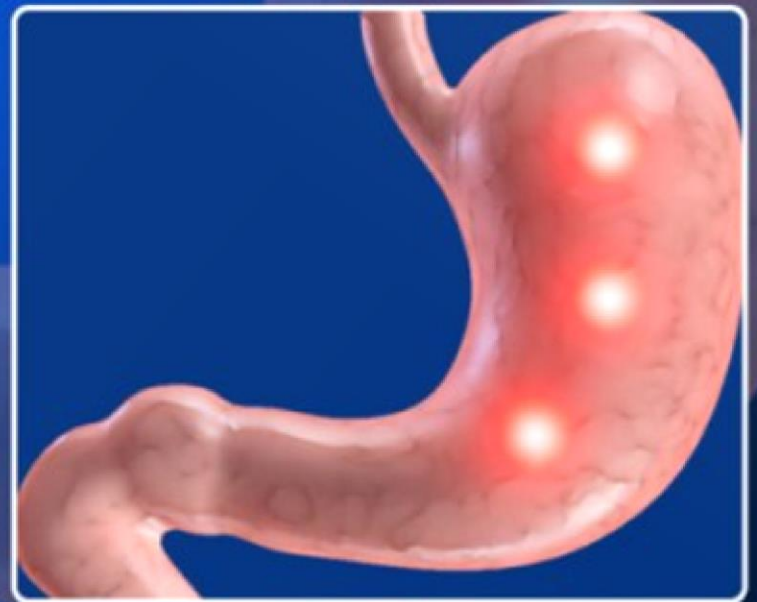


**Gastrointestinal Tract  
(GIT) drugs**

# **Today's lecture will be on drugs that affect the GIT system**

- I. Drugs use in Peptic ulcer disease.**
- II. Anti-emetic drugs.**
- III. Drugs used for Diarrhea and Constipation.**

# Peptic ulcer

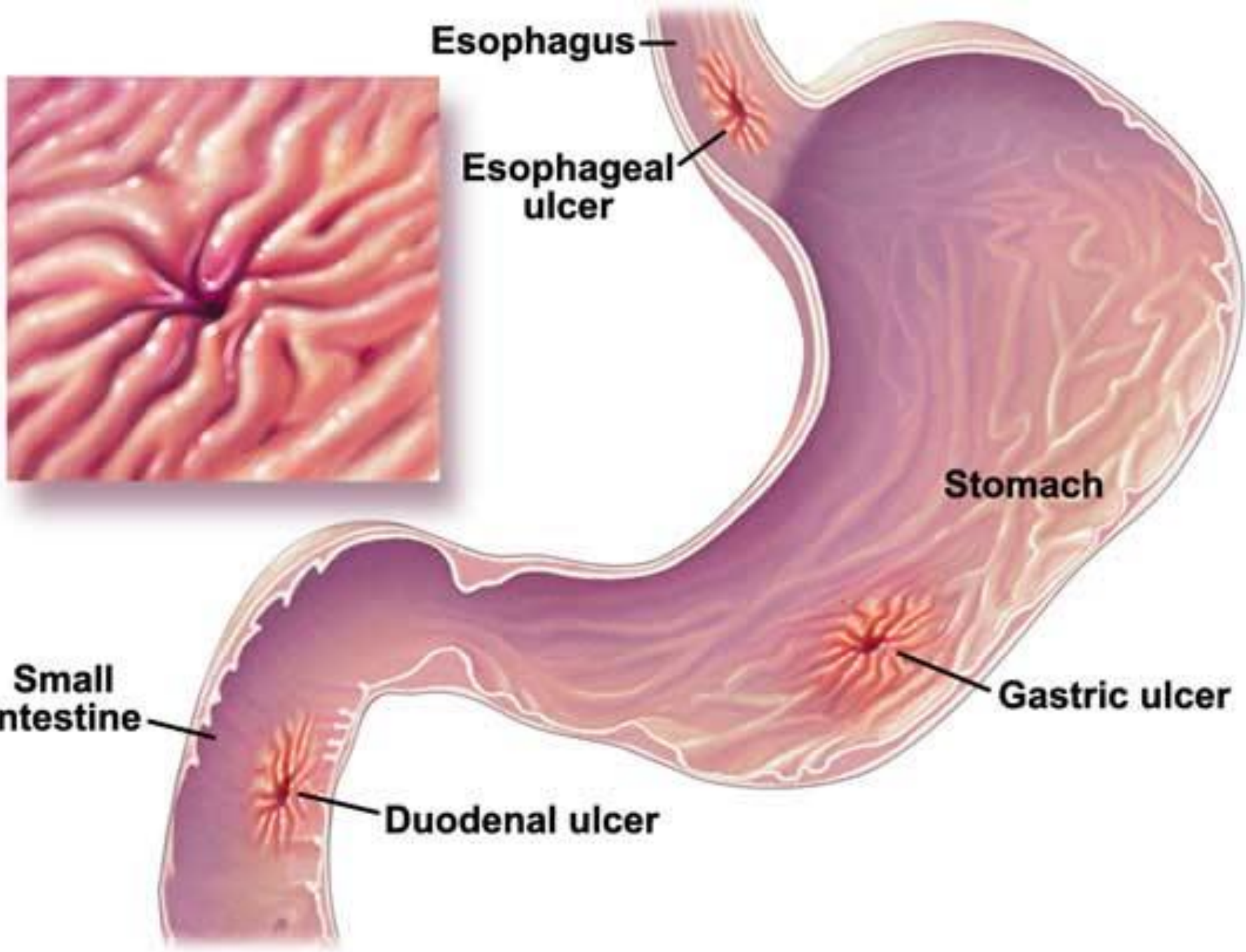


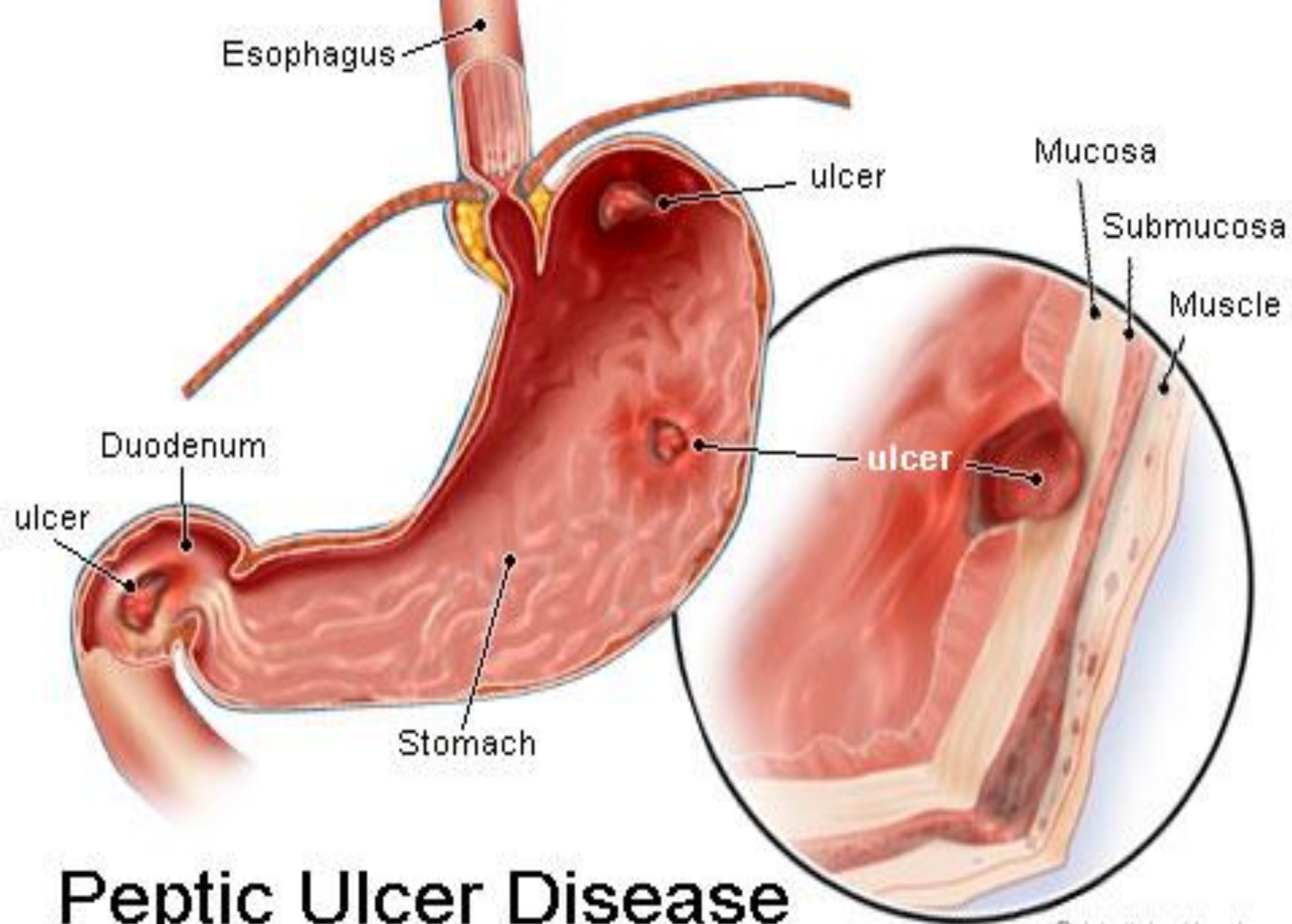
## PEPTIC ULCER DISEASE

The term 'peptic ulcer' refers to an ulcer in the lower oesophagus, stomach or duodenum.

Ulcers in the stomach or duodenum may be acute or chronic; both penetrate the muscularis mucosae but the acute ulcer shows no evidence of fibrosis.

Erosions do not penetrate the muscularis mucosae.





# How to Differentiate between

## Gastric ulcer

Pts complain from wt loss.

## Duodenal ulcer

- Pts complain from wt gain.
- because the pain that occur relieve by food.

# Pathogenesis of ulcers



Peptic ulcer occurs when there is an **imbalance** between the **damaging (aggressive)** effects of gastric acid and pepsin, and **defense (protective) mechanisms**, which protect the gastric and duodenal mucosa from these substance.

### Protective

PG, Mucus ,bicarbonate  
,mucosal blood flow

### Aggressive

Acid ,pepsin, NSAIDs,  
H.Pylori



- Mucus layer covers the mucosa, so acid cannot directly reach the mucosa.
- Bicarbonate neutralize acid secretion.
- Blood flow → is needed by cell .whenever there is damage ,good blood flow will make cell turnover quick, therefore damaged cell can be replaced by newer cell ,maintain healthy mucosa.

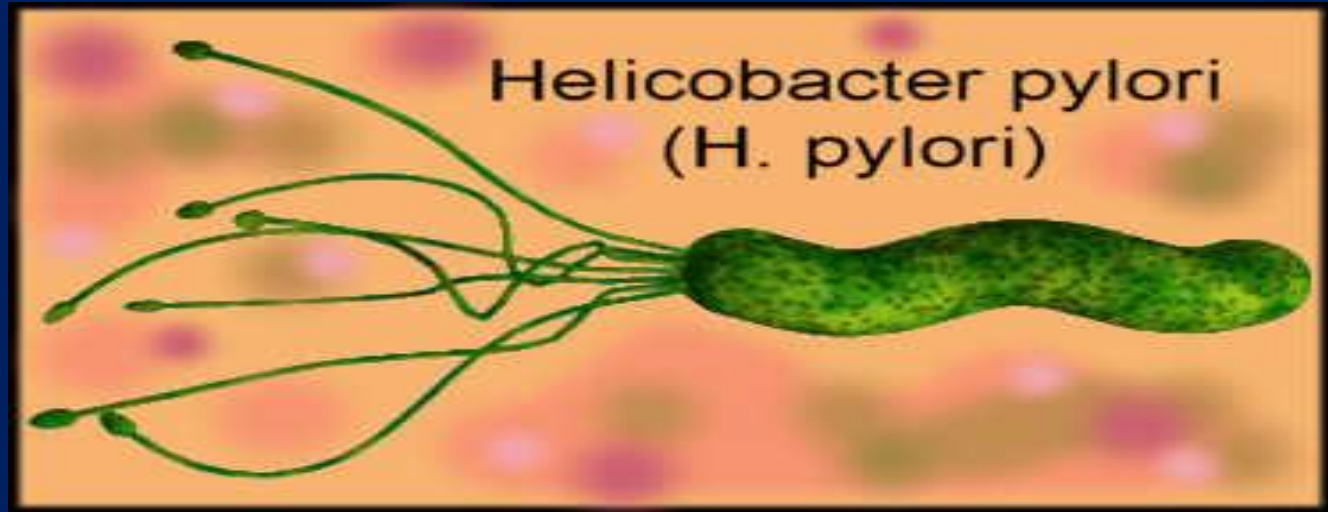
- PG:

responsible for good blood supply ,bicarbonate secretion and mucus secretion.

- That's why pt. who take NSAID → basically inhibit PG secretion, reduction blood supply, mucus secretion and bicarbonate secretion → developing ulcer.

# Pathophysiology

- 1- Infection by A microorganism called **Helicobacter pylori** (H.pylori).
- 2- Excessive secretion of hydrochloric acid (HCL) & pepsin.
- 3- Reduced in mucosal defensive mechanism of the mucosa.



- The most important etiological factor nowadays.
- They are gram negative organisms.
- H.pylori ~ Damaging the mucus coating that protects the stomach and duodenum.

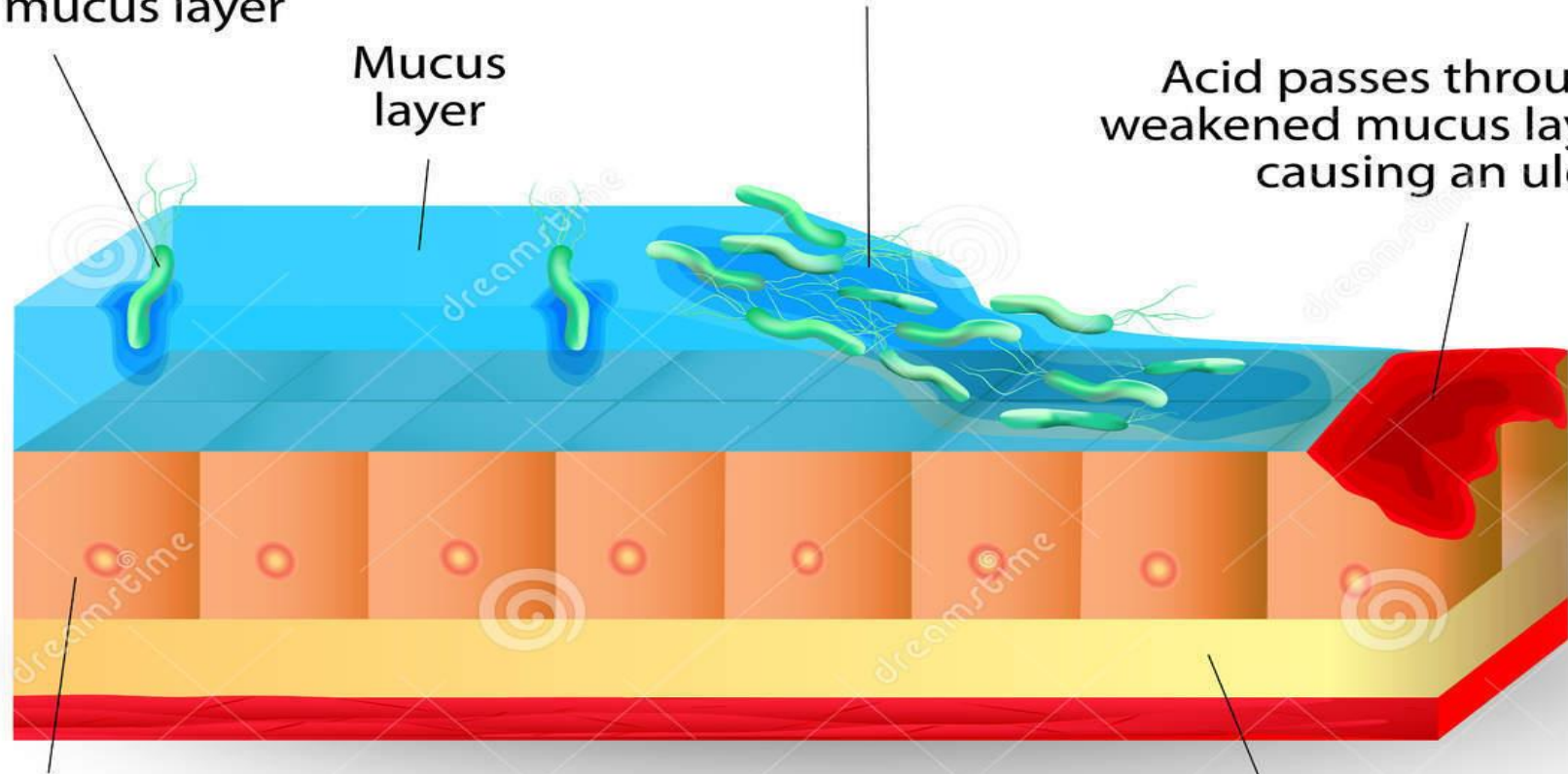
# PEPTIC ULCER

*Helicobacter pylori*  
damage protective  
mucus layer

The bacteria colonize  
the stomach mucosa

Acid passes through  
weakened mucus layer  
causing an ulcer

Mucus  
layer



Epithelial  
cells

Connective  
tissue



# NSAIDs

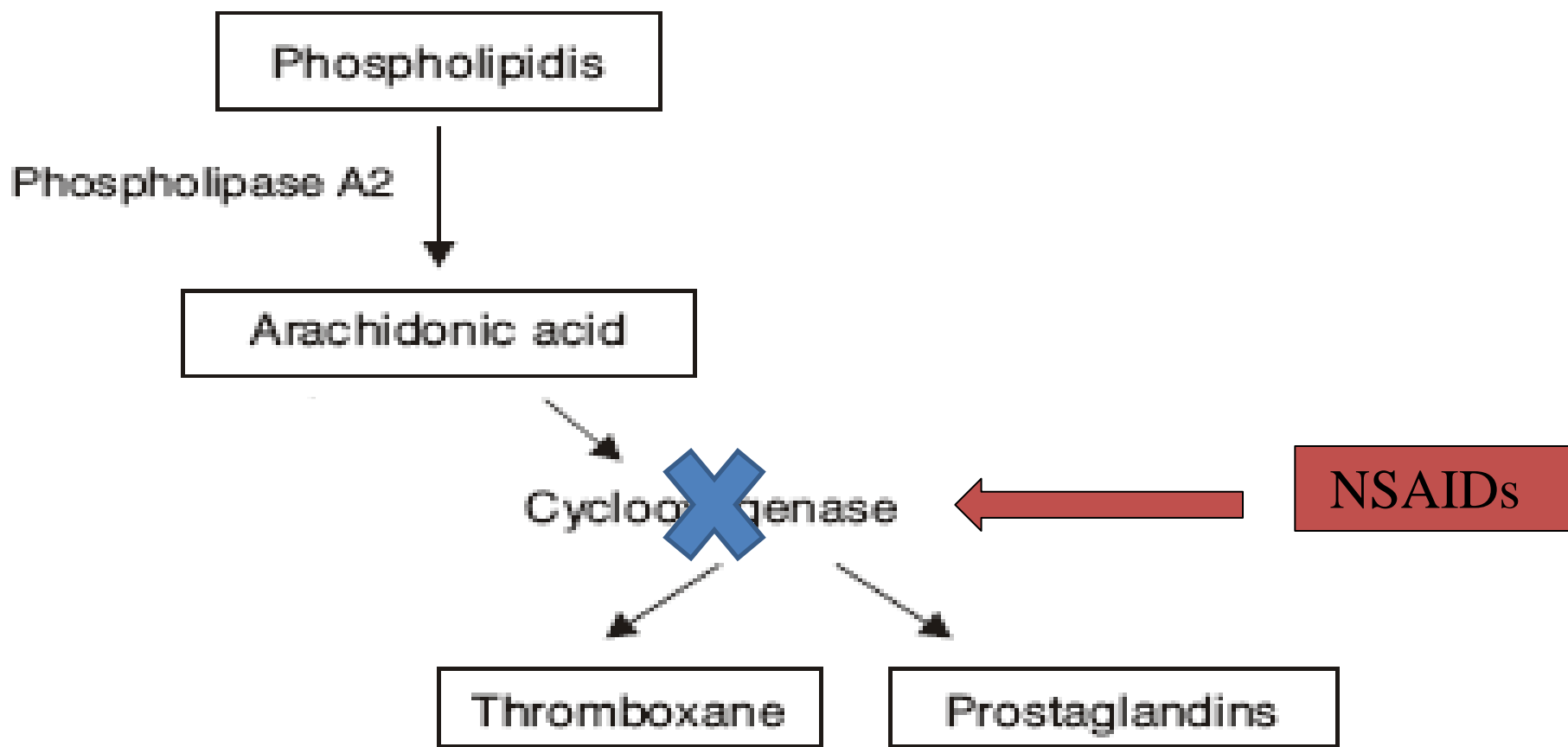


➤ Inhibition prostaglandin(PG)

➤ PGE2:

formed in stomach ,reduces acidity and helps in the secretion of a layer of mucus which coat and protects the gastric lining and Bicarbonate...

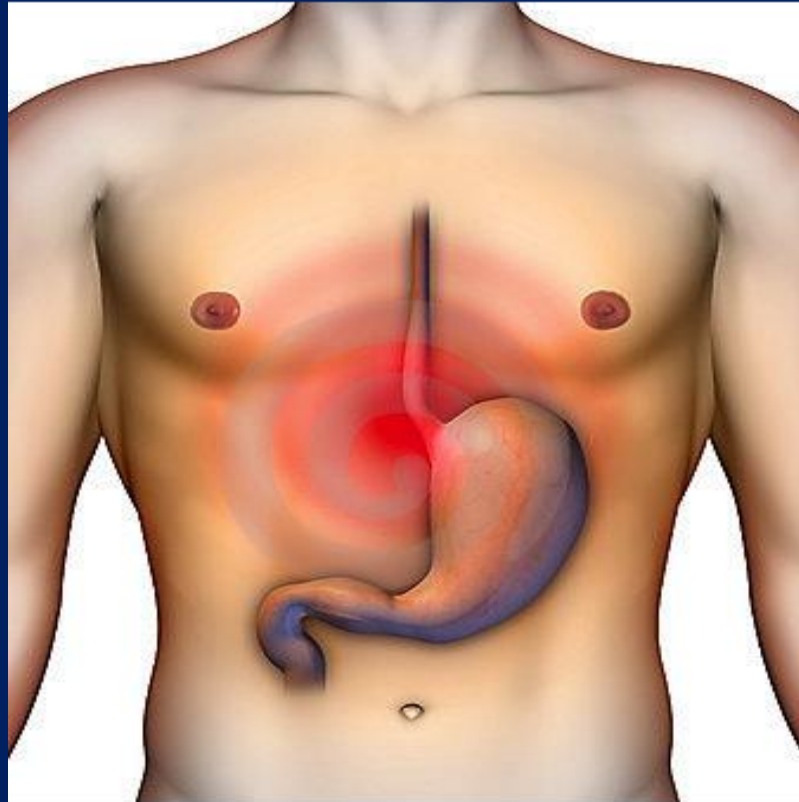
*So, inhibition PG → the protection is lost and ulcers are liable to develop.*



**Figure 1** - Mechanism of action of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories



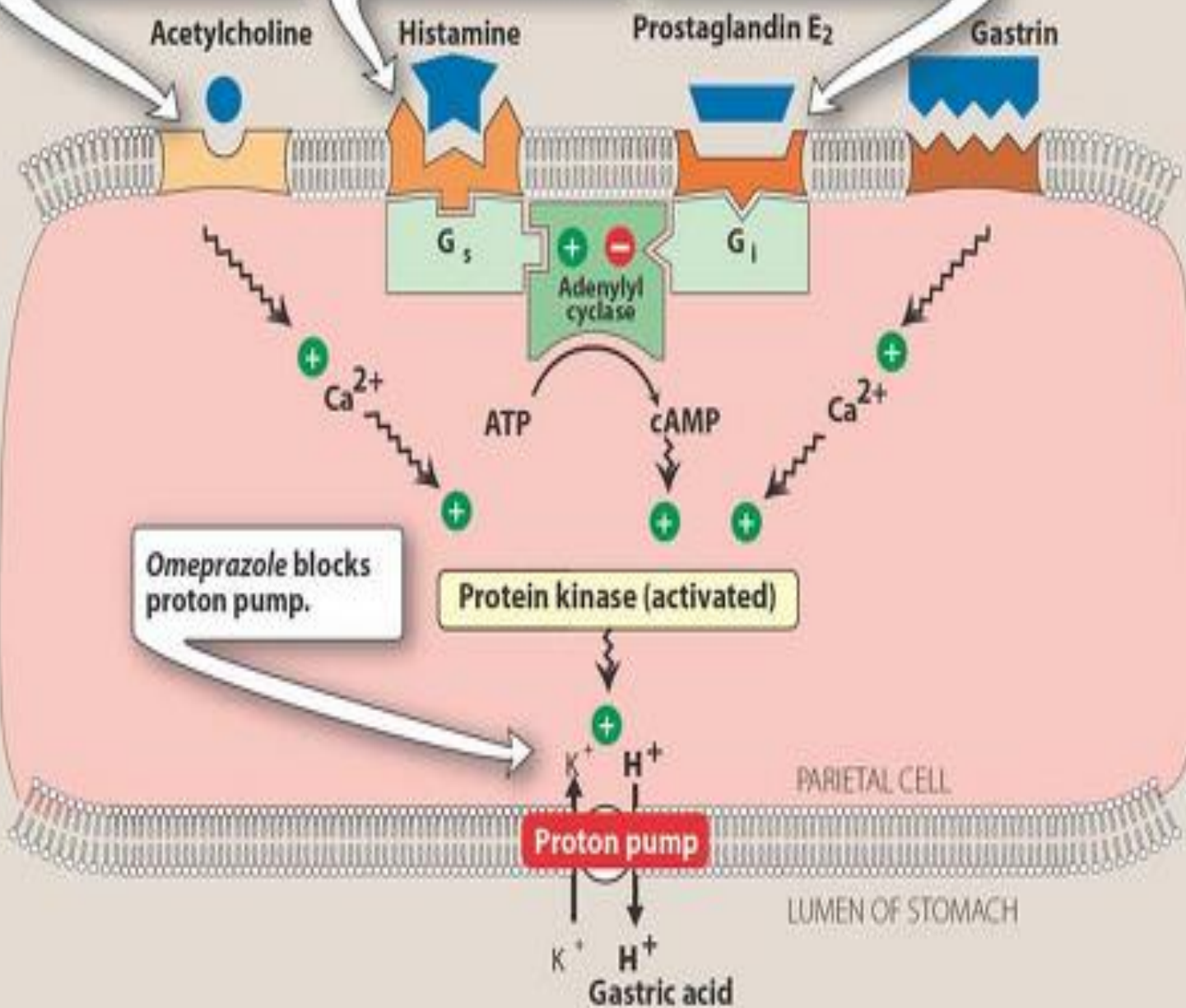
# Regulation of gastric acid secretion



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Cimetidine blocks the H<sub>2</sub>-histamine receptor.

Misoprostol stimulates the prostaglandin receptor.



Omeprazole blocks proton pump.

Protein kinase (activated)

Proton pump

PARIETAL CELL

LUMEN OF STOMACH

K<sup>+</sup> H<sup>+</sup>  
Gastric acid

From this fig we can see the parietal cell and the luminal side where acid is secreted into the lumen (  $H^+/K^+$  ATPase).

on the parietal cell have receptors:-

- 1- Muscarinic (cholinergic ) receptors.
- 2- Histaminic receptors.
- 3- Prostaglandin receptors.
- 4- Gastrin receptors.

Gastric acid is secreted by the parietal cells in the gastric mucosa is stimulated by :-

**1- Acetylcholine**

**2- Gastrin**

**3- Histamine**

but stimulate acid secretion by different mechanisms, they will finally Results in activation of protein kinases , which in turn stimulates the proton pump (**which is the final common pathway for acid secretion** )then acid is secreted into the lumen or hydrogen ions in exchange for K into the lumen of the stomach.

In contrast , receptor binding of **prostaglandin E2**  
**(PGE2)** decreased gastric acid production.

- Ach ,Gastrin ,Histamine receptors → stimulant to gastric acid secretion
- PGE2 →
  - Inhibitory to acid secretion.
  - Stimulatory to mucus and sodium bicarbonate secretion.

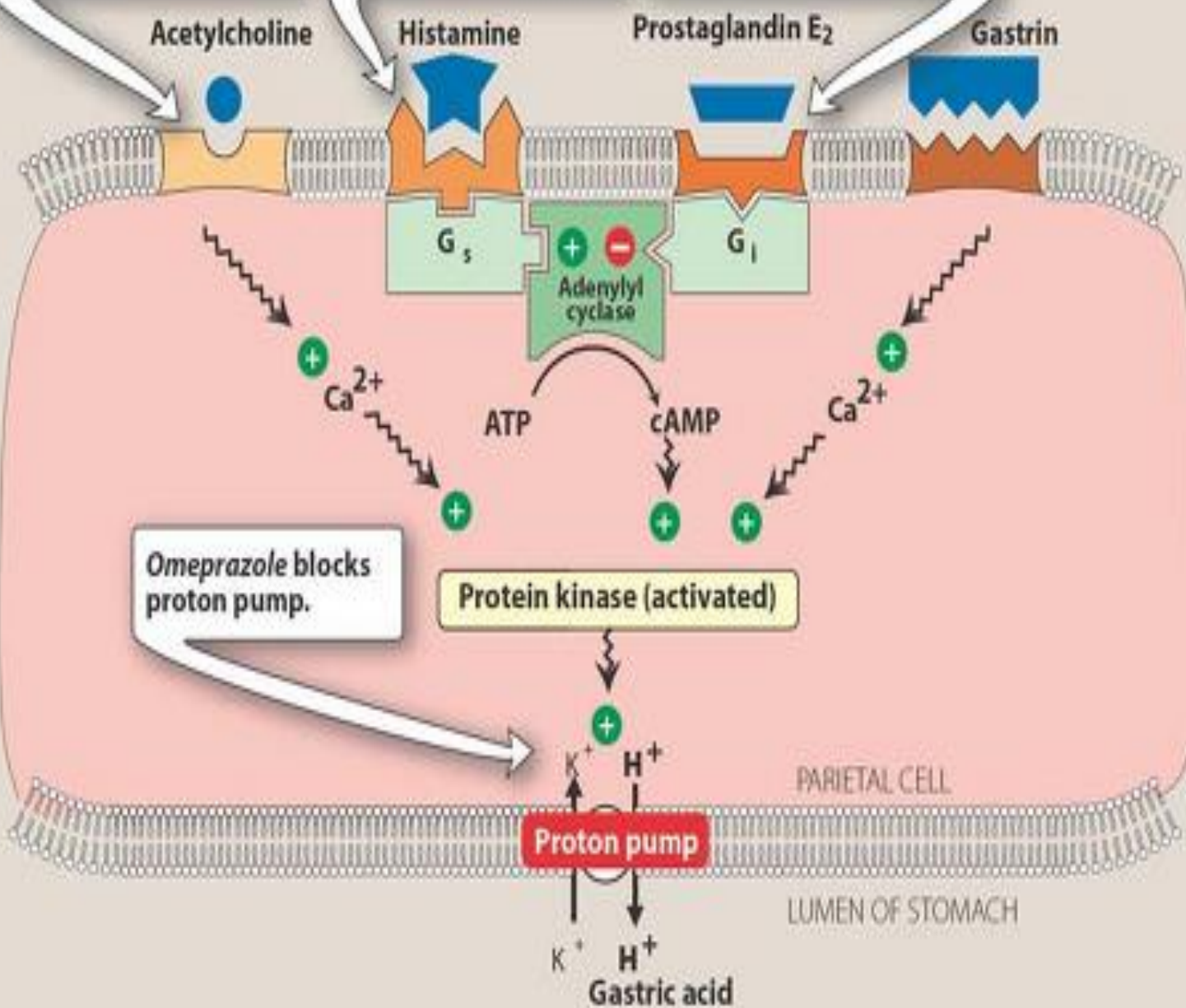
# What do u think the most effective drug reduce in acid secretion? Why?

- If we block gastrin receptor → we still have histamine & Ach active → which stimulate acid secretion.
- If we block 2 of them the third will be active.
- If we prevent the final step (no matter what is the stimulant)
- We are blocking the final step irreversibly.

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# Treatment.....

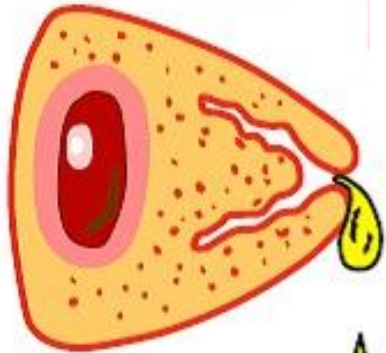
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"So Doc, if you write me a scrip for Relaxofy, is it okay if I'm still taking Stimulux, Enerjax and Krankmeup?"

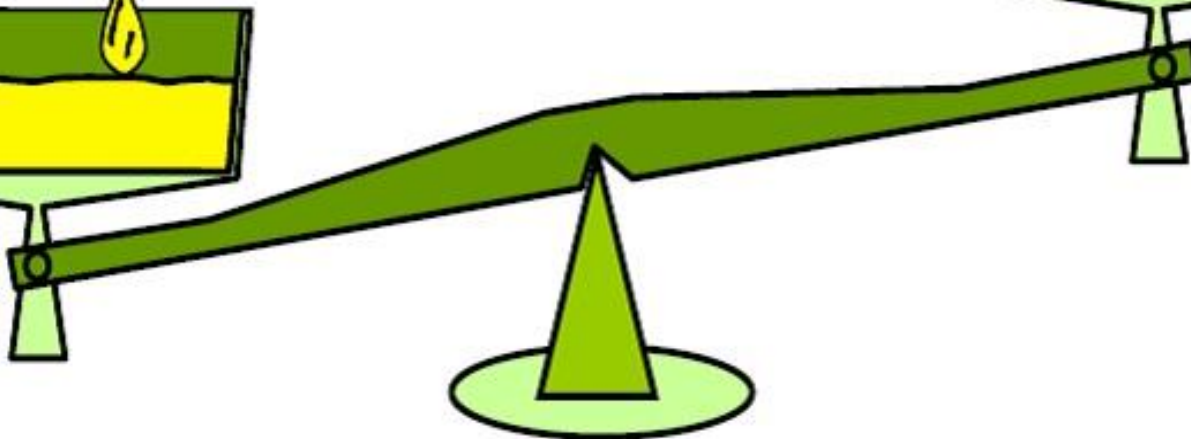
Inhibition of  
Gastric Acid  
Secretion



Aggressive  
Factor

Defensive  
Factor

Stimulation of  
Gastric Mucus  
Secretion and Synthesis





# Aims of Treatment

1. **Eradication** of the H.pylori infection.
2. **Reducing secretion of gastric acid.**
3. Providing agents that **protect the gastric mucosa from damage.**
4. **Relieve symptoms** and prevent complication

# Drugs for peptic ulcer .....

1- Eradication of H.pylori

(Combinations)

2- Reduction of acid secretion.

( PPI ,H2 blocker, Anti-Muscarinic agents )

3- Neutralization of secreted acid.

(Anti-acid )

4- Enhancement mucosal protective.

(sucralfate , misoprostol)



## *life style change*

By reduce stress, smoking  
& NSAIDs uses.

avoid certain food(coffee, chocolate, fatty food ,  
piper,...),Avoid alcohol



# Helicobacter pylori



With *H. pylori* infection doctors prescribe antibiotic and acid suppressing drugs.

# Eradication of the H.Pylori

- Done by combination of antibiotics together with one of acid inhibitors.

## TRIPLE THERAPY

PPI + amoxicillin (1 g twice daily) or metronidazole (500 twice daily) + clarithromycin (500mg twice daily) → 10 days

## QUADRUPLE THERAPY

PPI or H2 receptor antagonist + Bismuth comp  
+Tetracycline + Metronidazole

# 1-PPIs (proton pump inhibitors)

( ~ azol )

1-Omeprazol (prototype)

2-Lansoprazol



- PPIs irreversibly inhibits the H/K ATPase (the proton pump)





- The most effective irreversibly inhibitor of acid secretion .
- Because it inhibits the  $H^+/K^+-ATPase$  pump (last step) .
- The activity remains blocked until a new enzyme is formed  $\rightarrow$  so, the action is usually prolonged (24 hrs or even more 2-3 days)

# Drug-Drug Interaction



## Omeprazole

Enzyme inhibitor so, it will

**Inhibits the metabolism of drugs such as**  
warfarin , phenytoin →

Resulting in increase the concentration of  
warfarin and phenytoin.

# 2- H2-receptors blockers

( ~ tidine)

1-Cimetidine (prototype) (2x1).

2-Famotidine (1x1).

3- Ranitidine (oral ,IV).



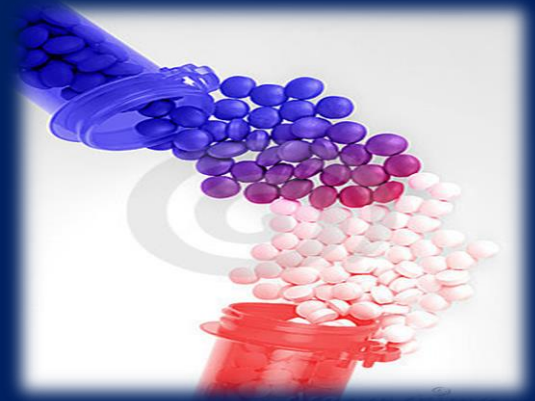
□ Compete with histamine at the H<sub>2</sub> receptors at the parietal cells of the stomach.

So, the effect is dose related.

□ H<sub>2</sub>- receptor blockers ≈ **Effective against nocturnal acid secretion.**

□ *it's recommended to give these drugs only before bed time ,because research has shown the most causes of the ulcer is the acid secretion during the night.*

# Drug-drug interaction



The most drug that has interaction and associated with adverse rxn is cimetidine (enzyme inhibitor)



phenytoin, morphine, warfarin ??

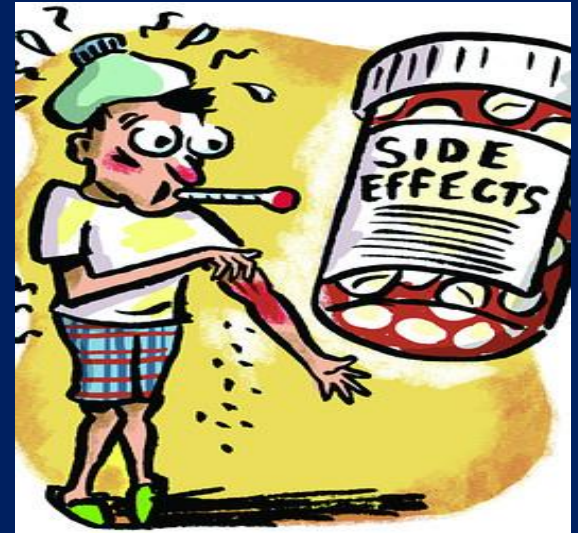
# Adverse effects:-

Rare (**cimetidine**)

1- CNS (elderly)  
( confusion, hallucination, agitation )

2- Anti-androgenic activity :-  
gynecomastia , galactorrhea, impotence

**All of them (H2 blockers) make some sorts of headache ,diarrhea ,constipation , abdominal discomfort.**



That's why (cimetidine ) it has been replaced by other preparations.

Ranitidine (IV) in ER :

Cause hypotension...

Must diluted with fluid.



# PPI & H2 blockers

➤ They reduce the stomach acidity → effect the rate of absorption of certain drugs which require acid to be absorbed :-

1. **Sucralfate** (mucosal protective ).
2. **ketoconazole** (anti-fungal ).
3. Reduced **vitamin B12** absorption.

## 3- Anti-Muscarinic agents

□ **Pirenzepine** → more selective act on M1 receptors..

□ **We need high dose ???**

**acid secretion is one of the most resistant to the action of anticholinergic agents.**

□ Side effect :-

Anti-cholinergic effect..

Dryness of mouth, tachycardia ,urinary retention  
,constipation ,decrease the sweating and  
salivation.

PPI ,H2 blockers AND anti cholinergic.

**They all reduce the amount of acid secretion.**

On the other hand ,antacids don't reduce the quantity or the volume, they only neutralize the acid available in the stomach, therefor;they are supposed to be very good drug for symptomatic therapy ,to relief the symptoms.

# Antacid

## Preparation :-

- 1- Magnesium salts (hydroxide,...)
- 2- Aluminum salts ( hydroxide,... )
- 3- Na bicarbonate.
- 4- Ca bicarbonate.



- ❖ Weak bases Quickly acting or reacts with gastric acid to form water and a salts.
- ❖ Just to reduce gastric acid by neutralizing the HCL in stomach (no effect on acid secretion)
- ❖ So, anti-acid Not used for treatment of peptic ulcer, but *used for symptomatic treatment.*

**AlOH**

**MgOH**

cause constipation

cause diarrhea.

Al and Mg → Mix to aid in normalizing bowel function..

Counteract the adverse rxn of the other

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**Ca  
bicarbonate**

both causing belching and  
flatulence

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# Cytoprotective drugs

Or Enhancing the protective mechanism

**EX:-**

- 1- Sucralfate.
- 2- Bismuth chelate.
- 3- Misoprostol.

## Drugs

## Adverse effect

### Sucralfate

(complex salt of  
sucrose sulfate & ALOH)

In the presence of acid in the  
stomach → its converted to a jelly  
material.

**constipation**

### Misoprostol

(cytotec<sup>®</sup>)

Synthetic analogue of PG

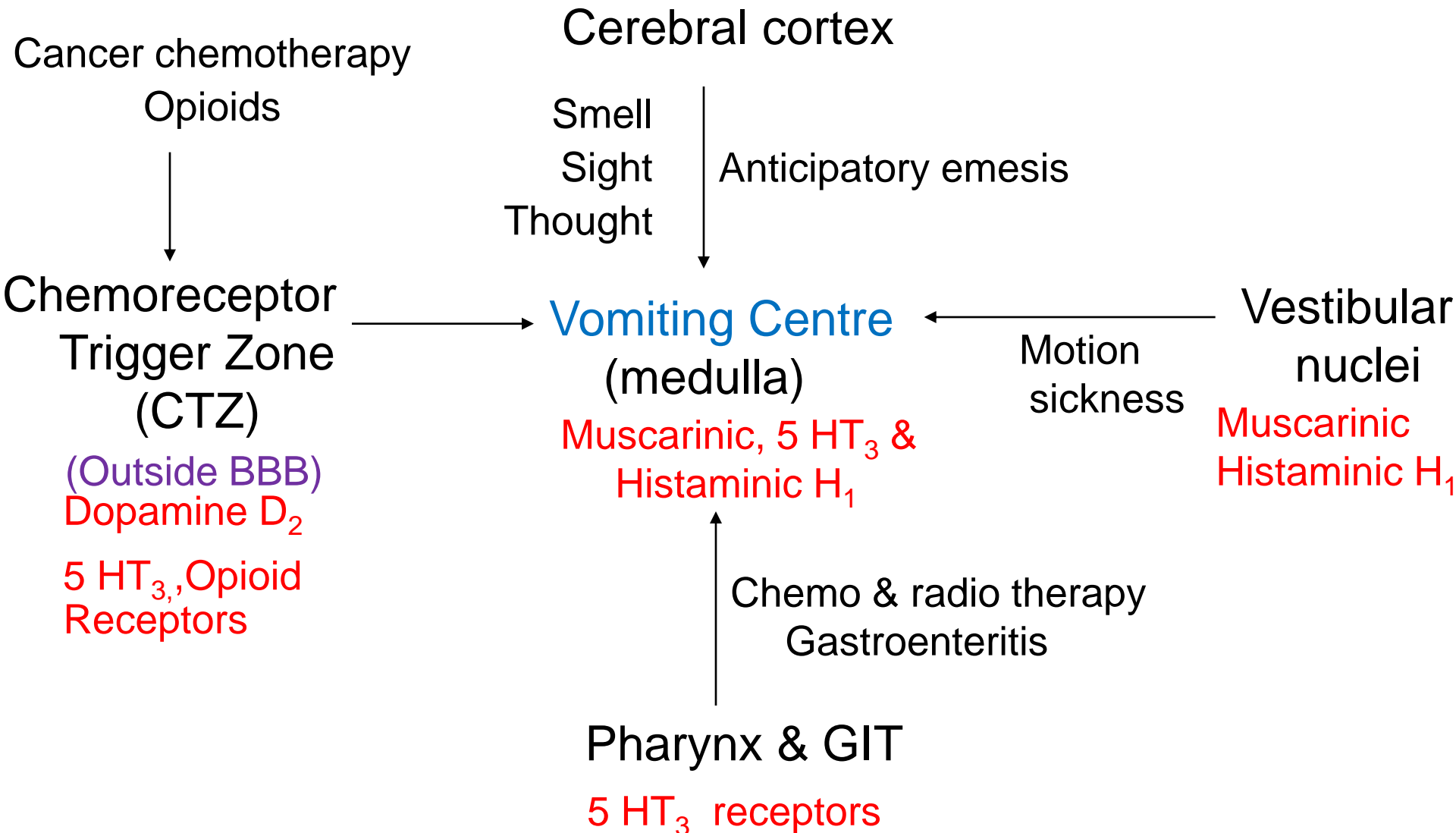
**Stimulation of smooth  
muscle in the  
uterus, result in  
Uterine bleeding  
&  
Contraction -- Abortion**

- Now days any pts suffering from arthritis and he should use NSAIDs its always recommended to use one of the acid suppressants .
- Usually preferred PPI ,to prevent any recurrence.

# Anti- -Emetic Drugs



# Pathophysiology of Emesis



# vomiting

Vomiting controlled by vomiting center (medulla)

**The stimulating comes from the body :-**

1- cerebral cortex

2-CTZ chemoreceptor trigger zone (opioid , cancer chemotherapy)

3-vestibular nuclei

4- GIT ,pharynx



# Anti-emetics agents

1. Muscarinic receptor antagonists
2. Anti-histamine (H1)
3. Dopamine receptor antagonist (D2)
4. Serotonin 5 HT<sub>3</sub> Antagonists
5. Steroids



<p>1- Muscarinic receptor antagonist</p>	<p><b>Scopolamine ≈ hyoscine</b></p>	<p>used as transdermal patch (applied behind the ear) for motion sickness( <b>The drug of choice</b> )</p>
<p>2-Anti histamine (H1)</p>	<p><b>Promethazine.</b> →</p> <p><b>Meclozine.</b> →</p>	<p>has been used by NASA for people who went to the space to prevent motion sickness.</p> <p>Sever morning sickness of pregnancy.</p>
<p>3- Serotonin 5 HT<sub>3</sub> Antagonist</p>	<p><b>Ondansetron</b></p> <p><b>(Zofran<sup>®</sup>)</b></p> <p><b>IV ,Orally</b></p>	<p>→used to prevent vomiting in pts receiving highly emetic cytotoxic drugs (cisplatin ).</p> <p>given 30 min. before chemotherapy.</p>

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# 4-Dopamine D<sub>2</sub> antagonist

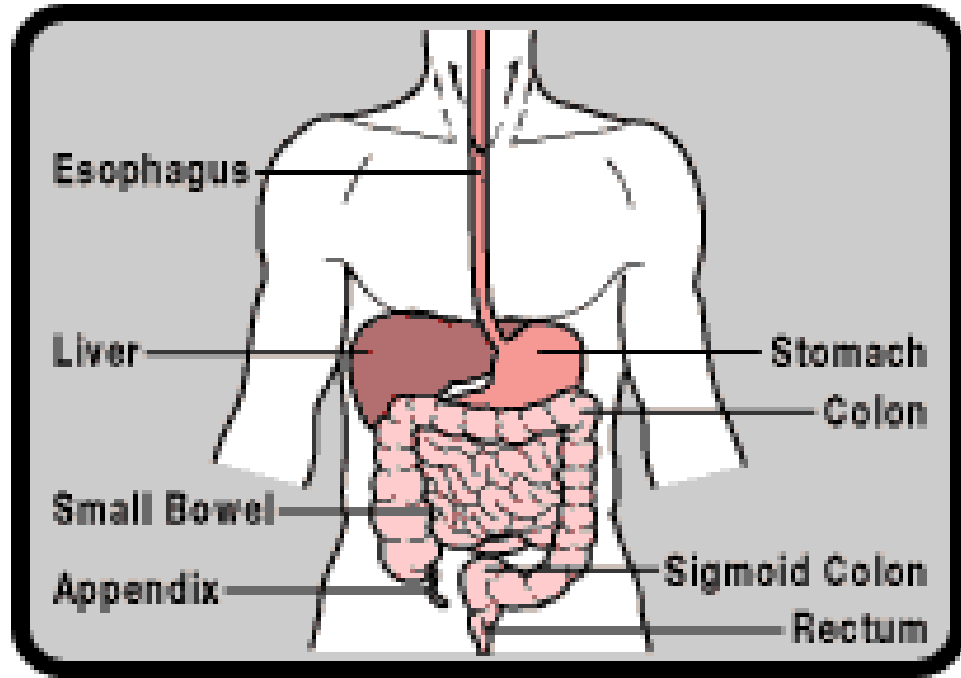
Antagonize D<sub>2</sub> receptors in CTZ (centrally)

**Domperidone (Motilium<sup>®</sup>, Costi<sup>®</sup>) – Oral**

**Metoclopramide (Reglan<sup>®</sup>) – Oral & IV**

Metoclopramide crosses BBB but Domperidone cannot.

# Drugs affecting gastric motility



**These drugs either**

**1- Increase the motility →**

for constipation treatment.

**2- Decreased the motility →**

for diarrhea treatment.

# Anti-Diarrheal Drugs



# Pathophysiology of Diarrhea

- I. Increase motility of the GIT.....
  - II. Increase in the secretion of fluids to the lumen.....
  - III. Decrease fluid absorption of intestine.....
- Diarrhea and loss of electrolytes (sodium )and water → **Dehydration.**

# Treatment Of Diarrhea

## 1- Fluid & electrolyte treatment

Specially in infant & elderly people.

EX:-

**O**ral **R**ehydration **S**olution  
(**ORS**)

(isotonic solution of

NaCl + Glucose )





## 2- Anti-Diarrhoeal drugs:-

1- Anti -Motility drugs ( loperamide )

2- Adsorbents ( Kaolin, pectin,)

3- Decrease the fluid secretion in the bowel  
(bismuth subsalicylate)

## loperamide (loperium<sup>®</sup>)

opioid like actions on the GUT

Activates opioid receptors in GI smooth muscle  
,causing segmental contraction → decrease  
peristalsis..

**All morphine derivatives cause  
constipation**



Take 2 tablet at once (maybe enough) ,then one tablet following each bowel movement.

# Constipation



# Treatment

## Laxatives





## Also called cathartics or purgatives

- ❖ Defined as drugs that loosen the bowel ..
- ❖ Accelerate the movement of food through the GIT...to increase the motility.



# Laxatives

1- Stimulants laxatives

(Bisacodyl ,castor oil,)

2- Bulk-forming laxatives

(Bran )

3- Osmotic laxatives

( Mg sulfate , lactulose )

4- Stool surfactants or softeners or lubricant.

(glycerin)







Q- PPI Inhibit gastric acid secretion more powerfully than do the H2 blockers ,**why** ???

PPI the most effective because it's inhibit the final step in the acid secretion (irreversibly )

Q- A physician prescribed a tablet of **Ondansetron for prophylaxis of motion sickness** . even though Ondansetron is a potent and effective antiemetic , it did not produce any effect in this pt ...

Can u explain

Because **we don't have 5HT3 receptors** in the **vestibular nuclei**, **instead we have muscarinic and histaminic receptors**, so no matter how strong the antiemetic drug is, as long as it has no effect on muscarinic or histaminic receptors, they will not abolish the motion sickness..



*Thank You!*